

Genesis 17: 1-6; 15-16

¹Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

"I am God Almighty;
Walk before Me, and be blameless.

²"I will establish My covenant between Me and you,
And I will multiply you exceedingly."

³Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

⁴"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,
And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

⁵"No longer shall your name be called Abram,
But your name shall be Abraham;
For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

⁶"I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.

¹⁵Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

¹⁶"I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.

Genesis 35

¹⁰God said to him,

"Your name is Jacob;
You shall no longer be called Jacob,
But Israel shall be your name."
Thus He called him Israel.

¹¹God also said to him,

"I am God Almighty;
Be fruitful and multiply;
A nation and a company of nations shall come from you,
And kings shall come forth from you.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

¹⁴"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,'

¹⁵you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

¹⁶Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

¹⁷"He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

¹⁸"Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

¹⁹"It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

²⁰that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

Judges 8:22-23

²²Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."

²³But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you."

Judges 9:1-18

¹And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's relatives, and spoke to them and to the whole clan of the household of his mother's father, saying,

²"Speak, now, in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that seventy men, all the sons of Jerubbaal, rule over you, or that one man rule over you?' Also, remember that I am your bone and your flesh."

³And his mother's relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem; and they were inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our relative."

⁴They gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him.

⁵Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself.

⁶All the men of Shechem and all Beth-millo assembled together, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar which was in Shechem.

⁷Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and called out. Thus he said to them, "Listen to me, O men of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

⁸"Once the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!'

⁹"But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my fatness with which God and men are honored, and go to wave over the trees?'

¹⁰"Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come, reign over us!'

¹¹"But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to wave over the trees?'

¹²"Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come, reign over us!'

¹³"But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?'

¹⁴"Finally all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come, reign over us!'

¹⁵"The bramble said to the trees, 'If in truth you are anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, may fire come out from the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon.'

¹⁶"Now therefore, if you have dealt in truth and integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have dealt with him as he deserved--

¹⁷for my father fought for you and risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian;

¹⁸but you have risen against my father's house today and have killed his sons, seventy men, on one in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life.

Word Studies

DAY THREE

Prince (5057-naglyd) leader, ruler, captain, prince-overseer

Ruler (5057-naglyd) leader, ruler, captain, prince-overseer

Anointed (4886-mashach) to smear, anoint, spread a liquid; to anoint, consecrate

*The most common usage of this verb is the ritual of divine installation of individuals into positions of leadership by the pouring oil on their head. **The Complete Word Study Dictionary***

Prophecy (5012-naba) speak by inspiration, to predict; *Most commonly refers to the way in which the word of the Lord came to the people.* **The Complete Word Study Dictionary**

The Spirit

DAY FOUR

Numbers 11: 17, 25,26, 29

¹⁷ I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Numbers 24:2

² And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Numbers 27:15-23

¹⁵ Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

¹⁶ "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

¹⁷ who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD will not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

¹⁸ So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;

¹⁹ and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and commission him in their sight.

²⁰ "You shall put some of your authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey him.

²¹ "Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his command they shall go out and at his command they shall come in, both he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

²² Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

²³ Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses

Judges 3:9-10

⁹ When the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.

Judges 6:34

³⁴So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him.

Judges 11:29

²⁹Now the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, so that he passed through Gilead and Manasseh; then he passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he went on to the sons of Ammon.

Judges 13:24-25; 14:6, 19; 15:14

²⁴Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him.

²⁵And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14:6, 19

⁶The Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, so that he tore him as one tears a young goat though he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

¹⁹Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil and gave the changes of clothes to those who told the riddle. And his anger burned, and he went up to his father's house.

15:14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds dropped from his hands.