

The Redemptive Promise 2015

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Double portion year of breaking forth and new things dawning!

Are we ready for the new birthing of the double portion twins of breakthrough and sunrise like in Genesis 38? This is the passage of Scripture the Lord gave me for 2015. The story is redemptive and full of grace in nature. Tamar is giving birth to the twins, Perez and Zerah, by her father-in-law Judah, after the passing of her first two husbands. Judah would not give his third son, who was promised to Tamar, because he believed her to be cursed when his first two sons died after being betrothed to her. We know the truth was that both sons were wicked before the Lord so Tamar had to take justice into her own hands and tricked her father-in-law to receive the inheritance that belonged to her. I believe in understanding the names of the sons of Judah we can really see some of the blessing that Tamar was being robbed of in marital inheritance.

The first son was Er, which means to be awake, watchful, or eyes open wide. This was to be Tamar's promise of prophetic destiny. The second son's name was Onan, which means strong one in the Lord. This was another promise unfulfilled for Tamar where she was to receive God's power and strength. The third son that Tamar was promised was Shelah, which means to ask, petition, request, and demand. In Judah refusing the marriage between Tamar and Shelah, she yet again was robbed of her inheritance to receive or ask the desires of her heart. Now seeing all that was stolen from her future and destiny, Tamar took matters into her own hands and received her inheritance from Judah. The redemption for Tamar was that she received her portion of kingship, breakthrough, and glory rising. Judah means "praise." After all her grief, the Lord awarded Tamar with the promise of "praise" which means "an expression of approval and commendation."

Twins are Coming!

Let's begin with our key passage in v 27-30:

When it was time for her to give birth, there were twins in her womb. While she was giving birth, one child put out his hand, and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." But then he drew back his hand, and his brother came out before him. She said, "How you have broken out of the womb!" So he was named Perez. Afterward his brother came out—the one who had the scarlet thread on his hand—and he was named Zerah.

It is an amazing story of redemption where we see the second son taking the firstborn's inheritance and breaking through first. The first son was named Perez meaning to break forth, breaking, bursting, or breakthrough. Generations later, the descendants of Perez would become the mighty captains and oversee all the armies of David's mighty men. The second son, that was to be born first, was named Zerah, which means "scarlet" or the rising light or sun, new day dawning, or literally to shoot forth with beams of light!

Double, Double

2015 is a double portion year of breaking forth and new things dawning upon us as we give birth to the double (twins)! We are going to break into new territory and burst forth with His glory beams in new measures. The scarlet thread in this story is also a prophetic picture of God's redemption and blessing. The scarlet thread here is also called the scarlet cord of destiny and is used to declare a kingly lineage. These two brothers would become the ancestors of King David and Jesus (see Matthew 1:3). They were birthed and born out of praise (Judah). In battle, Judah goes first because praise causes a breaking forth and a breaking through.

God can even redeem us in His infinite grace out of our own failures, mistakes, or sin just like the story we read in Genesis 38. The question can be asked, "How can God bless and use this story of deception, lies, and prostitution?" This reminds me of His grace in the story of Rahab the prostitute. The scarlet cord in that story was hung from the window so when Israel attacked, Joshua would know that was the house where Rahab was. This is a prophetic picture of redemption, salvation, and blessing for Rahab because she gave Israel refuge and safety. God even put her in the Messiah's lineage just as we see these two sons, Perez and Zerah, are part of the kingly lineage of Jesus after being born under such circumstances (see Matthew 1:3). This year God's mercy and grace will turn what the enemy has meant for evil to His glory. God will even use your circumstances to promote you to His highest places.

This is also a double portion year. It is a Sabbath and Jubilee year. The Hebrew letters for this year are 5775. It is a season of great overflow, blessing, and provision. It is also the number for completion, rest, wholeness, and blessing. The unique thing about the year 5775 is that it is also called the Sabbatical Year where we rest from all of our works and warfare. Every 50 years is the year of Jubilee and Liberty. In 2015, this will be the 70th anniversary of the Jubilee year that will bring grace and double portion.

These are some key verses for this year!

"Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs" (Isaiah 61:7).

"Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you" (Zechariah 9:12).

"Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: 'I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. 'I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel'" (Isaiah 45:1-3).

This is also a year of divine birthing and delivery of His prophetic promises that we have carried with expectation long overdue in a double measure.

"Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the LORD. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God (Isaiah 66:9).

Prophetic Dream

I believe this recent dream I had is a significant promise for 2015 and God visiting the womb of the church and giving us a new generation of dread champions and mighty warriors. It was the descendants of Perez that became the mighty captains of all the armies of David's mighty men. Many women will be blessed this year with children!

In a recent dream I had, the Lord showed me a new generation of kingdom demonstrators that would begin in 2015. In my dream, I saw two things of significance. I saw Bob Jones, who went to be with the Lord earlier this year, on the day of love! Bob spoke with me about his near-death encounter in 1975 and the billion-soul harvest of youth and young adults. When Bob came back from his near-death experience in 1975, he came back to prepare a generation of leaders for the harvest at the end of the age. Bob talked with me again about this word and about the harvest of harvesters anointing. In this dream, Bob told me it has now been one generation, 40 years, since that experience. Beginning with 2015, a new generation of harvesters would be released to fulfill this word in a greater measure of power and possess the promise much like Joshua and Caleb when they took the land after one generation passed in the wilderness.

The second part of my dream I saw a brand-new fleet of muscle cars that I have never seen before. I knew these vehicles were a new type of ministry. I had never seen so much power under the hood and my first thought was, "I wonder what kind of 'high grade oil' they use in these cars?" That's when I heard the Holy Spirit say, "these vehicles are a new generation of ministries that will walk in a level of My power without limitations and with unprecedented power because of their commitment to holiness and purity." I asked the Lord who this generation was and He spoke to me about new children conceived and born in 2015. They will walk in a ministry and power we have never seen before because of their surrender, strength in purity of heart, and love for the Lord. They will be trusted to demonstrate God's power without restriction. This verse then immediately came to me.

"Here am I and the children who the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion" (Isaiah 8:18).

In recent weeks, both my wife and I, who are expecting a new baby girl in 2015, have had a heavy burden from Lord with many others as well that there is a spiritual attack on the womb. Of course, spiritually there's an attack on the woman (womb) of the church as well—the woman being the church in the book of Revelation and the devil (dragon) going after the offspring of the woman (see Revelation 12). We have noticed in recent months a lot more miscarriages, barrenness, and warfare against women having and wanting to have children. The Lord told Jessa, "The devil can't get the church to abort their babies, so he is stealing them straight from the womb." We have been releasing this word in recent meetings and breaking the curse of death, imparting blessing and life, and praying for the womb to be open. We need to mark and set apart a generation for the Lord in prayer that is not yet born!

Prayer

"Father, we commend new life in the womb in Jesus' name. I break the curse of death and release life and blessing. We decree over ever person reading this His goodness, His healing, His favor, and His protection in Jesus' name. We also break the curse of barrenness, miscarriage, and command healing over the womb.

"Father we pray now for release of Your double portion blessing, jubilee, grace, and inheritance. Let this be a year of great birthing in Jesus' name! Amen."

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