

## Chapter 13: Ashes....Seeds....Fruit



After my divorce, I went through a time of great crushing and sorrow and grief. I just was so broken and hurting and did not know how to get unstuck from all the pain. I was attending a local church where they had very anointed worship services on Friday nights, and I would go every week and just soak in this heavenly atmosphere.

One particular day, there was someone speaking from the pulpit and they were talking about dreams, dreams that the Father had placed in our hearts, and that He wanted to bring those dreams forth.

I was brought into an open vision. I saw my dreams as a huge pile of ashes. All of a sudden a whirlwind came and began blowing the ashes. They were caught up in the whirlwind and blew about in a swirling motion. It reminded me of Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, when the house was caught up in the tornado and whirled upward until it dropped into the Land of Oz.

The ashes were carried up, up, up, until they landed and dropped into a ploughed field in heaven. The ashes were no longer ashes. They were seeds. Hard, black shiny seeds, almost like obsidian stone seeds.

A very tall angel came along and scooped up the pile of seeds and began planting them into the tilled soil, one by one. Another very tall angel came behind. The second angel had a crystal clear pitcher filled with not water, but with my tears. This angel came behind the first one and watered each seed with my tears.

Then I heard a still small quiet voice say to me in a whisper, "You have a big crop coming, Laura."

## **Kingdom Principle:**

I was on a quest to understand my identity in the kingdom. Not just my own personal identity (born again in Christ Jesus/Yeshua) but also my identity with my people. While studying the scriptures, I later learned that Ephraim, (son of Joseph) in Hebrew means:

*Double ash heap/I shall be doubly fruitful.*

This was a verification and validation of the vision! The ashes became seeds and the seeds are to become fruit! This is what the name Ephraim means!

I was beginning to see that there had been a kingdom split between Northern Kingdom and Southern Kingdom, between Rehoboam and Jeroboam (1 Kings 12). The Southern Kingdom included the two tribes of Benjamin and Judah, while the Northern Kingdom included the 10 tribes of the north, that is, Joseph/Ephraim. The Southern Kingdom went into captivity to Babylon in 586 b.c, and, after 70 years, a remnant of them returned to Israel. These are known as the Jews.

The Northern Kingdom went into captivity into Assyria in 722 b.c. They were absorbed, assimilated, and from Assyria, they were scattered to all the nations on the earth.

I understood that I was somehow spiritually connected to Ephraim, of the house of Joseph. His spiritual DNA was inside of me and this was why I was one that gets dreams/visions! This vision above revealed to me that yes, there is a crop coming, a harvest coming, and it also revealed to me my identity in my people, the house of Joseph.

One day Jesus/Yeshua will return and He will gather and reunite all 12 tribes. There will no longer be a kingdom split: the whole house of Israel will finally be reunited! Behold, one new man will emerge. Yeshua will be our king, we will be dwelling in the land of Israel, and He will teach us the Torah from Mount Zion. I cannot *wait* for that day! It will be the grandest family reunion of the millennium!

*As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand. And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'—say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand." ' And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes. hen say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. Ezekiel 37:16-22*

*Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus*

*you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*

Ephesians 2:11-17