

THE  
UPCOMING  
MOVE

Don't Miss It!

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# DEDICATION

*The Upcoming Move—Don't Miss It!* is dedicated to all who lead churches, Christian institutions, and organizations. In well over thirty years of leadership, I have seen the struggle of many spiritual leaders in their sincere search to serve the Lord in a way that is pleasing to Him. They have built their ministries and churches with full commitment. Sometimes with partial revelation only and with limited means, they have given themselves to the work of God.

There were years when the fig tree did not blossom and when there was no fruit after all the hard work. Sowing was done with tears, and cumulated pain and frustration caused lasting wounds.

This book is a tribute to those who kept standing and are waiting on the Lord for something new. Something that will rise above all expectations and that will in the end make it more than worth the price of faithful servitude. It is a book with prophetic input that will stir up faith and will unlock new views in your spirit.

It is my prayer that you will be part of the upcoming move. That you will hear your sons and daughters prophesy. That children will walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and that the sick will no longer return home disappointed. That cities will be visited and blessed by God with loving and powerful churches that cooperate in love. That we believers will give a face to Jesus and that the tears will be dried of those who are broken and without hope.

With a subservient heart and open hands I stand beside you and cry out, “Lord visit this world—Your creation one more time!”

In love for Jesus and His Kingdom,

Bert de Haan



# ENDORSEMENTS

*The Upcoming Move—Don't Miss It!* is a great read. Every page brings fresh revelation in the Word of God and the moving of the Spirit as well as rich resources for each believer to apply to his or her life daily. It indeed creates a hunger in the reader to become a more avid student of the Word and the Spirit of God. We were personally blessed and inspired as we read each chapter.

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*The Upcoming Move* is a prophetic call to the Church to get ready for the last day harvest. God is preparing the Bride of Christ for her finest hour yet. Bert takes us on an exhilarating journey through the Bible. He shows us the past moves of God, their relevance for us today, and how they will culminate in a powerful move of God in our day. Bert is a unique and highly engaging communicator. You will find yourself filled with expectation and passion to prepare your heart.

A mighty wave is coming, and the river of God's presence will sweep across the nations. I pray that we will position ourselves for the greatest harvest the world has ever seen! This book will be of great help in getting ready for the upcoming move!

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I recommend this well-written, easy-to-read and easy-to-understand book to all those who are hungry for revival. In this book, Pastor Bert de Haan does an unparalleled expository and exegesis study of past moves of God with straight-to-the-point beautiful and direct applications to the life of the current church, believer, and leader. His prolific and dynamic

illustrations will light the heart of the hungry with new passion to prepare them for the upcoming move of God in their lives and communities and nations.

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Some books are just a compilation of words, but some books carry a life-giving message. *The Upcoming Move* is such a book! Bert has captured a message from God's heart that carries with it a holy spark that will set your heart alight! It provides solid hope that God is indeed on the move and that every hungry heart can be part of His great move! It is a practical handbook that will prepare you to be part of God's great move! Read it and be ready to experience it! May God's river of life flow through you!

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Pastor Bert is clearly an apostle assigned to awaken and activate today's generation into the unprecedented administration of God's glory that is about to flood the earth. I have the pleasure of being Bert's friend and the privilege of seeing the powerful fruit of his ministry. He is a man of far-seeing perception, he does not think short-term. He operates from an apostolic grace full of divine wisdom that refuses to produce a brief, shallow revival that does more harm than good.

He sees clearly the massiveness of God's majestic, ever-increasing glory for the Church and nations. In this book Bert opens your vision to see sequentially and supernaturally throughout the entire Word of God the amazing and consistent faithfulness of our Father to restore and increase His power in every generation. The tsunami of God is about to flood the earth, and this is a profoundly pivotal book with the weight of prophetic timing on it to inspire you to see revival power is accessible for

you—and importantly how it can be sustained because of divine order and liberating Kingdom government. We salute you, Bert.

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Pastor Bert is one of very few people through whom God has inspired me. When I saw his book, *The Upcoming Move*, written in English, I did not hesitate to read it. I am a pastor who usually preaches more than 220 times a year, so it is hard for me to find an inspirational book—but Pastor Bert’s writings have never failed me. In this book he covers many lives and incidents written in the Bible that show the presence and the movement of the Holy Spirit, some you may have never noticed in your daily reading. The way these moves are explained is untraditional, very inspirational, and anointed. When you read it, you may want to quote from this book and refer to it often, as this was my experience. You also will experience God’s voice talking to you personally; with holy tears coming up, the voice of the Lord will break through in your heart if you let Him do so. May God use this book in your life.

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Pastor Bert de Haan is a man of God I greatly respect because of his deep passion and burden, not only for the local church but also for the global body of Christ. His new book, *The Upcoming Move*, is highly recommended for all those who believe that the body of Christ in this generation will experience the greatest move of God ever. He places the spotlight of revelation upon various Old and New Testament characters showing how they made themselves available and were used by God in their particular times. It is packed with examples, challenges, truths, and principles that will help the body of Christ today in her preparation for the upcoming move of God.

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## PREFACE

I wrote this book because there is a firm belief in my spirit that the Church worldwide will see an incredible move of God. What is coming will be so different! During almost thirty-five years of leadership in the church I learned and observed many things—such as how some things seem to repeat time and time again. People came, gave their lives to Jesus, joined in enthusiastically, but after years disappeared. Consequently, they missed the constant river of God’s refreshing love and mercy in their lives. Disappointed, cynical, dissatisfied, or hurt by their local church system, they opted out.

But now something is changing in the spiritual realm. A new dimension of hunger and thirst is filling up the atmosphere. Hearts are opening wider, lives are touched more deeply. The church is going through a transition phase: the transition of time in a season of God.

We see the same occur in the life of Jesus. For thirty years He walked the timeline of this earth and filled His days like most people. But upon turning thirty He stepped out of time into a season, and within three and a half years changed the world from one steeped in sin to one filled with hope and joy and the promise of eternal life.

Right now, it is the Church that is transitioning from the worldly timeline into a season of spiritual awareness—of seeking the presence of God. For many years things were done as always. There was a set liturgy—year in, year out. People came and went. They sang songs and listened to the sermons, only to subsequently return to the order of the day.

However, I firmly believe that we are on the brink of a significant move of God—and it is closer than you might think. All around the world believers are convinced that something from Heaven is about to break through. God has shown Himself throughout the centuries and prophets have seen the days in which we are living today.

What can we expect and what have we learned from the past? There have been moves of God in the past fifty years. Sadly, most of them disappeared quickly because there was no bed for God's river to flow. After a short-lived revival, the waters receded and soon people returned to their old ways.

*The Upcoming Move* takes you into all the great moves of God in the Bible. Each move was characterized by specific features. But the upcoming move is different. All features of each are tied together and that is exactly what makes the upcoming move unique and especially powerful. As a result, a riverbed will grow that guarantees a continuous flow.

The Western church has lost its influence and impact in the past ten years and looks like a receding sea. However, what is on our doorstep is an immense and growing tsunami of power and glory. Impact and influence will suddenly increase rapidly. What used to take a decade will occur in weeks or months.

The cry of Samson, "Lord, make me strong one more time" is rising from the mouths of millions of believers worldwide. The current largely powerless Church will rise at a great speed and fulfill its mission. Millions of souls will be harvested. Great miracles of healing, deliverance, and provision will take place. Churches will bulge, simply because of the manifestation of God's power. Spiritual hunger and thirst will increase.

While the world, desperate and directionless, goes from one chaos to the next, the churches will be places of safety, power, and security. The impact will be like a river flowing through the desert. In this season there will be a bed so the river will continue to flow and will not dry up. Young and old will collaborate. Tears that flowed during sowing will transform into flows of joy because of the enormous harvest. Children will speak God's words and the sick will be healed spectacularly under their hands.

The upcoming move is growing and looking for waterways to flow everywhere. Don't miss it!

## INTRODUCTION

Throughout history there have been moves of God. Some lasted centuries, others only a few years or a few months. Throughout the centuries there have always been believers who knew there was more—more than the same Sunday grind. In their quest to seek more of God, they were oftentimes frustrated by institutional Christians or dogmas. However, this group of hungry believers never vanished; on the contrary, they are growing by the day and making an impact worldwide.

In this book I take you within a number of large moves of God that have taken place throughout the centuries. A move always starts with one man or woman who hungers and thirsts for knowing God and who desires to worship God. All moves have left an inheritance that are highlighted in the following pages. It is especially this inheritance that may help our generation to embrace what may well be the greatest and last move of God before the second coming of Jesus.

The book of Judges covers a period of 400 years and ends with the words: “...everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). It is typical that the word “worship” does not occur throughout the whole of the book of Judges. At times there is spiritual revival, but it is always short-lived because the people become involved with idols of the land again. They squander their inheritance.

In the book of Samuel, a reversal takes place. It starts with the words: “Now there was a certain man...and his name was Elkanah.... This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh...” (1 Samuel 1:1-3). Elkanah means “point of connection” and that is what God is looking for to start a revival. This man has a pure heart, revealed by the fact that he leaves his city every year to travel to Shiloh with his family to worship God. Shiloh means “place of rest or peace.” It is where the tabernacle of Moses is located, where continuous

offerings are made; but nevertheless, the country is in severe spiritual decay.

Elkanah has two wives, one is named Peninnah and the other wife is Hannah, which means “mercy.” Every year in Shiloh, Peninnah attempts to provoke the barren Hannah into anger to keep her from the purpose of the journey—to worship God.



*Satan always springs into action to steal worship  
from the hearts of upright children of God.*



But God finds a point of connection in Elkanah. Wherever He finds a man or woman who wants to worship Him truly, grace starts to flow.

From these two beautiful persons, Elkanah and Hannah, Samuel is miraculously born. As a young boy he is brought to the house of God and he bows down before the Lord. Samuel grows up in an environment of unrighteous tolerance and moral decay, but God uses him as a key person to transition the time of judges to a new season of kings. In the 490 years that follow, we see a series of kings come and go. Each time God finds someone who searches Him sincerely, a move begins.

All these moves offer us principles that together form a riverbed for the next coming—the largest, and in my view, last move of God before the second coming of Jesus.

The two books of Kings are prophetic, current, and stimulating and offer us sufficient material for serious reflection. Let’s have a look at the life of David, a man after God’s own heart, who is mentioned more than twelve hundred times in the Bible. He is the first king to start a revival that changes a nation. The life of David offers a collection of principles and truths that are current for every believer and church today.

## CHAPTER 1

# DAVID, THREE TIMES ANOINTED

According to the Bible, David was a man after God's own heart (see 1 Samuel 13:14) who is mentioned more than anyone else. After the rejection of Saul, the Lord sends the prophet Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint one of his sons as the new king of Israel. God Himself picks David, not because of his glorious career, power, or wisdom. God's way of selection is different from our way in that He looks at the heart: "man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

David is anointed several times throughout his life and upon each anointing he has to deal with specific enemies. The triple anointing finally results in his kingship over the kingdom of Israel.

The triple anointing symbolizes the process the Church of Jesus Christ and every believer needs to follow through to ultimately reach full destiny.

### **The First Anointing: 1 Samuel 16:13**

The first anointing of David takes place among his biological brothers, around the age of seventeen. As a shepherd boy David hears his prophetic destination for the first time when the Lord said to Samuel, "For I have provided Myself a king among his sons" (1 Samuel 16:1). This anointing shapes David's identity.

From the horn, the golden flow of oil poured out over David's head. He would never be the same again! The Bible says it like this: "and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward" (1 Samuel 16:13). The horn of oil prophetically speaks of the depth and power in the life of David. In order to obtain a horn, blood must flow, an animal has to be killed. If we compare this with the anointing of Saul, we see that Samuel used a flask (see 1 Samuel 10:1). This symbolizes the superficial, spiritually fragile, and earthly centered life of Saul.

## *Enemies after the First Anointing*

The confrontation with the enemy after the first anointing is found in 1 Samuel 17. Because he is anointed, David sees the feared giant Goliath with different eyes. The whole army of Israel moves back when this camp fighter comes forward. David, however, looks with the eyes of God. He sees Goliath as a banquet for the birds of the air. That is exactly what anointed eyes do—they see from God’s higher perspective.

Each child of God—each of us—will have to decide one day to deal with fear and intimidation. When we face every challenge head-on, making that decision especially sets free our true identity and opens up the way to our destination.

When David comes to the front to visit his brothers and provide them with food, he is belittled and rejected by his oldest brother, Eliab. David does not let this rejection penetrate his heart. He knows who he is under the anointing and enters into the confrontation with Goliath!

When David slays the giant with a stone and cuts off his head, he stands before King Saul and his son, Jonathan. From that moment on, David is the hero and he is sung to by the women as the slayer of ten thousands (see 1 Samuel 29:5). In the process of shaping his identity, David needed to learn how to deal with victories and guard against overconfidence and pride. The same applies to every believer—you and me. When God gives you victories, be on your guard against pride and overconfidence!

Everywhere David goes he prospers because God is with him (1 Samuel 18:4,14). Soon Saul becomes jealous and starts eyeing David (1 Samuel 18:9,29) as an enemy. Anointing triggers enemies, especially carnal believers.

Saul’s hatred escalates and David must run for his life. He goes to his spiritual father Samuel and there he visits the school of the prophets at Naioth. A blueprint for his prophetic sensitivity is set there, and his life gains influence. The prophetic is found among others in the marvelous Psalms, for instance Psalm 22, where David sings about the suffering of Christ; and Psalm 116 addresses Gethsemane and the Last Supper.

During his hunt for David, Saul also visits the school of the prophets and is even slain in the Spirit. Sadly, this experience does not change Saul's heart, he remains a carnal man resisting God's anointed one. Coming to a place where God's Spirit is at work does not guarantee that someone will actually change. True transformation takes place in a person's heart.

So David was called by God and anointed. He passed the first tests of rejection, fear, and intimidation. Yet there is still a long way to go for David. An awful lot is happening in his young life. David is being chased by Saul for a period of five and a half years, and like a hunted animal he is on the run continuously. Nevertheless, the anointing on his life attracts people, people who find themselves in distress just like him. The Hebrew translation words it like this: "And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him" (1 Samuel 22:1-3).

David has a close relationship with his spiritual father, Samuel. Additionally, he is in contact with the prophet Gad and visits him to receive direction for his life. A wise lesson to learn: it is important to have people who can speak into your life. The best people to help you are those who have understood the secret of praise. They bring you into God's presence and help you find rest in Him.

Gad speaks to David on behalf of God, "Go to the land of Judah" (1 Samuel 22:5). The name Judah means "they who praise." What profound advice for David as he was being chased by those who wanted to kill him.

The hunt by Saul intensifies: "Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand" (1 Samuel 23:14). Twice David has an opportunity to kill Saul in his sleep, but he refuses to do so because Saul is also anointed by God. David knows that God will deal with Saul in His time and His way. What a lesson! Despite Saul's failures, David respects him as a person, and the anointing on his life. We too must respect leaders who have been anointed by God, even when they are failing in our eyes.

Then, after all the years of insecurity and being on the run, David seems worn out and seeks his own advice rather than the Lord's advice.

He decides to hide, together with his men, in the land of the Philistines, the archenemies of Israel. King Achish gave him Ziklag as a dwelling place, which means “shrouded in sadness and heartbreak.” King Achish is an archetype of satan: his name means “I will blacken” (1 Samuel 27:6).

A period of severe identity crisis follows! David serves King Achish for almost one and a half years. During this period no prayers are heard and no psalm is written. David is no longer a Hebrew to the Hebrews and no Philistine to the Philistines. The identity crisis peaks. So as to satisfy Achish he pretends to raid Israel. In reality, however, he does the opposite and eradicates Israel’s enemy cities and tribes. To avoid being discovered, he consistently covers his tracks, and thus Achish remains well-disposed.

After sixteen months of not being allowed to fight against Israel alongside the Philistine kings, David returns to his dwelling place, Ziklag. Upon arrival it appears that the Amelekites have raided the place, their name means “to flog.” They have forcefully taken all women and children. David’s men are very bitter and turn against him as one force. In that moment David strengthens himself in the Lord and manages to redirect the aggression toward him, toward the mutual enemy.

That is what anointing does—it redirects the wrong and misdirected focus and forces the enemy to return what was stolen.

Eventually the Lord hands the Amelekites over to him and David seeks to reconnect with God and find a new direction for his life. In 2 Samuel 2:1 we read that David inquires of the Lord whether or not to return to Judah. The prophetic word of Gad seems to resound as an echo in his heart. David realizes that the sixteen-month period with the Philistines was a waste of time.

Sometimes we have to come to the same tough conclusions for our own lives, but fortunately there is always a way back. The Lord does not reproach David, rather He gives him clear instructions, “Go to Judah.” Upon David’s question where in Judah he is to go, God answers, “Go to Hebron.” Subsequently, David, together with his family and the men who were with him, settle there and a new phase in his life begins.

## **The Second Anointing: 2 Samuel 2:1-4**

Thus David's second anointing takes place at Hebron. This city is an image of the Church and has deep spiritual meaning. When the spies charted the Promised Land, the city of Hebron was the farthest location reached (Numbers 13:17-20). Hebron literally means "community" and is an image of reconciliation. It was a place where priests would eventually settle, the Kohathites, charged with the protection of the most sacred objects (Numbers 10:21). Hebron was also a safe haven to where murderers were allowed to flee. In short, a place of mercy and reconciliation.

When Caleb scouted this city, he found three giants there. Well over forty-five years later when he receives his inheritance, he cleanses his inheritance from these three strongholds: "Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak" (Joshua 15:14). The giants had to leave the community. They symbolize three unhealthy yet common human traits: guilt, shame, and fear. These attitudes no longer have any influence in the congregation as a result of the finished work of Christ. Christ's sacrifice on the cross destroyed guilt, shame, and fear—we have only to ask for forgiveness and God will forgive us our sins. He totally wipes our lives clean; we have no need to feel guilty, shamed, or live in fear.

It is therefore no coincidence that David is anointed at this location. It is here that he receives new strength to follow the path to his destiny. Shortly thereafter a new battle starts, a persistent enemy shows up and only the anointing can break this burden.

When someone takes his or her place within the congregation, the enemy rises up and starts an offensive, often aimed at the flesh. This often proves to be a long-lasting battle. But knowing He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4), we will win every battle and ultimately are the eternal victors!

Hebron is a home base for David. He meets his friends there and the oil flows over his head (Psalm 133). It is the image of returning and being deeply rooted in the community. "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God" (Psalm 92:13). Likewise, in the church today, ministries are recognized, affirmed, and confirmed.

Each believer needs the protection and comfort of the congregation to reach his or her destiny.

As a twenty-two-year-old young man, David needs to learn how to rule over the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. The second anointing stands for a process of formation and growth in authority. All believers need to grow in the area of authority upon the formation of their identity. God told Adam that he was to rule over the Garden and the same applies to all His children.



*The challenge is to walk in and exercise authority  
over all areas the Lord has appointed to us.*



### ***The Momentum Increases***

In a psalm David wrote, we read: “But my horn [David was anointed with a horn] You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil” (Psalm 92:10). This talks of momentum, reaching a new level. The Church needs this momentum. Leaders need determination when they know in God what they want to do. The ox is a cattle beast with the ability to penetrate an impenetrable jungle. The only thing it needs to do is point its horns forward and move itself that way. Anointing has that same power and in this psalm David makes a beautiful prophetic connection!

Anointing with oil is important in every believer’s life. The moment someone chooses Jesus, a certain measure of anointing comes over his or her life. Anointing represents the measure of God’s Spirit in someone’s life. Therefore, we can say, “Abba Father.” This anointing also has an instructional aspect: “...but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1 John 2:27).

Anointing has several properties and characteristics. In Psalm 92 seven are mentioned:

1. Anointing opens the eyes
2. Anointing opens the ears

3. Anointing deeply roots and bears fruit all year round
4. Anointing strengthens and builds the house of God
5. Anointing makes the believer grow closer to God
6. Anointing keeps the believer fresh and green
7. Anointing gives a powerful testimony

The enemy responds immediately after the second anointing of David. The stronghold he now faces is the house of Saul. The Bible tells us that a long period of war follows: “Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker” (2 Samuel 3:1).

Symbolically, this is the war between the flesh and the spirit. The spiritual house of David conquers, and David grows in authority as king of Judah. Worldwide in our day and age, this is reflected in the authority conflicts within churches. The war between the flesh and the spirit is the main cause of divisions and separations.

We see an important principle here: the house of Saul decreases in terms of influence and power while the house of David grows in influence and strength. Second Samuel 5:10 says, “So David went on and became great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.”

### ***What Do We Learn from This?***

The increasing anointing triggers enemies, especially fleshly and religious boasters. Jesus was continuously bothered by the Pharisees because He was the Lord’s Anointed One. Like flies, the enemies gathered around Him, tried to disturb Him, goad Him and distract Him from His vocation. Likewise, the first Spirit-filled church constantly ran into problems with theology, legalism, religion, and flesh. Sadly, and all too often we still encounter the characteristics of the house of Saul in current church settings.

Saul was anointed; we could compare it to someone giving his or her life to the Lord. That in itself is no guarantee for the bearing of fruit and for being successful in our destiny within God’s Church. John the Baptist

rightfully says, “Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:8). Bearing fruit is part of the life of a child of God, especially lasting fruit. Saul symbolizes the image of the grain kernel that fell in the earth but did not die to itself so that new life would emerge. Saul’s kernel remained by itself—focused on itself. Sadly, that is the status for many believers, their hearts never change in the deepest sense, and they remain without fruit.

### ***Characteristics of Saul as the Carnal Believer***

*Flesh breaks promises.* Saul breaks his promise to give his oldest daughter, Merab, to David and gives David his youngest daughter, Michal. Saul breaks his promises and does not live up to agreements.

*Flesh pleases people, Spirit pleases God.* Saul is a people-pleaser. He is a king by opportunity because the people so desperately wanted a king, just like the Gentile nations.

*Flesh draws from natural resources.* Saul does not move in his anointing, not even after a touch of God. He has two powerful touches: “Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man” (1 Samuel 10:6) and “God gave him another heart” (1 Samuel 10:9). Saul however keeps making use of his natural power with all its consequences: “the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him” (1 Samuel 16:14).

*Flesh does not seek God, not even after a spiritual experience.* Saul does not seek God, and even after the ecstasy at Naioth his heart does not change. In the days of Saul, no one bothers with the Ark of the Covenant.

*Flesh aims to please people and does not wait for God.* Saul does not execute God’s assignments in obedience, but gives them his own interpretation so as to please the people.

*Flesh lies and twists the truth for its own benefit.* Saul was to attack and destroy Amalek, all the people and animals. However, he brings back Agag and saves all the precious animals that should have been killed. Subsequently he lies about it to the prophet Samuel and thereby also to God.

*Flesh gladly blames others.* Saul blames the people.

*Flesh is jealous and gladly damages the reputation of rivals.* Saul is jealous of David because he is successful. He stations him at the frontlines expecting David to be killed in the battle against the Philistines.

*Flesh will go to any length to disarm opponents.* Saul hates David and wants him dead. For many years he hunts down someone who has been anointed by the Lord.

*Flesh will utilize sorcery and idolatry to maintain control.* Saul consults a fortune-teller even though he knows this is absolutely wrong. He himself once threw all fortune-tellers out of the country.

*Flesh legalizes brutalities.* Saul brutally murders eighty-five priests.

*The way of the flesh is a dead end.* Saul eventually commits suicide.

We see that works of the flesh occur regularly in the life of Saul and have similarities with everything that Paul mentions in his letter to the Galatians. Paul especially warns against the works of the flesh and advises:

*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish (Galatians 5:16-17).*

*...those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:21).*

The house of Saul gradually weakens, although it seems very strong initially. Saul has victories, is close to Samuel, the man of God; but his fleshly life and unchanged heart destroy him and dry up his anointing.



***Anointing can increase or dry up!***



The war between the house of David and the house of Saul is the war between the spirit and the flesh. It is after the anointing in Hebron that the war commences. The war between the two houses lasts seven and a half years.

As noted before, Hebron is the image of community. You will need to pass through Hebron in order to find the path to your destination. Hebron opens the pathway to a deeper dimension of God. Without Hebron, no Jerusalem. Each one has to deal with his or her flesh daily: the challenge is before us until the end of our earthly lives.

Why is Hebron, the congregation and fellowship, so important in our lives? Because they offer the best training grounds for the believer. It is the place where God wants to pour out His oil abundantly, but also the place where the flesh manifests itself powerfully. Flesh is opposed to spirit, they have nothing in common. We who crucify our flesh will grow in character and authority.

Whoever gives in to the flesh weakens their position: “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God” (Romans 8:14 NLT). Flesh and spirit consist of different substances and repel each other. There is no compromise possible as it brings death to all who try.

It is a daily battle! Jesus told us to pick up our cross daily in order to follow Him. Paul says about it, “I die every day.”

*For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For **to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you... (Romans 8:5-9).*

You will make mistakes just like David. Yet, he was a man after God’s heart because there were things in his life that pleased God. He regretted his sins and never blamed others. Also, David was a sincere God-seeker with all his heart and at all times willing to humble himself before God.

## **The Third Anointing: 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

After a long-lasting battle the tribal elders visit David at Hebron and anoint him king of Israel upon making a covenant with him. His men and the other Israelites recognize the destiny of David's life.

First Chronicles 12:38 says, "All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king."

Recognition of offices and ministries takes place in the local church (Hebron) by the leaders and believers. The church is the place where the oil flows to enable a breakthrough toward your destination.

David is now thirty years old. He reigns for forty years in total, seven and a half of which is over Judah and thirty-three years is over the whole of Israel. Immediately after his third anointing he marches up to Jerusalem. This anointing releases the process to break through toward his destination, yet there is no welcoming committee waiting for him.

### ***The Enemies after the Third Anointing***

The third anointing also comes with enemies. As soon as David is anointed king of Israel, he faces the Jebusites: "...the lame and the blind who are hated by David's soul..." (2 Samuel 5:8).

Opposite the heroes of Israel that acknowledge David are the Jebusites who belittle and ridicule him. They are symbolic of the stronghold that belittles, ridicules, and undermines authority. This is Satan's response whenever someone decides to break through toward his or her destination.

Satan will do everything within his power to thwart and ridicule someone who is about to break through. This is where true identity is tested.

The Jebusites were descendants of Cain and the original occupants of the land named after him (Canaan). Cain was a son of Shem (Genesis 10:16-18), who ridiculed his father Noah when he had too much wine to drink and was lying naked in his tent (Genesis 9:22). Here we see how the failings of a father are being ridiculed. Many believers are too

busy finding fault and pointing out the failings of their leaders, parents, employers, or the government. That is the spirit of the Jebusite: trample, undermine, and ridicule authority.

Under Joshua we see this same spirit rear its head. Joshua 9:2 says “that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.” After the fall of Ai, the Canaanite kings gather together in an attempt to stop Joshua from taking further possession of the Promised Land. This alliance includes the king of the Jebusites.

Later we read that the Israelites gave their daughters to the Perisites and Jebusites for marriage and as a result started to serve their gods (Judges 3:5-6). The Jebusites were highly involved in the process of thwarting Israel away from its destiny. This spirit aims to hinder the anointed children of God in breaking through in their royalty and aims to block the increase of their authority and influence.

The Jebusites try to ridicule David by humiliating him as a king. These citizens of Jerusalem belittle him by saying, “You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you” (2 Samuel 5:6). But God has a different plan for David and His anointing and breaks the limiting power of the enemy. Every human will have to face the limitations that the enemy tries to put on them. He works like a constrictor snake, hindering inhalation and decreasing your perception of breathing space. Satan belittles; and when you believe the lies, you will end up being small and powerless. Today is the day to free yourself from the lies and eliminate them from your mind, your worldview, and your behavior.



***Free yourself today from satan's lies!***



David breaks through and defeats the Jebusites to subsequently live in the city of his destiny. His heart's desire is clear: “let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul” (1 Chronicles 13:3).

David establishes himself there and soon all the Philistines, the enemy, rise up against him. The news that he has been anointed king of Israel has become clear to them (2 Samuel 5:17). In the battle that breaks out, David fights in complete consultation with God, who gives him detailed instructions as to how to defeat the Philistines.



***The third anointing offers a new level of hearing God's voice and direction.***



God is the God of breakthrough: "...The Lord has broken through my enemies before me..." (2 Samuel 5:20). The Philistines leave their gods on the battlegrounds and they are burned by David (1 Chronicles 14:12).

We meet the Philistines for the first time in Genesis 10:14, namely the Casluhimites from whom the Philistines originate. This group came from Caphtor, nowadays known as Crete or Cyprus. These seafaring people moved in the direction of Egypt and established themselves in Southwest Israel.

The Philistines soon turn out to be the archenemy of God's people. In Genesis 26 we see how they blocked up the wells that Isaac dug.

In Judges we see how they suppress the people. Samson makes a start with the liberalization of Israel from rule of the Philistines. In Samuel we read how they structurally battle against God's people and in the life of David they try with all their power to stop him from becoming the king. It is a spiritual stronghold that has the same in mind still today and that wages war against all who try to break through to the level of their destiny.

However, the increasing anointing comes with determination and seeks in detail the will of God. It creates an intense desire for God's presence. After the battle, the first thing David wants is to return the ark of God to Jerusalem. "How can I bring the ark of God to me?" (1 Chronicles 13:12).

## ***What Is the Ark of God?***

The ark was a wooden chest, two and a half cubits in length and one and a half cubits wide, overlaid with gold both on the inside and the outside. Both sides had four golden rings to hold carrying poles for the priests to transport the ark. The ark was sealed with a golden lid, the so-called mercy seat on top of which there were two cherubs bent downward, guarding everything that took place on the mercy seat.

With a considerable amount of perfume, the high priest was allowed to enter the holy of holies once a year and would sprinkle blood on the mercy seat seven times.

*And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel (Exodus 25:22).*

God thus spoke from the mercy seat on the basis of blood!

In Romans 3:23-25 Paul says:

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness....*

According to the Greek Dictionary, the word “propitiation” is *hylasterion* in the Greek language and literally means “seat of propitiation, propitiation seat, seat of mercy or mercy seat.”

In other words, Jesus is the mercy seat. He is the throne of God’s grace! The place where God and humankind meet. In the Old Testament this only eventuated once a year, on the day of atonement, by having the high priest sprinkling blood seven times. In the New Testament under the New Covenant, this is possible because Jesus, in seven ways, for once and for all, gave His blood as the perfect Lamb of God: 1) in Gethsemane He sweated blood, 2) His face bled when His beard was pulled out, 3) the crown of thorns caused blood to run over His face, 4) His whipped

back turned into a blood-streaked mess, 5) He was nailed to the cross, 6) blood flowed from both His hands and feet, and 7) blood came out of His side when He was pierced by a spear. His blood flowed so that we may have free access to God's grace.

## **David Causes a Reformation**

Following his anointing, David's focus is entirely on the ark of God. He makes the mistake, however, to not carefully study the way in which to move the ark of God. He has the ark returned on a wooden cart pulled by two oxen. This method was used by the Philistines when they sent the ark back to Israel after the plague had broken out in all Philistine cities (1 Samuel 5 and 6).

David's first attempt to transport the ark back to Jerusalem ends in a big drama. Uzzah, one of the men leading the cart, grabs the ark when it is about to fall and he dies on the spot! From that day, David fears the Lord and studies the laws of Moses for three months regarding the transportation of the ark before making another attempt (2 Samuel 6:9-11). David's motives were pure, the execution, however, failed because of a lack of knowledge.

What a lesson for the Church nowadays, to learn how to deal with God's glory in the right way. David decides—against all laws at the time—to bring the ark to a place other than the tabernacle of Moses on Mount Gibeon. Sometimes, like David, we are so focused on God's glory that we forget that there is a divine order by which He comes to us. He refuses to return the ark to a dark tent where God was unreachable and inaccessible. Instead, David prepares a different tent for the ark in Jerusalem on Mount Zion. So there were two tabernacles in the days of David: one on Mount Gibeon where the Laws of Moses were adhered to and one on Mount Zion, a tent without a veil and a forecourt.

The author of Hebrews expresses a deep meaning of these mountains and advises that New Testament believers did not come to Mount Sinai (law) but Mount Zion (grace). Subsequently he insists that we embrace the message of Mount Zion by saying, "See that you do not refuse Him who speaks" (Hebrews 12:25).

## ***David and the Order of Aaron***

How was David able to do this and why did he break with the order of Aaron? David had a deep revelation of God's glory and therefore he knows who God really is. He did not focus, like most did, on what was in the ark, on the law. No, he focused on the mercy seat, the throne of grace.

Today many are searching for God! Millions of people attend church hoping to find God, but once inside they often get rejected on the basis of the law. As a result, they are affected by feelings of guilt, fear, and condemnation and turn their backs on God thinking they are not worthy. Thus a completely wrong image of God emerges and thousands leave the church. No one points them to Jesus—the mercy seat full of grace and truth. He is the manifestation of God's love, and through His blood sacrifice He offers a completely new life.

This is what David saw prophetically. He stepped out of the order of Aaron (the law) into the New Testament order of Melchizedek, justification through faith in Jesus. He is the propitiation, the mercy seat, He is God's glory full of grace and truth.

### **The Veil of the Law and Worldly Spirits**

The Bible tells us that whenever the law of Moses is read, a veil comes over the people. The veil brought about by the law brings us into darkness and makes God unattainable, just as the ark in the holy of holies was unattainable.

*...For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away (2 Corinthians 3:14-16).*

Many believers who come under the preaching of the law, are judged by the law. They feel sinful because the law makes them conscious of sin. Guilt continuously afflicts their soul because of the realization that they will never be able to measure up to God's standard. When believers do not emerge from under this veil, they remain under the yoke of the law and a continuous insecurity as to their salvation remains. This creates

“religious people” who often look judgmentally upon others because that is what the law constitutes in them. The only rescue for them is the gospel of God’s grace, meaning that justification comes through faith in Jesus Christ and not on the basis of law-based works.

The world, on the other hand, does not live under the veil of the law, but under the veil of worldly spirits (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). These demonic spirits aim to keep people blind to the message of justification through faith in Jesus.

It applies to both groups that only the true gospel, the joyous message of God’s grace, is able to forcefully break through any veil. The gospel is the power of God for anyone who believes and is based completely on the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Whoever believes that with all of his or her heart and proclaims it out loud is saved.

*That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).*

## **A Trail of Blood Opens the Way**

David brings in the ark with a trail of sacrificial blood (2 Samuel 6:13). Everyone could see the ark, but not the law on the stone tablets because these were placed inside the ark under the mercy seat. The only thing they could see was the mercy seat, the glory of God, shining of grace and truth (2 Samuel 6:13 and 1 Chronicles 15).



*Through the blood we see a beautiful  
image of God’s glory and grace.*



The reformation of David was a revelation of the throne of grace and the glory of God. Everyone could see the ark and witnessed the tabernacle of David surrounded with worship.

### **David and the Priestly Order of Melchizedek**

On the day that the ark is brought in, David is clothed in priestly garments and not in his royal garments. The linen ephod was part of the high priestly garments (Exodus 28:4 and 1 Samuel 2:28). After having danced and having sung in complete adoration of God's glory, David blesses the people. A task to be executed by priests only under Aaron (Leviticus 9:22-23 and Numbers 6:23). In addition to his royalty, David now reveals himself to be a priest both through his clothing and his actions.

In the letter to the Hebrews we see that besides the priestly lineage of Aaron there is another priestly lineage, namely of Melchizedek, the king of Salem, priest of the Most High to whom Abraham gave his tithes and through whom the father of all believers was blessed (Hebrews 4:14-16). "For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (Hebrews 7:17,21-28). Hebrews shows us that Jesus is from the lineage of David and a priest in the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:6). Thus, a different order than that of Aaron.

David prophesies about this order in Psalm 110:4, that there will be a priest according to the order of Melchizedek. We know that this refers to Jesus Christ, Son of David. We as New Testament believers belong to this order as well! So when David acted as a priest, during the entry of the ark, he acted as a royal priest of the order of Melchizedek. He anticipated the role of the second David: Jesus Christ, who is now seated at the right hand of the Father on the throne (Hebrews 8:1).

### **The Tabernacle of David: Revelation of Grace**

As mentioned before, David returns the ark to Jerusalem and places it in a tent without a forecourt and holy of holies. He prepares a place for the Lord (1 Chronicles 15:1).

In John 1:14, John testifies about Jesus: "...we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." This

glory of God is none other than Jesus who reveals grace and truth!

The third anointing provides insight into God's glory and reveals grace and truth. That is the reason why David did not return the ark to the tabernacle of Moses. David had a revelation of the mercy seat: Jesus Christ, the Source of grace through whom all can freely access God. He falls in love with this glory and starts surrounding it with continuous worship.

Psalm 32 verses 1 and 2 cited in the New Living Translation confirm that David had a revelation of grace. He sang this psalm under the Old Covenant but prophetically looked toward the New Covenant.

*Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!*

Under the Old Covenant this was impossible because the law condemns all sinners. But hallelujah we are living in the New Testament era!

Paul writes these words in Romans 4:6-8 (NLT):

*David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it: "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of sin."*

This is the gospel of God's grace!

So, the third anointing reveals God's grace and truth and that revelation changes both the believer and the Church as a whole. Everyone is invited!

*For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds (Titus 2:11-14 NLT).*

David found a way to God's throne of grace and no longer acts under the order of the Old Covenant. He even goes to sit with the ark in the presence of God (2 Samuel 7:18). There at the throne of grace he expresses his desire to build a house for the Lord. This freedom can only exist under the order of Melchizedek. It is, after all, through Jesus that there is open access to the throne of grace.

### **The Third Anointing Brings a New Sound**

The third anointing furthermore brings a new dimension of worship. David establishes a new order of worship. Whoever sees God's glory and is captured by His grace cannot be anything other than a true worshipper.

When the ark is brought in, the atmosphere is filled with worship and music. In Psalm 68:24-26 we read about that day:

*They have seen Your procession, O God, The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the maidens playing timbrels. Bless God in the congregations, the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.*

This act of worship with music was unprecedented for Israel. There had only been music when leaving Egypt after the passing through the Red Sea. The blood of the lamb had delivered them. That is why Miriam danced and played a timbrel and Moses sang a song of praise (Exodus 15:1-18,20-21). They celebrated the deliverance. However, around the law and the tabernacle there was no worship or music. Only the bleating of lambs could be heard, otherwise it was quiet.

But now, sound fills the city and all kinds of musical instruments are heard. The most proficient musicians are appointed by David.

In 1 Chronicles 15 we are introduced to this new order of music and worship as never seen before in Israel. This was the brainchild of King David since it says in verse 16:

*Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.*

The Bible speaks of rejoicing (1 Chronicles 15:25), shouting with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps (1 Chronicles 15:28).

After the consecration, the offerings made with bulls and rams were burnt and peace offerings only. These were voluntary offerings also known as offerings of thanksgiving and praise. So, blood offerings were no longer made before the ark, they were made on Mount Gibeon only.

Revelation of grace creates a new sound: “Sing a new song to the Lord.”



***Grace makes people sing and dance.***



Luke 15:25 shows us what grace does when the prodigal son has returned: “...And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.”

When the ark is put down on the place that David has set out for it, ministers are appointed to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord (1 Chronicles 16:4). Asaph is appointed chief and next to him Zechariah and other musicians to continuously make music before the Lord.

That day, David gives precise instructions. He received something from God and establishes this as the new order of worship: “On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord” (1 Chronicles 16:7).

So, it is David who determines which song must be sung. He knows the heart of God, and all musicians flow along in the spirit of David so that the new order of worship may be established. Soon after that David institutes twenty-four groups of twelve musicians scheduled to offer their worship before the Lord (1 Chronicles 25:1-31). Thus a pattern of around the clock, continuous worship emerges. A throne for God is

being built and for many years the sound of continuous praise can be heard in Jerusalem.

A movement of God's river has been initiated and flows through the nation.

## **Lessons from the Life of David**

David initiated a move of God and the lessons from his life offer a foundation for both the believer and the Church.

*The first anointing* stands for the calling and anointing of believers and the congregation. In this, identity and character are shaped. This stage is determinative in finding our way to our destiny. Many believers and churches became stuck in this stage. Many causes can be found, one being that churches and believers encountered an identity crisis. Some never confronted their Goliath and got stuck in some sort of an underdog position. As a result, they missed out on the celebration David enjoyed after his victory over the giant.

Maybe you are at the dawn of facing your Goliath. If so, then this is your day. The secret of the victory is in the simple fact that you have been anointed. You have been called and anointed! Looking through anointed eyes allows you to see the giant as a meal the birds may feast on. Do not delay your decision, there is a calling on your life, and each day is too costly to squander. Slay the giants in your life and enter the victory celebration, just like David.

David was a successful warrior, a man on the run, he had to learn how to deal with both success and rejection, had to flee from those he was close to, he found no security with spiritual leaders, had to survive in the enemy's camp, and lost all who were dear to him. For each believer the daily focus will be different; but at some point or another in life, we will have to deal to a greater or lesser extent with these type of matters.

After many trials, David inquired of the Lord and He said, "Go to Judah, go to Hebron." This is a type of congregation: the free city, the place of mercy where God affirms through brothers and sisters. Those are words of wisdom for you and me: in the midst of the congregation

you will find connection to enter a new season. It is the place to grow in anointing.

*The second anointing* stands for discovery and growth in authority. You will learn to reign over the area God has assigned to you. This considers your position as a believer and part of the Church. This anointing takes place at Hebron, the image of the congregation. Here, offices and ministries are set up, recognized, and confirmed. Here is love, friendship, and security. Here you are appreciated and allowed to learn, sometimes through trial and error. But the fact that your identity and character have largely been shaped will help you break through and maintain the right focus. You will learn to control your flesh through the Holy Spirit and to grow in the areas of spiritual insight and the application of divine principles.

This stage is the catalyst to the level of further growth and confirmation toward your destiny. Spirit and flesh will continuously clash and will sometimes drive you to the edge. Many believers and churches have been stuck for years because they have issues with power and authority. Factions, human reasoning, and worldly governance structures offer an environment in which fleshliness is rampant. Confronting this from God's Spirit will end the downward spiral.

Anointing enables us to see with spiritual eyes and distinguish what really matters. Anointing refuses to change the focus for human insights and perspectives. This is the season to free yourself from the downward spiral and focus on God again—and on your destiny in God. David grew to a new level of kingship in this stage and the same challenge is there for you.

*The third anointing* again takes place in Hebron. This anointing is necessary to bring you into your destiny. You have already journeyed in order to receive this anointing: first the formation and restoration of your identity, after that the growth in authority so you know what your position is in Christ. Together they clear the path toward your final destination. The third anointing brings revelation of the glory and

nature of God. The destiny for every believer and church is to know Him and the power of His resurrection.

Subversive spirits will do anything in their power to stop you from reaching what you were born to accomplish. They will attempt to find the cracks in your identity and character. They will talk you down and defy the area of authority and position. But God's anointing offers heavenly determination. It is the anointing that guarantees revelation—and every believer and church badly needs just that.



***This anointing sets free a frankness  
that makes you rise above yourself!***



It is through this anointing that a nation can be shaken. Open doors are entered, strongholds of religion and blindness are crushed, and the gospel of God's grace is received eagerly. This anointing extinguishes legalism and self-righteousness and sets free a frankness that makes you rise above yourself. Signs and miracles will be normal and discipleship becomes a lifestyle. This is the anointing that sets free God's anointing and clears the path for the sovereign work of God. A restored identity and formed character—knowing who you are in Christ—provide a foundation to reign.

This anointing will continuously flow in a bed of worship in which God sits on the throne. It will free the entrapped harvest and make the river of God's power swell.

The threefold anointing from the life of David sets a foundation, enabling us to move along with what God is doing. Additional moves discussed in this book offer different ingredients and handles for the upcoming move of God.