

The Birthplace of Revival

1 Chronicles 21 (KJV)

¹ And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

⁵ And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

⁷ And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

¹⁴ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. ¹⁵ And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶ And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

²¹ And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground. ²² Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. ²³ And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all. ²⁴ And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that which is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. ²⁵ So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. ²⁶ And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. ²⁷ And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put

up his sword again into the sheath thereof. ²⁸ At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

- Satan's goal was to provoke David's flesh.
- We are still facing the same battle that we have faced since the creation of Adam and Eve. (The Battle between our flesh and God's Spirit.)

Genesis 6:3

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh:

- David allowed his flesh to overcome God's Spirit when, because of his ego, he wanted Israel to be numbered.
- Because of this, God sent an angel of war into the city of Jerusalem so that 70,000 men died.
- The Bible said that after this angel had slain 70,000 men, David looked up and saw the angel standing at Ornan's threshing floor with a sword in his hand. (Notice that the Bible says the angel was standing between heaven and earth.)
- Heaven represents the Spirit, and Earth represents the flesh.

Matthew 6:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

- The very first thing that Jesus teaches us to pray about is the Battle between our flesh and His Spirit!
- The vision that David saw was this, he saw the angel of the Lord with a sword in his hand suspended between heaven and earth.

- But also notice where the angel was located. (Ornan's threshing floor.)

¹**thrash** \ *verb*

- 1:** to separate the seeds of from the husks and straw by beating:
- 2 a:** to beat soundly with or as if with a stick or whip:
- b:** to defeat decisively or severely
- 3:** to swing, beat, or strike in the manner of a rapidly moving flail
- 4 a:** to go over again and again

- It was not by mistake that this vision of the angel took place at Ornan's threshing floor. It was here that God was teaching us how to win the battle of our flesh verses His Sprit!

1 Corinthians 15:31 (KJV)

³¹ I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

- After David saw this vision, he and the elders of Israel fell on their faces and repented before God.
- The David came to Ornan's threshing floor, and asked to buy that place from Ornan, because now he realized how important it was.
- Ornan said that he would give the place to David, along with tools and animals for the sacrifice unto God.
- But David said I will not offer anything unto God which has cost me nothing!
- So David built an altar unto God at that threshing floor, and the Bible said that God was pleased, because He answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.
- We Harvest Church needs to do, is make sure that we have our flesh under subjection to God and build Him and altar, and then He will answer us from Heaven with Fire!

- We need the Fire of the Holy Ghost in our lives!
- Jesus illustrated the Battle between flesh and Spirit for us in...

Matthew 26:36-41 (KJV)

³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. ³⁷ **And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,** and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. ³⁸ Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. ³⁹ **And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed,** saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. ⁴⁰ **And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep,** and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ **Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

2 Chronicles 3:1 (KJV)

¹ Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

- The temple was built on Ornan's threshing floor where David built the altar!
- God will begin to build Harvest Church into the magnificent Church that He desires for it to be when we will be willing to go to the threshing floor and beat our flesh into subjection, and build an altar before Him!