

Prophetic Vision: Breaking the Spirit of Delilah Over the Church

I was praying when I was taken into vision. I saw a battlefield and warriors loaded with weaponry, prepared for battle.

As I looked, out of nowhere came their enemy flying overhead, dropping upon them what appeared to be heavy, thick drapes. To me, it seemed as if their foe was attempting to blanket them in heaviness.

I heard the Lord's voice loudly roar, "No! It is broken! They are mantled with My authority!" As soon as He spoke, the enemy's blanket fell off God's warriors and disappeared.

Hear the Word of the Lord to you:"I led you by the way of the wilderness. I knew there would be a Red Sea in front of you and Pharaoh's army behind. I set you up to look to Me. All will see who fights for you and who is your deliverer. The Sea, that has been your barrier, is the threshold of your crossing into the miraculous. It is time for revival! My people, you hold the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and you will unlock the chains of the captive and deliver the oppressed. What is being activated is more than a movement, it is a legislating of My kingdom on the earth."

In Matthew 16:15-19,

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father

who is in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Jesus posed the following question, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." After Peter declared that He was, indeed, the Son of God, Jesus conveyed that upon that revelation, that He would build His church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The Greek word for "church" is *ekklesia* and means "legislative assembly" or "selected ones". This means that believers have legislative authority upon the earth. God has given us the power of binding and loosing. It is the hour for us to take back our homes, cities and nations. God has given us legislative authority to draw the line in the sand.

After this encounter, again in prayer, I heard the Lord say, "The Spirit of Delilah is being broken over My church." I opened my Bible to Judges, where the story of the woman Delilah can be found. I investigated the traits of the spirit that operated in this woman, who brought down God's anointed vessel.

The background of Delilah's evil work began with Samson's identity of being a Nazarite from birth. Samson's mother had been barren until an angel appeared and announced that she would give birth to a son, and he would be a deliverer of God's people. He also instructed her that the child was to obey the requirements of a Nazarite. A Nazarite's vow required that he abstain from drinking wine and strong drink, refrain from touching dead things and refrain from cutting the hair on his head. Samson, one of the judges of Israel, was given supernatural strength to aid against Israel's enemies and

allowed him to perform superhuman feats. The life of Samson also conveys the dangers of treating God's anointing casually.

Samson's life shows us his slow decent into compromise. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him to kill a young lion, and he retrieved honey from its dead carcass. But the anointing still rested upon him, and he killed 30 men (Judg. 14:19). Once he took the jawbone of a donkey and slew 1,000 Philistines (Judg. 15:15), once again breaking his vow of touching a dead thing. Yet the anointing remained upon his life. Samson was able to excuse his actions because the Spirit of the Lord had not left him. Even after breaking his vows, he was able to do mighty things for God.

Finally, Samson began a full-fledged compromise with the world. He went down to the land of the Philistines and met Delilah. He fell madly in love with her, but she would prove to be his downfall.

The lords of the Philistines paid her to entice Samson to reveal the secret to his strength. Three times Samson deceived Delilah, giving various reasons for his strength; however, each time he came closer to the truth.

After three failed attempts of causing Samson to lose his strength, Delilah, "pressed him daily with her words ... so that his soul was vexed unto death" (Judg. 16:16b, KJV). This spirit that operated through her had so disillusioned him until he was at the point of wanting to die. "And she made him sleep upon her knees" (Judg. 16:19a).

That same spirit is in operation today, slowly and methodically pressing God's people to a place of surrender. It has lulled the church to fall asleep in its lap for far too long. It is after the anointing. It comes to steal one's strength.

I heard the Lord say, "The spirit of Delilah is breaking off of My People. The bride of Christ is becoming the warrior

bride.” Just as the Lord showed me in the vision of the warriors, the enemy sought to place heaviness and weariness upon God’s army, but the Lord broke it by declaring, “No! They are mantled in My authority.”

Today, I prophesy to you that the spirit of Delilah, which causes you to slumber, is broken over your life, and you are awakening from its lap. It is your time to walk in victory!
{eoa}

Andrew Towe is an emerging prophetic voice to this generation. Andrew preaches the Word of God with fire, inviting God’s manifested presence to fall, with signs and wonders occurring in his services. Andrew and his wife, Brooke, are the lead pastors of Ramp Church Chattanooga, and they reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee, along with their two children. Andrew travels extensively, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Wherever he ministers, lives are changed, faith is strengthened and expectation is ignited.

Read articles like this one and other Spirit-led content in our new platform, CHARISMA PLUS.