

The Princes of West Africa

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“Prayer is warfare to the last breath.”

Part 1: Background

The background to this material is the character of the Princes which we face. I have written about the Prince of Ghana already.¹ Part 1 is a brief summary, to set the framework for this material. It will also help Intercessors from other Nations see how we have got here and help them in their search for their Princes.

First, the vision I had of the Prince of Ghana:-

*I saw a figure of a very old man. He has been around for a very long time. His presence was depressive and his actions brought more and more depression. Gloom and despair hung like a mist around him. His name was **The Ancient One**. His purpose was, and still is, to bring Ghana down.*

His character

This was my summary of the character of the Prince of Ghana:-

He weakens the will, suppresses hope, undermines anything that is good, deceives and destroys everything that is good by deception, trickery or threat. He wants to humiliate Ghana, so that he can mock the Lord and show that he has broken the Lord's precious child. He wants to reign over Ghana.

This is his character in more detail. Fuller details in the longer "Prince" material.

* **Worship**

"Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9)

¹ See Bringing down the Prince at www.touchingthesoul.org

*** To reign and rule**

“Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people.

Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honour of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.” (Revelation 13:11-15)

*** Obstruct**

“Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. (Joshua 2:8-11)

*** Roots reach into the darkness**

“Some lived in darkness and in the shadow of death.” (Ps 107:10)

*** Destruction of the heritage²**

“The people of Samaria must bear their guilt, because they have rebelled against their God. They will fall by the sword; their little ones will be dashed to the ground, their pregnant women ripped open.” (Hosea 13:16)

² See THE NEW GENERATION page of www.touchingthesoul.org

*** Innocent blood³**

"Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."

(Genesis 4:10-11)

*** Pride**

"I thank you Father that I am not like other men." (Luke 18:11) ⁴

*** Spiritual blindness**

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. (Mark 14:1)

*** Hidden sin**

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18)

*** Satanic activity**

"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

*** Pull down**

"One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." (2 Samuel 10:2-5)

³ See **RELEASING THE POWER OF THE BLOOD** at www.touchingthesoul.org

⁴ See the videos "Intercession and National Repentance" on the **VIDEO TEACHING PAGE** of www.touchingthesoul.org

*** Spiritual powers**

"A people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the land and have settled next to me. Now come and put a curse on these people, because they are too powerful for me. Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that whoever you bless is blessed, and whoever you curse is cursed." (Numbers 22:5-6)

*** Chains**

"This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones." (Mark 5:3-5)

*** Deceiver**

"Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light." (2 Cor.11:14)

Part 2: The Princes - their work

This is the promise to Ghana which the Prince of Ghana has tried to oppose and destroy. (The Princes of other lands will have been trying to destroy in the same way.)

“Once this land was chosen to be the place where my Spirit would flow into all of the surrounding countries. I wanted to bless you and use you as a blessing to others. But you wasted my promise, and now it is no more.”

(Just for completeness, here are the Promises to the other three Nations around us:-

Burkina

I call you to be servants - servants of me, servants of each other, servants of those who do not know me. The servant heart I value more than any other offering, because it is the heart which is closest to mine, and which I am able to use.

Cote D’Ivoire

Do not despair. The way ahead may seem hard, but I am walking ahead of you, so you need not be afraid. Humble yourselves before me. Seek me for release from bondage, from fear, from all that binds you down. I am the one who sets people free and I will free you so that you can continue to follow me. I will never leave you. I will use you for my purposes. Do not be afraid to answer my call, for I am with you.

Togo

I am your rock, your fortress, your stronghold, your hiding place. Nothing can shake me, nor upset my kingly rule. I am from everlasting to everlasting, I am the great I AM. You belong to me - you are my children, my family, my sons and daughters. You are heirs of all I have. Why do you look at your smallness, and think of your weakness? Lift up your heads. Remember who you are - a holy people, my people. I have not forgotten you.

The Ancient One

The Prince of Ghana – the “Ancient One” – has been secure for many centuries. God’s people - his only opposition - have gone to sleep. Now they are lost in the wastelands of prosperity. Failing to live as the Lord asks, they are standing on the ground of “God will always love us and never abandon us.” In their sleep they failed to hear the voice of another god in the land. In their arrogance they forgot the first and greatest commandment - “You shall have no other gods before me.”

The Princes of Togo and Burkina have been doing the same thing - destroying the promises of God. The Princes have deafened God’s people to any voice which challenges their complacency and their sleep. Whoever tries to wake them - from within Ghana or from without - are ignored, ridiculed and rejected.

The Prince has done a good job, and is looking forward, in the coming decades to completing the task by chaining and deluding the people of God until they become totally ineffective and unable to break his chains.

Signs of change

But the Lord is waking his people in Ghana. They are beginning to hear the call to repentance. The Intercessors are beginning to plead the blood and the Lord is turning again to his beloved child.

Two visions are critical to understanding these changes.

*** 1.The child**

I was walking on a road filled with thorns. Every step I took was painful, because the thorns pierced my feet. I wanted to stand still, but ahead of me I saw the Lord, and he was calling me to himself. But to get to him, I had to walk on the thorns, and I did not want to do that.

“You cannot choose when you follow me or where you follow me” he said. “You cannot choose to follow for one day, or one week, and then stop. You cannot choose a nice path but ignore a hard one. You must walk the Way always, whatever is in your path. You must love me so much that whatever the cost, you will come. You must desire to share my sufferings every day and every hour. Your constant journey must be towards Calvary, and as you journey this path, every step will be Calvary for you. You must become Calvary among my creation, so that you will know their sufferings and mine.” I was troubled by these words.

I saw a child, laying in the road, deep in the thorns, bleeding and crying. I was shocked. "How did you come to be here?" I asked. "Help me" it sobbed. "No one comes to help me." My heart was filled with compassion, but as I moved to help, my feet were crucified by the thorns. I cried out in pain – "Lord, I want to show compassion, but it is hurting me so much."

The Lord did not speak. The child cried, and deep in my heart, the spirit of compassion stirred. The cross called me. I stepped out to rescue the child. The thorns bit into me, but compassion was stronger than the thorns. I was crying in pain when I arrived at the child. I lifted the child, and in great agony of spirit, I turned and walked towards the Lord. The journey was endless. The pain hurt, but the sorrow of the child hurt more and began to overcome my own sufferings.

I finally arrived at the cross, covered in blood and pain. "Take the child" I cried. "Now you can heal." "No" said the Lord. "It is not so easy as that. You must continue to bear the child, day after day. You must bear the burden day after day. You must release the compassion day after day. Do you think you can put down your suffering? I suffer day after day for the heartbreak of my children. If you truly want to share my sufferings, you must do the same."

I sank down in despair. The Lord was right. I wanted to suffer as I chose, when I chose and how much I chose. I wanted respite from the burden, yet he hung and hung, with no respite. How could I ever hope to bear such a burden?

***2. The lamp**

I saw the lamps of many churches being taken away. Those churches lost their power. As I watched, I saw the Lord standing in the room where I was praying. He was holding a lamp with a different light inside it. The light was called "**Repentance and the broken heart.**" I saw many angels also standing, holding lamps.

We all waited quietly, and then one person stepped forward and took one of the lamps with the flame of repentance and the broken heart. They placed the lamp on the ground and a few people gathered round it. The light shone, and the people began to feel the brokenness of the child Ghana.

One by one they came forward, and the light of repentance burnt into them, and they were in pain. They laid things before the lamp – things which had to be released before the light of repentance could begin to burn in them.

Tears poured down and became a small trickle which ran towards the feet of Jesus. His tears ran and mixed with the tears of the people. He began to intercede in Gethsemane pain. "Father" he cried "have mercy."

For the first time the Prince began to take notice of the danger that might coming as God's people wake up and begin to act.

Then another vision came, to increase our awareness and to indicate to us that the Prince might be in trouble:-

*** The crosses**

The whirlwind was roaming across the continent of Africa. Everywhere it touched down it destroyed lives, communities and nations. The enemy rejoiced in this destruction. "It is so easy" he said. Then at last he turned his eyes to the nation God loved with a passion - the nation he called his Beloved. "This one I must destroy" he said and sent the whirlwind of destruction towards it. "Nothing can stop me now" he gloated, "I have been destroying this place for decades. Now my moment has come."

But as he drew near, he saw something which he had not seen before. Everywhere there were small trees where there had been no trees before. He was puzzled and looked closer. To his horror he saw that they were not trees but crosses, scattered everywhere and growing slowly into a forest, stretching as far as his eye could see across the whole land. "Oh no. Not that!" he groaned. "That I cannot overcome." With bitter anger and spite, he turned away from the land God loved. His attack was broken.

The crosses (2)

Standing on the seashore, I saw, in the distance, a small wave coming towards me. As I watched it got bigger and bigger and bigger. But it was not like any wave I had ever seen before. It was a wave of crosses, and it was being driven forward by a mighty wind towards the shore.

When it got near to me, I saw that there was a figure on each cross. There were men, women and children. They were not suffering for themselves but crying in great pain and anguish for the land on which I stood.

I was greatly shaken, and I cried out to the Lord "What is this I am seeing? What are these crosses? Who are these people? And what is their pain?"

The Lord came to me and said: - "These are living crucifixions. These are the ones who have taken my burden for this land into their hearts, and are living daily the pain of rejection and disobedience which is in the hearts of the people of the land. These living crucifixions are companions of my suffering. The mighty wind is the Spirit, urging them on to be planted in the land before it is too late."

While I watched, the great wave of crosses broke on the shore, and driven by the mighty wind, they were swept across the land. The Lord took me up to a high mountain and I looked out over the land. Everywhere I saw the living crosses standing, and those on them crying with the pain of the rejection and the burden which this land has placed in the Lord.

The Princes

At this point I saw for the first time that the Ancient One was not alone. He could work with the Princes of other lands. This was the vision:-

I saw the Prince of Ghana, and he was beginning to fear that God's people might break him. Then I saw him talking with the Princes from the surrounding nations. I realised that the Prince was looking for help from them to resist and break God's people. I realised that we were going to have to look wider than just Ghana. The last thing we want is for worse things to break into our land if we break the Ancient One.

PART 3. The Princes - their strategy and methods

As we begin to look at the Ancient One, we have to accept that there are Princes of other lands around us. As we begin to make it harder and harder for our Prince, we can assume that he will look to the other Princes for support. Let's take a look at the biblical evidence we have for this view.

There is a hierarchy

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:10-12)

The key here is "Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. It is a plural – "forces." Daniel has two of them revealed to him:-

*** But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.** (10:13)

*** So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come."** (10:20)

I found this from one Commentator and it is good background to these verses:-

The Greek and the Persian Empires warred a lot. The Greek Empire wanted revenge over a number of Persian attacks caused by the expansion of their empire. Eventually the Greek Empire overthrew the Persian Empire to become the rulers over the Mediterranean Sea areas. The Greeks maintained power for a few centuries before the Romans usurped them.

It appears that Satan can't keep his house together. Two of the Devil's demonic princes cease battling Michael and his angelic forces and turn on each other in order to seize dominion over the same lands.

Paul gives us another glimpse of this hierarchy:-

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12)

Summary

The Princes co-ordinate their attacks. They are well organised, very experienced in opposing and pulling down, and know where to attack, when to attack and when to regroup for another battle on another day. We have no need to fear them, but we do need to understand them.

The Princes like the darkness

Now the serpent was craftier than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made (Genesis 3:1)

Part of the strategy is to act in the dark and behind the scenes. That was the strategy at the Fall. Sadly, this kind of attack – a guerrilla style of fighting – has been very effective over the centuries. In Ghana, the Prince has promoted the “God will never judge us” mentality, which has shut the minds of many to the possibilities of judgment.

The Princes change their strategy

The Princes are not blind attackers. They adjust their strategy to fit the occasion. With Eve it was deception. With David it was sex. With Herod it was violence. With the Jews it was hidden deceit. In Philippi it was a mob. We too have to be flexible in our approach.

The Princes are predators

The Princes are predators, not a passive force. Peter warns us of this:-

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
(1 Peter 5:8)

The Princes are actively seeking to destroy. We cannot leave them alone in the hope that they will go away. They will never go away. Like Goliath they will always challenge, always try to come closer to us so that they can kill with more efficiency. They want God's throne and will destroy all that stands in their way. If we are passive, we are lost.

The Princes are co-ordinated

"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there." (Matthew 12:43-5)

The story of the 7 spirits should warn us that the Princes are unified to a certain extent. They are not restricted by frontiers and borders. Many of God's people fail to appreciate this. If we are going to challenge and defeat the Prince of Ghana we are going to need to know who the Princes of our neighbours and bind them away from Ghana.

Part 4: The Princes of our close neighbours

Let's see which Princes might be round the borders of Ghana. We need to know so that we can be prepared - just in case they invade.

Togo

That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. (Exodus 5:6-8)

Prince: "Spite"

This was my vision:-

I saw a small, ugly and vicious Prince. His name is "Spite." His plan is to hurt so that he can weaken and break the land. The land groans with hurt.

Here is an example of his activity:-

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. (Matthew 2:16)

I looked again into the heavenly places over Togo and this is what I saw.

Over Togo I saw a dark cloud - small but increasing in size. This cloud plans great evil against the nation. But who was guarding the nation? I looked but found no one." The Lord said, "The watchtowers are empty."

How do deal with this Prince

The Ancient One would like to add this Prince to his work. How do we prevent it? This passage gives us an idea:-

He was oppressed and afflicted yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)

The Intercessors of Togo must learn to absorb the spite - take it into themselves and then to the cross. This way the stream of spite will be dried up, and then the Prince will be open to attack in the same way as the Prince of Ghana is being attacked.

Cote D'Ivoire

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. (Revelation 13:15)

Prince: Ruthless destruction

This was my vision:-

I saw the Prince of Cote D'Ivoire. It was hard and cold. There was no mercy. Just the desire to kill and kill and kill.

Here is an example of his activity:-

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. (Acts 8:1-3)

I looked again into the heavenly places and this is what I saw:-

I looked over Cote d'Ivoire in the heavenly places and I was surprised to see a cloud of blessing, waiting to descend. But no one called for it to fall, and it stayed in the hands of the Lord. The Prince rejoiced at this and poured out more and more destruction on the land. "Their God will not help them" he gloated.

How do deal with this Prince

We break this Prince by enduring, claiming the blood and claiming the victory. Here is the biblical framework:-

Endure:- "But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."
(Matthew 24:13)

Claim the blood:- And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matt 27:50-54)

Victory:- The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians.15:56-7)

Burkina

The thief comes to kill and steal and destroy. (John 10:10)

Prince: Ruin

This was my vision:-

As I looked into the heavenly places over Burkina I saw nothing but ruined houses, ruined buildings and ruined families. Hopelessness was everywhere.

Here is an example of his activity:-

The Babylonians set fire to the royal palace and the houses of the people and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard carried into exile to Babylon the people who remained in the city, along with those who had gone over to him, and the rest of the people (Jeremiah 39:8-9)

I looked again into the heavenly places and this is what I saw:-

I saw a dry and thirsty land. There was little water and the people were feeling desperate and afraid. "This land is at great risk. It will be easily swallowed by the desert and become a wilderness of spiritual things. I saw the desert places growing stronger but when I looked, I saw no one standing up to warn.

How do deal with this Prince

By our sacrificial intercession we have to replace ruin with promise. Here is the biblical framework:-

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
(Jeremiah 29:11)

PART 5: Wider nations

To set the battle in context, we need to understand what is happening on the wider front in the nations further away from us. Let's look at them now.

Benin

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. (Rev 13:15)

Prince: Satan is my Lord

This was my vision:

As I searched for the Prince, I entered a darkness so deep that I could hardly penetrate it with my eyes. It was frightening, powerful and ugly. Then I found the name of the Prince. Satan is my Lord

Here is an example of his activity:-

Then he took his firstborn son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall. The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land. (2 Kings 3:27)

***I looked again:** I saw a beautiful diamond – the most beautiful I had ever seen. As I looked, men began to attack the diamond to destroy it. I heard the Lord saying "I made Benin a beautiful nation and I love it, but it is always in great danger. Men want to break the diamond - to steal it and take it away. The nation has always been in danger but the greatest danger is that the people do not believe the danger or see the breaking.*

How to deal with this Prince

There is only one way to break this Prince. The Intercessors have to walk the path to Calvary. Beginning in Gethsemane they have to take Benin to the Betrayal, the Trial, the Scourging and the crucifixion. For the Intercessors of Benin this is vey tough challenge - perhaps one of the hardest we have seen so far.

Mali

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

Prince: Destroyer of the Passion of Christ

This was my vision:

I looked in the heavenly places over Mali, and I saw an evil being. It had a machete in its hands, and it was chopping down and destroying the cross. This Prince is called "Destroyer of the Passion of Christ."

Here is an example of his activity:-

For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

(Philippians 3:18)

I looked again, and saw nothing But I felt a great sadness sweeping over me. At first I thought it was coming from the earth but I soon realised that it was coming down from the Lord's heart in heaven. I cried for his sorrow, but he said "Don't cry for me. Cry for my people."

Then the Lord spoke again:-

How sad my people have become. They should have been wells of joy, springs of water in the desert for the thirsty to come and drink from. Yet my people have become sad, looking only at the dust beneath their feet. They have not seen or understood my love for them. My people, I want to comfort you with the joy of my Holy Spirit. Look up to me afresh. Lift up your faces to me. Call out to me and I will anoint you with new joy.

How to deal with this Prince

The Intercessors of Mali have to become the cross, and then lay it across the Nation by living it out in suffering and sacrifice. They have to live poor and broken lives so that the power of the cross can be revealed.

Niger

But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

(Matthew 24:13)

Prince: Crushing

This was my vision:

I searched for the Prince, but I found it hard. I felt surrounded, locked in, pushed down. Inside this experience I found its name – “Crushing.”

Here is an example of his activity:-

That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’ Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.” (Exodus 5:6-9)

***I looked again.** I saw a very old man. He was weary. He had struggled for so long and now he was about to give up. “Niger has struggled but I losing the battle” said the Lord. “The danger from the desert is great and Niger has little energy left to resist. I can revive this and, but only if I can find people after my own heart.”*

The enemy will invade this land if he can. He will weaken your love for me and for each other. He will try to dry up the water of life. He will try to deny you my Holy Spirit. He will try to rob your children of hope, of a future. He will try to sow hatred and despair in your land. You must rise up and overwhelm him by the blood of the cross. Nothing else can throw him back. No one else can defeat him. I am seeking for hearts on fire for me, people to take a stand, to challenge and equip my people.

How to deal with this Prince

Joy breaks every chain. The Intercessors of Niger have to move into the joy of the Lord, exalt his name and refuse to be bowed down.

This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” (Nehemiah 8:10)

Liberia

Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness, prisoners suffering in iron chains. (Psalm 107:10)

Prince: Bondage

This was my vision:

I saw many trees. They looked beautiful but when I looked closer, they were dead. Others had few leaves. I saw people attacking the good trees with axes. If this continues there will be no trees left.

Here is an example of his activity:-

This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king's share had been harvested and just as the late crops were coming up. When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" (Amos 7:1-2)

***I looked again:-** The Lord spoke to me. "Dust and ashes have been your lot. Tears and sorrow have washed over you But I love you. I have never forgotten you. Day and night I have watched over you, caring for you as a hen cares for her chicks. When you have been hurt, I have felt your pain. When you have suffered, I have grieved. Your names are written on the palms of my hands. I know that you are poor, with little power. But do not despair or be afraid. I am your light, your protection, your provider. Do not be afraid of men - of their threats or their schemes. Hold on to me and I will bless you.*

How to deal with this Prince

The Intercessors must protect the trees with their deep intercession. This will be very costly because those attacking the trees will turn on them. The Lord will ask for a great sacrifice from the Intercessors, but their sacrifice will be the soil into which new trees will be planted.

Nigeria

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Prince: Rips apart

This was my vision:

I saw a volcano. There was smoke at the top and it was threatening to explode. The Lord said "Nigeria could be a great nation, but it is a dangerous one. It threatens to explode and if it does it will damage many of the Nations round it."

Here is an example of his activity:-

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:11)

***I looked again:** "Divide and destroy!" These are the works of darkness which are taking place among you. You must stand close together. United by my love and by prayer you must destroy the works of the enemy. No longer must each church look for its own interests. You must come together and cry out to me for the land, and then I can pour my Holy Spirit on you. To do this is not easy. The way ahead is not easy. The enemy has grown strong and bold. Now is the time for coming together, before it is too late.*

How to deal with this Prince

The Intercessors must seek forgiveness with deep humility and repentance. Then the Lord can release the cloud of glory which will break the volcano.

Guinea

I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Revelation 3:8)

Prince: The Accuser

This was my vision:

The Lord has put many wells in the land, so that the people could draw spiritual water. But the wells have been poisoned. The people still go to the wells because they do not realise what has happened. Why has this happened? Because those who should have guarded them have fallen asleep. They have not maintained their watch, so the enemy has been able to poison the spiritual water. How long will this last? Until those who should guard fall down before me in repentance.

Here is an example of his activity:-

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "An enemy did this,' he replied. (Matthew 13:24-28)

I looked again:- *You were bought with a price - my blood. Freedom is the gift I give to you, and I want you to use this gift to set free those who are in bondage to the kingdom of darkness. This is the charge I give to you - set the prisoners free. But first you must be free yourselves. You cannot compromise with the darkness. It must have no part of you, and you must have no part of it. Is this true of you - of your leaders, your husbands and fathers, your wives and daughters, of your mothers and children? Will you let my Spirit examine you, to show up any darkness, that it may be confessed and dealt with? Only then can you be free and be able to lead others to freedom.*

How to deal with this Prince

The Bible verse for the Intercessors is clear.

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mark 14:38)

Part 6: Releasing the Angels

As we deal with the Princes, we must not forget that there are also angels in the heavenly places. They are there to serve us:-

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)

We also understand that these angels are set in place over the Nations. We catch a glimpse of this here:-

But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. (Daniel 10:13. NLT)

Are there angels watching over the nations around us? This is what I have seen, for our prayers.

Ghana - Guardian

This angel watches over Ghana. It is interesting that while the people of God failed to put the blood of Christ on the gates, which gave the enemy easy access, Guardian has been watching over God's people, despite their errors and mistakes. Here are 2 Bible verses which will help us as we reflect on this :-

I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled." (Jeremiah 1:12)

"Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:28)

Togo - Covering

This angel watches over Togo. In the heavenly places, Togo, like the Virgin Mary, is covered. Here is the verse I have been using as I reflect on this:-

"The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35)

Cote D'Ivoire - Glorious

What a wonderful angel for Cote D'Ivoire. Glory is over the nation, just as glory filled the skies at the birth of Jesus. Here is the verse I have been using:-

There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. (Mark 9:2-3)

Burkina - Blessed of the Lord

This angel reminds the Lord that this land is blessed by him. Two verses for Burkina:-

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
(Joshua 1:8)

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.
(Matthew 19:14-15)

Final visions

As we wrestle with this complicated material, here are three visions to keep our hearts alive with the glory and hope of the Lord.

*** More than conquerors**

I saw a mighty demonic figure, dressed in strong armour. He was arrogant and proud. His name was violence, and he set out to destroy God's people. In his path I saw a young man, dressed in ordinary clothes, and wearing no armour. I was afraid for the young man and cried out to the Lord for him. "Look again" said the Lord.

When I looked I saw that the young man was clothed in light, and in his hand was a sword. The sword had a name. "More than conquerors." As I looked, I saw that the armour of the strong man was not strong, but rusty and broken. His sword was no more than a stick, and his arrogance no more than the wind.

Stream of pure gold

I saw in heaven a beautiful stream of pure gold and beautiful blue water. It had a name - "The stream of the beauty of the Lord."

I looked and as I did, I was filled with longing. "Lord" I said "I want to swim in this stream. I want it to fill me so that my spirit can bring you pure gold."

The Lord looked at me with love and said " You can only swim in this stream when you are with me in glory."

The Promise

"Once this land was chosen to be the place where my Spirit would flow into all of the surrounding countries. I wanted to bless you and use you as a blessing to others. But you wasted my promise, and now it is no more. Now I give you a new commission. Your land is to be a well of forgiveness and healing. Many will come and draw water from your well. They will return to their own lands and healing for their lands will flow. Then they will bless my name, and bless Ghana for its faithfulness to my cross and my sacrifice."

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