

January Message: Year of Progressive ENLARGEMENT

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When I was a child, I spoke as a child. I thought as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. 1 Cor. 13.11

2025 has been a landmark year indeed. Several wars, including the Isreal -Hamas war from October 2023 ended*. It was also a year when Africa's largest and most resourced nation faced the reality of the greatest threat to her progress, namely insecurity to life and property primarily from Islamic terrorists and their sponsors. They have continued to resist learning or education even when many other Islamic nations including Saudi Arabia and Gulf nations have embraced and prospered from it.

The year following 2025 would be a year of expansive growth for as many as are ready for a new walk with God.

But first, we must all be grateful that we made it to the new year, as our good and great God of increase has called us to His eternal plan of **progressive increase or expansion**. Jn.10.10; 15.5,8.

The Creator made all things to increase in nature. A baby grows into an adult. If that baby remains a baby after several months and years, s/he is retarded or stagnant. Plants mature and produce fruits. Every spirit of degradation, retardation or stagnation is brought to an end by an external power, either through natural or supernatural means. Is. 38. 21, Acts 3.6-7.

God destines us to expand and grow in this year and season. Instead of just making wish lists, we are to give Him a free hand to make this happen in our lives. Like the very religious Saul of Tarsus we are to ask WHAT MUST I DO? Acts 9.6, the Lord gave him four things that are core to progress in our kingdom engagement v.6-19:

1. **A new Perception and Identity** v.8-12: This is the foundation to divine enlargement. He thought he could see but the Lord showed him how spiritually blind he was. After his encounter with the Lord, he is enabled to help others to recover their spiritual sight. This is our mandate as well after the Lord opens our ears and

eyes.Pr.20.12. To help others hear and see into the spiritual realm starting with who they are: **kings and priests of our Lord** in this world. Rev. 5.10. We are to help others appreciate that what the invisible is far more important and eternal than the visible.2. Cor. 4.18.

2. **A new Commission or Purpose** v.15. Like Him, God has called us His chosen instrument to bear His name in the secular and spiritual realms by our witness and lives as His kings **and priests who bring His kingdom to pass everywhere we go** Matt. 6:10a
3. **A new Passion** for life as we, like him, are filled with the Holy Spirit. v. 17-18-to change our communities and nations by our genuine repentance and sanctification as we pray and seek the Lord's fire power. James 5.16-17.
4. **New Partners:** God will connect you this year with new partners who would assist your ever forward movement. V.19

What makes my year new is the new perception, purpose, passion and partners. The Lord has called us all not to RELIGION, but to a RELATIONSHIP with Him and His children.

Welcome to the new year of progressive enlargement.

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*Other wars that ended in 2025: Pakistan vs India, Rwanda vs Congo DRC, Thailand vs Cambodia, Armenia vs Azerbaijan, Egypt vs Ethiopia, Serbia vs Kosovo, Israel vs Iran.