

THE AGE OF SAMUEL VI

THE ATMOSPHERE OF EPHRAIM

⁹ But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign.

I Chronicles 22:9

⁴ But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster. ⁵ I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the LORD my God, as the LORD told my father David, when he said, ‘Your son whom I will put on the throne in your place will build the temple for my Name.’

I Kings 5:4,5

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I Samuel 7:13

I. God’s final healings come through fruitfulness.
(Genesis 41:51,52)

⁵¹ Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” ⁵² The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

II. The atmosphere of Ephraim

A. Deborah (the bee) - the fourth Judge from Ephraim (Judges 4:5)

⁵ She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.

* She was a warrior, judge, prophetess, minstrel, who ushered in 40 years of peace after 20 years of battle.

B. Abdon of Ephraim - service (Judges 12:13-25)

* This 11th Judge was not known for military exploits, but for catastrophic influence, multiplication, and legacy. (40 sons, 30 grandsons, and 70 donkeys)

C. Samuel, the 15th judge of Israel, had the unique experience of total peace in his season of ministry. (I Samuel 7:13)

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* God is going to allow a season of rest for his work to be done this is the atmosphere of Ephraim.