

## Pittsburgh Prayer Initiative: Part III

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### I. Upon Reexamining Past Initiatives...Recognizing Principalities

I have updated a document on Beaver County; see the outline below. There is still much room for consideration because of the presence of a 'Philistine spirit'.

Last week I felt impressed that the city of 'Gath' was relevant to Pittsburgh. On 3/14, I saw a large red grape over the city, somewhat north, but still suspended over the city. The skin was being peeled back to reveal the flesh of the fruit and the seeds inside, and then it was squeezed. The juice streamed out to the land below. New Wine is flowing. What happened to the seeds?

#### Gath means 'wine press'.

The word Gath can stand alone but also is a prefix of sorts, i.e., *Gath-rimmon*, etc. There are many places of the 'wine press'. Towns and cities, but also personal issues are pressure points.

Sandie Freed's book, the *3-Fold Demonic Cord* will help you to identify some of these places in which you are pressed or squeezed. Being pressed can also be a good thing, too. We are pressed into His service, like Simon the Cyrene when He helped Jesus to bear the Cross.

#### 'A rallying point'

The second element following Gath, as in *Gath-rimmon*, identified an exact city where a clan or tribe could meet in times of war. Gath was also a northern Philistine city. Coincidence? Maybe not. I thought at first that Gath represented Beaver County based upon my past experiences and dreams. I am inclined to believe it is inclusive, meaning that the region is many Gaths, or wine-presses, bearing the spiritual mark of the QOH through the characteristics of these various principalities.

#### About Israel & the Philistines

The Israelites drove the 'giants' (Anakim) from the hill country but they 'held fast at Gaza, Gath and Ashdod'. Joshua 11:22

Gath was also a 'royal city'. Achish resided in Gath and David, in exile, served him as a vassal for a season. Saul was king in Israel.

I Samuel 29:1-10 refers to Achish as King, the first among equals by definition, of the five princes or lords of the Philistines.

It was not until the time of Solomon that Temple worship was restored. Achish was still king of Philistia during Solomon's reign but was a lesser king at that time. The Philistines were also idol worshipers.

#### What can we learn from all of this? This is only the beginning...

I believe this is important in regard to the church and restoration of true worship and intercession. The Pittsburgh region is still backward, the church 'stuck' in the 1970's, disregarding the renewal movement on the whole and speaking evil of it!

The revealed Queen of Heaven has ruled, unchallenged, except at times of breakthrough. i.e. Healing homes from A.B. Simpson's ministry, Kathryn Kuhlman, the Charismatic movement in the 70's.

The principalities connected to the QOH, also virtually unchallenged, are revealed. Some have been obvious for a long time, some hidden by occultic spirits.

**The red grape:** The tough skin of religion is being peeled back, revealing the soft flesh and seeds of renewal underneath that have been dormant, just waiting to be revealed and planted. The New Wine is streaming after being squeezed out, softening the ground, north of the city but not far off. Meaning, I

think, that the city is larger than man's boundaries. The seeds are in the hand of God, and He is planting them where He wills.

There has been a resurgence in recent years but not a complete restoration of true worship. Worship and intercession is so much more than church gatherings offer or have ever offered. Another reason repentance is so necessary.

### **Our Response:**

We are building and God is establishing a 'stronghold for the Holy Spirit' north of the city. We are undermining the QOH and Jezebel, the Philistine lords, through true worship and intercession. We are standing in a counter measure against the QOH prophetically, 'up from the ashes', true repentance vs. penance!

(You may recall, I mentioned the song from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, '*Up from the ashes grow the roses of success*' that went around and around in my head. We actually went to see the musical at the Benedum last Sunday night. Little things can be prophetic!)

A transformational agenda-more later.

### **Current Questions: What do you think?**

Is Pittsburgh a spiritual Gath, one part in the greater whole in the USA?

What cities are represented and ruled by the other Philistine 'princes'?

Since the Queen of Heaven is a religious stronghold, who or what is the lesser king represented by Achish as the King of the Philistines? Is that thought even relevant and if so, how? See Baal/Dagon.

On a local level, which counties are ruled by like spirits of a lesser degree?

While these are necessary questions and intercessions, my last thought is this: Jesus Christ is Lord of All. So don't *think* too hard on these things; intercede, listen and move in obedience to what the Holy Spirit is speaking in this Hour.

## **II. Beaver County**

**A. Since Beaver County is part of the Pittsburgh region,** a study of the Queen of Heaven is necessary. See the book, *The Queen's Domain* by Peter Wagner, Roger Mitchell and others.

This brief outline is from the early 1990's and I've condensed it and expanded above.

First: Hosea 4 in conjunction with the Philistine spirit. I recommend a word study for those of you who like to dig. Hosea 5 is about apostate Israel, Hosea 6, hope for the future.

### **B. God has a case against the people of this land. Hosea 4: 1-3, 9, 11-14**

A Philistine spirit that accompanies the QOH occupies this county as a ruling principality. See the Samson & Delilah section in the *3-Fold Cord*. Fascinating.

### **C. 5 Lords of the Philistines.**

They were politically strong and were referred to as 'princes'.

### **Hosea 4:2 encompasses the works of these 5 princes:**

**Swearing**-oaths and vows; corruption; false political allegiances-unions & parties

**Deception**-lies; witchcrafts; divination; rebellion; pride

**Murder**-shedding of innocent blood; abortion; hate; racism; violence; gossip; accusation

**Stealing**-narcotics; gambling; slumber; drunkenness; spiritual destiny

**Adultery**-seducing spirits; apostasy

\*vs. 12 a spirit of harlotry has led them astray. Delilah.

### **Destiny Thieves**

The Philistines were a war-like people and dominated Israel by stripping the land and the people of the iron in the land. I Samuel 13: 19-22.

This caused the Israelites to lack the necessary materials to create weapons of war and made them **powerless** to defend themselves.

We have been robbed of our spiritual weapons and in the natural, the steel industry is gone.

The Philistines robbed Israel; the spirit here has brought about the demise of the steel industry.

### **Denying the Holy Spirit**

The church is weak in the county, the supernatural work of the Spirit almost non-existent. There is a spiritual slumber on the people of God and a resistance to the Holy Spirit. It is dominated by Jezebel and anti-Christ.

Hosea 4:9 Like people, like priest. We have spiritually weak pastors, leaders.

Hosea 4:11 Harlotry... takes away understanding

Hosea 4:12-14 The people consult wooden idols and a diviner's wand; a spirit of harlotry has led them astray.

Jeremiah 7:16-18 The people bake cakes to the Queen of Heaven

### **A spirit of slumber 'languishes'.**

In recent years, Beaver County was advertised as a provincial place to live. However, I could not find that statement on the new website. I hope it's a good sign!

Hosea 4: 3 The land mourns, and everyone who lies in it *languishes*. The people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Hosea 4:14 The people without understanding are ruined.

### **Our Public Prayer Agenda as we 'caravanned' from place to place: Jeremiah 9: 17, 20**

Revival: Restoration of the Body of Christ, Healings in the Spirit, Soul and Body

Authority: Government, Judicial system, Pastors, Husbands, Spiritual Leaders, the Peace of Jerusalem

Salvations: Family, Friends, and Neighbors

Families: Husbands, Wives, children, Parents

Personal Requests with Thanksgiving