

RESOURCES concerning IHOP, MIKE BICKLE, and our PROPHETIC HISTORY

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And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"
(Matthew 13:24-30)

- **This document is meant simply as a resource for those who want to dig deeper. It is not my intention to either demonize or defend IHOP or Mike Bickle. My desire is to seek the truth and the lessons the Lord wants us to see. When there is bad fruit, one must look to the roots. My hope is that in revisiting the past, we can see how the enemy got in and infected the good seed the Lord planted. Let the information/truth speak for itself. I simply share my observations along the way for your consideration....(Wanda)**

IHOP's "PROPHETIC HISTORY" is foundational to their mission and testimony.
The Blueprint Prophecy and White Horse Prophecy are central:

[ARTICLE: Story behind THE BLUEPRINT PROPHECY \(1984\)](#)

- The "blueprint" for IHOP.

[VIDEO: MIKE BICKLE'S PREACHING IN 1986 ABOUT WHITE HORSE PROPHECY](#) (starts around 42:00)

- This original telling of Bob Jones' dream was foundational to Mike's ongoing ministry as it foretold of a great revival, coming out of Kansas City, that would come as the result of his brother being miraculously healed. But his brother, Pat, eventually died – never healed.

THE WHITE HORSE PROPHECY, as told by Mike Bickle in this 1986 message:

(Bob Jones said) I saw this White Horse (representing this movement of end-time revival young people) and it was standing in a river of water about 4 inches deep. There were mad dogs on each side of this stream. Bob Jones says he was behind the White Horse steering it. Not directing it – but when it went to the left, to the mad dogs, he would pull it back to the middle of the stream....and there was a man on a board (of which he thought was me, cause the White Horse was the movement). He said there was this man on a board that had been crying out for many years. He said this man must be an intercessor. He said, you guys have committed to intercession (I said, well it's certainly our heart to be – not very anointed at it, but we give it a shot – which has been true ever since). He goes, the Lord Himself is going to come down and deliver the man on the board. He said He's going to deliver you. (Now, he's misinterpreting the vision, he didn't understand, I was not the man on the board, but he thought that I was.) He said, One Day, Suddenly – from heaven – I saw Jesus descend, took the man on the white board and flipped him into the water and when he hit those 4 inches of water, the power of God burst forth from the people to the ends of the earth.

He goes, and the rabid dog is a sincere man with false doctrine. He says... the problem with the rabid dog (this was all the imagery, but it was so perfect) he says they can't get in the water because rabid a

dogs' throat is swollen up, they can't get in the water and they can't drink the water. These are men who do not know my ways who will try to influence this movement and destroy it, but they don't know they will destroy it if they influence it. So the Lord sent me here to keep you free from the rabid dogs.

And I says, what does that mean? He said, the Lord told me that when you came, your enemies would be too great for you. He says you would never be able to overcome your enemies because you would not have the discernment in the early days to overcome them. Those that were coming to bite you to steal the standard, you would not know that they were coming to hurt the movement because they would be sincere and godly people. He says, but I, the Lord told me I will reveal them to them one by one in a way that you will understand is the revealing of the Lord.

He says, you will stay in the middle of the stream and the water will stay at four inches until the appointed time. He says, in four inches of water, like the Vision Ezekiel 47, he says it's just enough anointing to get the people a little bit clean. Because in four inches of water, you can't take a full-scale bath, but you can bend down and get a little bit clean. He says, for an appointed season, there will be just enough anointing to keep the people right with God. That's all that he's going to give for the first season. He says, but when he comes down and answers you (because it wasn't me) but he said when he answers you and flips you into the water, the water will burst forth. You won't have to worry about the rabid dogs anymore. And he goes, and then the move of God will begin.

- Mike goes on to detail HIS interpretation citing it is his brother, Pat, who is the man on the board. Pat was paralyzed in a HS football game and Mike prophesied that it would be Pat that the Lord would miraculously heal, starting a major revival starting in Kansas City. (It never happened).

[VIDEO: COMPARING THE WHITE HORSE PROPHECY THROUGH THE YEARS \(2023\)](#)

- Someone compares the original White Horse Prophecy from Bob Jones through the years, noting how many times Mike has changed the details.
- This brief synopsis shows that a major part of the original prophecy got left out in subsequent years because it didn't come to pass (Pat Bickle never got healed). Unfortunately, it reveals a lack of honesty and integrity on Bickle's part.

[VIDEO: MIKE BICKLE PREACHES IN 1983 – VOWS TO NEVER STOP PRAYING UNTIL JESUS COMES](#) (last 5 minutes)

- I note Mike's "vow" that he won't stop until the fulfillment of his commission (Jesus returning to the earth as the result of the 24/7 prayer movement). Consider the spiritual implications of this kind of vow. It can keep a person "locked in" and driven to meet the self-made requirements – turning into a works-based narrative and not Spirit-led.

[VIDEO: 1985 – BOB JONES PROPHECYING TO KANSAS CITY FELLOWSHIP EARLY DAYS](#)

- A taste of the "early" Bob Jones as he ministered. Though numerous of his prophecies didn't happen the way people expected, many DID. There is no question he carried an authentic gift from the Lord.

[VIDEO: Ernie Gruen's Public Rebuke of Mike Bickle in 1990](#) (start around 15:00 – details failed prophecies and manipulation of people using prophecy) BASIS OF THE "GRUEN DOCUMENT"

- This "scandal" engulfed Mike's ministry (which had now become Metro Christian Fellowship, under the oversight of Jim Wimber and the Vineyard movement).

- Listening to this sermon is painful – extremely raw and unfiltered. And yet – much of it was true. Even with biases involved, the practices of Bickle’s ministry gave a community-wide perception that was undeniably bad.

DOCUMENT: TIMELINE OF FALLOUT CONCERNING KANSAS CITY PROPHETS (and Gruen’s Document)

- Shortly after the document came out, Bickle asked John Wimber of the Vineyard movement to give the ministry oversight. Wimber did and brought some needed correction.
- Evidence shows that Wimber not only put Bob Jones on a leash, but brought the other prophets into alignment, as well.
- Bickle became a part of the Vineyard movement, but eventually left in 1999 to form IHOP.
- **Part of my own concern throughout this ordeal has been the enemy’s desire to totally DISQUALIFY the gifts of Holy Spirit – especially prophecy. Even with major problems and issues that need to be addressed, we need to find the good seed among the bad. Thus, the result of this document bore some good fruit...**

(The result of the inquiry – by John Wimber, Paul Cain, and Jack Deere):

ERRORS THAT BOTH KCF AND VINEYARD HAD DISCOVERED PRIOR TO ERNIE’S REPORT AND HAD BEGUN TO CORRECT.

1. The lack of accountability for prophecies that do not come true or do not bear witness to the person receiving the ministry. The releasing of men to minister publicly in a teaching format who are not qualified as teachers.
2. The attempt by some prophetic ministers to establish doctrine or practice by revelation alone, apart from clear biblical support.
3. Dogmatic assertions in delivery of prophetic words.
4. On several occasions revealing negative prophetic words in public without first confronting the individual.
5. On several occasions revealing negatives in private without first confronting the individual.
6. Predictions concerning babies or marriages (except in cases of barrenness).
7. The conferring of governmental authority or staff positions on the individuals, as well as redirecting staff to different church locations without giving these words to the appropriate levels of leadership.
8. Giving prophetic words which affect a movement or church without going first to the appropriate levels of authority.
9. Public predictions of natural disasters, economic events, and divine visitations without the approval of government.
10. The use of prophetic gifting for controlling purposes.
11. Using types and allegories to establish doctrine.
12. Teaching or implying that KCF and Vineyard are an elite group or that we are the leaders of a new elite group about to be revealed by God.
13. Using jargon that reflects the teaching of groups that we do not wish to be identified with.
14. Calling John Wimber, or others, apostles and prophets verses (sic) using the terms “apostolic leadership” and “prophetic ministry.”
15. Manifesting an attitude of superiority through the possession of a secret body of information. Amos 3:7 is true, but the prophetic people are not to wear a garment of pride because of this knowledge.

- These points are actually very good and on point. Mike admitted much of this himself and sought to uphold these new standards in subsequent years. Even so – some of them are still being violated.... Old habits seem to die hard.

[Article Decrying Prophetic Mvt/Kansas City Prophets](#) (some interesting insights from onlookers)

[Article by RT Kendall on Meeting Paul Cain](#) (References how Word and Spirit word came about)

- Another indication of the blessing of these gifts to the broader Body – even in the midst of personal failings.

[VIDEO: Mike Bickle's Interview with Paul Cain \(1990\)](#)

- I found this – and Part 2 – to reveal Paul's sincere desire to serve the Lord – even correcting Mike at times so as not to exaggerate any encounter.
- Interesting that this was taped the same year as the Gruen document came out. Seems that Mike wanted to validate Cain's ministry (since Cain was the senior prophet in their midst).
- I also note this unique pairing of TEACHER and PROPHET. Mike's teaching gift is very prominent in this interview as he takes on the role of Cain's "interpreter." No doubt, this is one reason the prophets were attracted to Mike as he explained and validated their gifts through his teachings.

[VIDEO: The Kansas City Prophets – Darren Stott Interviews James Goll \(Sept 2023\)](#)

- James Goll was in the circle of the KC Prophets and shares his own remembrances. Gives some interesting insights and explanations.
- Listening to firsthand testimony from those who were there – is critical. Without knowing the prophets personally, it is very easy to find fault with their methods and practices. Hearing James speak of his time in KC gives another perspective on these young prophets who were just finding their way.

More on Bob Jones: (Look for the fruit among the weeds...)

[Very interesting statements found here:](#)

- Jones relates his concern about the rise of **abortion and homosexuality**, and a conversation he had with a devil: *"He told me the next time that I prophesied and told anybody about it, he would kill me. He said, 'If you knock that off we'll move back into all the signs and wonders you want to. You can heal people and you can prophesy day and night if you want to, if you leave these two subjects alone'"* (Mike Bickle, Bob Jones, *Visions and Revelations*, 1988, found in *Vengeance is Ours* by Al Dager). Were there false signs and wonders? What are the testimonies?
- I found his testimony interesting since HOMOSEXUALITY has been a recurrent issue with people associated with IHOP throughout the years.
- Article where [BOB JONES tells of Conversation with a Devil](#)

[BOB JONES testimony continues](#), telling about the Billion Soul harvest ("which I believe will start in 2020")

- In listening to his words and testimony, I find his telling to be straightforward, not given to exaggeration or manipulation. I believe he has a sincere devotion to the Lord and has shared many accurate words – sometimes years before they ever came about (2020 has certainly become a demarcation in the awakening of the Church!!)

VIDEO: BOB JONES (LATER YEARS) SHARING PROPHETIC VISIONS

- I was struck by his pure heart for the Lord and his desire to uphold the Word of God.
- I personally believe Bob Jones was a true prophet of God who had a rough start. He had no accountability at first, was uneducated and “raw,” and didn’t care (at all!) what people thought.
- His (few) sexual sins were not habitual and did not include adultery. Once given correction, he purposed to adhere to a righteous standard and accepted the oversight.

VIDEO: COREY RUSSELL SHARES ABOUT BOB JONES RECENTLY

- Many trusted leaders respect the man Bob Jones became. The testimonies are incredible.

VIDEO: KRIS VALLOTTON ALSO SHARES OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH BOB JONES

- I highly respect Bill Johnson, Kris Vallotton, and Bethel ministries (one of our sons attended their ministry school and we visited numerous times).
- His is another testimony of Bob’s prophetic accuracy and desire to empower others.

CONCERNING THE KC Prophets:

My own conclusion, thus far, is that these men of God all loved the Lord and carried very powerful gifts. Unfortunately, that generation was not prepared to properly nurture and disciple these powerful gifts and ended up reaping the results. Thankfully, most of them went on to have powerful ministries of their own which blessed many people. The years through the fire had a positive effect (in the end) and I believe they left some powerful deposits in the Body of Christ which should not be thrown away just because of initial character flaws and unhealthy ministry practices.

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (Revelation 19:10 ESV)

ARTICLE DETAILING THE HISTORY OF IHOP (2002 – Kansas City paper)

- Details the back story and history of the ministry (note that the author of this article doesn’t seem to believe in the current use of spiritual gifts).
- Gives more details about Bob Jones and his past life before Christ (which people usually reference to “prove” he’s mentally unstable.)
- Tells how other prophets began to show up in Kansas City and befriend Mike.
- Interesting detail about Paul Cain believing an angel told him to become celibate. I highly doubt he had the right interpretation as his life was plagued with loneliness and self-doubt, which led to alcoholism and homosexuality. Even so, his prophetic gift proved to be accurate many times.
- Gives the context of Ernest Gruen’s confrontation from the pulpit concerning these prophets who, seemingly, had come to take over the city.
- Tells us the eventual reconciliation 3 years later and Mike’s own admission of faults which Gruen assessed correctly: *“We mismanaged the prophetic ministry without being accountable.”*
- Also reveals an interesting pattern in Bickle not disclosing board members when asked.
- Details the individual prophetic ministries begun soon after the “Kansas City Prophets” disbanded.
- Cites their ongoing mission: They work “to prepare the Church as a holy, lovesick bride for the unique measure of glory and persecution in the End Times,” according to a Friends of the Bridegroom brochure.
- Also confirms the high demand for the students to continually pray and fast (which, I believe, gave way to a works-based approach to gain favor from God).

- Bickle also recounts a powerful encounter in 1984 when he was taken to heaven in a dream. He says he hears “God’s audible, thunderous voice.” According to Bickle, God repeated the same message three times: “Young man, if you are impatient, you will cause much harm and much turmoil to many people.”

ARTICLE: Scandal broke in 2012 due to student dying because of cult-like teachings connected to IHOP.

- A young man led a house group of IHOP students, and his wife was later found dead. He was a suspect but evidence determined it was suicide. He was found to be homosexual and maintaining a cult-like status with his ingrown community.
- Exposes an ongoing issue with HOMOSEXUALITY connected to the ministry.
- In researching this story, one has to ask – where was the spiritual oversight!!??

VIDEO: THE MISSING REVIVAL – A previous student of IHOP in the early years tells her story.

ARTICLE: IHOP RESIGNS FROM EVANGELICAL COUNCIL FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY (2021)

- IHOP removed itself from financial accountability in 2021. Why?

BLOG: “I LIVED WITH MIKE BICKLE AND HIS FAMILY FOR YEARS”

- This is a blog article from 2010 (rather long) from someone who lived with the Bickle family and attended IHOP for several years. I find it to be very honest and open. Though I’m saddened by some of their conclusions concerning the use of spiritual gifts, they provide some powerful insights into the poisoned roots of this ministry.

He uses two things that are very alluring to the young and naïve. One of which is the promise of a perfect love affair that is obtained through continual adoration of Christ through prayer. The other is the promise of a ministry or a position of authority in the church through the sacrifices made in the prayer room. He promises his followers a perfect love affair with God which appeals to young people because they are coming of age for romance but the reality is that an inordinate amount of people that have been an intricate part of IHOP from its inception are now divorced or in spiritual ruin a fact that is commonly ignored. You would be astounded at the amount of relationships and families that I have seen decimated by trying to obtain Mike’s doctrine of a perfect love affair. The divorce rate is shocking as well as the future destruction that is continually wreaked upon the children that were abandoned in the care of strangers while the well meaning parents sacrificed their lives in the prayer room asking for things that never came to pass. ... IHOP is a works based movement that appeals to flesh through the religion of prayer and fasting which is a minor activity in the Word of God but Mike has made it into a major.

2023 LETTER FROM SAM STORMS AND MICHAEL SULLIVANTS CONCERNING MIKE’S “CONFESSION”

- Two ministers who previously worked at IHOP with Mike, now stand with Jane Doe and other victims.
- This outline will, more than likely, be updated as new sources come in....