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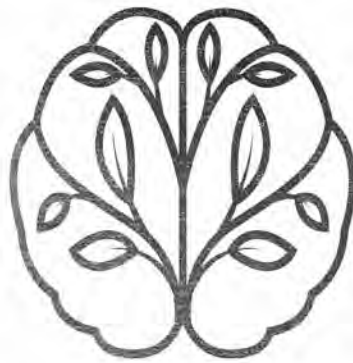
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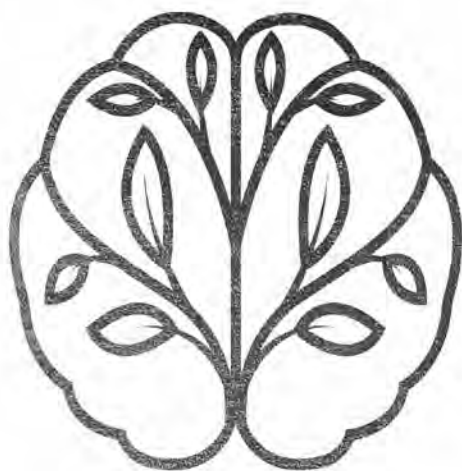
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## FOREWORD

**W**E ARE LIVING in unprecedented times. In John 21 the disciples were fishing all night and caught nothing, but Jesus told them to cast their nets one more time on the right side of the boat. The result was a huge catch of fish. I believe we are on the verge of a John 21 moment. Prophetically speaking, this large catch represents the great revival that the Lord wants to bring as we approach the end of the age.

Several years ago I had an encounter with the Lord in which He showed me some things about this great move of God. First, He told me, “Do not settle for a form of godliness that lacks power.” This word was significant for me because I spent most of my formative years as a young believer studying Scripture and theology in college and seminary. Second, He revealed that this coming revival would be rooted in His Word and encounters with the living God, accompanied by supernatural manifestations of His goodness and glory.

In chapter 6 of this book, Shawn talks about the attack on the Josephs—the dreamers who cast God’s vision for the future. I have lived through a Joseph season in which I had to endure

betrayal and the pit. But God in His goodness gave me a supernatural encounter beforehand. He told me that He would use all the pain of that season to prepare me for His greater purpose. Encounters with God at crucial moments have changed the course of my life and given me the faith to move forward against all odds and obstacles.

Encounters have not just personally shaped my life and ministry of Fusion Global but have shaped history. The Bible is a divine record and testimony of the world-changing power of God encounters. The Lord never intended for supernatural encounters to be limited to biblical times. God wants to give each one of us personal encounters with Him. The Lord also wants us to learn from other people's encounters. This need to learn is why what Shawn shares in this book is so critical for the time in which we live. There is so much wisdom and revelation we can glean from these encounters that Shawn shares—I believe they will change many lives! There is also such a strong anointing on this book that I could feel a new fire being lit in my heart to seek fresh encounters as I read it.

God encounters build faith and shed light on biblical truth. Today more than ever, we need to hear God's voice and learn from people like Shawn, who has uniquely encountered God. There are few spiritual leaders like Shawn Bolz. Not only is his prophetic gifting off the charts, but he embodies the love of God and has a huge heart for justice.

Shawn's ability to communicate both prophetic experiences and wisdom in a very accessible, nonreligious, and practical way sets him—and this book—apart. However, what I believe makes this book special are the keys to activating supernatural encounters in one's life and Shawn's critical insights into how to process these encounters. *Encounter* is an important work that we desperately

need at this time and season. I know all who read it will be significantly blessed, as I was.

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# INTRODUCTION

**A**LL MY REVELATIONS and visions have led me to the point of releasing this book to you.

Some people have read some of my other books, been part of our events, heard my podcasts, watched me on TV, or even been part of our mentoring platform online yet haven't heard some of the rich encounters that have defined my theology and love-based, hope-fueled perspective. Yet so much of what I have built a platform to share has come out of several core encounters I had with God, which have truly given me understanding into things I never would have known. They have given me a spiritual perspective and supernatural awareness that inspire the gifts and voice I have today.

I am writing this book to share those encounters because I believe you too can be released and commissioned into new ways of thinking. You might also experience an expansion of your spiritual intelligence as you see through my spiritual eyes things that point to Jesus, review our role on this earth, and even highlight the urgency of His return.

When I wrote *Keys to Heaven's Economy* in 2005, I wrote about

a series of visitations. I didn't define a lot of what I saw; I let the visitations speak for themselves. The book became a phenomenon, and people all over the world have shared how they were impacted by these sometimes allegorical visions.

I never thought I would write something like it again, but because I met with God in a unique way, I experienced a series of encounters over a decade that tied together so well I felt I had to share them. I am hoping they inspire you as well.

I also share stories of things that happened to me that were due to God's prophetic leading. When you have an encounter like this, God often has you walk something out to give you more insight into it, and He has you become the encounter for other believers you share it with. Just as the Old Testament prophets often walked out prophetic journeys that were symbolic for Israel, prophetic people nowadays can walk something out that becomes a message for the church.

My prayer is that this book gives you a new or fresh vision of your Christianity, helping you walk out your faith exactly as God intended and in a way you have hungered for. I also pray it helps you see some things God has been preparing you to see all along.

If you are like me and have a hard time with parabolic, allegorical, or visionary language, I encourage you to give this book a try and see if there is inspiration to be found. So much of what is in here is not literal but spiritual, so it can be interpreted many different ways. But my heart and goal are that the teaching in these pages would only enhance your experience with the Bible and prayer.

I share a lot of my own life experiences and parallel them to spiritual themes God was showing me at different times. I know this can sometimes be mistaken for self-indulgence or self-importance, but I have no intention of drawing focus to me. I write this only to share from my life and heart for your benefit—so you can see what I see.

In these pages is an encounter-based view of concepts most

evangelical theologians believe are true. What I share is experiential; however, I believe the encounters will help you better relate to what the Bible teaches. The insights I have gleaned from these encounters are not anti-biblical but would be considered extra biblical. However, I stay true to the basic tenets of the faith outlined in the Bible, not straying from or adding to that truth but trying to give you my experience of it.

Some of the encounters and visions I've had have led me to study fields that were never on my radar and to search for language to best express how our great and beautiful God wired us to walk out our connection to and with Him. This caused me to care about neurology, neurobiology, psychology, and the environment. I believe encounters with God should lead us to care about what God is doing all over the world in various fields, not just the ones we had passion for before the encounters.

The children of Israel were given practical strategies for how to thrive and build and cultivate their culture, nation, and land. Similarly, God is giving the body of Christ revelations that are church centered but that will also bless the world. The revelations He is releasing are about how to thrive in the entire world, not just in ministry.

We are the most unique beings in the universe other than God because not only are we made in His image; we are an imprint of God's very nature. We have the capacity to manifest God's glory through our partnership with Jesus in a way that will set the whole earth back to God's original plan and order by the end of the age. If we could understand our spiritual, neurological, psychological, and even physical connection to God, we could bring His changes to every problem humanity faces. A lot of these solutions may originate through our incredible, supernatural connection to God, but they will come in the form of practical wisdom and even scientific solutions.

The closer we get to the return of Christ, the more distorted mainstream issues such as those found in psychology, science, politics, education, and media become. That is what we are seeing now on a grand scale. But God will be releasing Christians to demonstrate what His love looks like in these same areas. It does not matter how dark it gets; that just sets the stage for the illumination of all that God is and for His glory to shine more profoundly through people like you and me.

We are about to come into a great time of light. These perplexing issues of our time will be disrupted, in a heavenly way, by believers who not only express the principles of their faith but also release tangible resources for people to experience it. We see this in the Bible—for every Egyptian and Babylonian experience there was a Daniel, Esther, or Joseph to deliver God's will and protect His people. Many times they brought blessing or balance to a worldly, secular culture as well.

You are going to find that the encounters in this book inspired action on my part, and they shaped much of the last eighteen years of my life. Hopefully faith will come by your "hearing" these encounters because God is making so much available to you in so many ways! My prayer is that this encounter will become your encounter and you will find yourself in these pages as you read them.

## CHAPTER 1

# THE BEGINNING OF THE ENCOUNTER

**I** WAS POSITIONED ON a ridge overlooking a valley. Although I knew this was a vision, the experience was so real to my senses. I was looking over an area in the valley that was being developed by an ancient civilization. It was not like watching a TV channel because all my senses were active as if I were there. I could smell the thick desert air, and my eyes were partially blinded by the hot afternoon sun, yet it was still a vision. I could see people of all types down below, and they were building things. There was so much construction going on that I did not know where to look first, and because of my lack of education on ancient architecture, I couldn't completely understand what was being done in the various areas.

There were so many different laborers around. It was astounding just how many thousands of people were working. I saw roads being paved with historical materials. I zoomed in to what seemed to be a planning area, with men pointing at architectural maps or systems. Buildings were being designated for certain places. It was all being so well planned it was almost mythical.

I was watching a masterful city being re-created from the

ground up, but I didn't know exactly what I was looking at until I saw the tens of thousands of laborers in the middle of it all. One of the future wonders of all mankind—a building people had been waiting to be built since the fall of man—was becoming a reality. Up until this point, I thought I was seeing a parabolic vision, a parable of sorts that was one of the most powerful demonstrations of God's imagination in my own. But now I knew God was showing me one of humanity's greatest events: the construction of the temple in ancient Israel.



The Israelites were busy working, but foreigners living in Israel had also been conscripted to help build. Can you imagine seventy thousand men just carrying materials, eighty thousand men cutting stone in the hills, and thirty-six hundred foremen overseeing them? What did other kingdoms think about this structure that was unlike anything anyone had ever seen or imagined, or the fact that everyone was busily working to build a temple to the God who was known to love His people, not just indenture them into servitude?

As the foundation was being laid for the temple of God, I could hear the loud sounds of stones moving and construction happening, and I could see animals maneuvering around the construction through bustling, primitive but beautiful streets. There was also a strange hush in the midst of the noise, as if everyone knew they were working on something that had never been created before. I compare it to modern construction workers working on a building in a large city such as New York, without the carnal and sometimes lowbrow working environment that you picture in modern construction sites. The atmosphere was solemn, but it wasn't like the quiet you find in a library. There was a general

joy and anticipation in the air, as if this generation of Israelites knew God had chosen them to build this structure, that they were part of something that would so mark history that people would remember what was happening before and after this moment in time.

I was given a bird's-eye view of the whole region and found myself swooping over streets, housing, marketplaces, walls, and finally, again, to the construction underway at the temple site. I could see into a magnificent staging area, where a group of men was looking over plans and designs, and in the middle was a man right out of the Bible. I knew him immediately, not because of my biblical knowledge about the temple being built, though I am sure that was somewhere within me, but because he was absolutely unlike anyone else the world has ever seen. He had the joyful countenance of a man groomed for God's greatness. His ruddy good looks, his dark skin, the depth of wisdom in his eyes, and the life experience only David's son could have carried made it clear to me—this was Solomon.

I knew I was looking at Solomon early in his reign—before the coming splendor God would regale him with—yet he was majestic. Being the son of King David had created a culture, or air, about him that made him stunning to observe. How he carried himself and coordinated with those around him was a sight to behold. He carried a presence that came from within him and radiated to all those who were serving him. I felt what people must feel when they are around top Olympic athletes on gold medal day or Wall Street brokers radiating the glory of watching the stock market make its largest closing in history. I was beholding this man in all his glory. He was awe-inspiring, yet it was not just his characteristics that defined him. Even more than his being a glorious man, I could see and sense potential inside him that drew heaven's attention.

I looked at a realm beyond the natural things I was seeing, and

there, beyond the veil of humanity, I saw the spiritual reality. I saw that not only was Solomon surrounded by expert builders and influential men; he also had an audience of the angelic. Heaven seemed to be buzzing as much as the construction I was watching. Heavenly beings that were indescribable were flying in all directions, and the whole area seemed to be encircled by an army in the sky that was so vast I couldn't imagine trying to count all its members.

Up to this point, I had only been watching this vision, but now a spiritual being standing next to Solomon looked up at the small spot I was canvassing the area from. He seemed to see me. It scared me at first, as it might if you were watching an epic movie and suddenly one of the characters looked right at you. Not only did the being see me; he came and stood next to me. He was in a realm that was just beyond my normal sight, so he appeared blurry—like an even blurrier Monet painting hanging between me and the objects in the vision. He moved like liquid, and I was both afraid and intrigued when I saw him. I knew this heavenly being was an angel, but I wouldn't understand the depth of what I was seeing until later.

A voice rang out that sounded like it was on amplified speakers: "This is an important time in Solomon's day." There was comfort in what he said, and I acted as if I knew what he was talking about, but I didn't know at all. We watched for what seemed to be a year. The atmosphere was so pregnant with his words. I was imagining why it was so important, but I was too afraid to talk.

Then my vision of the construction started to speed up, as if it were being fast-forwarded, and what took years in human time happened in my vision in several minutes. I watched glorious structures such as schools, great marketplaces, and housing all being built in one sudden moment, and I watched agricultural development at the same time in the distance.

In the heavens above the construction, in this fast-forward part of my vision, things seemed just as active. It reminded me of a busy airport, with many planes coming and going, but instead of watching a coordinated effort of planes, it seemed as if angels were everywhere, visiting and depositing part of God's very nature throughout the region. It was almost as if I were watching spiritual agriculture—God's nature being planted like seeds in the people below. Something was getting sown that had never been sown before.

But what I was focused on was what everyone in the city was interested in: the temple. Being an American in this century, I did not have the awareness of what this temple meant to the children of Israel, who had been carrying an ark around to defeat enemies and intimidate their oppressors. I did not understand what Solomon was departing from to create this God-commissioned structure when all he had known to date was to worship in the tabernacle of David. I did not understand the holiness of the room called the holy of holies. But I knew it was all breathtaking even before I had any education about it.

The people all around were on a crash course, being prepared for something that had not been present in humanity since the Garden of Eden. God's presence was going to cohabitate with them. They were going to experience the benefit of this not only in their worship but also in their families, in their education, in their judicial system, in their city infrastructure, in their agriculture, and in their politics. Everything was being prepared to bring about a city and people that thrived under the presence of God.

### SOLOMON'S CRY

Then the angelic man pointed, and I was brought into an almost face-to-face vision of Solomon. Things were happening inside of him too. He was being prepared for the presence of God, and I could sense in him a cry that was, surprisingly, not romantic or

poetic like his father's; it was a cry birthed out of deep frustration. He knew he could not do things the same way his father, David, had, and he needed more.

King David himself said he had not been chosen to build the temple because of the blood on his hands (1 Chron. 28:2–3). David had a golden heart, but he sometimes used barbarian methods to rule. Solomon was pregnant with a new vision for his kingship. He saw the potential of having the presence of God on His people. Solomon was tasked from heaven with building the greatest structure humanity had ever known, and he was to use the greatest resources on the known earth to build it, but he had to do it with peace, through relationship, not through battles and war claims over resources.

Solomon began to negotiate inside and outside of his kingdom for the resources he needed. He knew how to distribute the wealth that had been stored up for the mission at hand. Even before his epic encounter with God, when the Lord asked him what he wanted, Solomon was born to rule with wisdom. He had an uncanny sense of the right way to build that affected every quadrant of society. He wasn't just building a temple and a palace; *he was kingdom shaping*.

Then we have the biblical passage of God appearing to Solomon—a man with riches and a desire to honor God—and saying, “Ask what I might give to you” (2 Chron. 1:7, MEV).

Solomon answered, “Give me the ability to have Your mind, Your perceptions, and Your wisdom as if You were ruling Your people through me, for who is able to govern this great people of Yours?” (See 2 Chronicles 1:10.)

Now this was a key moment in time. God was excited, and it showed.

Then God responded to Solomon, “Because this was in your heart and you did not ask for possessions, wealth, and honor, or even the life of those who hate you, nor have you asked for many days of life, but you have asked Me for wisdom and knowledge that you might govern My people over whom I have made you king, wisdom and knowledge are now given to you. Possessions, wealth, and honor I will also give to you; such has not been given to kings before you nor those who will follow after you.”

—2 CHRONICLES 1:11–12, MEV

Take a moment to ponder this. We were designed by God with the capacity to not simply commune with Him through conversation but be one with God—to share His thoughts and perceptions, to know His mind through His Spirit. When Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the morning, they didn’t always need the verbal communication that so limits humanity now. They had an inner communication pathway through their connectedness to Him.

No man since Adam had asked God for connection on this level, and Adam hadn’t even asked for it; he was created with it. Solomon was not just asking to be wise like the Sunday school teachers tell us; he was asking to be reconnected to the *šāma*<sup>1</sup>, the Hebrew word for sharing the same headspace with God, or to share God’s intelligence, wisdom, and perceptions.<sup>1</sup>

This is a key principle in this story. Solomon’s request excited God because it was His very real, original intention to commune with mankind in this way, and this is why He gave Solomon so much, because Solomon was being radically realigned with God’s original design and plan. God was making a statement here, saying, “If you want to be connected to Me and My mind, everything will follow that—all wealth, power, and authority.” This was the very first time God made such a point of this, and it would be the last time He would do so on this level until Jesus came and demonstrated in an

even greater way what it means to be connected to the mind of God. Then we also received the potential to experience this through Christ.

As I watched Solomon stand after this encounter with God, he had changed. It wasn't that he had been transformed or given superhuman intelligence. He had been wired rightly so that he could perceive what was in the master builder's thoughts and emotions. He was tapping into the wisdom and intelligence of God—not like someone using a superpower but out of sonship—and He was sharing God's thoughts, emotions, and even intentions. He was inspired from within, not just governed by a spiritual being from without. Solomon was flowing in tune with a loving God who was showing humanity what was possible through His connection to him. This was a new day for humanity.

This picture of divine enlightenment drives whole economies in the religious world, but it was freely given to Solomon to do with God the work that He intended. God wanted His people to be able to receive His love through the leadership and wisdom Solomon displayed. This alignment drove Solomon to build a city that surrounded a great temple and behind it a palace so beautiful, so extravagant, that the world had never experienced the like before.

## A VISION WITHIN A VISION

The angel with me let me see that clusters of living neuropathways from God's mind in heaven were overlapping Solomon's. As I looked deeply into one cluster, which looked like roots of a plant, I had a vision within my vision. I could see that the temple and the design Solomon was creating imitated the design of the Garden of Eden.

In my vision the innermost place Solomon created was called the holy of holies, but in the spirit I could see that this inner holy place was overlapped by the tree of life in the garden. The design of the temple was symbolic of God's intention to restore us

to complete connection with Him. Isn't it amazing that the man who had the closest connection to God up to this point in time was developing a symbolic and religious structure that would enable man to reenter God's intended place of connection, at least through ritual? This whole temple structure was such a shadow, such a hidden message, for the people of Israel (and for the whole world) of what was to come.

I could see the holy of holies leading into the next room, the holy place, which led out to the outer courts. Through these sections, God was creating through Solomon (and previously through other temple worship) the symbolism of a spiritual journey back to the Garden of Eden.

I didn't know this at the time, but I learned much later that, symbolically, the priests for the children of Israel would go into the temple and retrace the steps past the cherubim in a westward direction, depicting the return to the garden. The outer courts represented the fallen world, while the inner court represented a holier way of life that the priests passed into, but only the high priest could enter the holy of all holies. Similarly, Adam and Eve were cast out to the east, and cherubim guarded the garden, preventing them from reentry.

Spiritually, Solomon's architectural design became a symbolic picture of our realignment to the garden and our reconnection to God. He did what no one could do up until him, and he did it in a way that the Bible declares was never rivaled.

After the temple was built, can you imagine how many people came as tourists—from the entire known world—just to see the marvel of the people whose God loved them? Can you imagine what they thought as they saw how God was leading His people through a king who had shaped every part of the way they lived with wisdom unlike anything anyone had ever experienced? It was probably a little like experiencing heaven touching earth.



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One of the greatest wars on the earth right now is over perspective—the way we see possibilities, limitations, and what God is doing. As believers we were designed to commune with God, sharing not only conversation with Him but also His thoughts and perceptions—to know His mind through His Spirit. When Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the day, they didn't always need the verbal communication that so limits humanity today. They had inner communication from their connectedness with Him.

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