

Chapter 1 : Apostolic Council on Eschatology – APOSTOLIC COUNCIL ON ESCHATOLOGY

The Council of Jerusalem or Apostolic Council was held in Jerusalem around AD It is unique among the ancient pre-ecumenical councils in that it is considered by Catholics and Orthodox to be a prototype and forerunner of the later ecumenical councils and a key part of Christian ethics.

Disputed[edit] I find a lot of factual errors in this article, in addition there is another article titled Council of Jerusalem which has its own problems. The Apostolic Council of ca. False, the council settled the issue of whether Gentile converts needed to be circumcised. A literal reading of just this text supports your position; however, when you bear in mind that circumcision was a mark of belonging to the Jewish community, and the fact that James addressed other issues of the Law in his conclusion, an argument can reasonably be made that the council was clearly about more than just the practice of circumcision. This article should probably present both the literal reading and at least this common broader interpretation of what was happening. For example, the claim above is that the Council settled the issue of whether non-Jewish Christians had to follow Jewish traditions. How is that derived from Acts 15 and by whom? Is circumcision the only Jewish tradition? Did this council decree Marcionism? This came out of a debate between the apostles Paul and Peter. False, the debate was between some from Judea who said Gentiles had to be circumcised to be saved Legalism in combination with some of the Pharisee sect who said they have to be circumcised in order to keep the Law of Moses versus Peter and Paul who objected to circumcision for Gentiles. James judged note James is in charge of the Jerusalem Church not to burden new Gentile converts but that they should observe a subset of the Law of Moses, what would later be called the Noahide Laws. It was decided that gentile Christians did not have to keep the Mosaic law, but that they should still refrain from idolatry, fornication, things strangled, and blood. Right, a subset of the Mosaic Law, also known as the Noahide Laws. And this applies to new converts, i. Gentiles turning back to God. Acts states that Paul was the head of a delegation from the Antiochene church that came to discuss whether Christians should continue to observe Mosaic Law, most important of which were the practice of circumcision and dietary laws. False, the issue was specifically whether Gentiles needed to be circumcised. Again, there are arguments for the council having considered a broad or narrow scope; see my answer to Claim 1. Instead of "it appears" it should be: One theory is that Some people view Paul as anti-Torah while others view him as pro-Torah. The greatest advocate of the Paul was anti-Torah position, indeed even Jesus was anti-Torah, was Marcion and Marcionism. The concept that Christians are no longer subject to any law is Antinomianism. I agree, "One theory is that Far better would be to state whose theory it is, by naming an author, or at least a broad group or movement. Is there anything of value here that should get copied into Council of Jerusalem? When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses. Peter stood up and said to them, " After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me. Simeon [Peter] has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written: For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath. Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words, unsettling your souls, it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

Chapter 2 : WORD OF THE LORD - APOSTOLIC COUNCIL OF PROPHETIC ELDERS

THE APOSTOLIC COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM. Paul and Barnabas evidently returned to Antioch after the sailing season had begun in early spring When they had stayed there "a long time," there arose a problem which led to one of the most important decisions of the early church.

Peter Wagner of Global Harvest Ministries convenes key prophetic leaders from around the nation. These meetings are to dialogue over what we see God is doing in the Church, in society, and throughout the world. In the past, prophets have been more known for their independence rather than their accountability for their prophetic revelation. These meetings have been very good to share insight and gain more clarity over what the Lord is attempting to do today throughout the world. Many times we discuss various regions that we feel the eyes of the Lord are focused on so we can begin to target these areas in prayer. This particular group of prophets represents many of the prophetic streams in our nation. This group is in no way exclusive in its membership or presentation of what they believe God is saying to the Body of Christ. We are also fully aligned with other roundtables that meet, and respect the revelation that God is releasing through them as well. These are key "times" to seek the Lord. We must hear from heaven to see our land healed and the Kingdom of God advance. Current members of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders are: Some of these words will be manifested in while others will find their fulfillment over a longer period of time. Covenant Relationships This is a year when God brings covenant relationships in "threes". And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" Ecc. God will be bringing people and ministries together in covenantal relationships. Because of this, Satan will try and bring a "covenant breaking" spirit. This spirit will try to break up these covenantal relationships. Unholy Alliances Look and pray against unholy alliances of three being formed on every level. This will include these alliances even on a nation with nation basis. Examples of the Year of the Threes: Year of the restoration and release of Levites: In ministry to the Lord 2. The beginning of the development of cities of refuge 3. The John the Baptist forerunner anointing will be released with a word of repentance and holiness. The emphasis will be on the baptism of fire. Many healings will take place and they will begin a breaking of the spirit of religion. Corruption broken and those in corruption coming to Christ. Governmental leaders coming to Christ and governments changing. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know You are teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. Notable miracles will take place. We will begin to see wonders around the world and the raising of the dead. Team ministry of the miraculous: And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, Look at us. This will bring us into the beauty church realm of gazing upon the Lord. As we enter new levels of worship we will begin to see a release of an empowering of the miraculous for the sick and the disabled. We need to reorganize for prosperity in the midst of war. For the believer, war ends with the gathering of spoils. Feeding the Poor We clearly heard a word from the Lord that cities would be restored through giving to the poor. In our meeting in two angels came and left two pots of gold. God is saying that he wants transference of wealth. One of the reasons he wants to transfer it is for the feeding of the poor. There is a direct connection that we felt between giving to the poor and the transference of wealth. We prophesied the release of this wealth into the hands of those who would feed the poor. Since that time we have received testimonies of this happening on national levels. Certain cities would receive either judgment or blessings based on how they would give to the poor. Sodom was judged because she did not "strengthen the hand of the poor and the needy. Year of Mysteries and Parables Being Revealed God wants to release great revelation; especially in the area of business and finance. Specific words will be given to marketplace prophets on "what field to buy that has treasure in it. First of all will come complete surrender to the will of God and then the Lord will begin to reveal where to buy the pearls of great price. Specific Timetable for the Year The Lord spoke to us very clearly that timing was critical on what happened in the Iraq war. If we went in too soon, it would cause a demonic force to rise up that would be far worse than what we had previously had in place in Iraq. It was very strong to us that we were not to go into Iraq too soon. If we do it could be disastrous for the allies. We declared that war would not begin until after February We do believe we will go to war before mid-March. Chuck Pierce was encouraged to reiterate a dream that he had on

Monday, September 24, He dreamed the following: In the dream, I was standing, looking at a huge lake. The lake was covered with a coat of thin ice. A puzzle piece would drop from heaven and I would very carefully walk out upon the icy lake and put the piece in place. Before long, I recognized the puzzle that was covering the lake was a map of the United States. I finally laid the last piece of the puzzle in place. It was the state of New Mexico. Once I did that, it was as if I ascended three levels into the heavens. The best way to describe this ascension was a staircase that would go up. At each floor there was a meeting room where I would watch a counsel convening and discussing their plans. The Lord would say: I would then walk up to the next level. These meetings were governmental type meetings. I would watch these meeting as they occurred. On the third floor I was able to walk into the council and see all the key issues regarding the United States and its future. Because I was at a higher level, I could fully see the key places in the United States where the Church needed to reinforce itself. It seemed as if I could also see the time frame that was necessary for the Church to intercede so that the wisdom of God could come into full maturity and be executed in the earth realm. I began to yell, " Not yet! In discussing this dream with Native Leaders who understand natural principles in the earth, I learned that the ice begins to thicken from January 15 and becomes the thickest in mid-February. Actually, the date given was Feb. Therefore, I believe if we pray now, we can establish the course of ultimate victory. I believe the strategies are being established now. However, we knew that to go to war before February 18 would be disastrous. Now, certain issues are aligning. As of February 18, 1. Optimum level of troop strength has not quite arrived because of logistical difficulties. Turkey is the crossroads nation. Therefore, pray specifically for Turkey. Bush, is finding his footing in the midst of anti-war controversy. However, he is not the type to compromise his stand. Israel is so key to have its government in place. We must pray Daniel 7 - that Satan is not allowed to change times or laws that could set a wrong course worldwide. Iraq War The cup of judgment is full of Saddam Hussein. Call the kingdom together against her: Arat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a general against her. Cause the horses to come up like the bristling locusts. Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, its governors and all its rulers, And the land will tremble and sorrow; For every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon. With this we remembered a dream told by a young man that said that Isaiah is about to be released. We prayed to release Isaiah and particularly the passage from Isaiah The passage addresses Assyria, which is modern day Syria. We felt a strong admonition to watch Syria that God wants to do an Is. The word of the Lord came to us in an admonition for America that this war must be fought from a position of humility and not pride.

Chapter 3 : The Apostolic Church UK | Official Website

The Apostolic Council In order to understand Christian heresy, it is necessary to look at the historical development of Christian orthodoxy. Orthodoxy came out of the various ecumenical Council of the Christian community.

The Apostolic Council in Jerusalem. When Christianity had spread throughout the known world and multitudes of pagans began to accept the Christian faith, some Christians were troubled. Christians of Jewish background held that Christians from pagan religions had to strictly observe the rituals of the Law of Moses. As a prerequisite, it should be necessary to turn them first to the Jewish faith because otherwise they could not be saved. This led to heated disagreements among the Christians. No single apostle was able to resolve such an important question alone. It was determined by the holy apostles together with the presbyters or priests in harmony with the commandments of Christ cf. After long discussions, the issue was settled by the words of the Apostle Peter. He arose and said that the Lord having elected him in the early days to preach to the gentiles did not make any distinction between Jews and gentiles but to all gave the Holy Spirit; and therefore, Christians converted from pagan religions did not have to keep the rituals of the law of Moses. After this, the Apostle James, the "brother of the Lord," arose to address those present at the council. The last word belonged to him as to bishop of the Jerusalem Church and to president of the council first among equals. His opinions were furthermore important because he himself was a strict adherent of the Law and received for this not only from Christians but also from Jews themselves the epithet "righteous. James led a strict ascetic life, and he wore a gold name plate which was worn only by the chief priests. He spent whole hours alone in the Temple praying for his people. In Jerusalem, he was honoured and respected by the people. James approved the opinion of the Apostle Peter. He showed that it was in agreement with prophecy Amos 9: He proposed, "we should not trouble those of the gentiles, who turn to God, with keeping the rituals of the Law of Moses; but they must refrain from idol worship, from fornication, and from things strangled and blood. They should not do to others what they do not want done to themselves. It was made known to all Christians in a Council decree, which began with the words, "It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us This letter of the Apostolic Council brought great joy and comfort to the Christians. See Acts of the Apostles The Preaching Labours of the Apostles. In a short time the apostles of Christ by their preaching, which was inspired in them by the Holy Spirit, won multitudes of pagans to Christ, simple and unsophisticated people, as well as scholars and even kings. The apostles suffered much difficulty in their holy work enduring much grief and need. The Apostle John the Theologian died in exile at a great old age. The number of Christians grew from year to year, even after the deaths of the apostles, and the Christian faith spread to all the ends of the earth. The apostles preached mostly verbally; but in order that the teaching of Christ be better preserved, several of them under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote it down in books. Therefore, these books are called the Holy Scriptures, as were the books of the prophets before Christ. Two of the twelve apostles, Matthew and John, and two of the seventy apostles, Mark and Luke, each wrote a book about the life of Christ the Saviour on earth and His teaching. These four books are called the Gospels "good news" because they preserve the teachings of Christ which the Saviour Himself called the Gospel. The apostles who wrote them were called the Gospel writers or Evangelists. The Evangelist Luke wrote another book, the Acts of the Apostles or the deeds and labours of the apostles. This book records how the apostles spread the Christian faith in the first years. Others of the apostles: James, son of Alphaeus, Peter, as well as John the Theologian and Jude Judas, the brother of James, wrote seven general epistles, letters to Christians all over the world, and taught in these letters how to believe and to live according to the teachings of Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote fourteen epistles to distant churches and people. The Apostle John the Theologian, in addition to the Gospel and three epistles, wrote still another book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. In this book, there is found the future destiny of the Christian Church and of the whole world. Of course, the apostles did not write in the books everything they taught and had heard from the Saviour. The Evangelist John the Theologian himself wrote, "But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written" John The teachings and rules which the apostles conveyed to the

Christians by their words and example firmly preserved Christianity. These teachings, which are given to them orally and only later written down by the saints, are called Apostolic or Holy Tradition. Together with the apostles and after them, apostolic men or disciples of the apostles preached the Gospel. These pastors, teachers and fathers of the Church.

Chapter 4 : Apostolic Council - Oxford Biblical Studies Online

Apostolic Council The Council of Jerusalem described in Acts 15 is sometimes called the Apostolic Council though it was presided over by James, brother of the Lord and not himself one of the Twelve.

The Apostolic Council In order to understand Christian heresy, it is necessary to look at the historical development of Christian orthodoxy. Orthodoxy came out of the various ecumenical Council of the Christian community. As we shall see though, not all of the so-called ecumenical councils were truly ecumenical. As Christianity fragmented, those attending the councils became more and more restrictive. By the Middle Ages, and if not sooner, these ecumenical councils were limited to the Western Christian community. After the Reformation, these councils were limited to the Roman Catholic community. The first officially recognized counsel was not really a counsel at all. It allegedly took place in Jerusalem around 50 A. The only record of this counsel, and I use the word loosely, exists in the Acts of the Apostles. That hardly qualifies as serious historical evidence that this counsel actually happened. A short aside here: As a science, history requires verifiable evidence. That means there must be either official documentation of an event or multiple hearsay accounts by reputable witnesses. I know this may offend some of my more fundamentalist Christian readers, but mentioned in the Bible does not qualify as verifiable evidence, unless there are other reputable witnesses. As far as I know, the only mention of the apostolic Council is in the New Testament and all references to that counsel refer back to the scriptural references. Unlike later councils, there are no written records for the first Council. That means we all need to take this event as probably fictitious. If this Apostolic Counsel never occurred, then why is it the foundation of Christian orthodoxy? Remember that the main decision of that counsel was to remove certain traditional Jewish ritual practices like circumcision for Gentile converts to Christianity. Circumcision is a very painful procedure to undergo as an adult. Eliminating the need for circumcision is probably a sensible decision. But then, when has religion ever really been sensible? I think we need to look at this decision more closely and analyze its justifications more deeply. As far as I know, there were no witnesses to this vision other than Paul himself. What this means is that Gentile converts are something other than Jewish. Remember, Jesus was a Jew. So were his disciples. So were his original followers, for the most part. Why would Gentile converts want to differentiate themselves from Jewish converts? The answer is found throughout the New Testament, especially in the letters of St. Paul. In order to become a true follower of Jesus, it is necessary for them to undergo circumcision as well as follow all of the Jewish dietary restrictions, some of which had been lifted for the Gentiles. In other words, these new Christians had to become Jews! Apparently, Paul, whoever he really was, had a rather strong streak of anti-Semitism. Paul may have become a follower of Jesus, at least the Jesus that Paul created, but I seriously doubt he was ever a Jew. The Orthodox tradition about Paul is that he was a Roman citizen, probably because of his father. That would certainly be consistent with the Jewish tradition that children born of the Jewish mother are considered Jewish, no matter what ethnic city or religion the father was. Of course, it is also quite possible that whoever created Paul was aware of this tradition and used it to explain how Paul could be both Jewish and Roman at the same time. One of the more egregious aspects of Christian anti-Semitism is the belief, propagated by Orthodox traditions, that it was the Jews who killed Jesus. However, assuming Jesus was crucified in the first century A. No Jewish institution or person had the authority to sentence someone to death by crucifixion. Only the Romans could do that. Perhaps the accounts in the New Testament that tried to make the Jewish authorities responsible for the Crucifixion were tainted by Gentile anti-Semitism. Or, perhaps, they were tainted by a pro Roman bias. Either way, it is clear that the authors of the New Testament were definitely trying to differentiate Gentile Christianity from any affiliation with anything Jewish. Most Christians, including Christian biblical scholars, believe that the Act of the Apostles and the letters of Paul were written during the latter half of the first century A. I am inclined to be skeptical about those dates, since the earliest existing tax date is to the third or fourth century A. Yes, there was apparently some sort of debate during the second century about what should be included in the Christian canon see my articles on Marcion. However, if we are going to go down that conspiracy theory road here, it is possible that whoever wrote the earliest

histories of Christianity during the latter days of the Roman Empire created them from whole cloth in order to justify the power structure of the church. It would not be the first time something like this was done, nor the last time. In order to truly understand the implications of this supposed did Apostolic Council of the first century A. It was called, supposedly, by the Emperor Constantine in order to provide consistency and clarity to Christian belief. In other words, this counsel was called to establish the foundations of Christian orthodoxy. For a general overview of the official ecumenical councils, I suggest you read this Wikipedia article.

Chapter 5 : WHY CITY APOSTOLIC COUNCIL ? - The Regenesis

The Apostolic Council. Sp S on S so S red S Â· June 25, Â· BEWARE OF STRONGHOLDS IN THE CHURCHES. A STRONGHOLD is a FORCEFUL STURBON argument, rationale.

It may be that you do not understand this word. Who are the remnant? Well, they are the Church, not to be mistaken for the established church. The Holy Spirit must show you what is the unclean thing in our day. There are still many brothers and sisters within the established church but they will eventually leave. This is not a calling from man; it is a calling from God for God has all but withdrew His Presence from the established church. The continuing purpose of the remnant within the church is to be a witness to those who would also come out and establish judgment on that which calls itself the church. The remnant are further identified in Eze 9: They have been identified with a mark on their foreheads. They mourn and are deeply saddened at the condition of the established church. Those within the established church will not be able to identify their state for they allowed themselves to be blinded by their love for the world. They will be friendlier to those of the world than to those who mourn for the state of the church. The remnant are and will continue to be increasingly marginalized and isolated within the four walls of the church and they lose their voice. Fellowship is ever more difficult to find as most in the established church simply have no idea where they are coming from. This isolation that the remnant feel eventually compels them to reach out and find other like-minded people. The remnant try everything to make a difference in their churches. They go above and beyond but there is simply no breaking through to the worldliness that they find. The former rains have softened and are softening the soil to receive the remnant. The process is in flux all over the world. The winter planting of the wheat has begun for the last time. The Bridegroom is coming and the Bride is being made ready. Not righteous mind you, it has already been made righteous by the Blood of the Lamb; it is being prepared for the coming of the Bridegroom. The mansion has been prepared, the bridal chamber is ready and now the wheat, the Bride awaits the latter rains, they await the sounds of the trumpet. Before they call down the latter rain they call for repentance. Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: They assemble themselves, gather themselves together. They weep between the porch and the brazen altar which has all but been abandoned. It is they that have been marked by God, the remnant that do these things. It is upon these people that the latter rains fall. The latter rains enlarges their capacity, they grow stronger in their spirits as the Lord pours out His Spirit upon them. This is not a good sign for the world or for what passes as the church. The remnant begin to dream dreams and see visions. In these dreams and visions they see that the Day of the Lord is at hand. They begin to speak to the world and the established church. They call them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, the valley of judgment. Even now it is the valley of decision; it is still not too late for the heart to rend itself to God. For the remnant, the called out ones, the chosen of the Lord, they now stand in a continual downpour of His rain. Those who formerly thirsted, thirst no more. And directly proportionate to the outpouring of Gods Spirit comes persecution. Yet, this only drives the remnant deeper into the arms of their God which still infuriates the enemy of our soul even more. This was the last location of the children of Israel before they entered Canaan. You must take up the spiritual journey now as the days grow darker. It may require leaving behind everything that you have known. Yet the Lord is with you. He has never dwelt in temples built by human hands, He dwells in the hearts of His children. The living stones must come together in unity just as Jesus prophesied in John He says that we shall be one just as He and His Father are one so that the world will know that the Father sent the Son and that He loves them just as He loves the Son. The time is

now to begin your journey, your journey to the valley of Acacias. This is the last place the children of Israel gathered before crossing over into the promised land. What does a real Prophet look Like? Posted by appolus on March 3, I am bombarded with talk or letters about the coming shortages in our national life: I read between the lines from people not practiced in scaring folk.

Dr. Philip Aarstad. Read Phil's Bio The Following serves as a further explanation of the Council (Disclaimer): There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

What I have with me is a compilation of some words that came from the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders and the Global Prophetic Consultation in November, which people say was one of the most historic events they have ever been to in their lives. You know, was a very difficult time of uncertainty for so many of us. There were terrorist acts, riots, political unrest, and division. As we look on the world news, we have the threat of North Korea looming over the world. We had natural disasters here in the U. Why are you feeling good right now? God is doing a new thing. As you may know, as we prophesy, we often look for a biblical connection. Why do we do this? Because the Bible is a book of Hebrew thought. There are very important things that are hidden keys in scripture. Possessing the Gates On the Hebrew calendar, is the year and, if we see the pictorial emphasis from this, forms a gate. In fact, this gate can look kind of like a bridal canopy. This is very important. Multiplying I will multiply. We are children of Abraham, since we have been grafted into the vine, so promises given to Abraham are promises for us. Number one, you have to be prepared. What is it that I am supposed to possess? What are those things that have been dreams that you have longed to fulfill? This is a special year with special promises. We need to get ready for it, but how do we do that? One way is to surrender to God. Just surrender everything to God. What Gates Has Satan Closed? Where has Satan closed your gates? Think about where Satan has come in to those gates. Maybe there are some things that happened in your family and they were really painful. There are going to be so many incredible miracles that God is going to show us. God is going to show himself as the great God, the glorious God. We are to live from the glory down, not from the problems of our life up. He has all the answers. He has everything you need. Seek God from the Heavenly, being seated with him in Heavenly places. Ask him to give solutions and bring those solutions down into the problem. God is full of wisdom. He knows how to do everything. It was like I suddenly realized that I was seated with him, talking to the Lord and He gave me the solution. I knew what to do, and I brought that into the current situation. The things that have happened have caused irreparable damage. He meant it to be good. God will turn it. Begin to shift to fully embrace the truth that God is calling you to be an overcomer. I challenge you to take this truth and run with it. Now is the time to start with a brand new self-paced, online course that covers 10 significant areas of spiritual warfare. A Season of Suddenlies and Acceleration God is moving us into a season where He just does something suddenly for us. Salvation came to the Earth suddenly when Jesus was born, and you know that Moses came as a liberator seemingly suddenly after all those years of captivity. God spoke after hundreds of years of being silent. The suddenlies will come in your life, and that should give you hope in the midst of all your problems that suddenlies are coming. This is a time when your wealth will accelerate. You need to believe for it. The Bible says the word did not profit them not being mixed with faith. God is going to give business opportunities to many people. Suddenly, that gate of favor is going to open up for you, and that gate of honor. Somebody was telling me how Billy Graham used to be dishonored in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, and now there is a highway or a freeway named after him there. You can outlast your enemies. You can live longer, do better. Keep your heart right, and one day honor will come into the place of dishonor. These are all very significant things. God is saying something to us. A Moral Reformation God is exposing immorality. There is going to be a moral reformation, and this is going to happen in Hollywood. Many, many people in Hollywood are going to understand that biblical values are important. You know, we always diss them, but they work so hard, and I just want to put in a good word for them right now. After the Reformation, there was a counter reformation, where a lot of the work that had been done was undone. It was a very dark time. Well, the Lord spoke to us that if we are attentive, there will not be another counter reformation. We want to listen to the Millennials, and God is going to anoint people to do this and pray. We are in the midst of the Great Awakening now. The Great Awakening worldwide has begun. What is going on right now in Iran and the unrest there, what happened recently, there was such a reformation of Saudi Arabia. God is preparing a highway. There will be great financial blessings start to come

to the U. Things are already beginning to turn around. God also showed me that for all the Middle East there are going to be blessings come for the believers there too, because what God is doing is all part of this Isaiah 19 highway. I remember when we met with the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders, God spoke to us a number of years ago that the EU would fragment, and it has happened. We know there was Brexit. The Lord also showed us that the dollar would remain in a stable place for investing when things were shaky. Well, the stock market is going up and up and up. I also want to mention the Middle East. The Middle East is very important, as is China. Look to numbers of people going to Egypt. At the meeting of prophets we had recently, we had prophets from all over the world pray together, and we were decreeing that the evil dictator Mugabe of Zimbabwe was going to come down immediately. At the exact moment that we were taking authority over the spirit that had held Zimbabwe bound by this dictator, the tanks were rolling into Harare. We have great authority through the name of Jesus, and God has been speaking to us that we are going to go through gates of authority. Daniel captured Babylon, instead of Babylon capturing Daniel. God allowed Daniel to be captured, but then he became head of all the soothsayers. We see this in the case of Moses and the Pharaoh with the serpents and the rod that Moses threw down. We prophesied a lot about North Korea, that they are going to have a suddenly, where God is going to deal with Kim Jong-un. We saw what happened with Zimbabwe. Something is going to dramatically happen, because his time for being a dictator is over, unless he turns his heart to the Lord. There are people praying for you, and if you will completely change, God is going to help you on a path that will not be destructive. So, you can choose, Kim Jong-un. If you serve God, and if you change your ways, God will protect you. He will protect North Korea in a unique way and make peace with South Korea. However, if you continue on your path, it will lead to your destruction, and the sad thing about that is your destruction will lead to the path to hell. This is what I need. So, this is the beginning of strength coming. Listen, God is going to cause you to shine. There are spiritual confrontations coming, but God is going to anoint the business leaders.

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The purpose or the function of the Apostolic Council is to give council, advice and recommendations borne out of relationship to and for the Senior minister and his/her staff. Further, the Apostolic Council can be called upon to help settle internal conflicts or disputes amongst the congregation and/or the leadership of a local congregation.

Stan DeKoven Amongst independent churches there is frequent criticism by other independents and denominational pastors regarding the apparent lack of accountability for pastors or Senior leaders in relationship to their churches or ministries. This criticism, sometimes valid, is one that we are attempting to correct through the Vision Network, by providing Council to local congregations. This brief article is written to describe what the purpose of a Council is, what kinds of people should be a part of a Council, the structure of an Apostolic Council for a local church, and the blessings that will come to the local congregation once an Apostolic Council is in place giving relational oversight for a local church or ministry. First let me describe the purpose of an Apostolic Council. The purpose of an Apostolic Council is to provide spiritual care by prayerfully giving necessary aid, comfort, instruction, guidance, protection, and where required corrective discipline to the Senior minister or pastor within a local congregation. The precedence for this type of ministry can be found in II Timothy chapter 3: Thus, one of the purposes of an Apostolic Council is to assist in reviewing questions that may arise regarding the morals, doctrines, ethics, or financial management of the local minister in charge of a congregation or ministry, assuming that the process of Matthew 18 has already been followed. Essentially, the Apostolic Council shall be called into function as an apostolic counselor, advisor and a facilitator of restoration if required. Further, in the event of the death, disability or resignation of the Senior minister, the Apostolic Council then becomes a functional committee to determine who should take the place of the former Senior minister. Essentially, they serve in apostolic spiritual authority to seek the face of God for the purpose of installing a new Senior minister. That is, we understand that churches and ministries are raised up in times and seasons to fulfill a purpose in the economy of God. Generally, the Holy Spirit gives vision, purpose and government to a local Senior minister who is then empowered by the Holy Spirit to raise up a church or ministry for the greater glory of God. That vision, assuming it is a vision from the Lord, needs to be maintained wherever possible and perpetuated from generation to generation. Of course, visions are modified- they change over time- and thus a part of the ongoing ministry of a Council is to work with the Senior minister to bring about those necessary changes. But when a change of Senior minister is required, it becomes the responsibility of the Apostolic Council, in cooperation with local congregational leadership to insure that the vision of the house, though evolving, is perpetuated to the next generation. About Government What then is the structure, governmentally, of an Apostolic Council? The Apostolic Council has no innate power or authority as a legal or organizational entity except what is given to them through the Constitution and Bylaws of a local corporation and through the relationship they carry with the Senior minister. Thus the Council is actually chosen, hopefully after a time of prayer and fasting, by the Senior minister because there is a relationship of trust, which has been developed with the Senior minister and the members of the Council, over time. Any member of the Council therefore can be replaced or removed if it is deemed necessary by the Senior minister unless its in the midst of the evaluative process having to do with a complaint against that Senior minister. It is assumed however that such relationship will have been developed between the Senior minister and the members of an Apostolic Council that these kinds of problems will rarely come to pass. Another question is, how many members should there be in an Apostolic Council? More than five and it becomes too cumbersome and becomes a simple Apostolic board. Less than three lacks the amount for adequate accountability, to insure safety for the congregation and for the local ministry. Of course, since ministries change, as do responsibilities in the Kingdom of God, it is assumed that the Apostolic Council may also change over time. Thus, it is necessary to ensure that a Council, barring some crisis or emergency in their ministry or life, is able to serve in oversight function for that local congregation for at least a two-year period. After a two-year assignment, if there is a need or a desire to make a change, it would be the responsibility of the Senior minister and the Apostolic Council to make that change. In doing so, the Apostolic Council will

look at the standards of financial packages within a geographical region, but their focus is to ensure that the man or woman of God in the place of Senior ministry is well cared for so they can fully function in their service to God. Part of the ministry of the Apostolic Council, therefore, is to encourage and exhort the people of God to be good stewards, and to ensure that the man or woman of God in Senior ministry is well cared for, free to fulfill their purpose in God. How is the Apostolic Council compensated for their time and energy? There are many strategies that can be used; certainly the laborer is worthy of hire. Not just for the local Senior minister or the staff of a local congregation, but also those that labor with them in apostolic prophetic oversight. The Apostolic Council are five-fold ministry gifts, Ephesians 4: Thus, if it is the desire of the church to follow this biblical principle of tithing or generous giving, the giving should be equally distributed on a monthly basis to each member of the Council. The point of this is that those that are involved in giving oversight and assistance, personal counsel, prayer, and hopefully who are a part of periodic ministry into the life of the Body that they are giving oversight to should receive some sort of compensation and blessing from the local church. When Problems Arise But what happens if the Council must be called upon to deal with a problem within the local congregation? They are friends of the pastor, friends of the church and their approach is simply to be a mediator; to help to bring understanding for the purposes of ensuring the healthy continuation of the local congregation. If in the rare case that there is a proven case of adultery, apostasy or such things as embezzlement, then the Council is called upon to act both on behalf of the church and on behalf of the spiritual leader. That is, the leader would be given needed time and opportunity to repent and make restitution as presented in Galatians 6: Further, the goal of Matthew However, if necessary, the leader may be placed on a paid sabbatical leave in order to recover fully from whatever transgressions they may have experienced. In reality, it may be in the best interest of the pastor or Senior leader, his or her family, and the congregation for a permanent change to take place, or in some cases it may be necessary to remove this Senior minister because they refuse to repent, to make restitution or to follow the general counsel given by the Council. For further scripture on this principle see Psalm 51, Luke Not all scriptures apply specifically, but the principles of the scriptures, which are to restore and to forgive, are presented. As mentioned above, if the Senior minister refuses to repent or make necessary restitution, they may need to be dismissed. This is a sad case that causes great distress for congregations. That is why having an Apostolic Council of Senior ministers who are able to bring stability and peace to a situation is so necessary. Finally, in the event of death, disqualification or resignation of the Senior minister, the successor for that ministry is to be appointed by the Apostolic Council in conjunction with the local eldership or deacon board, however the local church is constituted. They will preside over a meeting of at least two of the Apostolic Council and a unanimous vote must be presented. Then the successor will assume all the authority of the Senior minister, subject to the restrictions that are presented within the constitution and bylaws of that local assembly. Qualifications Well, who then might qualify to be a part of this Apostolic Council? The Apostolic Council should be made up of qualified men and women, ministers of the gospel who are appointed by the pastor to serve on a form of a board. They are an extension of the pastor in the spiritual guidance of the local assembly. The overall spiritual oversight of the church is implemented by the elders under the direction of the pastor or Senior leader. The Council is available to assist the leader and serve the congregation in a multitude of tasks, which comprise spiritual oversight and ministry of the church. These tasks are to be assigned by the pastor and represent the extension of the leaders spiritual responsibilities. Thus, the elders or the Apostolic Council must qualify for that position in accordance with a variety of scriptures including 1st Timothy 3, , Titus 1, , 1st Corinthians 6, and Essentially, they should be appointed after much prayer, having sought the guidance of the Lord by the local leadership, in agreement with the local eldership of the congregation. These men and women should be people of the highest integrity with proven apostolic, prophetic ministry, or at least who have been Senior ministers of their own ministry and are now available to be able to assist a local congregation to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A Final Reminder One of the greatest criticisms of independent churches is that they are just that, they are independent and thus they have little or no accountability. One way to ensure that proper accountability is found with adequate safety for the needs of both the local Senior minister and the congregation at large is to have an Apostolic Council. This is not the solution to all congregational needs but it

certainly goes a long way toward providing both safety and accountability in a loving and positive way.

Chapter 8 : THE APOSTOLIC COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM

overview of the apostolic council of prophetic elders Once or twice a year Dr. Peter Wagner of Global Harvest Ministries convenes key prophetic leaders from around the nation. These meetings are to dialogue over what we see God is doing in the Church, in society, and throughout the world.

All prophecy not contained in Scripture is conditional. A prophecy may take longer than one calendar year to come to pass. Some [will] take many years to fulfill. It is possible that prophetic warnings will cause either the person or the nation to repent and so turn away the judgment prophesied. Biblically, this happened when Jonah prophesied to Nineveh and the city repented, causing God to relent. This is a year to triumph in Christ and diffuse the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. It is time to wake up and see both what the enemy is trying to do and what God wants to do through us. The Year of the Wind will be a year of the wind. The wind of the Holy Spirit is going to blow us in the right direction and into the place that God wants us to be. We will see glorious manifestations of His divine power with signs and wonders. Many nations will feel the impact of this mighty wind. Alaska will see a move of the Holy Spirit among the Native Alaskans. New wells of revival will break out, and many will drink from the wells of salvation. Many will teach on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are going to need to see them all function in the church in this day to fulfill our mission. We will see a special increase of the word of wisdom. The word of wisdom is supernatural insight into what to do that will secure our future. Third Great Awakening We believe that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came on November 11, , in Kansas City signaled the beginning of a Third Great Awakening that we prophesied would come to America and the world. November 11th was the day the Pilgrims made covenant with God in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Evangelism Many churches will wake up and evangelize the lost in their cities and nations. Breaking Debt Cycles Key Scripture passage: In fact, as we discussed the many prophetic warnings about a second economic shaking, we felt that the Lord in His mercy had extended a period of grace to His people because many were not ready for another shaking. Supernatural ability to get out of debt is being released. If you will start paying your debts, even in very small amounts, God will supernaturally get behind your efforts and help you get out of debt. Eradication of Systemic Poverty It is time to fulfill the first message Jesus preached and bring justice to the poor. God spoke to us about social justice missionariesâ€”[people] who are called to help eliminate systemic poverty. There is a marriage of righteousness and justice, and God will raise up those who are called to fight issues such as human trafficking as well as poverty. The call will marry its mandate to win the lost to its justice mandate. Churches will begin to model taking care of the poor in their midst, as well as putting systems into place to help teach their people how to get out of debt. Satan is on the march to build empires. Be aware and watch and see what is around you. Home-grown terrorism will be on the rise. Judgment and Testing Key Scripture passage: Daniel and his friends were tested for 10 days, and then they had favor with the king. They were found to be 10 times better than the others. This will happen for those who are faithful to stand in times of testing. In the end, you will rise above all the others and advance. Do not be intimidated by the seeming onslaught of the evil one. Finish the task that God has put before you. God spoke to us over and over in our meeting that we are not to be intimidated in the coming season of conflict and testing. Worship Activism Key Scripture passage: For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. We will win through worship. It is the key to triumph! There is a marriage of worship and activism taking place [that will cause] the church [to] march and sing, just as in the days of Martin Luther King Jr. Do not be afraid of confrontation and conflict. Run toward the Goliaths in your life, and remember that you are called to triumph in this year. Activism will manifest as new armies of the Lord are being raised up. Find your place and let your voice be heard. Over the next years in the United States a new, third political party will arise. The Lord is preparing His leadership for this party, which will come out of the citizens of the United States groaning under the corruption of the old guard. Many leaders are being tested and tried in the fire right now who will take leadership in due time, for it will begin not so much as a political party but [as] a movement. The movement will become a party in time. Season of Transition This is a season of transition for the body of Christ. For the United States, it will be a time of

transition for either good or evil. It is up to this generation to see it go back to the original vision of our founders. A woman has to dilate to 10 centimeters to give birth. The years and beyond will be a time of intense pressure but will result in the birthing of many new things. There are some who will make sudden geographic moves. Others will transition in their jobs and careers. There will be special grace poured out upon those who are obedient to allow God to reposition His troops. For those who are not making a move but are seeing people that you love make changes, God will also help you transition into this new season and send new help for you. Transition into the new season, get your vision and house in order. Make sure that you are properly aligned for the new battles ahead. Be Prepared Key Scripture passages: Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins Matt. Become more focused in your core purpose. Live a simpler life. Do not hoard what another person can use. This is the time to share and take care of each other. Make sure that the body of Christ can arise with the call of the bridegroom, as the five virgins who were ready [were able to do]. We must begin to think more as a community than simply as individuals. Put your house in order and arrange for the next season. Mobility is the key in the kingdom today. Many who are not rightsized will see the loss of buildings, lands and so on. If this has happened to you, God will help you begin again. There is a season of pruning for growth. The pruning can, and at times will, seem painful, but trust that God is working all things together for your good. Cindy Jacobs Cindy Jacobs is an author, speaker, and teacher with a heart for discipling nations in the areas of prayer and prophetic gifts. She and Mike—her husband of 41 years—co-founded Generals International in

Chapter 9 : Who are the NARpostles of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders and what is it?

what is the apostolic council of prophetic elders? The ACPE use these verses to justify their ACPE antics: "Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Mail Since , the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders has gathered some of the most respected prophetic voices from around the nation to pray and seek the Lord for a word for the next year. It is our conviction that we are to function as an Acts This passage notes that it was the Holy Spirit releasing a prophetic word to the group, as opposed to the exclusive word of any one prophet. Our response, through prayer, helps words of blessing to come to pass, and can diminish or even avert words of judgement. It is also important to note that God often speaks in seasons as opposed to calendar years. Many of the words given in the past are still being fulfilled even now around the world. So, the following is an overview of the ACPE Word of the Lord for the calendar year of , which is in the Hebraic calendar, and beyond. And go out by it; Their king will pass before them, With the Lord at their head. This day calls for the turning from our sins through repentance that brings us to victory. It is the time for the breakthrough to victory. There will be a significant increase in miracles and signs and wonders. For the enemy has come in like a flood, but I, the Lord, am releasing great victories. I will stem the tide of violence. I will bring peace to the land. I will bring an awakening! I will release revival! If we put out hands to the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God for His sake, we will begin to prosper. It is critical that we spend time seeking the Lord for the right alignment in our relationships for us to release these blessings. For some, it will mean a geographic move, for others, the leaving of the old for the new. For others, it will be mean staying in covenantal relationships even when they are tested. The year on the Roman calendar corresponds to the year on the Hebraic calendar, which is symbolized by the crowned sword. The sword cuts off the old and releases the new. We see Satan being defeated on many levels as we experience great breakthroughs, both personally and corporately. This is the year of breakthrough to release the following things: Mantles or anointings of the Holy Spirit released across generations. This is the year of securing your legacy. New leaders recognized and released. Shifts in government and new international alliances forming. More corruption exposed on national levels, both in the United States and other nations. Old wine structures are going to be tested, and those who will be willing to become new wine will be promoted. Churches who allow themselves to become apostolic sending centers will grow and see many saved. Fuller Theological Seminary is going to come into a time of renewal as in the days when C. Peter Wagner invited John Wimber to teach his signs and wonders class. The Holy Spirit will be poured out once again upon the professors. New wine curriculum will be introduced into seminaries and Bible Schools around the world. The renewal legacy of Peter Wagner combined with that of John Wimber is about to come upon a new generation. A diversity of mantles is falling in this time like unto what Peter Wagner carried. There will be many, many changes in this coming year. Changes in locations, houses, buildings, and the breaking off of generational systems of debt. A new generation of spiritual warriors will be trained and arise to do governmental and prophetic intercession. Old prayer movements will be strengthened, and a new generation of prayer warriors will arise for battle. There will be an awakening of prayer and spiritual warfare. Deliverance will take place on many levels through this fresh movement. There will be continued shakings as the sword of the Lord pierces the darkness of centuries over the nations. Some will experience great tumults and shakings. The good news is that, in the midst of the shakings, there will be a time of renewal and coming together like in Ezekiel 37, when the shakings of dry bones caused new breath and life coming into the army of the Lord. Let the Ekklesia Arise Networks of Kingdom Alliances with the voice of hope are emerging in very intentional ways. The economies of nations who have refused to shift and are keeping their people in bondage will see massive shakings. Exposure after exposure will come to those corrupt individuals who thought they were too protected and embedded through bribes and intimidation. They will find themselves falling out of power, going to prison, and, in some cases, even dying. The Lord showed us clearly that this is a new season where the ekklesia is being given the anointing not only to root out, and tear down, but this will be a special season of building and

planting. The revelation of blessing our cities and nations will be a kingdom anthem for the ekklesa. If we root out, but do not plant, then the nations will only be exposed to worse than they had been before. Therefore, we admonish the intercessors to pray beyond the tearing down of old systems and pray into the structures and systems that need to form afterward. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant. The admonition in 1 Corinthians

Changing Financial Structures The way people make money is going to change. New structures of wealth creation will open up. For example, in the past the stock markets were major generators of wealth, but this will be the era of YouTube millionaires. The church, missions organizations, and other ministries will benefit greatly from the creation of wealth, as new donors will rise up to help finance the building of this global vision. The gift of giving will be highlighted in the coming move of God, and people of wealth will understand how to use their gift to advance the Kingdom of God. Watch Latin America as structures that kept people in poverty are going to begin to unravel and weaken.

A New John 17 Movement The Lord spoke to us that next year we would see a new John 17 movement begin where the prayer of Jesus will be answered. Many streams will run together until we see a river of revival flow across the earth. There will be major reconciliations between denominations, nations, and peoples. God will anoint peacemakers in this season who are especially empowered by God to be a voice for unity between factions and help heal the breaches. Strongholds in family systems are going to be broken in powerful and supernatural ways. This will even extend to strongholds of poverty, disease, alcoholism, and drug abuse. The John 17 movements will align against injustice and religious strongholds as they decide together that they want a new move of the Holy Spirit. We are hearing the words, New Wine, New Wine! A convergence of all the past moves of God coming together with the manifestations of Pentecostal Fire, the Healing and Deliverance Crusades. This great Convergence of the Ages is coming with a historic Fourth Wave of the Holy Spirit and a reformation that will lead to the Great Transformation of nations. The wind of the Holy Spirit is going to blow with new renewal movements arising in the youth upon centuries-old churches. The power of the Holy Spirit will be poured out in a new, fresh way, manifesting through the young and old. The miracles that have seemed only to happen infrequently are going to be dramatic. Centuries old churches that have prayed for a renewed move of the Holy Spirit will see their prayers answered. It is the time for a new Pentecost! Some that criticize those who are longing for renewal will find they are put out of leadership in their churches and denominations. Both the young and the old will see the power of the Holy Spirit fall upon them. This again will result in many, many new missionaries being sent out across the face of the earth that are willing to go to the most difficult and hard-to-reach areas. God is calling a new generation who will go out and evangelize the world! The numbers of those going to preach will increase in large proportion compared to the generation before them. The heartland of the United States and the cities along the Mississippi River will be used by God to mend the great divide that has come to the nation as a result of the recent polarizing US elections. It is time for breakthroughs and the breaking off of the pain, discouragement, and battle fatigue of yesterday.

Harvest Season The greatest harvest of souls the earth has known is upon us. Hundreds of thousands will be saved. The Middle East will experience a revival and this will extend into the evangelization of both the Arab and the Non-Arabic-speaking Muslims. Look to Egypt to be a leader in this revival and awakening. The Glory of God is going to be poured out across the United States and these areas were specifically given as revival centers: The inner cities of America and the areas in which Satan has built his greatest strongholds will begin to rebuild, and the revivals in such cities as Detroit and Chicago will astound the news! They will be vocal and unashamed! Their bold presence on social media will cause a huge stir in the news services. God is going to shake pop culture! He is going to use it for His glory. Look to the reserves and reservations and tribal lands of the nations of the earth. Where they were oppressed through colonization, they are going to experience great healing and receive the power and grace to forgive the terrible atrocities committed against them. The historic wells of revival are going to flow again as bold evangelism takes place on the streets and on the campuses of schools where progressivism and Marxism have taken root. Latin America will be a leader in this move of God. A New Renaissance New songs and new sounds will flow from emerging worship leaders.