

INJUSTICE in the Land, GOD'S RESPONSE

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Main Scripture: Acts 12: 1-25

Supporting Scriptures:

Notes:

God has an invested interest in you and so he will empower you with what you need to stand. I want to remind someone that Jesus is coming. The devil has an agenda that he must fulfill. But I want you to understand that you have what it takes to stand against the powers of darkness because God has placed in your power over darkness. Lift your hands, Greater is He that's in you than he that is in the world. God gives you soundness of mind to chart the waters in this time.

Acts 12

8 years after the death of Stephen the Church is about to face persecution that is no other than a political attack on the church. Heads of government seeking to destroy the church with an evil agenda. And so it is in these last days. Out of the legislator, there are laws being passed that are an attack on the church. Luke says that Herod stretches forth his hands to vex the church. His agenda is to destroy the church. This is a blood-thirsty man.

I pray God begins to open our eyes for us to see the hand of the enemy that is stretched out against the church. We can attempt to continue in the cycle we are operating in and fail to see the evil that is stretched out against the church. It's time for us to wake up and see the hand of the enemy stretched out against the church. There is a hand empowered by the powers of darkness to try to silence the voice of the church.

I want us to understand the position of the church in a time of persecution. The attitude of the church should be prayers made without ceasing. Peter is the one who God gave the keys to the kingdom, the church understood the position of the individual.

If we ever get in an attitude of prayer we will see things we have never seen before.

A man between two soldiers and in chains but the angel of the Lord is in the midst of the prison. There is no power of darkness that can cripple this church. We need some heat. Something to bring us back together in unity.

God is in the act of delivering peter and he didn't even know it was real. I want us to understand in these last days if you're looking for things you are accustomed to you better ask God to open your eyes to allow your spirit to be in tune with him so you understand the ways of God like you have never seen it before.

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You cant imprison the church - it's like a stone cut out of a mountain that is moving, no government that can stop the church. That fox, that same spirit that is leading the governments trying to oppress the church. I want you to know that God has the ability to sustain the church he will see us through to the very end. You begin to focus on him and God will elevate your mind to see his agenda and then you will know that the powers of darkness will not keep this church down.

Evil is on the land what will you do? Will you sit back or will you begin to pray. There is injustice in the land blood touching blood and no one is crying for those that were met with injustice. The church has to make a difference.

The hand of Herod is a trap its purpose is to destroy the church but when the church prays God delivers the church from the hand of Herod.

There is something powerful about prayer, when the church gets together in one accord praying then there is no telling what will happen in the land when the church begins to pray.

There are times you are praying to the Lord and God blows your expectation out of the water and gives you more than you were asking for.

Some of us may lose our lives but there are some that God will deliver.

In the camp of Herod is confusion when the church was persecuted they stood up in prayer. The sovereign God stretched forth his hands. Herod is embarrassed because maximum security could not keep the church down. The Laws could not suppress the church. Barred by the city gate could not suppress the church. But this did not happen, except the church prayed. I want to preach this until we realize how much power is in prayer.

When our God stretched out his hands there is no telling what he will do.

You watch when God's hand is stretched out. You find yourself in a position of authority and don't give God glory in that position then the wrath of God will reach you.

Herod lifted up himself in pride and was judged but the word of God was multiplied. This church was never meant to operate in a passive mode. Every day we get up the church is looking for a challenge because when we are challenged then we will give birth.

There is an evil agenda set out against this church but you better pray and ask God to give an attitude to stand up for God. Don't sell out for a salary. Let your voices be heard. Pray to the Lord and tell him what you are seeing. Tell him about the leaders and that there is blood touching blood and the injustice in this land let him know what the church is feeling don't sit back quiet to align yourself with cash. Open your mouth and speak out against the level of injustice in this land. James and Peter were taking a stand for God and it offended Herod. John the Baptist was not

careful with his words he told the king its an abomination to take his brother's wife. The man was not pleased and his wife was offended and the next thing was to get the head of John. Some of us may lose our lives but if we die for him we will reign with him. It's about time we begin to see the purpose of the church and what it was intended for. It's more than a good time in church this whole institution has everything to do with eternal life. It's coming, the attack is coming against the church, and now is the time to get in the attitude of prayer. Let God birth something in you that will affect this world we live in.