



## WHY AGLOW AND ISRAEL?

Over the past several years, God has birthed a revelation of His heart regarding Israel into the heart of the leadership of Aglow. He has actually been preparing the ministry for this call for many years. NOW is the time!

### 1992: THE “ESTHER” CALL

Down through the years, Aglow has received prophetic words that the ministry was called “for such a time as this.” As early as 1992, a word came likening Aglow to Esther, an ordinary Jewish girl who risked all to stand in the gap for her people. The plot to annihilate the Jewish people had come through Haman, an officer of the court, and would have succeeded in destroying the Hebrew race had Esther not been obedient to the call of God to risk her life and go before the king.

Before she went, she called for a 3-day fast among the people. In 1998 (and again in 2003), the Aglow ministry participated in a “Third Day” fast, based on *Esther 4:16* for the purpose of seeking God as He brought us into a new season and a new anointing. In retrospect, as we see what He has subsequently been unfolding, it is clear God has been preparing us “for such a time as this.”

### 1999: THE CALL CONFIRMED AT AGLOW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

God confirmed the call of Esther in a very specific way through a prophetic word given at Aglow’s 1999 International Conference.

*God has called Aglow as a ministry of Esthers...It is a ministry 'for such a time as this.'*

*Aglow has been called to stand in the gap for the people of Israel against the spirit of Haman, against the enemy's attempts to annihilate God's people...a plan that has persisted through the years.*

### JULY, 2000: THE CALL TAKES SHAPE WITH AGLOW’S FIRST JOURNEY

Aglow’s first journey to Israel took place in July, 2000. President Jane Hansen led a group of 450 women and men into Israel to stand with the people and pray for the land. It was on that trip Jane heard the Lord speak a word to her heart that she would be going in and out of Israel over the next several years. We went to Israel knowing God had sent us in the spirit of Esther to stand against the spirit of Haman.

#### **Haman, Hitler...Hussein**

In recent history, the resurgence of the Haman spirit came through Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust. In the present day, one of the manifestations of the Haman spirit comes through a system: religious, political, economic, cultural, and social. This system is called radical Islam. Exemplified by Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden, it views Jews and Christians alike as “infidels,” worthy of destruction. Radical Islam is intent on nothing less than seeing Islam dominate the nations of the earth.

#### **Esther Arising**

As we watch current events unfold in the light of biblical prophecy, we realize that the Middle East is the center of where it all began and where it all will end. God has called a women’s ministry to confront two key end-time issues: Islam and Israel. Aglow has been called “for such a time as this!”

### JUNE 2001: THE CALL IMPARTED TO OUR PRESIDENT

In June, 2001, the call to Israel was confirmed by leaders in the body of Christ who serve outside the ministry of Aglow. At a gathering in Florida, several recognized prophets and apostolic leaders called Jane Hansen out of the audience and laid hands

upon her, praying and prophesying in relation to the call to Israel. It was a public impartation, a public setting apart, and a public anointing for Israel – not for Jane alone, but for the entire ministry as well.

*You have been called. You have been positioned. You have been given the king's favor. And we (men) are recognizing the place God is giving women.* The word declared that, as her eyes were being opened to the purposes of God for His people, so would the eyes of those “under her charge” be opened as well. It was a significant moment of impartation for Jane and the ministry of Aglow. It was a major milestone in the mandate to Israel.

## **2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007: JOURNEYS INTO THE LAND**

From the first journey, Aglow women and men have been a source of encouragement for the people of Israel. They have made an impact by supporting and honoring the people, through their prayers, and by means of tangible aid, such as humanitarian projects.

### **Specific timing**

In July, 2000, at the same time Aglow women and men were traveling the land, praying and prophetically proclaiming God's purposes, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat were meeting with President Bill Clinton at Camp David, Maryland, USA, to forge a peace agreement.

During those peace talks, Prime Minister Ehud Barak made an unprecedented offer to Yasser Arafat: Israel would give up 97% of the contested land of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank); he would divide Jerusalem giving the Palestinian Authority sovereignty over the Temple Mount, and would give \$30 billion in compensation. Remarkably, Yasser Arafat turned down the offer and walked out of the talks.

### **June, 2003**

As Aglow women were praying at the northernmost point of Israel, President George Bush was presenting a “Road Map to Peace” in a city near Israel's southernmost border with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas. The “Road Map to Peace” remains dormant.

### **May, 2007**

Aglow participated in the first Global Women's Summit sponsored by the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus. Held in Jerusalem, Jane Hansen was a featured speaker on the global abuse of women.

As we look to the future, we know God will continue to unfold revelation concerning His heart for His people and His land, and Aglow will be faithful to the “Esther” call upon the ministry.