

## THE CORPORATE ANOINTING

### I. Acts 7:37-38

37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the **church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: KJV

A. Moses gave a prophetic word in regards to the coming of the Messiah: Jesus Christ

1. Moses was speaking to Israel while they were in the midst of their wilderness journey

a. Note what Moses calls the nation of Israel:

(1) vs 38 “**the church in the wilderness**”

### B. 1 Cor 10:11-12

11 Now all these things happened to them as **examples**, and they were written for our **admonition**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1. “all these things happened to them ( Israel / the church in the wilderness) as **examples**

a. Def **Examples**: a warning, a prophetic type,

2. these examples of Israel / the church in the wilderness were written in scripture for “**our admonition**”

a. Def **Admonition**: calling attention to, mild rebuke

(1) So there are many lessons we can learn thru the study of Israel in the midst of their wilderness journey

(2) One of those lessons is learning the keys as to how to Develop the **corporate anointing**:

II. All of Israel was given a promise from God in relation to their  
Destiny: The Promise Land

A. Destiny both:

1. corporately

2. and individually

a. you will discover that the **Corporate Promise / destiny**  
had to first manifest before the **Personal Promise &  
destiny** could be fulfilled

B. Ex 3:8 So I have come down to **deliver them** out of the hand  
Of the Egyptians, and to **bring them up** from that land to a  
Good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey,..”

1. This land of milk and honey was first promised to “**THEM**”

The **corporate body** / church in the wilderness

a. the nation of Israel as a whole or a church

b. then to each individual family & person

C. But do we understand that the fact that:

1. **Not one family, nor one individual**

a. could enter into their destiny / could enter into their  
promised land

(1) **on their own?**

2. They were battles to face and obstacles to overcome

a. that one family nor could one individual accomplish on their  
own

(1) it would require developing a corporate anointing in order  
For anyone to partake of their Personal Destiny / Promise  
land

(2) same principles are true today on many levels with the  
Believer & their ties to the local church

D. First there were **Seven nations** that had to be conquered

1. Deut 9:1 Hear, O Israel. You are now about to cross the  
Jordan to go in and **dispossess** nations greater and stronger  
than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky.

a. these nations are a type and shadow of demonic powers

- (1) Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
  - (a) Demonic powers must be dispossessed & at times Requires the corporate anointing to do so
    - (1) It is one thing for a believer to cast out a devil
    - (2) but it requires a totally different level of anointing to Dispossess the “rulers of darkness of this age / world{ From a city or nation
    - (3) You will discover that it requires a CORPORATE ANOINTING in order to experience such victories in The spirit realm
- b. Each of these nations Israel would face represented a particular demonic power that one individual could not not defeat alone
  - (1) Deut 7:1 "When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,
    - (a) Note: “**Greater & Mightier than you**”
      - (1) What God has called us to do is greater than just one Individual’s personal anointing
      - (2) Individual believers as Born Again priests must Remember that we are called to be a “spiritual nation”
        - (a) 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
        - (1) a **HOLY Nation** also describes the **CORPORATE ANOINTING**

1. The definition of the names of each of these seven nations  
Reveals the manifestation of the demonic spirits that ruled in that particular land, and must be disposed
  - a. **Canaanites**: a low place, to depress or humiliate
    - (1) manifestation: shame, depression
    - (2) The Promise:  
Isa 61:7 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.
  - b. **Amorites**: boasting, challenging, demanding, speaking against authority
    - (1) manifestation: rebellion, non-submissive, unteachable
    - (2) The Promise:  
Luke 7:8 For I also am a man placed under authority, Heb 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
  - c. **Hittites**: fear, dread
    - a. manifestation: spirit of fear
    - b. The Promise:  
2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
  - d. **Hivites** life giver
    - (1) manifestation: distraction from the true purposes & will of God
    - (2) The Promise:  
John 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, (Jesus) "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

e. **Girgashites**: idolatry, high mindedness

(1) manifestation: pride, never seeking first the Kingdom of God

(2) The Promise:

(a) 1 Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

f. **Perizzites: drifters**

(1) no commitment, never settling into a local church body  
spiritual vagabonds drifting from church to church

(2) The Promise:

1 Chron 12:17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment."

18 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, and he said: "We are yours, O David; We are on your side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers! For your God helps you." So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

g. **Jebusites**: to trample, tread under foot

(1) manifestation: domination, manipulation, control, defeat

(2) The Promise:

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Deut 28:13

And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God,

2. The **cities** Israel was to conquer as they went into their promised land was described as:
  - a. Deut 9:1 “large cities that have **walls up to the sky**” NIV
    - (1) this is a type of **spiritual stronghold** that must be pulled down:
      - (a) 2 Cor 10:4 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
      - (b) stronghold must be pulled down, before you attempt to build your life, church, family, etc.
      - (c) **Divine order for Building:**
        - (1) Jer 1:10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."
          - (a) Note: first: root out, pull down, destroy, throw down
          - (b) and then: build and plant

E. **Not One person** nor could **one family** of Moses congregation could break ranks from Pastor Moses & the rest of the Body and be successful in walking into their destiny & Inheriting the promise of God

1. They could not cross the Jordan river on their own and defeat The enemy, overcome the walled cities and walk into their destiny / promise land
  - a. It took the **CORPORATE ANOINTING** to accomplish this goal & receive their promises
  - b. Example: **Jericho**

Josh 6:16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!

Josh 6:20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

(1) Note: It was not just one person. It was the entire nation of Israel walking in unity for seven days around the walls / stronghold of Jericho

(2) It was the **CORPORATE ANOINTING OF THE SHOUT OR PRAISE** : not just the praise of one or two people

That pulled down the stronghold / walls of Jericho

(3) The **Shout of the King** was in their midst thru the Corporate anointing:

(4) The Corporate Anointing of Praise pulls down spiritual Strongholds today

(a) be a participator in Praise & Worship / not a spectator  
And contribute to the Praise & Worship

(b) Be a participator and prayer during altar calls & not  
Just be a spectator....so you can contribute to the  
Corporate anointing

2. **Another Example** of how just one person or one family alone could not set out on their own and walk into their Promise land, and conquer the strongholds the armies of the enemy / even though they personally **walked in obedience to The Lord**

a. **Joshua & Caleb**

(1) Joshua & Caleb were a part of the twelve spies sent by Moses to spy out the Promise Land

(2) In Num 13:16-17 Moses sent out the twelve spies to spy out the land

(a) in Num 13:28-29 ten of the spies brought back an evil report and convinced the church in the wilderness that

(1) they could not obey God's leading

(2) could not believe God's Promises in regards to their destiny

(3) could not trust the decisions & direction their leadership was taking them in

- (4) And declared to the congregation:  
Num 13:31 We be not able to go up against the people;  
for they are stronger than we.
  - (3) at the same time Caleb is declaring:  
Num 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses,  
and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are  
well able to overcome it.
  - (A) Yet, Joshua & Caleb could not enter into their destiny on  
their own
  - (B) Because it required a Corporate Anointing to take the land
  - (4) Forty years later Caleb is speaking to His new Pastor /  
Joshua.....& this time things are different
  - (a) Caleb is among a congregation who wants out of the  
wilderness & has developed their corporate  
Anointing....which would enable them to successfully  
walk into their destiny & conquer their enemies
  - (b) and Caleb cries out:  
Josh 14:10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me  
alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the  
LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of  
Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this  
day fourscore and five years old.  
Josh 14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain,
  - (1) Even though Caleb was obedient forty years ago.....  
he could not walk into his Destiny until the  
corporate anointing was developed amongst the  
church in the wilderness
- 3. You will find the same is true for the Church and Believer  
today**
- a. There are some spiritual stronghold that can only be pulled  
down thru the power of the corporate anointing
  - b. The are some powers of darkness / demonic spirits that can  
only be defeated thru the corporate anointing
  - c. there are good people who love & obey God that are being  
held back from the fullness of the promises of God due to a

- local church failing to develop their Corporate Anointing
4. Lev 26:8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.
    - a. Deut 32:30 How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the Lord had surrendered them?
    - b. Matt 18:19 "Again I say to you that if **two of you** agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.
      - 20 For where **two or three** are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
      - (1) I have news for you: God did not set this thing up with an Independent spirit / lone ranger mentality
      - (2) Just as no-one could break away from the church in the wilderness and tell Pastor Moses:
        - (a) I am out of here....we are done with church we are going in on our own to our promise land
        - (3) The same principles apply to us today
          - (a) You cannot forsake the assembly of the saints according To Heb 10:25 and victoriously defeat the powers of darkness and enter into your destiny / promise land
          - (b) you may have some measure of success:
            - (1) but not to the same measure of the one hundred who will put ten thousand to flight
- F. We see an example of unity and the corporate anointing in:
- Ex 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."
- 10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- 11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

1. Joshua and his army / a type of

a. **Joshua: church leadership**

b. **Joshua's army: congregation**

(1) experienced victory when fighting the enemy as Pastor Moses held up his hands releasing spiritual authority & another measure of anointing, spiritual covering

2. At the same time Pastor Moses could not play super star:

because regardless of how anointed he was....**even he got weary**

a. It took **Aaron & Hur** a type of the ministry of local church **elders and deacons**

(1) hold up Pastor Moses hands in support and unity

In order or the congregation / Joshua's army to prevail over the enemy

(a) A perfect picture of the corporate anointing

III. Josh 3: 1 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.

2 So it was, after three days, that the **officers** went through the camp;

3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

- A. We find Israel / the church in the wilderness entering into their Promise land / destiny / leaving their wilderness
1. vs 2 tells us that for three days the **Officers** went thru the Camp preparing the people to take a step of faith towards destiny
    - a. **Officers**: leaders among the tribes of Israel
    - b. **Officers type of church leadership** helping to develop the **corporate anointing** in their midst
      - (1) spreading the spirit of **unity**
        - (a) **Church leaders need to be speaking the same thing the Pastor is proclaiming in order to develop the corporate Anointing**
          - (1) Jesus said: Luke 11:17 "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.
- B. vs 3 we see the **PRIESTS** who are a type of the **five fold ministry** of Eph 4:11
1. and the **LEVITES** who are a type of **deacons & department heads** in the local church today
    - a. "**bearing it**" / the ark of the covenant / as they followed pastor Moses instructions he received from The Lord
      - (1) a type of **the glory & manifest presence of God**
  2. The each member of the congregation is told:
    - a. when **you** see the leadership walking buy with the glory of God upon their lives
    - b. when you see the leadership taking steps of faith with their Pastor toward their promise land / destiny
      - (1) vs 3 "**set out from your place**"
        - (a) step out from complacency
        - (b) step out from inactivity
        - © step out from your present spiritual plateau
        - (d) step beyond your present limitations
        - (e) step beyond just the anointing you carry as an individual
    - c. vs 3 "**and go after it**"

- (1) GO AFTER THE ARK / **GLORY**
- (2) join in with the rest of the body / church & go after the glory & help develop the **CORPORATE ANOINTING**
  - (a) so we can enter our destiny / promise land
  - (b) pull down the strongholds
  - © and defeat the principality and powers of the air
  - (d) so we can walk in the fullness of the will & blessing of God: **Both corporately & personally**

C. 2 Tim 2:3 calls us a “**good soldier of Jesus Christ**”

- 1. But no soldier by himself can fully defeat the armies of an enemy
  - a. ..it takes an **army**
  - b. it takes a corporate anointing
  - c. Joel 2:11 The Lord gives voice before His **army**, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word.
- 2. We find a great example of the corporate anointing in **David’s Army**:
  - a. a picture of Body ministry, unity & each individual contributing to the corporate anointing:
    - (1) 1 Chron 12:33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could **keep rank**: they were not of double heart. 1 Chron 12:38 All these men of war, that could **keep rank**, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.
      - (a) learning to “keep rank” / thru thick & thin
      - (b) finding the local church God has set you in
      - © discovering your ministry God has called you to
      - (d) and putting your individual anointing / you spiritual gifts And talents to work for the glory of God
    - (1) makes a divine formula for a CORPORATE ANOINTING

- (2) Enabling a local church to enter into its Promise land / Destiny
- (3) which in turns brings you into the fullness of your personal destiny

D. as the leaders passed thru the camp of Israel they challenged Each individual: **“YOU”**

1. **“GO AFTER IT”** / THE GLORY

- a. One person is not able to usher in the glory into a local church
- b. we cannot do what God has called us to do
- c. we cannot be whom God has called us to be
  - (1) on our own
    - (a) But: If we each will do our part...and go after it
    - (b) thru the Corporate Anointing we can take the land

E. We find the disciples gathered in an upper room with determination to: **GO AFTER IT**

- 1. Acts 1:14 These all continued with **one accord** in prayer and supplication,
- 2. Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with **one accord in one place.**
  - (a) one accord / unity
  - (b) one place / they all showed up for church
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
  - a. They lined themselves of with God’s prophetic time table
  - b. The got into one accord / one place / developed the corporate anointing:
    - (1) and God Poured out His Spirit upon them

F. God gives us a promise today:

1. Acts 2:17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

a. We are in line with **God's prophetic timetable** for great things

b. But the key, The trigger that initiates a fresh Out Pouring of the Holy Spirit

(1) is when we repent of our independent attitude

(2) get into one accord / in one place....called a local church

(3) and develop the Corporate Anointing

(a) God is faithful to do His part in fulfilling His Word

(b) to pour out His Spirit

© and bring us into our Promise land / Destiny

(1) first corporately

(2) and then in turn.....we experience personal fulfillment  
Of God's promises to a greater degree