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Finding the

Apostolic Commission

You Are Assigned To...

I believe that this past Rosh Hashanah marked a dispensational shift in the from the church to the Kingdom. This shift has been prophesied for many years and it is here NOW! We are in the KINGOM AGE and that is going to require that we begin to live the principles and teachings that we have been hearing for the last number of years.

The most significant thing that has happened is that the REAL apostles are standing up to lead God's people. They have found their identity and are ready to wield their God-given authority to see '*the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ*' according to Revelation 11:15. This move is causing a shift in the manifestation of God's government in the earth and we as the ekklesia need to recognise what God is doing and align ourselves correctly so we can fulfil our callings and destinies.

In this new season, it is vitally important that every believer find the apostolic commission that they are assigned to and align with it. To do this, we need to have a good understanding of what a REAL apostle looks like and also what an apostolic commission is.

THE APOSTOLIC COMMISSION

Apostles are commissioned by God as His ambassadors on the earth with a heavenly mandate to accomplish a certain task or tasks in the earth.. Their heavenly commissioning gives them their mandate, sphere of authority, mysteries and revelation and all the resources needed to accomplish the task they have been set. Apostles embody the commissioning of the Lord. They carry it in their bodies. When you see an apostle - you are looking at a complete apostolic commission.

The apostle is not able to accomplish his mandate on his/her own and God did not design it that way. The apostle carries the commission and is responsible before God for it, but it takes a body of believers working with him/her to accomplish it. This is the ekklesia which Jesus said He would build. It starts with the apostles and their commission. The ekklesia finds its identity and is commissioned **out of** the apostle's commission.

Therefore everyone that wants to be part of an ekklesia needs to be aligned with an apostolic commission. To do that, you need to find the apostle you are to be aligned with, as that apostle will embody the commission. The prophets have been saying that we need to get aligned and that apostolic alignment is so important. This is why - if you are not aligned with a apostle, you cannot find your identity or your destiny. Both are tied to the apostle and his commission! Apostles release destiny to us!

If we are to find the apostle we are assigned to, we need to know what a real apostle looks like. There are many excellent books on the subject of apostles and I do not claim to be an expert on the subject at all. But I feel that there are 2 identifying marks of an apostle that are not widely spoken about and I feel it will be helpful for us to understand what they are so that we might better be able to identify and receive God's apostles among us.

APOSTLES DEAL WITH GODS AND NATION

Dr Paula Price in her book ETERNITY'S GENERALS names this as the primary work of the apostle. The apostle must have the authority and insight as to how to deal with gods / principalities that rule over

nations, cities and regions. Apostles are the earthly representatives or ambassadors of Heaven's government. They have authority to represent the King on the earth and conduct business on His behalf. God is in the business of taking territory back from the evil one and returning it to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

In ancient times, it was understood that every city belonged to a god who watched over the city and its inhabitants. The people brought offerings to that god to ensure protection, good rains and harvest, fertility and a number of other needs. The king of the city was understood to be the representative of the god to which the city belonged. The king was the earthly representative of that god. When one king decided to go to war against another king - they warred in the name of the god they served. So when one king triumphed over another, he took possession of the conquered territory and all the inhabitants of that territory came under the jurisdiction of the victorious king's god. It was understood that one god had triumphed over another. And all the inhabitants of the conquered city now had to worship the new god. They had to replace their temples and their culture with that of the victorious god.

This is a picture for us. When God wants to take territory - he declares war on a principality. The apostles (earthly representatives) are the ones who have to war against the principality that is ruling over that territory. It is their job to appropriate the victory that Jesus has already won against that principality, unseat him from his throne and install God's authority. This allows the ekklesia to come into the conquered territory and bring God's kingdom rule into every area of that society.

This is one of the primary jobs of the apostles - it is not about can they build a big church, but can they come into a region and unseat a principality, opening the heavens for the ekklesia to fulfil their callings and destinies in the seven mountains of God.

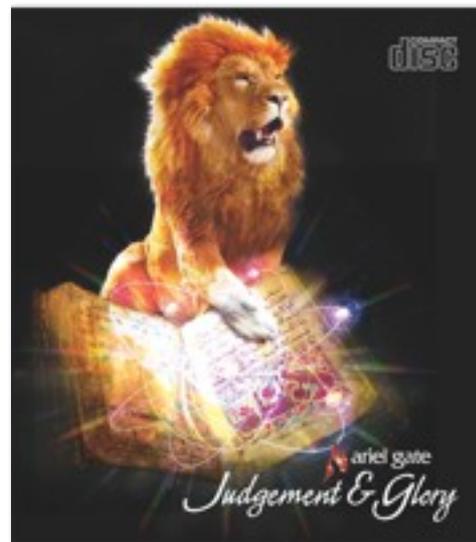
STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

At their commissioning, each apostle is assigned certain mysteries and secrets from God. It is their job to steward these mysteries (*'Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God' 1 Corinthians 4:1*). That means that apostles carry mysteries within them and it is their life work to unveil these mysteries. Then they must teach them and develop doctrine for them and disseminate the teaching to the ekklesia so that they know how the Kingdom of God functions and how they are to function in it! Every real apostle will be teaching revelation that has not been heard and they will be developing doctrine regarding those mysteries. This is why in Acts 2:42 we see that 'they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer.' **APOSTLES DISPENSE DOCTRINE!** I believe this is an identifying mark of a real apostle.

And when you have identified the apostolic commission and the apostle you are to align with, you need to begin to serve that commission and thereby fulfil your destiny in the earth. Bev did a whole separate message on how to serve an apostolic commission at our Wednesday meeting and I recommend the CD if any of this speaks to you.

As we close out 2011, it is of utmost importance that you find the commission you are assigned to, get aligned with it and get ready to move in 2012!

Blessings
The Ariel Gate Team



What a privilege to attend this school! From start to finish there was a tremendous flow of revelation and impartation from both apostles.

Apostle Robert Henderson taught on the need for the ekklesia to take its place so that it can operate in the courts of heaven to render judgements and verdicts on behalf of the Kingdom of Heaven. Learn the marks and characteristics of a functioning Ekklesia, the enemies of the Ekklesia and how Jesus speaks to the Ekklesia. Intense teaching!

Dr Heard taught out of his experiences in the glory. His messages laid a biblical foundation for the glory - what is it, how do we recognise it, why do we need it and how should we pursue it. His messages impart a passion for the glory of God and a longing for it to be manifested among us.

This school will change you irrevocably and ruin you for anything less than God's glory!

Available on CD or DVD from the office.

**ARIEL GATE OFFICE CLOSURES ON 15 DECEMBER 2011 AND RE-OPENS ON 10 JANUARY 2012
PRAYER MEETINGS RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY AND FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY 2012
RESPECTIVELY.**