

# Covenant and Miracle Service

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## Topic: Shiloh

**Text: Genesis 49:8-12** - *"Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. [9] Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? [10] The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. [11] Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes. [12] His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk. (NKJV)*

## Introduction

Over time when we talk about Shiloh, the thing that comes to our mind is Hannah. This mindset is not surprising to me because I was also a victim of this when God gave me the topic of Shiloh. I had reasoned along the lines of waiting upon the Lord for the fruit of the womb until the Lord gave me a different revelation which I will be sharing today.

In about 33 places in the scripture the word Shiloh was mentioned. But decided to take a deeper look at the first place where it was mentioned which is our main text today. Jacob was on the verge of his death, and as in the custom of those days, he called all his children together to declare blessings on them.

He began with Reuben, the firstborn of which his blessing was more like a curse. The second and third born also received a 'blessing', which was similar, but the moment

he got to Judah, the atmosphere of the blessings changed. Everything about Judah became different from other children.

- *I release a prophetic injunction over you today, your case will be different. Negative occurrences will not happen to you.*

You can't possibly imagine the fear going on in Judah's mind and the rest as they witnessed their three eldest brothers receive such blessings. The funny thing was that Reuben's blessing started with a commendation.

#### Genesis 49:3-4

*"Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. [4] Unstable as water, you shall not excel, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it-- He went up to my couch. (NKJV)*

Reuben must have been feeling on top of the word, as Jacob said in the first sentence. But the next thing that came out afterwards was a condemnation.

- *"I pray for you today; you will start well, and you will end well. Everyone that has condemned you, the Lord justifies you in the mighty name of Jesus."*

Do you know that this single statement of Jacob over Reuben went into generations till it reached Moses, who took years to annul it? Many wasted lives and effort. Jacob said a lot of terrible words over the second two as well, and he said he was prophesying.

- *"I decree every negative dream, prophecy, vision, word says over your life. I stand by the word of God today by mercy, it is cancelled."*

As I said earlier, Judah's case was a different one and there are seven things in his blessings I want to highlight.

### The Seven Blessings of Judah

1. He was clothed with dignity and honour ("..Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise;)

It is only people who have dignity and are honoured that people praise. Honour is a glaring occurrence, it is not something hidden. I understood this dimension deeper in the Book of Job.

### Job 29:7-10

*"When I went out to the gate by the city, When I took my seat in the open square, [8] The young men saw me and hid, And the aged arose and stood, [9] The princes refrained from talking, And put their hand on their mouth; [10] The voice of nobles was hushed, And their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth." (NKJV)*

- "I request one thing from God over you today; the Lord will clothe you with honour."

2. He was in charge and control of resources (*...your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;*)

Paul was saying in his letters that all principalities and power had been placed under Jesus' feet. Therefore, since Christ resides in you, there is no defeat for you. Confess now, "I am in charge. No sorrow. No bitterness. No lie. I am in charge."

3. He was placed above only ("*...your father's children shall bow down before you.*")

Judah did not struggle to be head. He was handpicked and granted a position above his elder brothers. It was a speed like no other.

4. He was given a strength that can never be diminished. ("*...Judah is like a lion, killing his victim and returning to his den, stretching out and lying down. No one dares disturb him.*")

You can't dominate without strength because it is what makes you unstoppable. The fourth blessing Jacob released over Judah was simple: you have a strength that no man can compete with. Therefore, I invoke over your life, new strength!

5. He was gifted him authority (*"...The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.*)

He was not only given strength, he was not only placed in charge but he was given authority to do that which he needed to do because of the promise of God coming through his lineage. You have been equipped with authority. Never undermine the words on your tongue.

6. He was given overflowing prosperity (*"...Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.*)

The Father was releasing overflowing prosperity upon Judah. I speak over your life, receive overflowing prosperity, grace, and help in the mighty name of Jesus

7. He gave him power for purity. (*"...His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.*)

It's not enough to have power, to have authority, and you must be pure. It is your purity that makes your hold over the enemy powerful. The moment you have been stained, there is the tendency for those enemies to revolt. Jacob knew, and that's why he capped it all with purity.

- *"I pray for you great things God wants to do with your life, sin will not take it away."*

A lot of people joke with God's blessings over their lives by dwelling in sin. You can't be sinning and expect blessing to retain. The Bible even says God forbids

- *I pray for your power to live a holy life; receive it now in the name of Jesus.*

Now, let's look at the main focus of our teaching today.

What is Shiloh? The Lord gave me a deeper revelation of this in 3 P's

## 3 P's of Shiloh

### 1. Shiloh is a place

Most of us, usually assume Shiloh is a temple. No, it is not. It is a country very close to Ephraim, where a temple is located. Hence, when people say they are going to Shiloh, they are referring to the temple found in Shiloh.

*"Over time, we have mistook Shiloh as a temple where, in fact, it is a nation."*

Now, the temple is where God dwells not Shiloh. To buttress this, let's see another mention of Shiloh.

#### Joshua 18:1

*"Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them." (NKJV)*

The latter part of this scripture shows a dimension you must understand if you not remain useless for life. Shiloh might be a country but erecting an altar where the presence of God can saturate makes the difference. In the scripture here, Joshua says the people of Israel set up a tabernacle of meeting at Shiloh and brought in the ark afterwards. You can decide to set up a temple in your house, your car, your workplace. Irrespective of the place as long it is conducive for God to dwell, it becomes a Shiloh.

*"Shiloh is a place where you raise a temple, worship, altar and prayer to God."*

Hannah has been going to Shiloh every year, but a year came when she entered the temple, in God's presence, with a burden to receive her answer.

Shiloh is a country, is a nation, but the temple you build, the presence of God you carry changes the nomenclature and atmosphere of that place to make you better.

Can you cultivate the presence of God daily so that you can become that which God wants you to become?

Let's see the deeper dimension of Shiloh as a place.

#### **Joshua 18:9-10**

*So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions. (NKJV)*

It is in Shiloh that possessions are distributed. In other words, you possess your possession in Shiloh. The definition of this possession was eventually seen in chapter 19.

#### **Joshua 19:51**

*These were the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel divided as an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So they made an end to dividing the country. (NKJV)*

They were dividing possession, but it's not actually possession, they were dividing countries.

*Time won't allow me to go deeper in other P's;*

## **2. Shiloh as a Promise**

## **3. Shiloh as the promise of Jesus**

- *I pray that what God will give you today will be an intergenerational possession of resources!*