

THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

Right now we are in the 50 days between the feasts of Passover and Pentecost (Shavuot). A season known as 'the counting of the omer'. From the second night of Passover until the day before the holiday of Shavuot, the Jewish people count seven



complete weeks for a total of 49 days. On the 50th day, they celebrate Pentecost (Shavuot).

The counting of these 50 days or the counting of the omer is an important season of preparation. It was 50 days after Israel left Egypt that they received the Law at Mount Sinai. The disciples praying in the Upper Room would have been Counting the Omer. As Jews they understood the countdown to Shavuot and were praying and preparing themselves for this feast when the shekinah cloud of glory came upon them on the 50th day. The counting of the Omer is a countdown to a face to face meeting with God! As I write this, we are in the 30th day of the Omer - 20 days before we will appear before the Lord to confirm our marriage covenant with Him! (Refer to my teaching - Our Marriage Covenant with God).

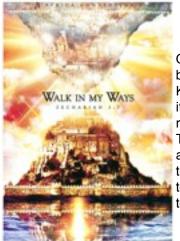
The Rabbis teach that this 50 day period is meant to spiritually prepare and refine ourselves. When the Jewish people were in Egypt nearly 3,400 years ago, they had assimilated many of the immoral ways of the Egyptian people. The Jews had sunk to an unprecedented level of

spiritual defilement and were on the brink of destruction. At the last possible moment the Children of Israel were miraculously redeemed. They underwent a spiritual rebirth and quickly ascended to the holiest collective state they had ever reached. They were so holy, in fact, that they were compared to angels when they

stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah. It was during that 49-day period that they underwent such a radical transformation. From the lowest lows to the highest heights in just seven weeks!

This is a picture for us. In this season we should strive to grow and mature spiritually. Do not settle where you are - press in to Him for more. There is grace right now to deal with issues that have held us back from fulfilling our destiny in God. Struggles we have fought for many years can be overcome in this time if we will allow the Holy Spirit freedom to work in us. The season lasts for 50 days and it is designed for us to methodically improve and grow each day. Think of it as a marathon rather than a sprint! Each day we should invite the Holy Spirit to highlight and convict us of sin and iniquity. Allow God to dig deep within and work on our bad habits and attitudes. Do not hold back - but let God do this work in us so that when the Day of Pentecost has fully come - we will be ready!

Blessings.....Apostle Natasha



AFRICA CONVENTION 6

Our 6th Ariel Gate Convention was INCREDIBLE! Every year God just seems to go beyond what we can ask or imagine. This year He really instructed us about the Kingdom. What is it going to look like, how does it work and how are we to operate in it. God really focused on Kingdom economics and Kingdom health - bringing fresh revelation and instruction concerning both.

There is an urgency in the heart of God for His people to recognise and be able to administrate in and for His Kingdom. This convention equipped us and gave much teaching and instruction. It is now up to us to chew and digest the Word and allow it to transform us. One thing we learnt, if we want to truly be Kingdom people, we need to change our ways and Walk in His ways!

APOSTLE NATASHA GRBICH (VERMAAK)

In her WELCOME ADDRESS, she laid the foundation for the convention sharing many of the prophetic words that had been released as we prepared for the convention. She also explained the design of the convention and challenged us to see the city! She did an overview on how the 7 feasts of the Lord are mirrored in a child's gestation period and she touched on the Feast of Firstfruits that we were celebrating that night. Apostle Natasha's ZECHARIAH 3:7



message unpacked the convention's theme scripture. In the FIREHOUSE DEDICATION, she explained what a FireHouse is from Ezekiel 9 and 10 and dedicated the Ariel Gate Firehouses.

APOSTLE KABELO MOROKE

His message on THE TITHE AND BEYOND laid out a teaching on why we tithe under the New Covenant. He gave in an-depth teaching on Melchizedeck -who he was, what he represented and why he is important to our understanding of biblical economics. Excellent exposition on the new and old testament scriptures that pertain to tithing.

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APOSTLE LANGTON GATSI

The message on LIVING UNDER GOD'S ORDINANCES challenged us to stop compromising God's principles. Apostle Gatsi explained that we have drifted from God's original ordinances and this has resulted in us carrying curses and generational iniquity which hinders us from

fulfilling destiny. His message on NATURAL VS ARTIFICIAL WEALTH is an end-time message that the church in Africa needs to hear. Speaking out of his experience in Zimbabwe, he challenges the church as to what it will do when money fails.

DR ROBERT HENDERSON

THE BLESSING OF FIRSTFRUIT lays out an understanding of this important concept and how to apply it in our daily lives. SITTING ON YOUR THRONE teaches us about thrones that God has prepared for us. Learn what a throne is, how to recognise and occupy it. IN BUILD THE EKKLESIA, Apostle Robert teaches out of Isaiah 22:23 about the building of a throne and the process we must go through to sit in it. His last teaching, RENDERING



JUDGEMENTS TO ESTABLISH JUSTICE is a must-have message.

Apostle Robert teaches what we do when we have learnt to sit in a throne. Excellent teaching on the issue of judging!



APOSTLE ADEYEMI ADEFARASIN

Apostle Yemi, gave us a scriptural outline of the principle of firstfruits.

APOSTLE JILL O'BRIEN

Apostle Jill taught us that we need to continually stretch our PERSONAL CAPACITY in order to lay hold of all that God has for us. She also encouraged us by sharing about PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT in her life. We are in days where God is fulfilling prophecies that we thought God had forgotten!

PROPHET MICHAEL O'BRIEN

His message on SOLOMON AND MORE opened many eyes and challenged our small thinking! He shared some of his personal research into what happened to Solomon's gold and how it was part of the foundation of global banking today.

DR SCOTT HANNEN

Dr Scott's messages challenged us all to the core and made us laugh so hard, it hurt! In his first message, WALK IN MY WAYS, he explains the principle of inversive insight to us - God's ways are usually opposite to the world's ways. He taught us to get our resource from above, allow it to flow into us and then out to the world. When we get this out of order, we are in trouble. His other 2 messages on HEALING BY DESIGN begin to bring awareness to the Kingdom concept of divine health. These teachings are extremely convicting - He challenges us to deal with the spirit of pharmakeia in our lives as well as our addiction to 'the other white stuff' - SUGAR!. Watch at your own risk!

ALL MESSAGES AVAILABLE ON CD AND DVD FORM THE OFFICE









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Apostle Natasha at Swiftfire Ministries, Baton Rouge (www.swiftfire.org)

10-12 Apostle Natasha at
Wellspings Church,
Colorado Springs
(www.roberthenderson.org)

24-26 Ariel Gate Next Generation Conference

26 Jhb Meeting with Ian Clayton

JULY 2011

1-3 Ariel Gate Nambia Conference

8-10 Kingdom Pioneer School - Jhb

28-30 Ariel Gate New Zealand Conference with Moed Ministries www.moed-ministries.org

<u>AUGUST 2011</u>

26-28 Ariel Gate Free State Conference

SEPTEMBER 2011

9-11 Ariel Gate Cape Town Conference

29-2 Oct 2nd Ariel Gate Summit

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