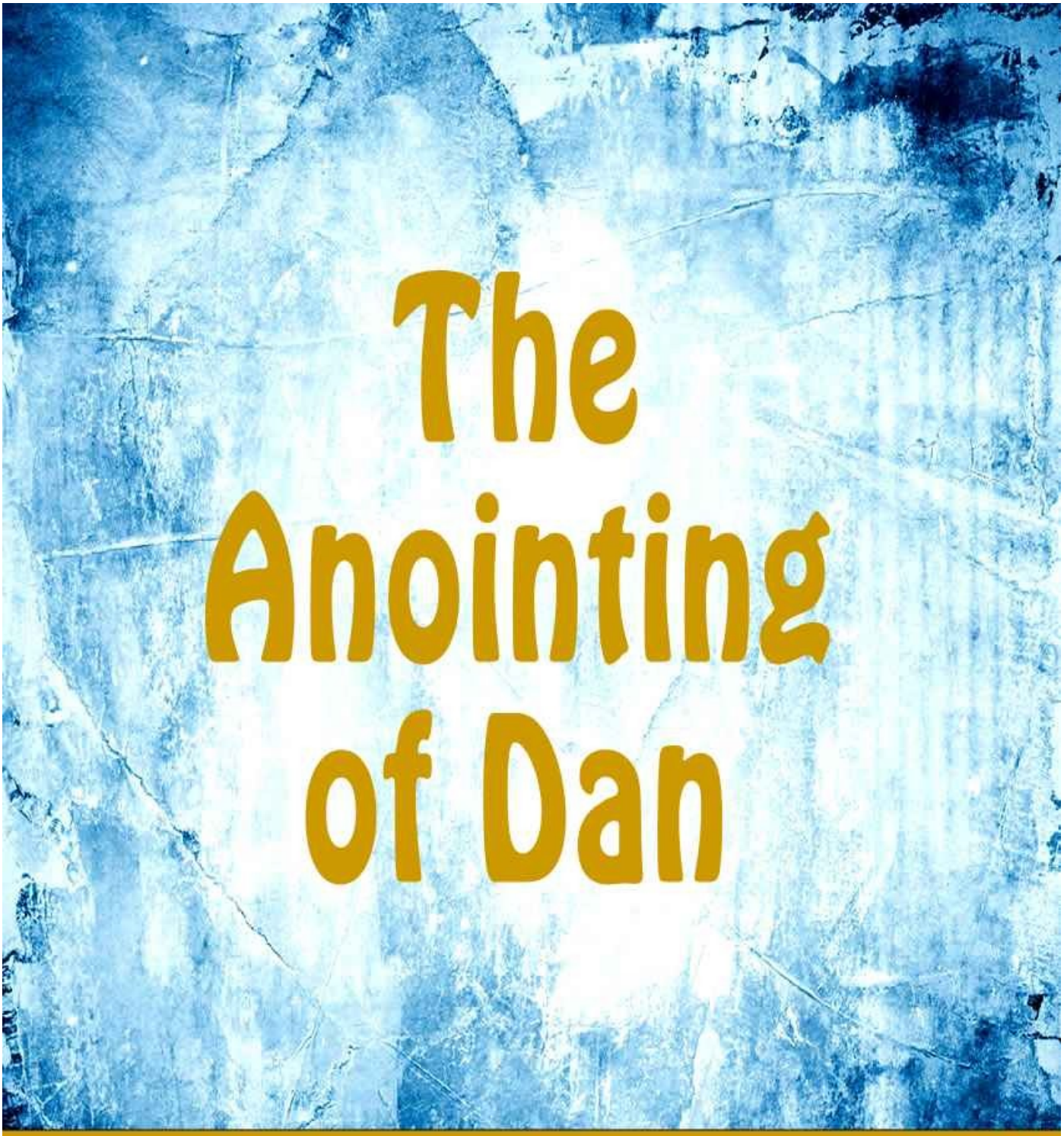


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Supernatural Power For The Last Days Harvest

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INTRODUCTION

And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you <u>in the last days</u>". Genesis 49:1 underlining mine

As the ancient patriarch prepared to be gathered to his forefathers Abraham and Isaac, the spirit of prophecy came upon him. Jacob released prophetic words about the last days that we are now entering. Some of the prophetic interpretation of these words were sealed by God until such a time as the Spirit began to release the understanding to equip and empower the Church to walk in the anointings prepared to be released at this time.

The anointing of Dan is being revealed and is available to the body of Christ. **Most prophetic revelation is an invitation to partner with God in prevailing prayer in order to be prepared and positioned by God to receive what He intends to give you.** If God is calling you to walk in this anointing, you will have to prevail in prayer and obedience to receive it. Most prophetic words operate in this manner. If you do not pray and seek God for anointing, you probably will not receive much.

"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen" (Matthew 20:16). Many are called to walk in higher levels of God's anointed power, but few are chosen because they will not pay the price in fasting, prayer, scripture study and obedience. These disciplines don't "earn" the anointing but they allow God to fashion your heart, fill you with faith and the nature of His Son so that you will be able to properly represent Him at a higher level.

An anointing is a supernatural empowerment of God that enables His work to be accomplished on the earth. The anointing is like a powerful cloaking that comes upon a person to enable him to do exploits that would be impossible without the anointing. The anointing belongs to Jesus Christ, the Anointed One and He distributes the anointing as He wills. The anointing enables us to do the good works of God which He has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10). Apart from the Anointing (Jesus), we can do nothing of any lasting value (John 15:5b).

God has an awesome agenda planned for the last days in order to bring honor and glory to the finished work of His Son. Our Father will save millions and perhaps billions of souls in an unprecedented harvest that will demonstrate His great compassion and glory. The

Father will make sure that the entire worldwide Bride of Jesus is pure, spotless, without wrinkle and prepared for marriage to the Lamb. Also, the Father will begin to bring judgment upon the earth to Satan's kingdom and those multitudes that rejected Jesus and joined in the rebellion against Him.

In order for the Father to accomplish His glorious goals, He has determined to work through yielded vessels that are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. God wants you to be one of those yielded vessels. Will you pay the price so that He can use you? He will pour out His Spirit in such magnitude and glory that the Church will be supernaturally equipped to fulfill all of His good pleasure. We will grow into full maturity and the body will be completely attached to the sanctified Head in the days to come.

As the body reaches this incredible unity and maturity in connection with Jesus as Head, the Church will function in a power and glory beyond our greatest imaginations. She will also be persecuted and martyred like never before as the spirit of anti-Christ (anti-anointing) prepares the final brief throne for the Anti-Christ.

We are entering into the most glorious days of church history, and God is already pouring out His Spirit to release anointings. God reveals what these anointings are so that we might diligently seek to position ourselves to receive them. As we faithfully position our hearts to receive what God intends for us to have, He will eventually pour out His anointing or mantle upon us (for more detailed study, please see my book, **ABIDING IN THE ANOINTING**.

Elisha washed Elijah's hands and persevered in following him in order to be in position on that final day to receive the double portion mantle that fell from heaven. We must go beyond the spectator Christians, cross the Jordan (self-death) and cry out for the Lord to release His anointing to us so we can fulfill our destiny.

I first began to understand the Dan anointing in the summer of 1999. God led Prophet Sally Beckmann and I to do a forty-day fast to seek the Lord. During this fast, God began to reveal small clues about the Dan anointing. As these small revelations began to percolate into my spirit, awareness began to grow of the magnitude of this anointing. There is more revelation to come, but I encourage the reader to begin praying and seeking the Lord about this anointing.

The anointing of Dan is a last days Samson type anointing for extraordinary spiritual warfare and deliverance of people in bondage

to the kingdom of darkness. There is a great need for this anointing to set captives free. I shall define this in detail in the pages ahead.

The power of God experienced in any of His anointings must be stewarded with great reverence and humility. We have seen many anointed leaders in the last century fall into compromise and end in tragedy like Samson. God is calling for a humble and holy generation of nameless, faceless people who can walk in the anointing of Dan without allowing pride to cause them to fall.

It is a righteous and good thing to earnestly desire spiritual gifts and God's power for ministry. In order to prepare you to walk in the anointing of Dan, God will burn you with holy fire until you are pure, broken, humble, obedient, yielded and full of faith. There is no 12-week course on how to get there. It is an excruciating pathway but well worth the price because with the anointing of Dan, we will be able to see millions of lost souls saved and millions of Christians will be delivered from mixture.

CHAPTER 1 – THE BIRTHING OF DAN

Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!" And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" So she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear a child on my knees, that I also may have children by her." Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her. And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. Then Rachel said, "God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan.
Genesis 30:1-6

Rachel's womb was closed by God. The shame and despair of barrenness brought many women in the Bible to cry out to God in desperation. In the case of Hannah and Elizabeth, God opened their wombs to produce two of the greatest prophets of all time in Samuel and John.

Rachel was destined to bring forth Joseph and Benjamin who represent the last days prophets and apostles, but first she would bring forth a son by her handmaiden. Rachel envied her sister Leah who bore Jacob four sons already.

Rachel was jealous and intensely ambitions. In order to receive great anointings from God, one usually begins in fleshly ambition. Perhaps there is no other way. If a person says, "I don't want to earnestly seek God for anointing because I might get in the flesh", that person will probably never receive any powerful anointing.

Jacob was a supplanter and deceiver who wanted the anointing and birthright more than his foolish older brother Esau. God honored Jacob's earnest desire and prepared him to receive the honored place of being named Israel, a prince with God. Jacob's carnal intensity in seeking after the higher things of God positioned him over time to be the father of the entire nation. We need to be extremely intense in seeking the things of God!

Rachel made a demand on Jacob, **"Give me children or else I die!"** A jealous woman has a powerful fury. Rachel was burning with passion to have children. We must imagine that she had this conversation with Jacob many times. Perhaps she nagged him day and night for months or years as they "tried to have children".

God has caused some of His servants to become so desperate to bear fruit that they reach a point where they literally want to die if God won't give them revival. My dear friend Sally Beckmann is that way. I've heard her say, "God if You don't give us revival, You can just come and take me home!" Sally, along with others are crying out for children, for souls, for the great harvest that God has promised. We should join the fervent intercession, **"Lord, give us children from revival lest we die!"**

Jacob and Bilhah

Jacob properly recognized that he was not God and could not answer Rachel's prayers. He understood that God had closed her womb. Rachel was so desperate that she gave her maid Bilhah to Jacob so they would bear children. Soon the slave wife produced a son. It is interesting to observe that those in prominent positions are often not given the firstfruits of revival. The anointing to produce revival often goes to the servants, the lowly, humble ones like Bilhah.

Bilhah's name comes from the root word "to terrify, to trouble". Jacob's name means, "he will supplant". Supplant means "to take the place of or to displace another". Prophetically, the last days offspring of Jacob and Bilhah will have an anointing to displace God's enemies and send them into terror.

Rachel felt that God had judged her case and heard her prayers by giving her this son through Bilhah. Rachel named him Dan. We can begin to appreciate the incredible sovereignty of God and His mysterious plan as we see the prophetic pictures He places in scripture and how He works in the midst of family dysfunction.

Dan's name means "judging; he that judges; (root = to judge; to rule; to execute judgment; to contend)". Jacob prophesied that **"Dan would judge his people" (Genesis 49:16a).** The book of Judges helps us define the purpose of a judge. God called a man or woman to himself as a judge and gave them a mission of delivering the people out of idolatry and back to God. They were usually called to violent warfare to deliver God's people from the oppression of the enemy such as Samson and the Philistines.

Because the people of God sin, Satan is allowed to sow in demonic forces and bring oppression to the Church of Jesus Christ. Demons have legal access to harass because of people's sin. Judges are called

to holiness. They are called to tear down the strongholds of the enemy and reestablish God's covenant and standards.

Dan was the fifth born son of Jacob. Five often represents the grace of God and the five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Samson was a Danite judge, the twelfth listed in the book of Judges. Twelve represents the apostolic government of God and points to the last days Church. In the wilderness marching configuration, Dan was last or 12th. This also represents the glory of God, which is our rear guard (Isaiah 58:8). Benjamin was the twelfth son whose name means "son of the right hand".

I have written a great detail about Benjamin in **THE SPEAR OF PHINEHAS**. There is a great picture of the last days apostles and the powerful church they help lead in the life of Benjamin. Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance but did not give up the idols of her father's house as they moved back to the Promised Land. She died giving birth to Benjamin, just as the institutional church will die giving birth to the last days move of God.

Joseph was born by Rachel years before Benjamin and he represents the prophets who come into a place of great stewardship of the Bread of Life after years of rejection and imprisonment at the hands of their own brothers. When Joseph and Benjamin are reunited, it is a picture of apostles and prophets coming together at the end of the age.

The Gate of Dan

In the vision Ezekiel had of the city of Zion, which represents the last days church, the east side had three gates which we will discuss in more depth in a later chapter. The water from the temple flowed towards the east and perhaps went through one or more of these gates. The three gates are: Joseph, Benjamin and Dan, all children of Rachel (see Ezekiel 48:32). East has many representations in scripture, including the rising sun, a new day, judgment, spring and so forth.

For our purposes in this book, it is important to know that God is building an alliance of prophets, apostles and judges as a great wall on the east side of Zion. These powerful anointed last days leaders will release rivers of living water to bring life, healing and revival harvest to the nations (see Ezekiel 47:1-12). Dan is a powerful partner in this ministry.

I believe that those whom God chooses to walk in the anointing of Dan will also be apostle/prophets. They may also, evangelize, pastor and

teach at a high level, but their primary office will be a somewhat of a combination of apostle and prophet. They will be given anointing by God to "judge" His people. This anointing will deliver the people out of idolatry and bring them back to pure worship and obedience.

All who operate in the anointing of Dan must walk in deep humility and holiness or the power they walk in may cause them to stumble into pride and major error. We shall discuss this in more depth in the last chapter.

Those operating in the anointing of Dan will be involved in a high level of deliverance ministry. They will also engage in strategic spiritual warfare prayer at a higher level than others. The Argentine evangelist Carlos Annacondia is an example of a person who flows in the anointing of Dan. He is probably an apostle/prophet as well.

Brother Carlos wrote a book entitled, **LISTEN TO ME, SATAN!** It is subtitled, "Exercising Authority Over the Devil in Jesus' Name". Brother Carlos is an evangelist with great power over the demonic realm. In his crusades, he prays over the stadium crowd and talks directly to Satan and the principalities and powers over the atmosphere. When he does, many people begin manifesting demonic releases. They are taken into a special tent for deliverance.

God is going to release thousands of men and women with the anointing of Dan in the last days church. I believe Carlos Annacondia is just a foretaste of what we are going to see. While he has a wonderful and powerful anointing, I believe we will see much higher in the days just ahead.

For all of you who desire to set the captives free, perhaps God is calling you to walk in this high level of anointing. If you fast and pray and seek God with a violent desperation like Rachel did, God will purify your heart over time and prepare you to receive all that He has called you to have. As you learn about the anointing of Dan, you can begin to pray for it with understanding. This anointing comes with a price. We must allow the fire of God to completely purify our hearts to walk in it. This may take years, but it is worth the price to set many souls free.

The anointing of Dan comes with a high level of authority in the spiritual realm. Gaining that higher level of authority is a process that includes total yieldedness to the Spirit of God and obedience in all things. You will have to be a worshipper, an intercessor and a warrior to attain to this level of spiritual warfare. You will not be able to do it apart from a community of disciples submitted to the Lordship

of Jesus Christ. God is not looking for lone rangers to save the day. The anointing of Dan will fall on individuals in the loving community of a Spirit-filled church.

To attain the anointing of Dan, God will allow you to battle various levels of demonic forces at increasingly higher levels over time. Many will have to war in the spirit with Satan himself. Just as Jesus overcame Satan's three temptations, some will have to literally overcome Satan to bind the strongman and plunder his goods.

There is much more understanding we need about the anointing of Dan, so let's look at the prophetic picture God gives us in other passages in our next chapter.

CHAPTER 2 – THE PROPHETIC PICTURE OF DAN

Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a viper by the path that bites the horse's heels so that its rider shall fall backward. I have waited for your salvation, O LORD! Genesis 49:16-18

Jacob prophesied accurately that Dan would judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. God will rise up a whole stream of judges who deliver God's people from mixture and toleration of carnality.

Remember that Jacob was prophesying about what would befall them in the last days (Genesis 49:1). In the last days there will be a stream of those God calls to be judges and mighty deliverers. This is only one of the many apostolic streams that will flow and manifest in various ways.

Jacob's next word is an amazing prophecy of end time spiritual warfare. The anointing of Dan shall empower saints to be like a serpent by the way that attacks the horse's heels so that its rider shall fall backward. I believe this is a picture of operating in a high level of spiritual warfare that will enable us to assault principalities and powers and knock them down out of the heavenlies.

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time". Revelation 12:7-12

The warfare of Revelation 12 takes place in the spiritual atmosphere or "second heaven" that surrounds the earth. God dwells and rules from the third heaven. For thousands of years, Satan and his angels have controlled the second heaven "air" for the most part. In Daniel 9 and 10, we see that Daniel's prayers were heard on the first day, but

the spiritual warfare in the second heaven delayed the answer for 21 days. I believe our corporate prayers will rise up before God to empower Michael and his angels to break through and win the "air war". That is happening now as intercessors prayer walk all over the world.

When the spiritual air war is finally won, the ground war will intensify because Satan will know that his time is short. Many will by martyred as the accuser of the brethren and all of his hordes will be loosed in war like never before. By God's grace, we shall overcome. The anointing of Dan will enable us to bring Satan and all his principalities down from ruling the atmosphere. We will displace and terrify the enemy by the power of God and loose millions of captives so they may respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I love Jesus Christ with all my heart and long to worship Him. I have no desire to focus on Satan or anything he does. As God has increased the anointing on me and passion for souls has increased (especially for Asia), the Lord has allowed higher levels of spiritual warfare into my life to prepare me for things ahead. Satan uses ignorance, fear and unbelief to keep us in deception. As the Lord has taught me more on spiritual warfare and has given me many prophetic words, I believe God wants to use us to put the terror of the Lord into the enemy's camp.

As we do a lot of deliverance ministry, the demons often try to attack us, follow us home or cause agitation, discomfort, bodily pain and so forth. I have a saying that I use which is this: "Make them pay"! I have been assaulted day and night at times by various forces of darkness and it is my goal to make them pay for their rebellion against Jesus Christ. God has been rising a holy indignation against the enemy in my spirit and giving me a greater boldness as I go into spiritual warfare. This must be contrasted by meekness and gentleness when dealing with most people, but when dealing with the enemy we need faith in God and holy boldness. The anointing of Dan supplies this along with wisdom.

Aaron's Rod

Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.'" So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. But Pharaoh also

called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. Exodus 7:8-13

The shepherd's rod is a picture of discipline and judgment. Aaron was God's first High Priest and was commanded by God to throw his rod down before Pharaoh and let it become a serpent, which pictures the prophetic word over Dan that he would be a serpent by the way. This is a priesthood of spiritual warfare that comes against the witchcraft of this world.

The "serpent by the way" was foreshadowed in Aaron's rod as it became a serpent and devoured the serpents of witchcraft, magic, sorcery and all the enchantments Egypt had to offer. There has never been any higher level of demonic power than in ancient Egypt where the Pharaoh claimed to be a god. The demonic power of the last days when the Anti-Christ arises will be an even higher level. That poses no problem for our mighty God. The priestly anointing of Dan has the authority in Spirit-led prayer to gobble up all the witchcraft the enemy can send against it.

The serpent is small (in comparison to horse and rider) low to the ground (humble) and is able to strike the horse's heel and bring down the rider. This is a picture of humble saints with the Dan anointing being able to bring down or displace the powerful rulers in the heavenlies that oppose the kingdom of God. This kind of ministry can only be done by the anointing power of the Holy Spirit and as we have learned in recent years is not to be undertaken in the flesh.

As this anointing operates in days ahead, we will see cities and regions powerfully impacted for Christ. While the anointing poured out upon the unity of the brethren is an excellent biblical model now being employed to break strongholds in cities, we observe in Samson that the anointing on this man of Dan was enough to single-handedly overcome the enemy, take their gates and conquer their armies. We will discuss this more in Chapter 4.

While the serpent metaphor is more often used for the enemy, all of God's creatures have redemptive qualities that reveal attributes of God. Jesus taught us to be wise as serpents. **"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16).** The wisdom of serpents includes the characteristics of humility, quietness, stealth, caution,

alertness and boldness. Serpents will seldom if ever flee from attackers but rather coil and prepare to fight.

The Bronze Serpent on a Pole

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. Numbers 21:7-9

Moses was told to raise up a bronze serpent in the wilderness to bring deliverance healing to those who were bitten by scorpions and snakes in the desert. This assault came against God's people who rebelled against the Lord and complained against the Lord's anointed. They begged God to remove the scorpions, but instead He gave them the antidote, a bronze serpent on a pole.

In part, I believe this points to the Dan anointing being released today. People get in depths of sin and demonic bondage from which they can rarely be self-delivered. They need to go to a person or team that has overcome the evil serpent and put him on a pole. Going to a powerful deliverance team can help them get set free. We are praying and believing for a Dan anointing so powerful (like that of Carlos Annacondia) that an entire stadium full of people can be set free from demonic oppression by the prayer of one man or woman.

Jesus on the Cross

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:13-16

Jesus recalled the analogy of the serpent in reference to Himself being lifted up so that those who look upon Him will be saved. All deliverance ministry is pointing people to the cross of Jesus. The sacrificial work of Jesus Christ on the cross legally destroyed the

works of the devil. **“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (I John 3:8).**

He has made us alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:13-15

Believing prayer must enforce what Jesus did for us on the cross. The Dan anointing includes a high level of faith in the cross of Jesus Christ and continuously lifts up and exalts Jesus’ glorious finished work as the standard for people to look to. The power of deliverance is in Jesus’ perfect work on Calvary!

The anointing of Dan includes initial salvation, but also ministers salvation to the soul of believers who are in bondage to demonic forces allowed in by their own rebellion and evil words. Jesus is the Anointed One who demonstrated the anointing of Dan along with all others. Jesus bound the strongman and plundered his goods in Israel. Jesus took back the keys of Hades, death and the kingdom. Jesus was a one-Man wrecking crew to the enemy while on Earth, but He did operate in community with His disciples.

I have waited for your salvation, O LORD! Genesis 49:18

Jacob longed to see the great salvation of the Lord as it will be poured out in the last days. God will use the Dan anointing to bring forth a great harvest of souls. Those who walk in this anointing will learn how to wait upon the Lord for everything. They will be totally yielded and dependent upon the Spirit of God knowing that this power to save souls only comes from the Anointing of Jesus Christ.

The Lion of Judah Arises

And of Dan he said: “Dan is a lion's whelp; He shall leap from Bashan.” Deuteronomy 33:22

Moses declared the destiny of Dan was to be the offspring of a lion. He saw in the spirit that Dan would be like the lion of Judah in fierceness and warrior capacity. Bashan was the most fertile high ground of all Israel located in the northeastern portion.

Dan did occupy a portion of Bashan in the natural, which they took by warfare. Bashan also represents the great wealth and pride of man. I sense that part of this prophetic word means that Dan will rise up in a powerful Lion of Judah anointing that will assault the pride and wealth of man and bring them down to humility. There will be a great transference of wealth, and Dan will be instrumental in this, especially as they are empowered to do great exploits in spiritual warfare prayer.

For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, "Oh, what God has done!" Look, a people rises like a lioness, and lifts itself up like a lion; it shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain. Numbers 23:23-24

Balaam prophesied accurately that no divination would ultimately prevail against Israel. He saw the lion arising like a mighty warrior that would not be overcome. I believe there will be a parallel in natural Israel that does physical warfare and the Church that does spiritual warfare at the end times. These will blend together as God restores Israel as His son (see Romans 11:26).

"The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1). God's anointing enables us to be extremely bold as a lion. **"A lion, which is mighty among beasts and does not turn away from any" (Proverbs 30:30).** The anointed ones of Dan will not turn away in fear from any level of spiritual warfare. They will be anointed to become like the Lion of Judah who fights for His people.

As a lion roars, and a young lion over his prey (when a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him, He will not be afraid of their voice nor be disturbed by their noise), so the LORD of hosts will come down to fight for Mount Zion and for its hill. Isaiah 31:4

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy? Amos 3:7-8

Prophets and prophetic intercessors will release powerful words in the end days that will express the roar of the Lion of Judah against His enemies. The anointing of Dan is that of a mighty prophet judge

roaring in the face of the other lion who prowls about seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8). Our Lion will prevail!

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." Revelation 5:5

The nature of God includes the fierce warfare of the lion. One of the four living creatures has the face of a lion (see Revelation 4:7). Holy vessels of honor are being prepared by God to roar and devour the prey in these last days. They will also be wise as serpents and gentle as doves walking in deep humility and compassionate love.

The Skillful Worker

And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle. Exodus 31:6-7

Finally, Dan includes a special anointing and skill to properly order and build the tabernacle. This anointing is extremely precious in doing the fine intricate work of weaving together the various streams and uniting the people of God around the tabernacle of His presence.

We have seen this skill in Carlos Annacondia who has brought tremendous unity to large portions of the church in Argentina. Carlos has used anointed skill in weaving ministers from most denominations into supporting his crusades. The anointing of Dan is used in power evangelism through deliverance ministry and brings unity to the body of Christ. What a tremendous blessing to the body of Christ!

CHAPTER 3 – THE STONE OF DAN

You shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it. It shall be doubled into a square: a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its width. And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; this shall be the first row; the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings. And the stones shall have the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name; they shall be according to the twelve tribes. Exodus 28:15-21

The second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond. Exodus 39:11

The twelve tribes of Israel were symbolized by gemstones woven onto the breastplate of judgment of the high priest. The breastplate of judgment symbolizes the administration of God's justice or a place where judgment is pronounced.

Jesus Christ is our High Priest and carries each of us in His infinite heart. We are living stones that are precious gems to our Lord. Gemstones are mined out of dark caves and tunnels underneath the earth. Then they must be washed, cut and polished many times before they become beautiful gemstones.

Gemstones are a picture of the potential hidden beauty in lost souls. God sees the potential gem in all of us and wants to bring us out of darkness into His marvelous light so that He can show His glory through us to the world.

The fifth stone on the High Priest's breastplate was the sapphire. I believe this gem represents the tribe of Dan, but in all my research I could not find conclusive confirmation of this. There are two reasons that I believe sapphire is the gemstone of Dan. First, the sapphire is the fifth stone, which corresponds to the fifth born son. Secondly, God gave me a "dark saying" during the early season of study on the anointing of Dan that indicated to me that this stone had Dan's name on it.

The Dark Saying

Then He said, "Hear now My words: if there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in <u>dark sayings</u>; and he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?" Numbers 12:6-8 underlining mine

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my <u>dark saying</u> on the harp. Psalm 49:4 underlining mine

God does speak to us in dark sayings. Having been in the training school of the prophet for several years, I have received many dark sayings. A dark saying is a revelation from God that is mysterious and cannot be understood without further study and prayer. Dark sayings are invitations from God to search out deeper revelation. I believe God gives us dark sayings to test our hearts and to prevent us from some judgment.

If God spoke to us clearly and we disobeyed or ignored His revelation, that would cause us to harden our hearts and incur some form of judgment against us. A dark saying is simply a clue to deeper revelation. God does not judge us if we don't search further, but we do lose out on the deeper understanding. Those who are hungry for more of God will earnestly seek out the meanings of His dark sayings. This introduction is important to explain the second revelation I had about Dan being the fifth gemstone, sapphire.

Early one morning while dreaming, I clearly heard the dark saying "lapis lazuli" and woke up immediately. I can never remember knowing, reading or ever thinking about these two strange words, but I was able to immediately write down the correct spelling in my journal. It was very early morning when I heard this saying and began to search out the meaning with great diligence.

I looked at encyclopedias and got on the Internet to study it carefully. It was amazing what I found, and God is still revealing more to me. According to Smith's Bible Dictionary and many other sources, "The sapphire of the ancients was not our gem of that name, but our lapis lazuli (ultra-marine)." We changed the name of the stone the Hebrews called sapphire to lapis lazuli although the actual stone never changed. God wanted me to understand lapis lazuli and see the picture that He placed in the gem of Dan, the sapphire.

“The modern sapphire, a blue variety of corundum, was probably not used until the third century B.C. The Hebrew word for sapphire refers to lapis lazuli-a silicate of alumina, calcium, and sodium. It was highly regarded as an ornamental stone. Rich beds of sapphire were found in the mountainous regions of ancient Persia deposited in limestone rock. Sapphire was the second jewel in the second row of Aaron's breastplate (Exodus 28:18; 39:11). It is also the second stone in the foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:19)” (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Copyright (c)1986, Thomas Nelson Publishers).

Now that your heart is beating with anticipation and your palms are sweaty with curiosity, I can hear your brilliant mind saying, “So what?” I’m so glad you asked that question. I believe God spoke to me this dark saying, “lapis lazuli”, because He was beginning to call me to pray for revelation and pay a price for the anointing of Dan. Remember that many are called, but few are chosen. I want to be chosen as one of the many who will walk in this anointing.

Part of walking in an anointing is to know the revelation of God about that anointing. The revelation of lapis lazuli gives us additional understanding to that calling. From now on, when I speak of sapphire or lapis lazuli, I am using those words interchangeably. They are in fact the same gemstone from a biblical to modern perspective.
“Lapis Lazuli is a blue rock, used since ancient times for ornamental purposes. Typically occurring in limestones found in Afghanistan and Argentina, lapis lazuli consists of the blue mineral lazurite and small amounts of calcite, sodalite, and pyrite. Small particles of pyrite disseminated through the blue rock give the appearance of gold specks.” (Internet source).

From this definition of lapis lazuli, I want you to notice that the rock is transparent blue (like a sea) and has the appearance of gold specks in it (like flames of fire).

The Feet of God Rest on Sapphire

Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. Exodus 24:9,10

God chooses to place His feet on a paved work of sapphire stone. When God places His feet upon something, it speaks of judgment. The stone of Dan represents the judgment of God against all evil. Notice

there were seventy (70) elders allowed to see this great revelation. Seventy is a number of perfection or completeness. It can refer to the fullness of time as in Daniel's seventy-week vision.

The earth is the Lord's footstool (Isaiah 66:1). As I was meditating on this truth one day on a prayer walk, the truth suddenly dawned on me as I looked into the clear blue sky. Lapis lazuli! The blue mingled with fire. At night the stars are visible, but they are hidden in the blue during the daytime. We just don't see them. Not only is the earth the Lord's footstool, the whole universe is like the paved work of sapphire stone seen under His feet. He created everything and has authority over it all!

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the <u>authority to trample on serpents</u> and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20 (underlining mine)

We observe here that seventy (70) disciples were given authority over demons. They were able to trample upon them and over all the power of the enemy and they would not be harmed in the process. Jesus cautioned them not to rejoice in their power or anointing, but to rejoice in their salvation remembering the price He paid so we could go to heaven. I believe the connection to the seventy elders is intentional in relationship to authority to lead and bring judgment upon the enemy. There will be a complete number anointed like Dan to bring forth God's deliverance and judgment in the last days.

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Before the throne there was <u>a sea of glass, like crystal</u>. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. Revelation 4:5,6 (underlining mine)

And I saw something like a <u>sea of glass mingled with fire</u>, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. Revelation 15:2 (underlining mine)

Before God's throne is a vast sea of glass, clear as crystal, blue like water, yet mingled with fire. Lapis lazuli is clear blue with flecks of pyrite mingled in it that look like sparks of fire in the light.

As God continues to pour out His Spirit, He will release a river of His Spirit (blue) mingled with holiness (fire). This will include the anointing of Dan to judge His people and trample on Satan's kingdom that keeps God's people in bondage to mixture. This will include a great deal of prayer walking and evangelism as Jesus' seventy disciples illustrated.

And I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne. Ezekiel 10:1

God's throne also is an opaque blue like the heavens. The color blue often represents the spiritual realm, a spiritual gift, revelation, God's Spirit, healing, blessing and good will. The color also represents water such as a river or ocean. God is Spirit that emanates from His infinite being as a powerful river. Ezekiel described this wonderful river that brings healing and life wherever it goes.

The River of Life

He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt. Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine." Ezekiel 47:6-12

What a glorious vision of the ministry of these last days! These waters flow from under the throne and towards the east as I mentioned before. They flow on the south side of the altar according to Ezekiel's description. They flow out the eastern side of the city of Zion, which includes the gate of Dan on the southeastern side (see Ezekiel 48:30-35). Since the water flows south of the altar, which faces east, perhaps it flows directly out of the gate of Dan. Perhaps it flows out of all three eastern gates, but the text certainly favors the gate of Dan.

Jesus taught us that rivers of living water would flow from our inmost being as we believed in and drank from Him (John 7:37,38). The throne of God is to be established in our hearts so that God can pour forth His river through us. We must be broken and contrite of heart to allow God to enlarge us so He can flow through us this mighty healing river. This will include the salvation of many souls along with tremendous deliverance and healing ministry to the nations.

The Holy Nazirite

Her Nazirites were brighter than snow and whiter than milk; they were more ruddy in body than rubies, like sapphire in their appearance. Lamentations 4:7

God reveals that Nazirites are **"like sapphire in their appearance".** God is calling His last day people to be completely out from under the control of this world and be separated unto Him so that we might be holy and pure in every way. He is not calling us into a monastic seclusion but rather to eat with harlots and sinners so that we might bring them to Jesus.

Nazirites become like the Man from Nazareth. Their clear blue appearance indicates their life and purity. They have fire mingled in their water to purify the hearts of hearers. God works through them with awesome anointing to bring souls to salvation. God is calling for a holy band of last days Nazirites who will love Jesus with such passion that they will not even desire to touch a dead carcass from this world.

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, Revelation 21:19

The second foundation of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem are made of sapphire. This beautiful stone that brings holiness, healing and

deliverance also brings God's judgment upon His enemies. It is fitting that it be in a prominent place in the foundation of Zion.

You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face. Psalm 89:13-14

The anointing of Dan will release God's justice as Dan is used to judge His people. This is a righteous judgment that comes to separate the people from their idolatry and sin. Much of the church's concept of love has been so watered down that correction is often ignored. Those whom God loves, He disciplines and corrects so they may grow up to be mature sons. The anointing of Dan will bring strong correction to the body of Christ about many things and will be a part of the new apostolic wineskin being released from God's throne.

Samson was called as a Nazirite and walked in an Old Testament version of the anointing of Dan. We will study his life closely in the next chapter to better understand this incredible anointing God is releasing to bring souls to Himself and glorify His Name.

CHAPTER 4 – SAMSON THE DANITE

Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." Judges 13:1-5

The Lord gave Israel into Philistine oppression because of their evil deeds. The Philistines were the greatest enemies of Israel in the land of Canaan. Their powerful opposition to God's people reveals many characteristics of how Satan seeks to destroy the people of God. I have written an entire chapter about the Philistine spirits in **EXPOSING THE DRAGON**. I have just listed the summary below to help you understand what Samson was up against.

SUMMARY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PHILISTINE SPIRITS

1. **Philistine:** Name means rolling in dust (carnality, uncommitted). They are envious and jealous, worldly wise, politically powerful, unified and consumed with taking what God's people possess.
2. **Goliath:** Name means to denude, to lead into captivity the captives. This wicked principality curses the armies of God and despises them. He is full of pride and violence.
3. **Delilah:** This powerful devil is greedy for money and will seduce her victims with sexual and sensual pleasure to lure them into sleep and make them feeble. She is a relentless nagging spirit and will torment her victims who sleep on her knees. She will blind the saint and bind the one who falls into her lap.
4. **Ashdod:** One of the five cities of Philistia. Ashdod represents a spirit that ravishes the people with fear and seeks to utterly lay waste to all in its path.
5. **Gath:** The wine of this spirit seduces victims to love the things of this world.
6. **Ekron:** This destroyer is "Lord of the Flies", a principality that stings its victims with witchcraft and sorcery. It seeks to exterminate and root out God's people.

7. **Gaza:** Represents a principality of murder, power and violence; a place of harlotry.
8. **Ashkelon:** Means greedy for money, the place that makes rich. The goddess of love seduces her victims with false charms before she gores them to death.
9. **Dagon:** The main devil of Philistia, or the beast that rises from the sea. The fish god who causes anxiety, worry and fear. May be seen in the last days beast.

In the Philistine exposure, we see many of the themes the devil uses to steal, kill and destroy. There really is nothing new under the sun. He deceives the nations with the same old tactics. The names, dates and locations change, but his foul breath remains the same. This uncircumcised Philistine is rolling all over America and shaming God's people. The anointing of Dan will stop his ball from rolling.

Samson was born to war against the Philistines. His mother was required to be a Nazirite until he was born. Samson was to be a Nazirite from birth. We will look in depth at the Nazirite in the next chapter. There is more written about Samson than any other judge. He was the twelfth judge and the most awesome warrior of all times. God's anointing on him enabled great exploits, which he did by faith (Hebrews 11:32).

Samson's father's name was Manoah, which means, "rest". The root meaning includes "seeking rest for a wife and to sit down and be quiet". Samson's mother's name is not given. The Holy Spirit gives us many prophetic pictures in the names or lack thereof.

The "nameless and faceless" woman represents the bride of the last days that cries out to God for children as Rachel did. Man finally takes his controlling hands off the bride and allows the Holy Spirit to bring the bride into maturity. The power of the anointing of Dan will be upon many nameless and faceless people. This means that most Danites will not build a big ministry or be well known in the earth.

Those who walk in the anointing of Dan were chosen before birth. God has a supernatural plan for their life, and the Angel of the Lord appointed their birth. They absolutely must walk in a holy separation unto God in order to walk at the level of power God wants to give them. I do not believe a poor start disqualifies a person from walking in this anointing. However, a strong finish will only occur through holy vessels.

Samson means "a little sun. Splendid sun; i.e. great joy and felicity; like the sun; distinguished; strong; a perfect servant; sun-man". What

has more natural power in our world than the sun? This anointing has more power than any other does. Danites are called to be full of the joy of the Lord, which is their strength. A perfect servant, full of the Holy Spirit, is one who can walk in this anointing.

"And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol" (Judges 13:25). The writer of Judges makes it clear that Samson's power came completely from God. As we know from the story, that power was dependent upon Samson keeping his Nazirite vow.

Samson had a major weakness for women, yet God used this as an occasion to engage his first battle against the Philistines. As Samson was going down to Timnah, **"to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done" (Judges 14:5b,6).**

This is a prophetic picture of those anointed by God to overcome young roaring lions that Satan sends at them. The anointed "Danite" will be assaulted by devils, but the Spirit of God comes upon them to rip the enemy to pieces. **"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (I John 4:4).** We can overcome all that Satan brings against us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like Samson, many of us encounter resistance in the spiritual realm from young lions (demons) before we have to deal with the people they control. We will have to war with both.

The enemy began to explore Samson's weakness in the case of the riddle of the lion whose dead carcass was filled with honey. It was discovered that a woman could reach Samson and important information could be gained. This same tactic would be used later with Delilah. The enemy knows our weaknesses and will exploit them.

Warfare is Rewarded

The Spirit of God came upon Samson mightily and he killed thirty Philistines from Askelon. We recall that Askelon means "greedy for money, the place that makes rich". God uses the anointing of Dan to despoil greedy lovers of money. God will also use Dan's anointing for the great transfer of wealth from the wicked unto the righteous.

When David was going to fight Goliath, he asked **"What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God" (I Samuel 17:26)?** David was told that he would be rewarded greatly financially by the king and be married into the King's family.

This is an important principle for those who risk their lives in spiritual warfare. God is a rewarder of those who seek Him and who do exploits for Him. God is the King of Kings who is far more righteous than Saul. God rewards little Davids who sling a stone of prayer by faith at a principality. This must only be done by the leading of the Spirit, but it must be done. The anointing of Dan enables us to take down enemy forces and God promises to bless us with great prosperity for doing so.

Several times when I've been part of a team doing a long deliverance, I have wanted to give up and quit. Then I thought about Goliath and how David was courageous and knew there was a reward to victory. I've thought, "I don't want to lose my reward." Now that may seem carnal to you, but it motivates me to do things I don't think I would do otherwise. David wanted to know what the reward was. He asked a couple of times about it (See I Samuel 17). There are great blessings awaiting those who will grow into the anointing of Dan and become judges in the house of God and in the world.

When Samson loosed the three hundred foxes against the Philistines' wheat fields, he was devastating their economy. Last day Danites will loose prophetic words of judgment that will devastate the economies of the wicked. This is a powerful anointing in the economic realm.

One day while driving to a ministry assignment with a friend, we decided to pray in tongues for a while. As we were entering the region where we were to minister, I suddenly started praying that God would take all the money of the Freemasons and transfer it to the righteous. It rose up so suddenly that I knew it was by the Spirit's direction. I have continued to pray against Freemasons who worship the god of mammon. You can read more about this evil cult in my book, **EXPOSING FREEMASONRY.**

The Typical Response to Spiritual Warfare

Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and deployed themselves against Lehi. And the men of Judah said, "Why have you come up against us?" So they answered, "We have come up to arrest Samson, to do to him as he has done to us." Then

three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What is this you have done to us?" And he said to them, "as they did to me, so I have done to them." But they said to him, "We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines." Then Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves." So they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will tie you securely and deliver you into their hand; but we will surely not kill you." And they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock. Judges 15:9-13 (underlining mine)

God's people were so bound up in fear that they were upset with Samson for stirring up trouble with the Philistines. Religious Christians seem to like their slavery under the canopy of demonic rule. When anointed prophets begin doing spiritual warfare in the region, there is often commotion about how dangerous and wrong it is to pray against principalities and powers of the air.

As his countrymen bound Samson, many prophets with this anointing today have been bound by church policies, confrontation, bad reputations and carnal criticism. Their brothers may bind them, but when the Spirit of God comes back upon them, like Samson, they break out of those religious constraints and war violently against the enemy who would like to kill the anointed ones.

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. Then Samson said: "With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey I have slain a thousand men!" Judges 15:14-16

The Philistines came exercising their jawbones by shouting against Samson thinking they would have an easy time killing him. It was at this point that Samson grabbed a fresh jawbone of a donkey and killed a thousand men with it. That shut them up! With the anointing of Dan on you, it doesn't take much to put a thousand demons to flight.

Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the LORD and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" So God split the hollow place that is in

Lehi, and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day. And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines. Judges 15:18-20

The Danite is a warrior with supernatural thirst for more of God. Since he lays his life on the line, God hears his prayers for refreshment and opens supernatural streams to refill the thirsty warrior. God is committed to refilling His warriors with the river of life no matter where they are.

As you pour yourself out in anointed ministry, God will refill you and give you more. God will open up rivers through His Rock to supply your needs when you are doing His will. En Hakkore means, "spring of the caller". Moses struck the Rock to bring forth water. We only need call out and pray for the release of living water since Christ has risen. What a wonderful adventure it is to follow Jesus!

Wake Up and Take Gates

Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. When the Gazites were told, "Samson has come here!" they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him." And Samson lay low till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron. Judges 16:1-3

This passages is an incredible picture of the sleeping and anointed "little sun". The Church, like Samson, has enjoyed the pleasures of harlotry and has fallen asleep in the arms of the world. The enemy has surrounded the Church and is thinking to kill us all in the morning. It is the darkest hour of the night.

Samson was stirred to arise as a prophetic picture that the powerful Church of Jesus is about to arise with the anointing of Dan to break through the gates of the enemy. I have written a great detail about taking gates in **SPIRITUAL WARFARE TRAINING** and **EXPOSING THE DRAGON**.

As the Philistines (representing the world, the flesh and the devil) camped at the gate waiting to kill Samson in the morning, so the enemy plans to destroy the Church. Samson awoke and by the

anointing of God broke out of harlotry and went to war against his enemies.

Samson went to incredible effort to carry these gates to the top of the hill towards Hebron, which is approximately 38 miles from Gaza. The Spirit of the Lord stirred Samson to do this for our instruction. The ancient city of Hebron is where Abraham built his first altar to worship Yahweh. Near Hebron, Abraham interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham is the father of the faith and was a true intercessor.

Moses promised the mountain of Hebron to Caleb for his faithfulness. The Anakim giants were there, and the cities were fortified. But Caleb believed God's word, gave a good report and wholly followed the Lord God of Israel (see Joshua 14:6-15). At eighty-five years old, Caleb marched off to war against the giants and with God's help, captured Hebron. Samson's prophetic act is calling us through the ages to be like Caleb, take the mountains and take down giants.

Looking ahead of Samson, Hebron was the city where David's mighty warriors lived for seven years as David ruled Judah and raided the Philistines. Perhaps Samson was picturing the day when David would finish what he was starting.

The Lord is speaking to us through the ages to be like Abraham, Caleb, and David: to arise and take the mountains where the giant dragons rule. It is our destiny to rule with Jesus Christ. As the shaking of Samson's prophetic act reverberates through the ages, we must be awaken from slumber, get out of bed with the harlot, break down gates and call the mighty men and women of God to arise for war. Wake up Church and prepare for war!

Delilah the Dragoness

Samson was enamored with the beautiful Philistine woman named Delilah. He allowed himself to be seduced into revealing the secret of his great strength to her. Delilah was in agreement with the Philistine lords in order to earn a great sum of money by selling her lover to them. Delilah lusted for money and used sexual charm to subtly seduce her victim with the motive to destroy. Her greed relentlessly nagged, persisted and pestered Samson so that his soul was vexed to death (see Judges 16:16,17).

The Philistines came up with the money in their hands to get Samson. **"Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees" (Judges 16:19).** His head was shaved and **"then she began to torment him, and his**

strength left him." The spirit of Delilah is a relentless, tormenting spirit that will not rest until its victim is captured. Samson was imprisoned and immediately blinded by the Philistines who ruthlessly gouged out the eyes of this awesome man of God. Mixture with Philistines blinds a person to true spiritual reality.

We can be deceived to lose God's anointing if we think that we cannot lose it by compromise and sin. They sacrificed to Dagon their god and rejoiced saying **"Our god has delivered into our hands Samson our enemy" (Judges 16:23)!** Wrong! Samson delivered himself into the hands of the enemy by his carnal activity. He took God's anointing for granted and gave into the flesh.

Delilah was used by "their god" to deliver Samson. Delilah means "languishing (to be come weak or feeble); to sag with loss of strength or vigor; to continue in a state of apathy, debility or suffering; to exist under miserable or disheartening conditions; to fade with weakness, to slow". The root word means "to slacken or to make feeble; to be oppressed; bring low, dry up, be emptied, be impoverished or be made thin". Delilah's influence causes the believer to become listless, sluggish and lethargic. She weakens the Church with relentless pressure and seeks to steal her strength and blessings. She envies and covets what the Church has. Once lulled to sleep on her knees, the believer is easily bound and blinded by the dragon of this world.

The result of Delilah's seduction of Samson was to weaken His will, to lull him into sleep, to woo him into lethargy, apathy and to bring him from clear sight and tremendous strength to blindness and pathetic weakness. The devil shamed and mocked his slave who came under his control for a season.

Samson Brings the Roof Down

Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said: "Our god has delivered into our hands Samson our enemy!" When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said: "Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy, the destroyer of our land, and the one who multiplied our dead."

So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may perform for us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars. Then Samson said to

the lad who held him by the hand, “Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them.” Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there--about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed.

Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!” And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left. Then Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life. And his brothers and all his father's household came down and took him, and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years. Judges 16:23-31

This is one of the greatest Bible stories ever told. I remember seeing a movie about Samson and the incredible drama of this final scene. Samson was mocked and humiliated to “perform” for the Philistines. In the end God answered his final prayer and used him to crush all the lords of the Philistines who gathered on the giant roof of the temple. Three thousand of the highest officials including women were on the roof celebrating when their lives came crashing down. All the Philistine lords were crushed to death as Samson gave his life to deliver Israel.

I believe this is a prophetic picture of what the anointed last day judges of God will do. They will pray down the principalities and powers of the air as they cry out to God and push with all their might. For many, this will mean martyrdom as they place themselves in position to pull down the darkness upon their own heads.

God spoke to me many years ago that I would be martyred. He confirmed this to my wife in a dream and a prophet recently wept over me when she saw this future event. Another prophet saw me facing the Queen of Heaven in a last day battle. These are future events that I must prepare for by walking by faith now and overcoming the world, flesh and devil in daily events.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. John 15:13-14

Jesus laid His life down for us and He will lead many of us to lay down our lives for our friend Jesus. God has given me a burden to pray for the release of captives in China, India and all of Asia. This will take the full anointing of Dan and many team members and many missions to accomplish. God could use one anointed man or woman to bring down the dragons over China. I believe He will choose to use a relatively small team or teams that march as one.

We learn from Samson the great power of God available for the anointing for spiritual warfare. We also learn what not to do. It is imperative that we **"cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Corinthians 7:1).** As we perfect holiness and walk by faith, God will enable us to do great exploits that will resound in heaven for all eternity. These exploits will deliver many captives from Satan's hands into the loving arms of our Father.

There is no price too great to pay to set the captives free. Let's do all that we can to honor our Lord and walk in this high level of anointing. This is the anointing of Jesus!

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3

CHAPTER 5 – THE NAZIRITE

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, he shall separate himself from wine and similar drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from similar drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin.

'All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. Then he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. He shall not make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head. All the days of his separation he shall be holy to the LORD.

'And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting; and the priest shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned in regard to the corpse; and he shall sanctify his head that same day. He shall consecrate to the LORD the days of his separation, and bring a male lamb in its first year as a trespass offering; but the former days shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

'Now this is the law of the Nazirite: When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram without blemish as a peace offering, a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their grain offering with their drink offerings. Then the priest shall bring them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt

offering; and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering. Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and put them upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his consecrated hair, and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD; they are holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering. After that the Nazirite may drink wine.

"This is the law of the Nazirite who vows to the LORD the offering for his separation, and besides that, whatever else his hand is able to provide; according to the vow which he takes, so he must do according to the law of his separation."
Numbers 6:1-21

The Nazirite of God is one separated unto God and devoted to Him. The Old Testament Nazirite vow was often taken for a season of 30, 60 or 90 days. During this time, the individual would abstain from all wine, grapes, raisins and would not cut their hair. They were not allowed to be around the dead or even help bury a relative during this season of consecration unto the Lord. They made special sacrifices unto God and were generally seeking a higher level of devotion or making special prayer requests during this time.

Samson was called to be a Nazirite for life. His mother was required to be a Nazirite while he was in the womb. Samuel and John the Baptist are also examples of life long Nazirites. God has called many saints to set themselves apart for a season of dedication and some become dedicated for life. Those who operate in the anointing of Dan should become life long Nazirites in the New Testament sense in order to be preserved against the assaults of Satan against them.

"Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight" (Proverbs 26:2). The enemy strategizes assaults against anointed servants of God, and we must be holy to prevent curses from finding a place of rest on us. The modern Nazirite separates himself unto God at a higher level than average and lives a life of special dedication to the Lord.

Nazirites wore their hair uncut, which is a sign of humbleness and self-denial. At the same time hair on the head represents the dedication of all the strength to God (Numbers 6:5; Judges 13:5; 16:17). Jesus calls all of us to walk in humility and self-denial. We are to take up our cross and follow Him (Luke 9:23). As we present ourselves to God as a living sacrifice each day, we are dedicating all of our strength to God as well. God may not require all of His servants to be Nazirites today, but those who would walk in the anointing of Dan best pursue holiness in the fear of God.

The Call to Holiness

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Genesis 17:1,2

The father of our faith was taught to walk in the light of the presence of Almighty God and be blameless. God calls those who walk by faith to walk in holiness. Danites are called to walk by faith and be holy. God would not have commanded Abram to be blameless if he could not have chosen to live a holy life.

Abram was not perfect, but Abram believed in God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Genesis 15:6). Abram became Abraham and was transformed into a blameless man who walked in purity and holiness before the Lord. Before the Law, before the cross and resurrection, before the Bible was written, our holy God demanded that Abram walk before Him and live blameless, without sin.

The one who lives holy will overcome the world, the flesh and the enemy and be rewarded greatly by the righteous Judge. We have many advantages over Abraham and the same God commands us to walk before Him and be blameless. In Christ, we can live holy! There is great authority and power to those who walk in holiness. The enemy will deceive those who do not walk in purity.

But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." I Peter 1:15,16

God's word is absolute that we are commanded to live a life of moral and ethical purity in every facet of our lives at all times. We are to walk before God and be blameless. Jesus said it was not enough to have an outward form of righteousness like the Pharisees. **"For I say**

to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

Jesus taught us in the Sermon on the Mount to obey the commandments of God, live holy lives full of mercy, love our enemies, pray, give, have faith and bear fruit. He commands us to become perfect like our heavenly Father (Matthew 5:48). Most Christians are so overwhelmed by their personal struggles that they are completely underwhelmed by God's ability to perfect holiness in their lives.

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. II Corinthians 7:1

It is our responsibility to cleanse ourselves and perfect holiness in fear of the Day of Judgment, which is certain to come to all of us. We have a divine accountability. God calls you into His presence to be cleansed and then to be filled with His anointing. Cleansing must come before anointing to preserve our lives from the counterattacks of the enemy. I have prayed many times, "Lord, do not give me any more anointing than I can walk out in humility and holiness". I pray often that God would purify my heart and make me holy so that He can give me additional anointing as well.

Jesus Died and Rose to Make Us Holy

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Ephesians 1:3,4

God chose us to walk before Him holy and without blame. Through faith in God's word and humble repentance, God transforms our lives by the mighty power of the blood of Jesus so that we live without sinning. Many Christians focus on their sinful tendencies and the weakness of the flesh rather than beholding God. The fallen nature doesn't want to stop sinning so many believe a lie that we must live on earth in a "struggle" every day.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our

sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:7-9

The Apostle John teaches us that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin and that we have all sinned at one time or another. God is not expecting us to have a revolving door experience of sin, confession, sin and confession for the rest of our life. A careful study of I John teaches us that **"whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:4-6,8).**

The Father honors the sacrifice of Jesus with the power to destroy all the works of the devil in our lives including all tendencies and traces of sin. While the fallen nature is not eradicated and the potential to sin is very real, the power of the cross is so great that if the believer reckons himself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, he can learn to walk in freedom and victory at all times (Romans 6).

John teaches that holy living is the normal Christian life. God is not limited by our fallen condition, only by our unbelief and misplaced affections. As we grow strong in faith in His ability, beholding Him and placing all of our heart affections on Him, we perfect holiness in the fear of God. We understand that God allows for "perfecting holiness" through a process of time.

The Holy Spirit governs the sanctification process or the experience of the believer becoming more like Jesus, becoming holy. The new convert may bring with him assorted evil habits and tendencies. Jesus calls him to a radical repentance and change of life saying as He did to the adulterous woman. **"Go and sin no more" (John 8:11).** Jesus does not condemn this guilty sinner but calls her unto Himself for a radical rebirth and transformation process.

It would have been unmerciful for Jesus to command the adulterous woman to stop sinning if it was impossible for her to do it. Jesus was full of mercy in not condemning her and in commanding her to transform her life by no longer sinning.

Jesus told the paralytic that He healed to **"sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you" (John 5:14).** God loves us too much to allow us to suffer the crippling affects of sin throughout our lifetime. He sent Jesus to pay the price to forgive us for our sins and to deliver

us from our sins now. His power is available to enable every believer no matter what his past to live a holy life before God. There is no sinful life so bad that God cannot transform by the power of His cross through His mercy and grace. God is absolutely all-powerful! Have faith in His ability to transform you. The Nazirite life releases the anointing of God's power to flow through you to deliver others.

The Romans 7 Paradox

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. Romans 7:14,15

Romans 7 is often quoted to verify the argument that life on earth is a continual struggle and we all go through it in an endless effort to make it to paradise where we will no longer sin. Romans 7 is in the context of Paul's argument about the ineffectiveness of the law to produce righteousness and the inability of the flesh to keep the law. Please notice in the above passage how many times Paul uses the personal pronoun "I". Seven times! The conclusion is that "I" cannot keep the law, but thanks be to God that Jesus did and can enable me to walk holy.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and of death. Romans 8:2

Paul teaches that only through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Spirit can we walk holy before God. Jesus fulfilled the law, condemned sin in the flesh so **"that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:4).** The Holy Spirit dwells within us to enable us to overcome the lusts of this world and walk in newness of life as a New Testament Nazirite.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. I Corinthians 3:16,17

The infinite and all-powerful Holy Spirit, the third Person of the trinity, dwells in every born again believer in Christ. To think that I am so sinful that not even the Holy Spirit has enough power to transform me is a prideful delusion and a denial of faith, the kind of faith that saves! We are not to defile the temple of God with sin, we are to yield to the government of the Holy Spirit and allow God to

produce righteousness in us from faith to faith one step at a time. The Holy Spirit is completely competent in doing this marvelous transforming work. Our responsibility is to trust Him and obey His leading and the word of God.

The Loving Bridegroom

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27

God is growing the Church up to be glorious and holy before Him. This honors the power of His grace for He shall do it by drawing His bride to Himself in love. He will not force any person to choose holiness, but he calls every one of His children to be holy. He is well able to transform us and wash us as we place our faith in His blood and word, obeying all that the Holy Spirit tells us today. Nazirites are forerunners in pursuing holiness that prepare the way for the Lord as John the Baptist did.

Jesus reconciled us by his holy life and death **"to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard" (Colossians 1:22,23).** The salvation of our souls is conditional upon our continuing in the faith to be holy, standing fast in purity and holding onto hope in God's great ability to bring us through this life without continuing to sin in the old patterns.

Put Off the Old – Put on the New

That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

Paul taught us the process of becoming holy is the act of first putting off (stopping and forsaking through genuine repentance) old nature behavior. As our minds are changed by focusing on God and His word,

we then put on the new behavior God commands as we are now recreated in true righteousness and holiness.

We have become free from the power of sin and empowered to be slaves of God so that we experience **"fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life" (Romans 6:22b).** Notice that holiness is directly connected to eternal life. John tells us that the one who continues in sin is lost and is of the devil and that we should now walk just as Jesus walked. (see I John 2:6)

Holiness Is Loving

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. 1Thessalonians 3:12-13

God establishes our hearts blameless in holiness as we love one another. There is no holiness without love. I John teaches that we must keep His commandments and love our brothers. If a person does not love His brother, he is deceived and walks in darkness. **"Whoever does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in Him" (I John 3:14-15).** There is great division, control and selfish competition in many areas of the Church. This is hateful and there is no eternal life, according to John, to those who manipulate and control others for selfish gain. The anointing of Dan judges the Church first to bring people out of carnal division into unity.

Paul spoke the truth in love to his disciples that they should abstain from sexual immorality, to possess their bodies in sanctification and honor **"for God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit" (I Thessalonians 4:7,8).** The person who rejects the call to holiness rejects God and denies the power of His saving faith. His standing on the Day of Judgment is in great jeopardy.

The Chastening of God

For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable

fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:10,11

God loves us too much to let us wander off into sin and fall away from His embrace. God is the perfect Father. He will chasten and discipline us so that we may be partakers of His holiness. Notice the outcome of God's discipline. We become more like Him. We become holy and develop the fruit of righteousness. Nazirites allow God to discipline them. They long for it and ask for God to teach them His ways.

David's song echoes through the ages, **"Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).** Not only does the shepherd use these tools for protection, but he will beat the wayward sheep to bring him back in line in loving discipline. The rod of God brings me great comfort. I have asked Him to use it on me when I go astray. The Lord has been generous in His application of the rod on my backside. The pain is never joyful for the moment, but the affliction of the Lord brings us back in line with His will and purposes. As such, we cannot neglect such a great salvation as a loving Father who will discipline us for our righteousness that we may walk in holiness before Him.

The Beauty of Holiness

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Psalm 96:9

Holy people are a beautiful blend of the fruit of the Spirit, the wisdom of God and His power. They are strong yet gentle, loving yet just, pure and generous. Full of honesty and integrity, holy people can be trusted at all times. Their motivation is pure and filled with sacrificial love and service. They are the beautiful saints of whom the world is not worthy. They are Nazirites who are set apart unto God to do His perfect will.

God is holy. He is the transcendent majesty in a category far above all of us. He promises to impart to us the character and nature of His holiness and dwells in us to make it possible. Our responsibility is to believe in His ability, behold Him, put off the old and put on the new. We then become the sweet fragrance of Christ in every place.

Holiness is righteousness and humility, grace and truth, love and light. There is nothing more glorious than a holy life lived as an offering unto the Lord. As we pursue a holy life we **"give to the Lord the glory due His name;...and come before Him. O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chronicles 16:29).**

The modern Nazirite is a worshipper who walks in the beauty of holiness. Men and women, boys and girls are called to walk in the beauty of holiness. Every child of God can walk holy by the power of the Holy Spirit working in them. Sadly, though all are called, few respond to pay the price to walk in holiness. There are many who love the world and the things of the world.

God gave me supernatural faith to make me holy in 1995. As I have pursued holiness in the fear of God, He has continuously done surgery on my life and cut out the love of this world and things of the flesh. God doesn't just cut out flesh and sin, He pours in anointing oil and impartations of faith, character and eternal life. The anointing of Dan will flow towards those who walk in holiness and ask God for that power to set souls free. God releases power without measure to those who walk without mixture. He releases it to modern Nazirites.

CHAPTER 6 – GO THROUGH THE GATE OF DAN

Walk about Zion, and go all around her. Count her towers; mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following. For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death.
Psalm 48:12-14

As we walk about the city of Zion revealed throughout the Bible, we discover that there is a gate of Dan on the east side next to Benjamin and Joseph. Every Christian has the opportunity to experience the blessings of going through each of these twelve gates though it may not be necessary for salvation. In order to understand the application, you need to understand a little bit about Zion.

His foundation is in the holy mountains. <u>The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.</u> Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one was born there.'" And of Zion it will be said, "<u>This one and that one were born in her; and the Most High Himself shall establish her</u>." The LORD will record, when He registers the peoples: "This one was born there." Psalm 87:1-6 (underlining mine)

God loves the gates of Zion, so we had better love them too and find out what they are. God is building a heavenly city called Zion in the spiritual realm that has parallels in the natural realm to ancient and prophetic Jerusalem. As we enter into God's presence through extravagant praise, prayer and worship, we are born in Zion. Many Christians have not been born in Zion, and they are not benefiting from the banquet table God has now prepared for us.

The root word for Zion is **"tsiyah"** (tsee-yaw'); which means "to parch; aridity; a desert" and is translated "barren, drought, dry (land, place), solitary place, wilderness". The following verses include this word "tsiyah" so you can understand the meaning. I have underlined the English word in each case.

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a <u>dry</u> and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Psalm 63:1-2

This verse describes the attitude of a true Zionist who is desperately thirsty for God and longs to see His power and glory in the Church. His life becomes a house of prayer to bring in God's glory.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it ran in the dry places like a river. Psalm 105:41

He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings. There He makes the hungry dwell, that they may establish a city for a dwelling place. Psalm 107:35-36

We notice above that God flows His river to dry and thirsty places. The hearts of Zionists cry out for more of God. They are not satisfied with a few hymns on Sunday morning. They want the manifested presence of God and the river of life that flows to the nations. God wants to flow His river through dry and thirsty hearts (John 7:37,38).

God calls all of us to make the pilgrimage of ascending unto Zion. Zion represents the manifested presence of God, the house of prayer for all nations, the place where God rules all activities of the church. Zion is the place where God dwells, Jehovah Shammah, "The Lord is There!" People will drive by our churches and comment to one another, "The Lord is in that place!" This is the heartbeat of every one born in Zion. We want to open up the gates so the King of glory may come in. How do we ascend unto Zion?

Zion First Mentioned

And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you," thinking, "David cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul), he shall be chief and captain." Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward. So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him. II Samuel 5:6-10

The first mention of Zion is in this prophetic passage where a parallel passage lets us know that Joab was the first up the water shaft and he became the captain of David's armies. **"Now David said, 'Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain.' And Joab**

the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief" (I Chronicles 11:6).

We are asking the question, "How do we ascend unto Zion"? We could rephrase it this way, "What can we do to bring the manifested presence of God into our churches"? These passages give us some clues along with the fifteen Psalms of Ascents (Psalm 120 – 134).

Joab's name means "Jehovah is father, or God is a good father". Just as Jesus received the revelation of the Father's love after John's baptism (see Matthew 3:17) to empower Him to fulfill His difficult ministry, we need that same revelation. Joab represents the revelation of the Father's love that enables us to go through the difficult water shaft to break into Zion.

The water shaft was dug underground the hill of Zion at a descending slope from Gihon spring. This small tunnel travels approximately 1500 feet to a pool underneath the city floor that is accessed by an impossibly steep climb and finally some steps, according to archeologists. One researcher who attempted the climb claims Joab must have had inside help, perhaps from Ornan (see I Chronicles 21). Then again, God may have given him supernatural help as he climbed the narrow wet rocky walls that served as the well shaft.

The only other place in the Bible we find the word for water shaft is in Psalm 42:7. **"Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me."** Joab followed the water descending slightly through the shaft in order to ascend into Zion by an arduous climb. We must follow the calling of the Spirit in the depths of our spirit to find the way into God's manifested presence. We must utterly yield to the Holy Spirit to make it through this dark tunnel. At first it will really feel like we are going downhill, but we are following the water through dark places.

The enemy is mocking and laughing at us thinking we can never find our way into Zion and that we will never penetrate the darkness of his rule to obtain an open heaven. Just as Joab became the captain of the armies of David, those Danites who operate by the leading of the depth of the Spirit will become leaders of God's spiritual warfare armies.

They can only find their way in the darkness by the sound of the water of the Spirit of God. When they break through into Zion, they open the gate for David to come in with the rest of the army. They are pioneers in the spiritual ascent and worthy to lead others in warfare. Joabs qualify to walk in the anointing of Dan because they pay the

price of going through the darkness against all odds. They bend over and crawl on their hands and knees through the wet, dark shaft of life crying out to God to open the heavens and pour out His Spirit. Eventually they prevail. Without the revelation of the Father's love for the lost, you will turn back from this pursuit.

We are to ascend into Zion and then and go through gates. The first generation pays the price through warfare so the next generation can walk up the ramps into Zion. We are still climbing this water shaft and preparing to open gates.

Go Through The Gates

Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples! Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.'" And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. Isaiah 62:10-12

Several years ago, I heard the Lord speak to me so clearly from this passage. I didn't have a single clue as to what He was saying, but the command to go through the gates hit my spirit like a ton of bricks. After some years of study and prayer on this subject, I've only just begun to have an idea what this means. It is an awesome truth in deed!

God is calling us to experience the redemptive power of Jesus Christ in each of the twelve gates. For this study, we will remind ourselves of the prophetic picture we have seen in the gate of Dan and ask how each Christian can go through that gate.

"These are the exits of the city. On the north side, measuring four thousand five hundred cubits (the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel), the three gates northward: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi; on the east side, four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and <u>one gate for Dan</u>; on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred cubits, three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun; on the west side, four thousand five hundred cubits with their three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali. All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of

the city from that day shall be: The LORD Is There." Ezekiel 48:30-35 (underlining mine)

God is calling all believers to go through the gate of Dan. As we have learned, Dan means to judge. God would rather you "judge" yourself, confess your sin and walk by faith now so that you gain greater rewards for all eternity (I John 1:9). God wants each believer to be delivered from all worldliness, idolatry, carnality, sin and bondage. As we go in through the gate of Dan, we experience deliverance unto holiness. "**But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions" (Obadiah 17).**

We go out through the gate of Dan empowered to deliver others and bring them unto Jesus. As we grow in holiness and keep covenant with God, He promises to bless us in all that we do. We are blessed going into the gate of Dan and we are blessed going out to reach others.

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you His good

treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. Deuteronomy 28:1-14

These promises are ours in Christ Jesus and much more. We are called to posses our possessions. We must war in faith through persevering prayer to lay hold of all that God has done for us. The anointing of Dan enables us to be set free so we can possess our inheritance in Christ Jesus.

God will deliver you and make you holy as you cry out to Him in thirsty desperation. He will change your heart and give you a burden for souls so that you can go out of the gate of Dan and reach others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can point them to Jesus, who died on the cross so they can be healed and delivered. Then they can join the army to release others. What a glorious opportunity to honor Jesus! Let's go through the gates!

CHAPTER 7 – THE WARNING OF DAN

And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed. Revelation 7:4-8

When I first read this passage while studying on Dan, I sat in stunned silence and shock. Words cannot describe the pain my spirit felt as the Holy Spirit was speaking to my heart a small measure of the grief and pain in the heart of God. The tribe of Dan is missing from this list of those sealed in the final hour of redemptive history! My spirit is in such pain even as I write this. After having fallen in love with the anointing of Dan and the glorious gate of Dan, I was devastated to see them omitted by the Spirit in the final sealing.

The revelation of the Spirit to my heart is confirmed by research. Some say it was just a clerical omission, but the Holy Spirit does not work that way. It is possible that all of the Danites are martyred by that point, but I don't think so. It appears that the tribe of Dan is deceived by the power and cunning of the Anti-Christ in the last days and falls from grace. This tribe becomes the Judas Iscariot to Israel just before Jesus returns. Due to a desire for power and glory, he takes the mark of the beast instead of the seal of God. The heart of God is broken, but man makes his own choice. I believe the tribe of Dan refers to both natural Jews and carnal Christians who choose the power of the Anti-Christ over God.

Now that creates a whole new problem. Can a person walk in a high level anointing of Dan and not be deceived? Of course he can! God has given us His Spirit, His word and His blood so we can walk holy before Him. But He is warning us not to focus on the power of delivering people from demons, but rather on the fact that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Luke 10:20).

We are Unprofitable Servants

We must remember that we are unworthy sinners in need of salvation no matter how great God may use us. **“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do’” (Luke 17:10).** The only other use of the word “unprofitable” by Jesus refers to a person on their way to hell. **“And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 25:30).**

Jesus is warning us to keep our focus on the cross of Christ and our daily need for a Savior. God may use us to deliver a stadium full of demoniacs, but we still deserve to go to hell forever. This is reality check time!

Satan fell from Heaven because He looked at the reflected glory and began to believe he had something to do with the awesome works that he could do in God’s presence. His heart began to lift up in pride as He focused on the endowments and gifts God had given him rather than his Creator. Satan then began to exalt his heart in pride above God’s throne. The rest is ugly fallen history.

Powerful anointed ministers who choose to focus on themselves and the power God may have given them can be led astray into such total deception so as to lose their faith in God’s provision to save them. When a person stops taking up his cross daily and dying to self-rule, he will begin taking up pride and self-promotion. This is a highway to hell!

We are reminded that Dan was an offspring based on jealousy and the unrighteous demand on Jacob. “Am I in the place of God?” Jacob asked. In the final days, the tribe of Dan and many others will put man in the place of God with unrighteous demands.

The Idol Worship of Dan

Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. So they set up for themselves Micah’s carved image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh. Judges 18:30-31

After Samson died, the tribe of Dan worshipped idols and took hold of Bashan by violent action. They stole a priest and believed he was a “good luck charm” simply because he was a Levite. He was also a devil worshipper. Dan took hold of the most northern part of Israel,

which may be seen as a place of pride. The tribe of Dan has an inheritance in the New Jerusalem (Ezekiel 48:1) so many Danites will be in glory forever. It just pains me to think that there are none sealed in the final hour.

Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!" And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan. 1 Kings 12:28-30

Jeroboam set up idol worship in Israel after the kingdom split. Historical Hebrew scholars say Jeroboam went throughout the ten tribes and only his tribe and Dan were willing to host the evil idols. This tendency for idol worship was a great weakness of Dan. We saw the wretched weakness of Samson towards harlotry and how that caused his fall before a final repentance.

Beware of the Serpent and the Lion

Dan was prophesied to be like a serpent and a lion. Those who engage in spiritual warfare must not focus much on Satan or demons. The one you behold is the one you will begin to become like! We are called to worship and serve Jesus as unprofitable servants that deserve nothing but hell's flames. The fear of God will keep us focused properly. Those who focus on the power of God and casting out demons end up boasting in their abilities. They are being deceived into becoming like the demons they cast out.

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis3:14-15).

The "heel" of Jesus' seed is part of His feet. While Jesus was bruised for our transgressions, we are the body of Christ. Those who are called to strike the horse on the heel and tread on serpents are in danger of being the bruised heel of Jesus if they don't walk in total humility and holiness. I pray the fear of God is beginning to burst your glory bubble!

While the anointing of Dan is one of the most wonderful anointings to walk in, it may also be the most dangerous. Although we all start out with carnal ambition and fleshly zeal, we must embrace the fire of God and the cross of Jesus daily for holy purging or we may easily be deceived by the one who deceives the nations.

"The snorting of His horses was heard from Dan. The whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of His strong ones; for they have come and devoured the land and all that is in it, the city and those who dwell in it. For behold, I will send serpents among you, vipers which cannot be charmed, and they shall bite you," says the LORD. Jeremiah 8:16-17

This passage prophesies the judgment of God towards an idolatrous nation. The judgment appears to begin in Dan. A terrifying judgment awaits all those who exalt themselves in pride and think they are something when they are nothing.

In THE TESTAMENT OF THE TWELVE PATRIARCHS (JEWISH LITERATURE), Of Dan it is said, "Your prince is Satan". The historical tradition for many centuries is that the Anti-Christ will come out of the tribe of Dan or will be a powerful agent in his ascension to rule. Only God knows for sure, but the warning to us is certain.

We must not focus on the power, wealth, popularity or the position the anointing of Dan may bring us. The anointing of God does not save us. Balaam was anointed as a mighty prophet and gave accurate words, but he perished. Judas was one of the seventy who went out and saw demons submit to his authority. He heard every message Jesus preached and participated in many miracles and healings, yet he turned away.

Many Ministers are cast Into the Lake of Fire

Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matthew 7:21-23)!

This is the most sobering passage in the Bible for me. Many ministers will stand before Jesus and call Him Lord. They will declare that they have prophesied, cast out demons and done many wonders in the Name of Jesus. They are powerfully anointed ministers including

those anointed like Samson. There may be some last day Danites here!

Jesus looks at them with eyes of blazing fire and roars an eternal command, **"Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness".** Jesus will declare to many that He never had an intimate relationship with them. They operated in self-will and practiced lawlessness. Whenever we resist the governing influence of the Holy Spirit or refuse to be conformed to the image of Christ, we are stepping into lawlessness.

We must be zealous therefore unto repentance and be reminded to offer our lives up daily as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Revelation 3:19; Romans 12:1). We must pursue holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). We are called to be the warrior bride. If we forget the bride part, we become a deceived warrior. Intimacy with Jesus is everything.

Remember that Dan is only one of twelve gates. We are to go through all the gates to have balance and wisdom, understanding and discretion. The anointing of Dan is only one of many anointings and we need to be interdependent on the whole body of Christ. We must be in community and held accountable by those who know us well and love us.

Jesus said that we should learn mercy not sacrifice (Matthew 12:7). Those who walk in power must learn how to walk in mercy, meekness and gentleness. Otherwise they may fall into the deception and condemnation of the devil.

Conclusion

I believe the anointing of Dan is available for those who will pay the price to pursue holiness and intimacy with Jesus first rather than power. You must have a deep love for souls and a willingness to always wait on God for all things. This is for your protection as you walk in higher levels of God's grace and power.

By God's grace, I am contending for the anointing of Dan. But I am first of all seeking to love Jesus with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. I am content with waiting on God for another ten or twenty years for this anointing. I have prayed many times, "Lord do not give me more anointing than what I can walk in and maintain humility and holiness." Our goal must be to behold Jesus and be transformed to be like Him, not to be an awesome, anointed holy warrior. Those who seek that later goal may end up in the lake of fire.

When God chooses to grace us with power to heal the sick, cast out a demon or raise the dead, we give thanks that we're saved, and move on. There is trash to take out and toilets to clean at home. The pay is the same for all acts of faithfulness in the kingdom of God. We must be faithful in the little things to be used in the greater things of God.

I pray that this little book has inspired you, but also made you take a sober look at your motives for desiring to walk in God's great power. I trust that I have sufficiently warned you of the danger of seeking power over seeking to be like Jesus.

If you obey the Holy Spirit in all things and completely yield your life to His government, He will choose to use you in wonderful ways beyond your wildest imaginations. He will also cause you to do a lot of foolish things that will keep you humble in the eyes of men.

Paul was allowed to have a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble in light of the many revelations and awesome power he flowed in. It is a good thing when God keeps us humble through our weak natural bodies. He will allow us to be persecuted, beat up, spit upon and even martyred as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and fellowship in His sufferings.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as
sheep for the slaughter."

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:31-39

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve you blameless and complete until that day and may you be filled with His perfect love!