

Czech Republic

As I was praying for the Czech Republic, I saw a vision. Everywhere I walked, I saw flowers beginning to grow, and to flowers beginning to grow, and to flower. It was a wonderful sight. It was like a land waking up from a hard winter.

WORD

*I rise up before you with wings, like an eagle.
Your glory falls on me,
And I rejoice.*

*Your Spirit moves,
And all creation
Sings at the sound of your voice.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord,
Who was, and is and is to come.*

COMMENT

*I rise up before you with wings, like an eagle.
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³¹“but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint”. (Isaiah 40:31)

¹When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. ²The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it. ³When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “He is good; his love endures forever.” (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)

The Czech Republic has had a hard past - a long cold winter which has hurt the soul of the Nation, and broken the hope of many people. How does the Lord approach such a nation? He invites the land to rise up before him, to see and know his glory. In this experience is healing, blessing and hope.

Healing

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the

great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22:1-2)

In the presence of a loving God, who cares for all that he has made, there is healing for the nations. This is especially true for the Czech Republic. The longing of the Lord is to lift this land up, and heal it of its wounds.

Blessing

²⁰But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. (Luke 15:20)

To be called into the presence of the Lord brings only blessing. Like the Father in the story in Luke 15:20, he throws his arms round us, pouring love and blessing into us. For him, the Czech Republic is like a lost son. He longs to welcome his son home, and to bless him.

²²But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. (Luke 15:22-24)

Hope

¹¹"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

God has a plan to bless the land. There is a future - a heritage and a destiny.

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COMMENT

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!” ¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:11-14)

An incredible experience now enters this word. There is no command, no instruction, or direction. The word lifts the soul of the Nation into the praises of heaven. This is a great honour, and a great hope. If the Lord is willing to allow this, he must have a future and a hope for this nation.

SECOND WORD

*I have always loved you.
I want to take you into my arms
And bless you.*

*Why are you bowed down with worry and fear?
Am I not your Lord, who has watched over you?
Give yourselves again to me
And I will bless you.*

COMMENT

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16)

¹⁰On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and he said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” ¹³Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. (Luke 13:10-13)

When the children were in the arms of Jesus, three blessings were given to them:-

1. His presence was with them

²⁰“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:20)

2. His protection was on them

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
(Psalm 139:7)

3. It meant his beauty was in them

¹⁸And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

With these blessings, the children can grow in the confidence that their lives would flower and bloom. This is what God wants to do for the Czech Republic. He wants to be with the nation, so that the flowers can begin to bloom again.

The woman bent double adds three more blessings. When she was healed:-

- 1. She was free from the bondage of the enemy.**
- 2. She was free from the waste of her life.**
- 3. She could be the woman God intended.**

This is what God wants for the Nation - he wants it to be free from the bondage of the enemy, and able to enjoy its heritage and destiny.

God is ready to bless. Now it's for the people of God to seek him, and find out what he wants them to do.