



The Issachar Anointing

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‘And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment (1 Chr 12:32).’

‘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 (1 Chr 12:38).’

Issachar:

3485. Yissaskar, yis-saw-kawr' (strictly yis-saws-kawr'); from H5375 and H7939; he will bring a reward; Jissaskar, a son of Jacob:--Issachar.

7939. sakar, saw-kawr'; from H7936; payment of contract; concr. salary, fare, maintenance; by impl. compensation, benefit:--hire, price, reward [-ed], wages, worth.

Issachar is a ‘Benefit’ or ‘Reward’ to Israel, the sons of Issachar are men of understanding; Hence their presence among the children of Israel represents a ‘Reward’ for righteousness. Men of understanding who know exactly what should be done in every season are always a great benefit to the righteous at all times. These men were living in a period when Israel needed leadership, even the leadership of a God called and anointed man such as King David. David is a type of Christ here, so it could be said that all Israel came with a Perfect (United) heart to Hebron (or, Fellowship) to make Christ (The Anointed One) their King; it is sure that the men of Issachar had much to say in Israel along these lines to confirm David's right to rule and reign over them. They ‘knew what Israel ought to do..’ There was no doubt in their minds as to the decision that they were to make that day; the times and the seasons were ripe for a righteous King to ascend the throne of Israel, not one who was a mere politician, the choice of the ‘People (as in Laodicea)’ but one who was especially chosen of God from before the foundation of the world to rule and reign in righteousness.

These all came with a ‘Perfect Heart’ to ‘Hebron (Fellowship), to make David King (1 Chr 12:38).. We need to come in the same Spirit into the perfect ‘Hebron’ of God, unto the Body of Christ.. Into Perfect Fellowship with a Perfect Heart that only desires that the Lord Himself would have all Preeminence. To come to know and to recognize one another as ‘Bone of His Bone, Flesh of His Flesh.. (See Eph 5:30)’ This kind of perfect fellowship in Christ Jesus is what will establish the Kingdom of God first in our ‘Earth,’ and in all the earth ‘Without.’



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'The heads of them were two hundred..' Two hundred is the Number of 'Insufficiency,' in John's Gospel we read:

'Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little (John 6:7).'

And in 2Cor 3:5 we read:

'Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God (2 Cor 3:5);'

It appears that the sons of Issachar realized full well whence their sufficiency was derived - totally from God, and not man; and the apparent result was that:

'All their brethren were at their commandment..' When any group of people can recognize that their sufficiency is of Him, and from there, allow the Lord to have all 'Sovereign Preeminence' among them, it was this dynamic of the centrality of Christ in their midst that caused others around them to become willing to submit themselves willingly and peacefully to their leadership.

'All these men of war, that could keep rank..'

This was a group of people who knew what it was to 'Fight the Good Fight of Faith,' they had learned how necessary it was for them to 'Keep Rank' and not turn their backs to the enemy when he raged against them.. We are shown a picture of this kind of Unity and defense strategy in the book of 1st Kings:

'It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward (1 Ki 7:25).'

The rank of the men of war shown here (The Twelve 'Oxen' or, Apostles) were with their 'Hinder Parts Inward,' or standing 'Back to Back' to prevent the enemy from doing any 'Backstabbing..' The armor of the Christian as we see in Ephesians 6:13-17, only covers our 'Frontward Parts,' nothing is provided for the 'Backsides' - except the protective covering of our Brethren.. This is a good posture for the sons of God in this day, who are gathered with 'One Heart (Mind)' to make their heavenly David King. We need to take careful heed to this admonition; Whether we realize it or not our adversary is real, and his only chance of really hurting one of us is by coming from 'Behind' where we have little or no defense against him, but for our precious brethren who 'know what Israel ought to do..'

Blessings,



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