

ANOINTING THE LAND

Week Eight

1. **You have enlarged the nation, O LORD; you have enlarged the nation. You have gained glory for yourself; you have extended all the borders of the land.** Isaiah 26:15

Father God, You are the Lord of the land, and You determine the boundaries of nations. As our people came under your judgment we became few in numbers and our land was reduced to a tiny fraction of what it had been. You have called us to a high, holy calling. In recognition of our godly response to that calling, we ask You to increase our numbers again and to radically increase the borders of our land. As You have done it for other nations, so You can do it for us.

2. **"Their leader will be one of their own; their ruler will arise from among them. I will bring him near, and he will come close to me, for who is he who will devote himself to be close to me?" declares the LORD.** Jeremiah 30:21

Father, there is no purpose in our being a city/nation if we are not a godly city/nation. We ask You now to begin to raise up godly leaders for our churches and for this city/nation. We admit the truth of this verse that no one really devotes himself to be close to You. And we acknowledge that few of our civic leaders are passionately pursuing You. We acknowledge that few of our young people are devoting their lives to the priesthood or the pastorate. But Father, You and You alone can draw the future leaders to You and cause them to come close to You. We ask You to give us the gift of many godly leaders. Reach into our culture and handpick some of our best men and women who You will draw close to You as You equip them for leadership. Let them be leaders who have been nurtured by the hand of God. May the fame of our godly leaders spread across the land. This You CAN do, Father. We humbly ask You to do it for us.

3. **This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'"** Isaiah 49:8-9

Lord of Life, as You equip these future leaders, we ask You to specifically teach them how to restore the land. As our borders are enlarged, we as a people will need to not only cleanse the land of its defilement, but also to possess the righteous birthright of the land. Raise up from among us men and women who will discover new truths about our inheritance in the land and the blessings that flow from the land to us.

4. **On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine---the best of meats and the finest of wines.** Isaiah 25:6

"I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 31:14

God of All Wealth, never in any of your covenants with nations has widespread poverty been a mark of the blessing of God. Rather, You always mark your favor on a nation by blessing them with abundance.

We have diligently sought to cleanse and heal our land and the people. Now we ask You to release the anointing on our land and upon our economy. We ask for the wealth that is the good fruit of a righteous city/nation. According to the standard in Scripture, we ask that as we grow in righteousness, You would bestow abundance upon us so that the cities/nations of the world may know that we have found favor in your eyes.

5. **Then the maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.**

Jeremiah 31:13

And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away. Nehemiah 12:43

God of All Joy, we ask You to not only make us great and to make us wise, but also to make us a people who have endless cause to celebrate You. Raise up a generation of children who know far more about comfort, joy and dancing than they know about sorrow, hardship and hopelessness. We ask You to teach our civic and spiritual leaders new things from your heart about how to celebrate. Within a few years, may people from around the world come here to drink deeply from the refreshing spirit of joy that pervades our culture. This can only come from your hand, O God, but it is part of your desire for us, so we ask You for it.

6. **Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.**

Isaiah 32:2

Father, we ask for spiritual and material wealth for our city/nation, not primarily for our comfort, but so that we can also heal the regions around us. In the past we have taken from others and others have taken from us. Now we ask You to enrich us so that we can be a shelter and a refuge for those who are not yet experiencing your blessing. Enable us to pour out the water of life to those in need. We ask You to anoint our city/nation to heal the cities/nations around us.

Anoint the memorial with oil each day after the prayers have been offered and the new stones placed.