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ARIEL GATE FIREHOUSES THE ZADOK PRIESTHOOD

Since our last newsletter, God has been giving us increasing revelation about the firehouses that He is teaching us to have (Prophetic word from James Goll in 2006). Our starting point was found in Ezekiel 33:10-11 *"Son of Man, describe the temple to the house of Israel that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they are ashamed of all they have done, make known to them the design of the temple..."* I explained to us that we need to gain a fresh understanding of God's standard and pattern and then repent for every place where we fall short of it. I hope that you have made an effort to do this. Do not be like Esau who was slow to repent and later, when he wanted to inherit his birthright, did not find any place for repentance even though he sought it with tears. (Hebrews 12:17) We should continually be repenting! We have finished our manual on Repentance: Cleansing Your Generation Bloodline. (It will be available for sale at the convention.) I know this will be a useful tool for dealing with the sin and iniquity that keeps us from God's perfect plans for our lives.

As we have been repenting for wrong patterns in our lives, God led us to Ezekiel 10. I believe this is a description of what happens in a firehouse. Ezekiel 10:1 - 2 *"And I looked and there in the firmament, that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne. Then he spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, 'Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter them over the city.'"* I encourage you to read the whole chapter. I believe that a firehouse is a place where the mobile throne of God (Ezekiel 1 and 10) can have a landing place. The people who belong to the firehouse are those who are clothed in linen who can receive coals of fire from the cherubim between the wheels of the throne and scatter them over the city. Coals of fire speak of judgements. The men in linen are those who can administrate the judgements of God on the earth. But who are these men?

I believe that the members of the firehouses will be like men in linen. Revelation 19:8 *And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.* It must be granted to us to wear linen. Linen speaks of righteous acts. These garments are only given when we display the righteous lifestyle that they speak of. The men in linen are those who are righteous before the Lord. In Ezekiel 44, God describes a priesthood that is righteous and clothed in linen - the Zadok Priesthood. You all know the story. The Levites who were mandated to serve in the sanctuary abandoned their positions and worshipped other gods. Ezekiel 44:10 *And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity.* God did not fire them completely from their job in the temple, but He relegated them to the outer courts.

Ezekiel 44:11 - 14 *Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, as gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them..... And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, not come near any of My holy things, not into the Most Holy Place.... Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.* Those who worship idols will not be allowed to come near the holy things. They may be priests, born again and spirit-filled believers, but they are still worshipping idols. God says He will not allow them to come near to Him. They must stay in the outer court and kill sacrifices and keep the temple. All the people will see them and they will minister to the people. They will be very busy, toiling at the work of ministry. Everyone will know their name and what they do, BUT they will never enter the Holy Place or minister to Him.

Only the sons of Zadok were allowed to come near to the Lord. Ezekiel 44:15 *'But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to*

minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood,' says the Lord God. Zadok comes from the word 'tsiddiq' which means righteous. God is only interested in those who are righteous coming near to Him. If we are not righteous, if we are busy ministering at other altars and bowing to foreign gods, we cannot minister to Him. This priesthood was commanded to wear garments of linen when they ministered before the Lord (Ezekiel 44: 17 - 18). Firehouses will be manned by people who are part of a Zadok priesthood. Those to whom it has been granted to wear linen.

The priests were only to wear the linen garments while they ministered before the Lord. They had to change out of these clothes before proceeding to the outer court. Your rank is seen in the garments that you wear. Men in linen are very often not recognised by the multitudes outside in the temple. The work they do is not seen by all the people. All their service is for an audience of One - the Most High God! If you belong to a firehouse, most people will not understand you and they will never see what you actually do. Your name will never be up in lights and recognized by people. Your authority lies in your ministry in the Most Holy Place.

God is teaching us how to have firehouses. We must be those priests to whom it has been granted to wear linen. We must be found upright in heart, not having strayed away from Him to serve other idols. God is looking for the Zadok priesthood in these days. For it is these people who will administer the coals of fire in their cities and communities. Ezekiel 44:23 - 24 *They shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as judges, and judge it according to My judgements.* This is where we are going, but it must first be granted to us to wear linen garments. As I said before, it is time to clean up, it is time to repent and allow the cleansing blood of the lamb to judge all sin, iniquity and dark place in our lives, so that we can emerge as the Zadok priesthood, ready to serve Him!

I trust that you have all made your booking for the convention. We know that God has much revelation and instruction for us. Bishop Heard told me that he believes this is going to be our best convention ever! I look forward to seeing you all on 21 April 2009!

Blessings

Apostle Natasha

COMING TO CONVENTION 4:14? TAKE NOTE!

Registration opens at 11h00 on 21 April 2009.

Bedding is provided, but bring your own towels.

Please pre-book your meals. No more meal bookings will be taken after 15 April 2009.

If you require transport to or from the airport, please make your booking with Chantel BEFORE 15 April 2009. Transfers are R220 per person each way. Payment must be made in full and flight details submitted to the office before transport will be confirmed.

Friday, 24 April 2009 will be Africa Night, so please bring along your traditional outfits!

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