

Part of the Isenheim Altarpiece, by Mattias Grunewald (1480-1528), depicting John the Baptist, on the right, pointing to the crucified Jesus, the Lamb of God, along with John's words from John 3:30, in Latin, *He must increase, but I must decrease.* 

It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah...so as to make a people prepared for the Lord.

The Angel Gabriel, speaking to Zechariah of his son John in Luke 1:17

You will go on before the Lord to prepare the way Zechariah, speaking to his infant son John in Luke 1:76

Our Forerunner, Jesus, has entered [the sanctuary] on our behalf...Heb. 6:20

Dear Friend who shares our interest in Revival:

Years ago, Len was on a prayer retreat he received a vision from God. He "saw" tornadoes coming from the west, ripping up everything in their path but also restoring beauty once they had passed. Jesus seemed to say, "This is Me. I am coming." Len took this to be a sign of a coming revival. Currently, he "sees" a tsunami coming from the East, with a similar devastation/restoration pattern.

Some years ago, Greg was on a mission trip in Uganda, and heard the Lord tell him to return to New England, to establish altars of prayer, to unstop the wells of revival, and to prepare for awakening. He has done just that, inviting God to meet His people in concerted prayer for revival, and to reacquaint the People of God in this region with the patterns of revival established in generations past.

Many others have received similar words and visions. We are convinced that God is signaling his people to be ready for great spiritual revival, rivaling those He has brought to New England in the past. This revival will restore a subset of God's People to reflect the beauty of Christ, it will draw many nonbelievers into the Kingdom, and it will bring tremendous disturbance to the current order. God is calling some of us to be harbingers of that revival, forerunners leading in the pattern of John the Baptist, pointing others to the One Who is coming, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Perhaps you also have a sense that Jesus is coming in revival. Maybe you have seen visions, or heard words or instructions to get ready and to get others ready. Perhaps as you're read this, the Spirit stirs within you in confirmation. If so, God may be tapping you as a Forerunner. We believe Forerunners need to come together to train and prepare spiritually to provide leadership in a season when (as happens in every revival) hell and heaven break loose simultaneously.

We invite you to pray about joining The Forerunners Fellowship, which you can learn more about by visiting <u>http://www.forerunnersfell.org/</u>. Those who join will become consecrated in community: as we commit ourselves to a holy way of life; as we study topics in biblical, historic revival; and as we meet monthly in-person or online to learn, to grow, and to pray for revival and for one another.

If you wish to be in on this, or have questions, please contact us at one of the addresses below. Once we have eight others who join us, we will schedule the first of those gatherings to pray and to explore this venture for Jesus. Please feel free to let others know about this, and to encourage them to pray, and to get in touch with us.

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