



GOD'S MIGHTY MEN

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Mighty Men Emerging part One

Sometimes when one receives revelation from the Spirit of God, it comes like a mighty flash of lightening, illuminating many things that were previously in darkness. Much is seen in an instant with the eyes of the heart - but putting the breadth of what has been seen and understood into words on paper can be very difficult. I pray that as I share what was recently shown to me, I may do so in a manner both simple and easily understood.

I am becoming more and more aware that a large portion of these end-time battles will consist of the forces of witchcraft pitted against the true power of God (as seen in the confrontation between Elijah and Jezebel) and to this end the Spirit of God has, for quite some time, been putting His warriors-in-training through some rigorous personal struggles in order to equip them with the various skills needed. Humility will be their clothing and they have no desire for the praise of man but only live for the Father's smile. In contrast satan has also been grooming his counterfeit army, trained in soulish occult power and operating in counterfeit signs.

God's intense training sessions have been conducted far from the appointed final battlefield and passersby have hardly been aware that they have brushed shoulders with one of God's mighty men-to-be; this being because much of the training battle has been waged on the hidden ground of the heart as each has faced their personal wilderness season. While the counterfeit has been seeking every opportunity for exposure on the stage and in the pulpit, God's little band of warriors have been busy in the secret place away from the eyes of man and obedient only to the voice of the Holy Spirit who has been putting them through their paces.

BUT NOW I sense very strongly that the time of release is at hand! Just as Jesus came out of the wilderness in the POWER of the Spirit, so too this band of seasoned warriors will emerge from the wilderness training camp with the

power and presence of the King of Kings in their midst. We find a description of this event in Song of Songs:

Son 3:6 Who is this coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, from all the merchant's powders? Son 3:7 Behold his litter, Solomon's! Sixty mighty men are around it, of Israel's mighty men. Son 3:8 They all hold swords, being expert in war; each man has his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night.

Note that this company is perfumed with myrrh, speaking of death to self, and frankincense which alludes to prayer and worship. Only the path of death to self leads to resurrection life and the true power of the Spirit. Only holiness and a life of prayer and worship empowers one against the demonic realm. These mighty men will be holy vessels, purged in the refiner's fire; living sacrifices whose fragrant lives will minister to those they minister to. They are also described as being expert in war, having been put through their paces in the wilderness season. Jesus was also expert with the sword of the Word, having been tested for 40 days in the wilderness where He declared repeatedly, "it is written". These sixty carry in their midst the portable throne of the King. His presence goes with them wherever they go! The Hebrew word for mighty men is 'gibbor' which is also translated 'strong man, warrior, champion'. One of the names of God is El Gibbor and His action is described in these verses:

Psa 78:65 Then the Lord awakened as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouts by reason of wine. Psa 78:66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

Isa 42:13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

This company of mighty men released from their time of testing and training go forth as a corporate man of war and prevail against the

enemies of the Lord. For them the appointed dark night of trial and testing is retreating and as the dawn of a new day arrives, they are released as those in whom the Word has become flesh, vessels of honor who are fit for the Master's use.

Just as John the Baptist, described as 'the Elijah who was to come' by Christ, emerged from the wilderness with a fiery message, so too these seasoned warriors carry a message seasoned with fire. John was a voice crying in the wilderness who prepared the way for the Lord. He was the bridge between the Old Testament prophets and the Lamb of God, the last messenger before the manifestation of the long-awaited prophetic Word. People came to him, received his message and were directed to Christ.

Malachi chapter four speaks of a DAY coming which burns like an oven, during which the Sun of Righteousness will arise for those who fear His name. Remember God's day begins with the evening and then comes the morning. The last star to be seen in the night sky before the sun rises is the morning star. The morning star is the bridge between the fourth watch of the night and the new day when the sun rises - just as John the Baptist was the bridge between the Old and the New Testament. Jesus declared to another John (the Beloved) that He is the Morning Star:

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, the mighty men of God have been trained to overcome in preparation for a great end-time battle between occult powers or witchcraft and the true power of God. In one of the letters to the seven churches, God deals specifically with the false prophetic and witchcraft operating in the church and originating from the spirit of Jezebel. He decrees His planned judgment upon her and her children (works) and has a promise for those who overcome this particular battle:

Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes and keeps My works to the end, to him I will give power over the nations. Rev 2:27 And he will rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter they will be broken to pieces, even as I received from My Father. Rev 2:28 And I will give him the Morning Star.

Here we see the outcome of the training and testing which the mighty men have undergone. They are those who overcome and are victorious in this arena and are therefore considered fit to rule AND they also receive the morning star. What does this mean? Jesus is the Morning Star so receiving the morning star means receiving the portion of the revelation of Christ that is necessary to move from the fourth watch of the night into the time when the Son of Righteousness is arising with healing in His wings! Those sixty mighty men (in Song of Songs) who carry the portable throne of the King out of the wilderness are bearing the revelation of the Morning Star in their midst.

This the portion of revelation needed by the Body of Christ to transition out of darkness and into the light of the new day. So much of the Body of Christ has lost connection with the Head and are carrying on their own little programs, devoid of life and Truth and often filled with soulish power and practices borrowed from the occult. There is a portion of revelation and understanding which has been lacking and so the Body cannot attain full measure, manhood or maturity (described in the verses below as 'a perfect man'). These mighty men and their message are the bridge or neck carrying the necessary revelation and Truth to connect the Body to the Head (mind of Christ) so that we can all attain to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

Note the mention of 'craftiness'. This is connected to witchcraft and sorcery. The pharisees dealt craftily in order to put Jesus to death :

Mar 14:1 And after two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by craft and kill Him.

Daniel also speaks of a 'king of fierce countenance who will operate in 'craft' in these end-times:

Dan 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

In order for the Body of Christ to no longer be affected and infiltrated by witchcraft, there is a season of ministry and edifying (building up) which is required to bring the Body to completion; the final building blocks to connect HEAD-quarters to the Church on the ground so that His kingdom can come on earth as it is in Heaven.

There are sixty mighty men depicted coming out of the wilderness. 60=5x12. 5 alludes to the fivefold graces for completion coupled with 12 which depicts governmental rule. These mighty men coming out of the wilderness of testing are also depicted by the manchild who is brought forth from the travailing woman in Rev 12:

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his

throne.

The manchild comprising of the mighty men of God are caught up to the throne and are therefore able to minister the MIND of Christ from the HEAD-quarters of the Kingdom as they rule and reign with Christ. Rev 2:26 tells us the anointing to rule with a rod of iron is released on those who overcome in the battle concerning Jezebel and her works. Ruling is the portion and right of kings. It is time for kings to come forth and the mighty men bring that revelation to the Body of Christ. We have known how to be priests but the Spirit of Might necessary to function as ruling kings is yet to be fully experienced. In order for a Melchizedek priesthood to function in the earth, there has to be an impartation of understanding and anointing to rule in righteousness because Melchizedek means 'king of righteousness or righteous king'. This company of mighty men who arrive on the scene fresh from their own personal victory over the works of Jezebel bring with them an impartation of the Morning Star which will transition the Church from the darkness of pre-dawn confusion (where the works of Jezebel and the false prophetic are rife) into the light of the Sun of Righteousness as He arises with healing in His wings!

In Song of Songs, the neck of the Beloved is described as having the shields of the mighty men displayed. Remember the neck connects the Body to the Head! :

Son 4:4 Thy neck is like the tower of David built for an armory, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

This company of mighty men are a depository of weapons for the time of war, being expert with the sword themselves and knowing how to wield the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the evil one. They impart Truth that can be wielded as a two-edged sword and the word 'tower' above is also translated 'pulpit' alluding to a teaching and preaching ministry. It has been said that a wife is the neck that turns the head! However, it is more scriptural to say that the neck is the channel through which the head

turns the body! The revelation of the Morning Star through the mighty men will turn and rightly align the Body of Christ 'to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'.

A prophetic promise is released at the beginning of a new day in God's calendar but directly following that comes a night of trial and testing because God's day is first evening and then morning as mentioned before. We hold onto that word of prophesy as our only light through the difficult refining process and then just before break of day God sends the Morning star, the necessary revelation of Christ to bring the night to an end:

2Pe 1:19 We also have a more sure Word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning star arises in your hearts

As we embrace this revelation within our hearts, the last vestiges of darkness are forced to retreat and the Sun of Righteousness can arise with healing in His wings! Its time to wake up the mighty men because the night is over and the day is almost here. Just like the wise virgins who were fully prepared and yet also fell asleep because of the length of the wait for the Bridegroom, they need to arise and trim their lamps for the light of the Bridegroom they carry in their midst will be in great demand in the coming days!



Mighty Men Emerging - part Two

While the Lord was instructing me concerning His mighty men, I had certain dreams which added illumination. I would like to share what the Spirit showed me so far. In one of the dreams, I was sitting next to a stretch of water with my husband beside me and I was looking at the blue sky and the clouds. One small cloud in particular drew my attention as it was shaped like a club. Then suddenly from its center pulsated a white ring of light which moved outwards and surrounded the cloud. I watched and it happened a second time but the ring ended up larger the second time, almost like a ripple on a pond when a stone is thrown in. Then, thirdly, there was a pitch-black plume of smoke that burst out of the center of this small cloud much like the black cloud that rose above the sea in the gulf of Mexico when the oil spill was set alight.

Suddenly a whole line of motor cars chained together with rusty iron chains began falling very fast, single-file, from the cloud in the sky into the water below. I remarked that there must have been an explosion on an aircraft carrier which had these cars in its hold. I shook my husband who was sleeping beside me and he really battled to lift the lids of his eyes. I then shouted 'look up, there are cars falling out of the sky'. It had become twilight by now and by the time he got his eyes open there were a similar chain of cars also moving at high speed towards the same point in the water where the

others had plunged in, but they were coming horizontally from right to left. Immediately my husband and I were swimming in the water in a face-to-face embrace and then I moved round and held onto his back as he swam. At some point there was a man after us and we hid under a wooden jetty. As we emerged out the other side of the jetty onto the grass, he sprung out and made a mark on my right arm with a black pen. My husband pushed him off me. Then we went into the building on the water's edge and there were people there with black marks all over their arms marking other people. I took the pen from the one young man's hand and wrote Jesus on his right arm and left shoulder. The pen battled to write but I persevered until the name of Jesus was recorded on his arm.(end of dream)

When I awoke, I asked the Lord what the cars represented and He said, "those are My mighty men". I was given to understand that the airCRAFT represented witchcraft in the second heaven which had been used to HOLD back these mighty men until an appointed time when God's power would release them, hence the phrase 'an aircraft carrier which had these cars in its hold'. I was then directed to Malachi 4 where it is described how at an appointed time, on the day that burns like an oven, those who fear His name shall skip like calves released from the stall. In both cases, it speaks of people experiencing some sort of invisible resistance to moving forward, that no amount of pushing and shoving will remove. I understood that God's mighty men had been warring and training in heavenly realms but had not broken through because of this airCRAFT or spiritual witchcraft holding and resisting them. During this time they had been fashioned into weapons of war. The picture that comes to mind as I write is of a sword being sharpened against a grinding stone with sparks flying. It seems that continual pressure against the grinding stone does not move the stone but only serves to remove pieces of the sword; yet at the same time that the sword itself is decreasing, it is also becoming sharper and sharper. Finally it is ready to be taken hold of by the hand of the Lord and used to wreak havoc in the enemy

camp.

In the dream, there is depicted a threefold process which releases these mighty men from the HOLD they are in; two explosions which were light and white out of midst of cloud and then 3rd was with fire which produced black smoke and released the cars chained together from the heavenly realm. I sensed the Lord releasing wisdom through this dream as to the process of breakthrough for the warriors-in-waiting. The Holy Spirit gave me understanding that these first two events were light pulses or sonic booms, representing the release of the voice of God decreeing His purpose which then released the third explosion, a fiery judgment poured out resulting in the mighty men being released from the 'stall' or HOLD of the airCRAFT.

All three of these explosions took place out of the club-shaped cloud. A club is a weapon used for war. Do you remember in part one of this article how I described the mighty men emerging from the wilderness with the revelation of Jesus, the Morning Star in their midst? We spoke of the Morning Star as being the last star seen before the sun rises. Wikipaedia also says this:

'The morningstar is a weapon consisting of a spiked club resembling a mace, usually with a long spike extending straight from the top and many smaller spikes around the particle of the head. It used, to varying degrees, a combination of blunt-force and puncture attack to kill or wound the enemy very effectively.

Jer 51:20 You are My war-club and weapons of war; for with you I will shatter nations; and with you I will destroy kingdoms.

So we see that the club-shaped cloud in my dream is representative of the Morning Star and from the midst of that revelation of Christ is released a two-fold explosion of sound waves and then finally a third explosion of fire that causes the HOLD to be broken. The revelation of the Morning Star is completely effective against all witchcraft that has operated against the saints of God. The rusted chains indicate

that these mighty men have been held back in the heavenlies for some time by the craft of Babylon - until God's judgments are released and they 'come down' and enter the waters of the nations. In my dream the release occurs first in the heavenly or spiritual realm and then it manifests on a horizontal level or in the natural realm, as seen by the cars moving on a horizontal plane. Notice also that the cars were moving very quickly, indicating a quick work

My husband sleeping beside me is a reference to the mighty men, overcome by a spirit of slumber, who must begin to 'look up' and not horizontally - in other words, set their eyes on things above in heavenly places and not on earthly things or things which are happening on a horizontal or natural level. Notice that as this is occurring darkness is beginning to cover the earth in the dream. This awakening of the mighty men is described in Joel:

Joe 3:9 Proclaim this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Joe 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Joe 3:11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all you heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: cause Your mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

'Cause Your mighty ones to come down, O Lord' is a cry of intercession for exactly what the dream depicts - the release of those who have been prepared and held back until this appointed time of war. The release of the row of cars into the water and the movement of my husband and myself into the water are representative of one and the same - the sending forth of mighty men ministries into the nations. The face-to face embrace speaks of intimacy with the Bridegroom and the riding on my husband's back, of being carried by Him. The wooden jetty represents the cross, the only bridge between the the shore and the nations and the only place to hide oneself in the event of danger. The marking on my arm with the black pen speaks of being a marked woman, in the same way as Jesus was marked by the Pharisees as a troublemaker and a threat to their little kingdom. Notice the

Bridegroom repels the attack in the dream. The greatest persecution in these end times will come from within the ranks of the religious system, represented by the building we enter in the dream. There, self-appointed pen-holders and judges who are the cohorts of Jezebel are marking others, criticizing and maligning them and their ministries and operating in spiritual witchcraft. As I take the pen out of the man's hand, seeing all the marks he carries himself, I begin to mark him with the mark of Christ. It is a difficult task and my message is not readily absorbed at first but I persevere until He is marked with the name of Jesus. Here is depicted part of the ministry of the mighty men, to go to their accusers and using the very tools pen that has been used against them, they minister Christ to those who have accused them, setting them free from the clutches of Jezebel. In essence, writing the name of Jesus epitomizes 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do' which opens the way for Truth to begin to penetrate their hearts.

Following this dream, I asked the Lord to show me from the Word this three-fold process of the execution of His judgments as I am very wary of swallowing doctrine that comes from a dream without the Word to back it up. He took me to the story of Jezebel and Naboth. Here I found much understanding about the way Jezebel operates in her witchcraft against the saints and also the process that unfolds in God's dealing with her. You will find the story in 1 Kings 21 and I will not insert it here for reasons of brevity but suggest you read it through.

Naboth means 'fruits' and comes from the root word 'Nob'. Nob was the city of priests. So Naboth represents God's priesthood who are destined for fruitfulness. Naboth was stewarding his vineyard, his inheritance and was not prepared to let Ahab lay his hands on it. He valued what God has given him and was prepared to fight to protect it from thieves. He refused to succumb to Ahab's wheeling and dealing. So Jezebel unleashed witchcraft in order to steal Naboth's inheritance and potential fruitfulness. She raised up false accusation against him in just the same way as the pharisees produced

false witnesses to accuse Jesus at His trial. Naboth was stoned and Ahab claimed the dead man's inheritance which should have rightfully gone to his widow. Naboth's son's were also killed we discover later (2 Kings 9:26). So in effect Naboth's whole inheritance and that of his family was cut off through the works of Jezebel. In the same way, there are saints who truly value their inheritance in God and have sought to protect and steward what God has given them and the enemy has desired to have their inheritance for himself. So witchcraft and malicious false accusation has been released against them in the heavenly realm which has caused their potential fruitfulness to be stolen from them. They have found themselves in the grave and it seems that all God has intended for them and their families has fallen to the ground.

Then God, who hates robbery and injustice, arises and instructs His prophet Elijah to go down to the field of Naboth. Here, on the very ground that has been stolen from God's priests, a prophetic word is released decreeing God's judgment upon both Ahab and Jezebel. This is depicted in my dream by the first explosion of white light, the sound waves released into the atmosphere by God's mouthpiece. Then, between the first and the second release of the Spoken Word of Judgment, there is time given to repent and Ahab does, deferring his judgment onto his son. However Jezebel is unrepentant and continues her scorcheries. Then Ahab is killed in battle and shortly after that Elijah is instructed to set in motion part two of God's plan of action. He is to anoint Elisha in his place (who receives a double portion of his spirit when Elijah ascends to heaven in a whirlwind).

Then Elisha sends a servant to anoint Jehu as King of Israel:

2Ki 9:1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, Bind up your loins and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth in Gilead. 2Ki 9:2 And you shall go there, and you shall see there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. And you shall go in and make him rise up from among his

brothers, and take him to an inner room. 2Ki 9:3 And take the box of oil and pour it on his head, and say, So says the Lord, I have anointed you king over Israel. And you shall open the door, and flee, and shall not wait. 2Ki 9:4 And the young man went, the servant of the prophet, to Ramoth in Gilead. 2Ki 9:5 And he came in, and, behold, the commanders of the army were sitting. And he said, I have an errand to you, commander. And Jehu said, To which of all of us? And he said, To you, commander. 2Ki 9:6 And he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head and said to him, So says the Lord, the God of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of Jehovah, over Israel. 2Ki 9:7 And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord at the hand of Jezebel. 2Ki 9:8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish. And I will cut off from Ahab everyone that urinates against the wall, both bound and free. 2Ki 9:9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 2Ki 9:10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in a part of Jezreel, and none shall be there to bury her. And he opened the door and fled.

There are a number of things to notice about this account. Firstly Jehu is anointed king in the inner chambers away from the eyes of others. It is a private encounter during which he receives instruction as to his part in the execution of God's judgment, the very word that has already been decreed by Elijah on the stolen ground of Naboth. Naboth, representing the priests of the Lord, could not stand against the wiles of Jezebel but Jehu, recently anointed king, executed God's decree. This tells us that we, who are a royal priesthood, will not overcome the spiritual witchcraft against us using our priestly anointing. We need a double portion of the Spirit of Elijah, a kingly anointing, in order for the judgments written to be fully executed. This decree of kingship being conferred is depicted in my dream by the second white ring of light (being larger and more powerful than the first). There is a

multiplication of spiritual power and authority during the second release of the spoken decree of God against Jezebel and her works. And as Jehu's story shows us, we receive this kingly anointing in the inner chambers - this is what equips us to operate in the spirit of might and El Gibor rises within us and causes us to be those overcomers spoken of in Rev 2:26.

2Ki 9:17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace?2Ki 9:20 And the watchman reported, saying..... the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously.

There is a mighty company of warriors which rides with Jehu and the watchtower of the enemy sees us coming. Nervously they send messengers to try to find out what God's plan is but those messengers end up joining the Jehu company! Nothing will deflect them from their assignment. The way in which Jehu and his company rode to carry out God's instructions accurately depicts the following verse:

Isa 42:13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up zeal like a man of war: he shall cry, yes, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

First Jehu slays the son of Ahab, foreshadowing the judgment written in Rev 2:

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Who or what are the children of Jezebel. They are the works that are brought forth by those who have been intimate with Jezebel. When Jezebel communes in the inner chambers with man, works are conceived that carry her DNA.

They are the false accusations, the rumors, the judgments, the hatred and lies that have been allowed to rule over your life and come against your gifting and your calling and render you robbed, unfruitful and in the tomb. (Remember that the pharisees used CRAFT to kill Jesus and seal him in a tomb!) The first thing the Jehu company does is drive the arrow of the Lord through the heart of those works so that they fall dead upon the stolen ground of the royal priesthood:

2Ki 9:24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram (Ahab and Jezebel's son) between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 2Ki 9:25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when we rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden (prophesy) upon him; 2Ki 9:26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, says the LORD; and I will recompense you in this portion of land, says the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the portion of ground, according to the word of the LORD.

Something interesting to note here is that Jehu attempted to deal with Ahab after the murder of Naboth and his sons (probably having heard of Elijah's decree) but did not succeed because he had not yet been anointed as king. He heard the Lord's heart concerning recompense but it was some time before it was manifested. Many attempts to deal with unrighteous authority and injustice coming against our lives have also not succeeded because God's appointed time of execution of His judgments was yet to arrive. Only once the double portion kingly anointing is poured out in the inner chambers are we equipped to cut off our enemies completely. The prophetic decree is released and then strengthened and finally executed. How Jehu must have pondered and nurtured that decree within his heart in the in-between years when Ahab's unrighteous son was allowed to reign and carried on using Naboth's land to grow vegetables instead of the vines that were

supposed to bring forth the best wine. Yet, he was restrained by the Spirit until the appointed time of release like an arrow straight from the bow of God. In the same way, Christ is depicted as restraining himself for a long time before arising as a mighty man:

Isa 42:14 I have held my peace for a long time; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

In the same way, the mighty men are released from the HOLD in the heavenlies and go straight like arrows to their appointed destinations in the nations.

The second thing Jehu does is deal with Jezebel. He commands the eunuchs to cast her down and he rides over her with his chariot wheels. The eunuchs depict those who have been rendered unfruitful themselves so that they may function as slaves of Jezebel. Remember the man with the black pen in my dream? He ended up with the name of Jesus upon his arm (depicting his works) God's desire is that his people who have been rendered eunuchs by spiritual witchcraft would be empowered to cast those demonic forces which have ruled over them to destruction, thus freeing themselves to be fruitful in the kingdom of God:

Isa 56:3 ...neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. Isa 56:4 For thus says the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; Isa 56:5 Even to them will I give in my house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

The shout of Jehu galvanized the eunuchs into action and they cooperated in casting Jezebel to her doom. When the shout of a king is heard, chains and paralysis are removed and those who have previously served Jezebel defect to newly appointed king Jehu. The spirit of might liberates all who hear the sound! As the shout goes forth, there is an explosion in the spiritual

realm and Jezebel's wicked reign over the saints of God is destroyed. The kingly anointing deals with both the fruit and the root of the spiritual attack against the priests of God, just as Malachi 4 says - the wicked are left with neither root nor branch!

Jehu trod the wicked down just as is described in Malachi 4!

2Ki 9:35 And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. 2Ki 9:36 And they came again and told him. And he said, This is the Word of the Lord which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel. 2Ki 9:37 And the dead body of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

The fact that Jezebel ends up as dung or manure on the field of Naboth is very significant. I love God's sense of humor. Soon after having another dream where I was shown an aerial view of some land with a particular field highlighted and a voice told me to repossess Naboth's field, I was driving along and right in front of me there was a tipper truck heaped high with steaming fresh manure! Immediately the Lord said, "that's the remains of Jezebel and her works which have been arrayed against you. They are even now on their way to fertilize your repossessed field!"

Naboth (which means 'fruits') and his family were robbed and unfruitful because of the schemes of Jezebel to steal their inheritance but when the kingly anointing was poured out and the judgments of God executed, all that the enemy intended for evil was turned for good. Great fruitfulness was restored to them using the dead bodies of their enemies to fertilize the fields! Hallelujah! The land of our inheritance is once more released to yield the very best wine and bring forth all that God intended.

Psa 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Psa 149:6 Let

the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; Psa 149:7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; Psa 149:8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; Psa 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise the LORD.

God's judgment upon Jezebel is a threefold process; two prophetic decrees released in increasing measure and intensity and then the release of a fiery kingly anointing that breaks every chain and executes the judgment written upon principalities and powers.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. Rev 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

When the priestly prayers of those who have prayed the prophetic decrees of God are mingled with incense and fire from the altar of God is released on the earth, there are thunderings and lightnings and voices heard. The mighty men are those whose lives have been laying upon the altar of God until they have become coals of fire, consumed with the fiery zeal of the Lord of Hosts. Then they are released and cast on the earth, speaking the words of God and releasing the revelation of Heaven which causes the earth to shake and the judgments written to be executed!
Selah



*© God, rend the heavens
and come down!*

Mighty Men Emerging - part 3

While meditating on all the Lord had shown me concerning the release of His mighty men, I had a third dream on the 40th day of the omer. This in itself is significant as the number 40 speaks of the end of a wilderness season, the end of trial and testing and it is also the age at which the Jews believe a man is competent to judge in matters of the Law.

I dreamed that my husband and I were preparing to cross over a busy street in a city with many skyscrapers. A white jet shaped like a triangle flew quite low over our heads and disappeared behind a building. Then we heard a crash and thought it must have flown into a building. Memories of 9/11 flooded my mind. However it reappeared and seemed to be flying well except that a piece of its left side was missing. Suddenly without warning it plunged into an expanse and disappeared from view extremely fast. Many people stood gazing into the water. I said we must make space for the rescue services to get close enough to the edge of the water. I saw a fire-truck in the distance but it didn't come in our direction. In fact no rescue of any kind was attempted. No sign of life came from below the water and the surface was calm and still. I asked my husband how many seats the plane had and he said 30. Then someone indicated that the water was as deep as a three story building and I thought then that a man may have survived the crash.(end of dream)

Here is the interpretation of the dream I received: The city represents Babylon and the world system. Babylon is described in the Bible as a place of much traffic. My husband and I preparing to cross over to the other side refers to a time of transition and change. The triangle shape of the plane is a reference to the Greek letter Delta, which is the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet, four being the number denoting time. On the fourth day of creation God placed the stars in the heavens to give light on the earth. Using the understanding derived from my previous dream, HELD within this airCRAFT are thirty people, the number 30 referring to the age at which men were considered of full age and ready for ministry in Jesus' day. Delta is also the engineering symbol denoting 'change'.

The aircraft disappears from view and a crash is heard. I believe that there are multiple layers of meaning in this dream. On a natural level, at the TIME of hearing of the GREEK crash (financial) in the world system, change is coming. The reminder of the twin towers event also alludes to a financial crash. Once the aircraft reappeared, it had changed shape as a piece was missing. The shape it formed is the Hebrew letter Mem, which looks like a triangle with a piece missing on the left bottom side. This is called an open Mem which always appears in the middle of a word and represents the revealed truth of God. A closed Mem denoted the concealed truth of God. The numerical value of Mem is 40 and it symbolizes water, the ocean of knowledge and wisdom of God.

I believe that the 30 people in the HOLD of the jet symbolize the mighty men of God who have been held back and within a system born of a Greek mindset until the appointed time of change. The Greeks placed a heavy emphasis on the human intellect, the thoughts and reasonings of the human mind and philosophy, whereas Hebrew thought places an emphasis on the Spirit. So we see that at the time of the financial crash in the systems of this world, there will be a breakthrough and the hold of Greek or humanistic thinking upon the mighty men of God will be irrevocably changed, as in from one language alphabet to another! The

Truth of God that was previously concealed will be revealed and briefly be seen and recognized before these mighty men go plunging straight into the water of the nations. Although in the natural it seems a disaster has taken place in the CRASH, it has actually served as release mechanism which has propelled the mighty men straight to their appointed assignments. The disaster is not a disaster as evidenced by the non-arrival of rescue trucks. The absence of any ripples or wake upon the surface of the water alludes to those who are led by the Spirit:

Joh 3:8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the voice thereof, but know not where it comes from, and where it goes to: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

The man who survives the jet crash is the manchild, a company of mighty men who have reached maturity and the measure of the perfect man. All flesh is destroyed in the process. The reference to the water being three stories deep alludes to the release of the depth of the Truth of God, the threefold things of God. There is no sign of life on the surface of the water because these mighty men are dead to self - its no longer me who lives but Christ who lives in me. The jet plunging into the water and delivering the manchild to the nations is equivalent to the string of motor cars being released from the heavenlies and plunging into the water in my previous dream.

On the 12th of May 2010, the Lord confirmed this dream by a sign. Not coincidentally this is the day Jesus ascended to heaven after forty days of post-resurrection teaching and aligning amongst His disciples. The sign was seen in the crash of an aircraft in Libya during which all passengers except one child were killed. This boy, aged nine, was found still strapped into his seat on the ground with his legs broken. Here we see a picture of the MANCHILD being found SEATED in his HEAVENLY SEAT and all flesh having been destroyed. The broken legs refer to the practice of breaking the legs of those who have been crucified in order to hasten death. So here we see that the coming crash of the world systems will attend to any remaining tendency

for those who are part of the manchild to stand on their own two feet. There will be a complete dependence on the One who carries them and they will speedily enter into rest. The age of the boy being 9 speaks both of fruit and judgment. His name is Ruben which means 'look, a son'! Reuben was the firstborn son of Jacob - once more a reference to the manchild company coming forth in the spirit of Christ, who was the first-born from among the dead.

An interesting point in this tragedy is that this plane was one of three carriers who bore the number 9.9.99 on their tails; this being the date on which the African Union was born. As my friend Art at <http://newine.wordpress.com> brought to light, the anthem of the African Union says "O Sons and Daughters of Africa, Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky, let us make Africa the tree of life". We all know that Christ is the Tree of Life and so this is symbolic of a situation like the people at the Tower of Babel who were attempting, through unity, to build a tower to the heavens and declare themselves to be god. Therefore judgment is coming upon the Babylonian systems which try to deify the thoughts and selfish fleshly ambitions of man.

Bullinger says this of the number NINE:
It is the last of the digits, and thus marks the end; and is significant of the conclusion of a matter.

It is akin to the number six, six being the sum of its factors ($3 \times 3 = 9$, and $3 + 3 = 6$), and is thus significant of the end of man, and the summation of all man's works. Nine is, therefore, THE NUMBER OF FINALITY OR JUDGMENT, for judgment is committed unto Jesus as "the Son of man" (John 5:27; Acts 17:31). It marks the completeness, the end and issue of all things as to man—the judgment of man and all his works. Nine is judgment, especially divine judgment, and the conclusion of the whole matter so far as man is concerned. But nine is the square of three, and three is the number of Divine perfection, as well as the number peculiar to the Holy Spirit. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that this number denotes finality in divine things. There are nine

fruit of the Spirit and nine gifts.

So we see here that the crash in my dream refers to God's judgment and receiving fruit according to the way we have lived our lives; destruction to that which originates in the flesh and fruitfulness for those who have sown to the Spirit.

Isa 3:10 Say to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Isa 3:11 Woe to the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

So Beloved, through this dream I believe the Lord is releasing understanding concerning the timing of the release of His mighty men into ministry, the good works He has prepared for them before the foundation of the earth. It also demonstrates how God will use the events occurring in the world system as triggers to remove barriers and any remaining HOLD upon the manchild and release His sharpened arrows straight to their targets in the nations of this world. It is time for the threefold truths of God to be released, as three is the number of Divine Perfection. As never before, we will see the fulfillment of these verses before our eyes:

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.

May the Lord add understanding and revelation to this word as you ponder these things.



*His going forth is prepared
and as certain as the dawn*

Hosea 6:3

Mighty Men Emerging - part 4

On fellowshiping with someone who had read the other three parts of this series, he remarked that he didn't feel like a mighty man even though he identified with much of the intense preparation and enemy attack which I had described. I went home and began to ask the Lord to show me just what these mighty men of His looked like. He led me to the story of Gideon!

Jdg 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. Jdg 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor.

Here Gideon is called a mighty man of valor. Yet, if one reads the beginning of the chapter, one discovers that the Israelites had been under siege from the Midianites for seven years. Every time they planted seed, the Midianites would come and totally destroy their crops. The Word describes them as being like a bunch of grasshoppers or locusts! This is why Gideon was threshing wheat in the

winepress. He was hiding his own small harvest from the enemy so that it would not be stolen from him. He was busy on a secret mission but he certainly had not done any deeds worthy of being called a 'mighty man of valor'! He did not feel like a mighty man and certainly did not look like one.

So Beloved, here is the first thing to remember. You are marked as one of God's mighty men, not because of anything you have done in the past but because of what God intends to do through you in the future. It has absolutely nothing to do with the outward appearance of what your life has produced. You may feel fruitless and unworthy and 'greatly impoverished' just as Judges 6:6 describes. That does not disqualify you from being one of God's mighty men because He names you according to His intentions for your life, not your track record! This is exactly opposite to the way the world functions. Normally we receive honor and acclaim on account of what we have achieved in the past - except in the case of the present president of the United States who received the Nobel Peace Prize for his good intentions alone, but that is another story!

Just as the vineyard of Naboth was stolen from his family by the wiles of the enemy, so too Gideon's family had been rendered impoverished by the seven-year assault of the Midianites. Remember my dream of the mighty men within the hold of the airCRAFT? In the same way, Gideon tells the Lord that their lives do not display the fact that God is with them. From the present state of affairs, it looks like God has deserted them. However, the Lord is not interested on focusing on the past. He is interested in deliverance now that the seven year season of trial is complete and declares His plan in and through Gideon:

Jdg 6:13 And Gideon said to him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this befallen us? and where are all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD has forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. Jdg 6:14 And the LORD looked at him, and said, Go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent you? Jdg 6:15 And he said to him, Oh my Lord, how shall I save Israel? my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. Jdg 6:16 And the LORD said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall smite the Midianites as one man.

The thing that makes Gideon a mighty man of valor is not his own strength or bravery but that the Lord is with him. It is the same with you - what makes you one of God's mighty men is the fact that your life has the hallmark of His presence! This is the source of your strength and ability - that God is with you. Did Paul not say that he gloried in his own weakness because it ensured that the power of God rested upon him?:

2Co 12:9 And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may overshadow me.

This is why God chose Gideon, the smallest member of a poor family to spearhead His plan.

This is also why God chooses you - He wants all the glory to go to Him alone for what He is about to do. Until the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon at that winepress, Gideon had absolutely no idea that anything awesome would be accomplished through his life. He was just trying to survive the daily troubles and get enough to eat. God interrupted the ordinary to do something extraordinary through a most improbable vessel! God uses the weak and the foolish things of this world to confound the wise! Hallelujah!

Gideon is not sure whether he is dreaming and asks for a sign to confirm he has really had this encounter and is receiving this assignment. When his sacrifice is consumed by fire from heaven, He builds an altar and calls it Jehovah-Shalom. Why does he call it this? Because now he knows that no matter what the enemy has done to him and his family in the past, God is the One who delivers, heals and restores. The word 'shalom' means 'safe, happy, welfare, peace, prosperity' and significantly comes from the root word, Strongs number H7999, which means 'make amends, (make an) end, finish, complete, give again, make good, repay, to be at peace, that is perfect, perform, prosper, recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward'! Doesn't that sound like the kind of God to belong to?! Well, Beloved, He is your Jehovah-Shalom as well!

It seems Gideon began to see the whole situation through God's eyes and recognize God's ability to transform the situation. Faith began to arise in his heart. However, throughout the whole operation we find Gideon very aware of his own inability and constantly looking to God for guidance. He did not lean on his own understanding at all because the assignment given him was so big that he knew only God could accomplish it through him. He also battled fear continually. The first thing God told him to do was destroy all the idol altars that belonged to his own father plus the grove for Asherah worship. Gideon did this in the middle of the night because he was so scared of the reaction of the people! This is God's mighty man of valor!

Next, the Spirit of the Lord empowers him to call for troops to stand with him and the fighting men of four tribes come to join him! Once again, he is plagued with doubt and fear that he has heard right and he asks God to confirm it to him again. The dew on the fleece episode then happens. This takes two days and finally confirms to Gideon that he has heard right and then on the third day he moves with the men following him to the place where God's plan will be executed.

Dew is symbolic of revelation (Isaiah 26:19 'your dew is the dew of sparkling light'). It falls silently in the night season and is visible in the early morning. It was dew that brought the manna to the Israelites in the wilderness. So what does the dew on the fleece symbolize? The fleece is a picture of sacrifice, a dying to self; in essence it depicts Gideon's own laying down of his life for the purposes of God. In the morning of the first day that we seek understanding, God sends revelation to help understand our own suffering and our becoming conformed to His death in order to embrace the purposes of God. We need to see things from God's perspective. Why has He allowed us to undergo all that has befallen us? Do you remember Joseph when he came face to face with the brothers who had sold him into slavery? He told them God had sent him ahead to prepare the way. He had God's perspective on the reasons for his own suffering.

Gideon wrings out that fleece and gets a whole bowl of water - enough to quench His thirst! Beloved, God will send enough revelation to quench your thirst for understanding of the way you have come. When your whole world feels like it is without form and void, the Spirit of the Lord broods over you and God says 'let there be light'. Then He separates light from darkness in your thinking, to give you understanding.

On the second day, the dew is upon the ground and the fleece is dry. God has sent revelation of the surroundings in which the fleece is laid. Without this we cannot see the whole picture. Once we have closed the chapter on the why's of our own suffering (hence the dry fleece on

the second morning), it is necessary to get the broader picture. We must see our lives in context and then we are able to move on to carry out God's instructions. On the second day of creation, God separated the waters below from the waters above. He separates soulish or earthly revelation and wisdom from heavenly revelation and true wisdom.

So Gideon and his 32 000 warriors move to a spot called 'the well of Harod'. This word 'Harod' means 'fountain of trembling'! What an appropriate name! Here they had a view of the size of the problem they were facing!

Jdg 7:12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

Then God springs another surprise of Gideon. Having shown him 32000 men who were willing to fight with him, He begins to weed out those who though outwardly appearing to be warriors, are inwardly fearful! A huge 22 000 go home! God's reasoning is that He doesn't want the army to take the credit for defeating the enemy. Beloved, God is so intent on receiving all the glory that after choosing the smallest member of a poor family, he whittles Gideon's chances in the natural even further by drastically reducing his MANpower. In other words, God ensures that the power of man can not possibly be given the credit for the victory He is planning.

Not content with the odds, He then reduces the army even further using the water-drinking style of the remaining warriors. The men who drank on all fours were sent home while those who drank while still crouching on their feet remained. I have heard many explanations of the reasons for this sifting method but here is what the Spirit showed me: the only time a human being moves on all fours is in infancy. Once adulthood is reached, the man walks on his feet and uses his hands to both meet his needs and work. A man who drinks on all fours shows immaturity and self-centeredness, being totally

absorbed with meeting his own needs (he is vulnerable to the enemy); while a man who crouches and cups one hand to drink is still able to keep an eye on the enemy and reach his sword at a moment's notice. Paul writes that when he was a child, he spoke and reasoned like a child but on reaching maturity, he put away childish ways. This refining and reduction speaks of the removing of immaturity and childish ways which make us vulnerable to the enemy.

This left Gideon with only 300 men. Interestingly, the phrase 'the Spirit of the Lord' in Hebrew has a numeric value of 300. Truly, it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord that victory is achieved for God's mighty men of valor! (Zech 4:6). When the odds seem completely overwhelming in the enemy's favor, God tells Gideon it is time to attack the crowd camped out like locusts before him. Knowing that fear is one of Gideon's main internal enemies, the Lord tells him to go and eavesdrop on the enemy camp. This, He says, will give Gideon strength to complete the assignment.

Jdg 7:9 And it happened on that night, the Lord said to him, Arise, go down to the army, for I have delivered it into your hand. Jdg 7:10 But if you fear to go down, go with Phurah your servant down to the army. Jdg 7:11 And you shall hear what they shall say. And afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down to the army. Then he went down with Phurah his servant to the edge of the ranks in the army.

'Phurah' means 'the branch'. So God telling Gideon to go down and eavesdrop with his servant, the branch. We find this BRANCH mentioned in a number of prophetic scriptures:

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Zec 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest,

you and your fellows that sit before you; for they are men that are a sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch. Zec 3:9 For, behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; upon one stone are seven eyes...

Zec 6:11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; Zec 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Zec 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace (SHALOM) shall be between them both.

We see the Branch mentioned in connection with the seven Spirits of God and also in reference to the moment when Joshua the high priest is crowned king. In other words, 'my servant the BRANCH' is a reference to the Melchizedek priesthood, those who operate as both kings and priests in the earth, As it says in Zech 6:13. So we see that Gideon and his servant, the branch (or Gideon and those 300 men who have come to serve him) are a type of that servant-priesthood released to rule from a seated place as kings in the earth. Interestingly the place where this defeat of the enemy takes place is called Moreh, which means 'early rain, teaching'!

So Gideon overhears a conversation between two enemy soldiers:

Jdg 7:13 And when Gideon had come, a man told a dream to his fellow, and said, I dreamed a dream, and a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came to a tent, and struck it so that it fell, and overturned it, so that the tent lay flat. Jdg 7:14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else except the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. For into his hand God has delivered Midian and all the army.

In essence, what does this show us? God did not

give Gideon this dream and interpretation. He sent it to the enemy camp. Why? So Gideon could hear that God had announced their own defeat to the Midianites! Right in the midst of the enemy hordes, the throne of God decreed the judgment written. Then all Gideon had to do was execute that judgment. Hearing this caused every last vestige of fear to leave his heart because once God has decreed and written a judgment, nothing can overturn it! Gideon could carry out any remaining instruction from a place of total rest in the finished works. According to heaven, the defeat was an accomplished fact and they even played the newsreel of the event for the enemy to see!

Psa 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.(FROM A PLACE OF REST) Psa 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; Psa 149:7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; Psa 149:8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; Psa 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

The fact that the sword of Gideon is portrayed in the dream as a barley cake is a reference to the OMER of firstfruits barley that is offered at Passover. We also know that Gideon was threshing wheat which places these events round Shavuot or Pentecost which is at the time of wheat harvest. In the dream the omer of barley was in the form of a cake, in other words, it was in a prepared state and had passed through the fire before release. Remember that the OMER of barley flour was obtained from ten omers of harvested barley. All God's dealings from the time of seven years of enemy assault to His finding Gideon in the winepress, greatly impoverished, until he finally stood with only three hundred soldiers to face the enemy, speak of the sifting and whittling down and the refining fire, the preparation which goes into making a barley cake that can be tumbled into the enemy camp with devastating results. I will wager that in the natural at this point Gideon felt the least capable of carrying out any

exploit for God UNTIL he heard the announcement of the judgment written - straight from the enemy's mouth!

Something else to remember is that a barley cake is completely unable to launch itself down a hill. It can only lie where it is placed - until the hand of God empowers it by setting it in motion and then gravity takes care of the rest! In other words, you have only to step into your appointed place under the power and direction of the Spirit of God and the rest follows supernaturally!

Jdg 7:15 And it happened, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and the meaning of it, he worshiped. And he returned to the army of Israel, and said, Arise! For the Lord has delivered the host of Midian into your hand.

Notice that when Gideon heard the interpretation of the dream, he worshipped, just like the saints upon their beds in psalm 149! Then He got up and decreed to his waiting men the judgments written. His statement to them is not in the future tense but in the past tense - announcing it as an accomplished fact. His thinking is aligned to God's thinking. Beloved, as the Lord does the final stages of preparation in you, He will cause you to hear the unfolding conversation of the enemy camped against you decreeing their own defeat and THIS will empower you to arise and release you to tumble down the hill and flatten the enemy as a prepared barley cake!

Jdg 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies. And he put a ram's horn (SHOFAR) in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers.

Gideon divides the men into a threefold company, all bearing the same weapons. The shofar or ram's horn releases the sound of sacrifice, the sound of the Blood (remember Abraham finding a ram in a thicket for the sacrifice). The pitchers with the torches inside represent earthen vessels:

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

The torches represent the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Until those pitchers are broken the light is dim and largely hidden. However, at the appointed moment the enemy camp is subjected to a threefold assault of the sound of the Blood and the light of the knowledge of God., accompanied by a shout 'the sword of the Lord and of Gideon!' This is all it takes to throw the whole camp into confusion and causes them to destroy one another. How glorious!

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

'The word of their testimony' - what does this mean? We find a key in the dream interpretation and the shout of the 300 men. The enemy soldier declared that the barley cake WAS the sword of Gideon. So firstly, the man Gideon had become in the refining and testing WAS the weapon God used to flatten the enemy camp. Secondly the shout they gave declared the sword of the Lord and of Gideon to be one and the same. We find the sword of the Lord in Rev 19:

Rev 19:11 And I saw Heaven opened. And behold, a white horse! And He sitting on him was called Faithful and True. And in righteousness He judges and makes war. Rev 19:12 And His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head many crowns. And He had a name written, one that no one knew except Himself.

Rev 19:13 And He had been clothed in a garment dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. Rev 19:14 And the armies in Heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. Rev 19:15 And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, so that with it

He should strike the nations. And He will shepherd them with a rod of iron. And He treads the winepress of the wine of the anger and of the wrath of Almighty God.

The sword of the Lord is none other than the Word of God, who wages war in righteousness and justice. Gideon's life has become conformed to the Word of God. What God decrees, he decrees. No longer is fear an issue. The word has become flesh in him and he is one with the Word, completely aligned. He no longer sees according to the natural eye. He sees the finished works of Christ and the victory and this is the word of his testimony. The enemy camp is treated to a threefold assault of the Blood, the light and the Word and their tent is flattened!

Jdg 7:21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

They stood in their appointed place and the enemy fled. There was no need to enter the enemy camp or engage in hand-to-hand combat. The weapons of their warfare were not carnal. There was not a sword in sight in Gideon's army, yet Gideon himself was a sword, totally defeating the enemy. In the days we are entering God's mighty men of valor will overcome the enemy with the high praises of God in their mouths and the two-edged sword of the light of the Word in their hands. They will execute the judgments written from a place of rest, standing in their allotted places surrounding the enemy camp. The sound of the Blood is the sound of victory. It is the decree of all Christ accomplished on the cross. It is the sound of a battle already won - IT IS FINISHED!

Beloved, when we receive a revelation of the judgments already written over the enemy before us, the shout of a king rises up within us. We decree that which is already settled in the courts of heaven - therefore we decree with authority, not desperate hope. Do you recall these verses:

Dan 7:21 I watched, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given in favor of the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Have you, like Gideon been through a long season when the enemy has been warring and prevailing against you? Well, we are entering the time of hearing the judgment given in our favor. The execution of that judgment causes us to POSSESS the kingdom, not just speak about it - but experience it. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. That peace is the SHALOM of God, which brings recompense, restoration and wholeness. All this is accomplished not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord operating through God's barley cake, His mighty men of valor who are small in their own eyes!

selah



Even knights need a safe lap to rest their weary heads on! I know where Joan of Arc laid hers, no matter what path her feet trod or what seat or saddle she sat in. She took her rest while her Father, who never slumbers or sleeps, kept watch and stroked her hair and covered her in the warmth of His unshakable Love - even as her enemies plotted and schemed.

Bright burning flame
Joan the Brave
No!
Joan the meek
Who walked
A child,
With TRUST
In footsteps
Laid before her
Like a path
By her
Strong Father's
feet.
The God
Who used the weak
To shame
The strong
And TRUTH
To blind
The crafty eyes
Of those thought
Wise,

A girl
Who dared
To speak
And only
Bowed
Her knee
Before
The throne
Of God
And feared not
Man
Nor demon hordes
But stood
And burned
With zeal unquenched
Til all her
Waxen vessel
Spent,
Outpoured
Upon the
Table
Of the Lord
Of ALL,
She bowed
Her head
And left.
The signet seal
Of God the King's
Approval
Stamped
And set in stone
Upon the wax
For all
Who dare
To gaze
Within the
Finished scroll
Of one life
Spent.
Abandoned love
Outpoured
On Jesus' feet
For all the world
To see and read
The falling of
Just one
Christ-seed
On mother earth....
.... And now
Down corridors

Of time
The harvest fields
Stand white
And bowed
As myriad Joans
Of every creed
Arise to go
And do like deeds.
They're marching to
A hidden drum
A trumpet call
Upon heart-ears
As heaven calls
For earthly feet
To ride for
His cause
Just and meet
So Righteousness and Truth
Can meet
And God's kiss
Fall on human
Cheeks.
How sweet the sound -
Amazing Grace
That rides
To meet man
Face to face
With open arms
And tear-stained
Hearts
Because these know
The Father
Weeps....

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