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New Book by Kenneth L. Birks



Prophetic Purposes and Flames of Fire

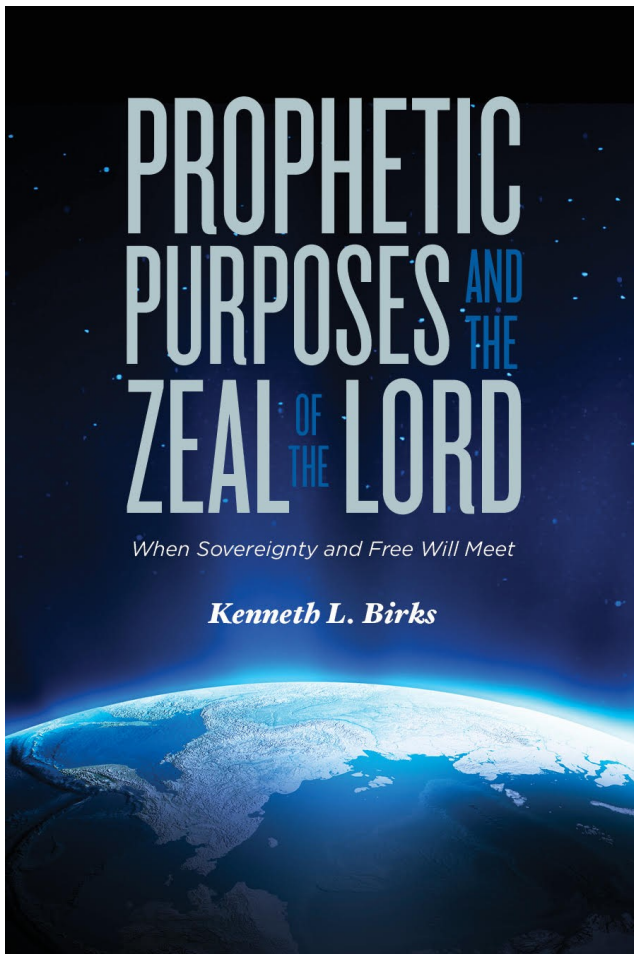
The greatest treasure we have been given from above is the Father's only begotten Son. His Son, Jesus, came to give us salvation so that we could be brought into fellowship with the Father, and Holy Spirit. He came to reveal the Father in all of His glory by revealing to us how great this salvation is. As Peter mentions in his first epistle, it's something the prophets and the angels of God desired to partake of but couldn't. We, however, have been blessed beyond measure to be the recipients of all that God has planned and purposed for mankind and our generations.

Jesus came forth in the fullness of time as a result of the Father's prophetic purpose being fulfilled. Isaiah, the prophet spoke of this, when he prophesied, a Son would be given, who would be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting God, and Prince of Peace. Because the fullness of the Godhead rests upon Him, He was given the names that represent each of them.

It was God in His zeal and sovereignty that brought forth the fulfillment of Isaiah's wonderful prophecy. For every prophetic purpose that has been spoken by His Holy prophets through the ages, He will continue to fulfill in His zeal. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to be a part of all that God is about to do before the second coming of His Son. Before Jesus can return to earth to set up His throne as it is in Heaven, everything that has been spoken by His holy prophets must be fulfilled with the restoration of all things being complete. Peter spoke of this in his message after the healing of the lame man at Solomon's Portico.

Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ who was preached to you before,²¹ whom heaven must receive (retain) until the times of restoration of all things, which God had spoken by the mouth of His Holy prophets since the world began."

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Prophetic Purposes and Flames of Fire Continued

Peter and all the others were baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire, on the Day the Feast of Pentecost was fully fulfilled just as the Feast of Passover was fulfilled by Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit they went forth as flames of fire just as the prophet, Joel had prophesied, fulfilling the prophetic purposes of God for their generation. The passage below explains how God in His sovereignty brings His prophetic purposes to pass.

Psalm 104:3-4 *He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, who makes His clouds His chariot, who walks on the wings of the wind, who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.*

Just as the Old Testament patriarchs, prophets and kings were part of God's plans and purposes throughout the ages, God desires to make us flames of fire as we go forth in His passion and anointing fulfilling prophetic purposes yet to be fulfilled. We find this also to be true as we study the lives of the early disciples and apostles of Christ throughout the New Testament. When it came time to fulfill the prophecy of Joel, God sent a mighty rushing wind to baptize these early believers in the Holy Spirit. With tongues of fire, He sent the Holy Spirit transforming them into flames of fire, who went forth fulfilling the Father's prophetic purposes for their generation.

When it came time for God to fulfill the prophecies of the Gentiles being brought into this great salvation, He orchestrated the event by giving a Gentile non-believer, Cornelius and a Jewish believer, Peter, visions that brought them together to fulfill His prophetic event. In His zeal, God made it happen, even though He was working with the free-will He had given to mankind. Both Cornelius and Peter had to be obedient to the visions they had received. We also see how God used angels to bring forth a His prophetic purposes in both the lives of Peter and Paul.

As we approach the end of the age, there are still many prophetic purposes that must be fulfilled before Jesus can be released from Heaven. God is now in the midst of preparing His vessels of honor whom He will anoint and send as flames of fire fulfilling all that His Holy prophets have prophesied concerning the end of the age. Will you be one of them? The choice is yours.

Will you be a properly prepared vessel of honor or will you be found sleeping when the Holy Spirit comes as a mighty rushing wind like He did with the early disciples? The choice is yours to make. Now is the time for His bride to make herself ready. When God decides to move suddenly, it comes without notice. The early disciples were in the upper room praying and waiting on God when He decided to move suddenly. Where will you be? Allow the sovereignty of God to rule in your life and you will be a vessel unto honor who goes forth as a flame of fire fulfilling His prophetic purposes.



About Ken Birks

Ken Birks is an ordained Pastor/Teacher in the Body of Christ. He has functioned as an elder, one of the staff pastors, and a Bible teacher at The Rock of Roseville in California for the past 20 years. He is presently semi-retired with a writing ministry and functions as a wedding officiant in the Sacramento region. Prior to this, Ken was the Senior Pastor of Golden Valley Christian Center, a Spirit-filled, non-denominational, church in Roseville for twelve years.

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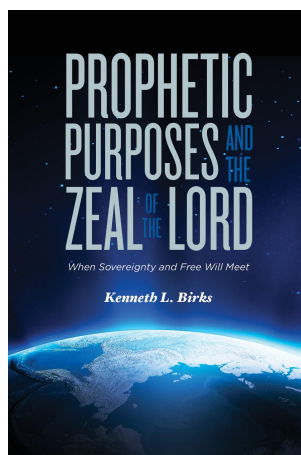
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Details on Ken's New Book

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As upheaval happens all around us at an alarming rate, it's important to know how we should be responding to our present season. The values of the world are being turned upside down. Good is now referred to as evil, while evil is referred to as good. With extreme spiritual warfare taking place in the heavenlies and on earth, God's calling us to be wise and understanding in all that we do and say. If we fail to hear and respond to His trumpeting voice as it sounds the alarm, we will find ourselves falling into the traps and snares that are being laid by Satan.

This book has three sections. The first section sets the stage by showing how God has already brought His prophetic purposes into play throughout the history of the Bible. The second section outlines His prophetic objectives for the Church that the Father must fulfill before the second coming of Christ. The third section discusses what we must do to prepare ourselves to be useful vessels unto honor as we partner with Him in fulfilling all that was foretold by His prophets.

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Video Sermon

In-Sync with God's Prophetic Purposes



If we are to be a part of God's prophetic purposes in the earth, we must be in-sync with Him as He imparts to us His gifts and abilities.

There were many Biblical characters who often short-circuited God's plans and purposes through their disobedience and others who were in-sync with what God wanted to do in their lives. Our goal is to be useful vessels of honor who do not short-circuit the way He's wired us for His purposes. This message encourages us to stay in-sync with Him by being God-centered vs. self-centered.

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or visit the link below

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Prophetic Poem

Filled with Flames of Fire

He comes on the wings of the wind, filling our vessels.
With clouds as His chariot, He comes to set us aflame.
With rushing winds, He comes with tongues of fire to ignite.
Filled with flaming fire, His vessels go forth in His Name.
With great expectancy, His name is proclaimed with might.

With passion ignited, transforming power produces purity.
As the chaff begins to burn; the old disappears into ashes.
As His gentle breeze blows, newness comes with surety.
With each new day, there's an expectation of what's ahead.
As the chaff continues to burn, old strongholds disintegrate.

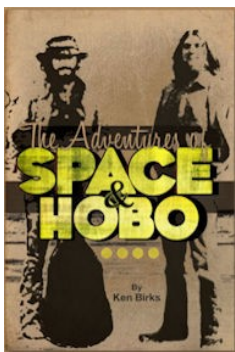
Made anew by His Spirit, vision and purpose awaken.
With divine abilities and gifts birthed, He gives sail to the wind.
With flames ignited, power explodes, giving birth to ministry.
With the mind of Christ imparted, confidence explodes with desire.
Clothed with splendor, He makes His ministers flames of fire.

With zeal, He performs in His servants all that's in His Word.
From the wings of the wind, He breathes. dry bones to awaken.
Igniting flames of fire, going forth, He anoints His bride.
With explosive power, His saints infused from authority on high.
With mighty wind, He gives sail to all who watch and standby.

Clothed with the sun, moon, and stars, the bride waits.
A chaste virgin, she waits in the fullness of the His stature
Wedding garments on, she's made ready, her day, now near.
On the clouds of heaven, her bridegroom comes receiving her.
In perfect unity, she's known as He's known, now consummated.

Be Sure to Check out the August Promo featuring Ken's Other Two Books

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The Adventures of Space and Hobo tells the story of Ken's vagabond life after Vietnam. It explores the on-the-ground confusion and chaos of the Vietnam War and its effects on a generation. Ken and his traveling companion, Hobo hit the road in search of adventures. The story takes us step by step along the path of an awakening of a lost soul, on his way to finding understanding.



"The Journey" gives you a glimpse into the path God has purposed for your life and to help you seize your destiny. In doing so, you will be able to live the role created for you. Whether you're just starting out your journey, anywhere in the middle, or have become detoured and lost your way, this practical book will help shine the light on the invisible path that leads to God's goodness and experiencing His kingdom within, and the greatest adventure of your life.

About Straight Arrow Ministries

Straight Arrow Ministries is a Bible Teaching Ministry, both online and offline. The online ministry reaches over 6000 unique visitors a week from all over the world. It offers Bible Studies, Podcasts, Seminars, Sermon Outlines and other resources to help build and strengthen the body of Christ. Most materials are free of charge so that the body of Christ can be equipped for the work of the ministry. Pastor Ken Birks is also available for speaking engagements such as Bible Seminars, Men's Retreats and other avenues of ministry to help build the local church.

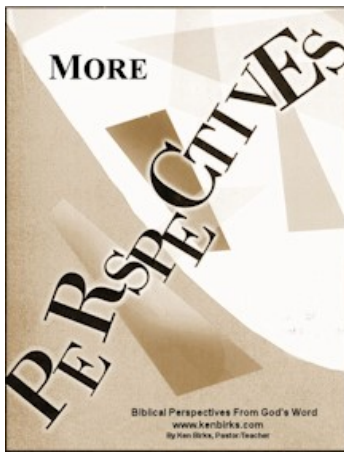
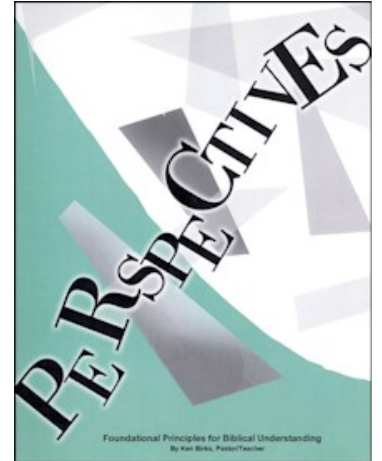
Resources from Straight Arrow Ministries

Perspectives Course & Class

The Perspectives Course includes foundations for biblical understanding that were developed for providing believers lessons that are designed to give solid Biblical foundations in the elementary truths of God's Word. They are designed with three things in mind—building a doctrinal foundation, developing godly character and discover and finding their destiny and purpose God has for them.

This workbook is available in both Teacher and Student Manuals. If you are buying for Bible Study only, just order the Teacher's Manual.

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More Perspectives Course and Class

This course features lessons that are focused on three major areas of our Christian growth—doctrine, character and destiny. It includes more advanced subjects for the believer that are designed to give a deeper Biblical understanding of God's Word that will strengthen the Christian foundation.

This workbook is available in both Teacher and Student Manuals. If you are buying for Bible Study only, just order the Teacher's Manual.

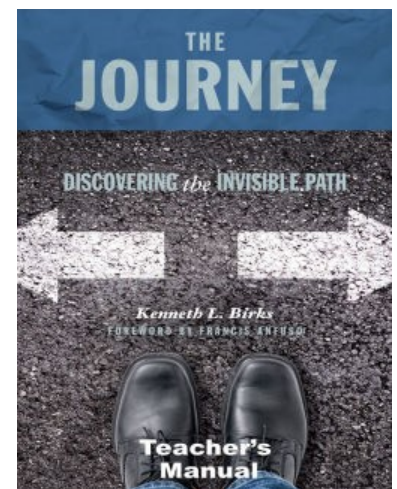
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The Journey Workbooks & Class

This class is designed to go along with the book that Ken has written on "The Journey." It includes ten lessons.

The goal of the class is to give you a glimpse into the path God has purposed for your life and to help you seize your destiny and purpose. In doing so, you will be able to live the role created for you. Whether you're just starting out on your journey, anywhere in the middle, or have become de-toured and lost your way, this practical seminar will help shine the light on the invisible path that not only leads to God's goodness and experiencing His kingdom within, but also to the greatest adventure of your life!

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Please Note: All of these workbooks come in both Teacher's and Student's Manuals. You can order both Teacher and Student manuals if you want to incorporate them into the life of your church or ministry or you can order the Teacher's Manual only for personal Bible study.