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THE TRIBE OF MERARI

Last year God gave one of the intercessors a dream about standing in a door with garments covered in blood and oil. We understood that God was speaking to us about the consecration of the priesthood (Leviticus 8:33). This year the dream was of myself standing addressing the troops for the 2009. She heard the word 'ervah' and also saw the number 6172 in the vision. When I had finished speaking, all those that were ready to move forward had the number 3339 in their right hand.

The number 6172 is the Strongs number for the Hebrew word 'ervah' which means *nudity, literally or figuratively (disgrace, blemish) -- nakedness, shame, unclean(-ness)*. This is not a year to be found naked or ashamed. We must ensure that we are correctly dressed for the season before us. We understand mantles and how to wear them, how to put on the garment of praise and Ian Clayton taught us how to put on the armour of God for battle. All that we have learnt in the years up to now must be practised so that we are dressed and ready to move forward at the command of our King.

In the vision, those who were ready to move held the number 3339 in their right hand. I looked up the Strongs number 3339 and in the Greek the word is 'metamorphoo' meaning to transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose") -- change, transfigure, transform.' As we begin to move forward, we are changing from glory to glory. Many of us have been like the caterpillar in a cocoon. We have been experiencing a tremendous amount of heat inside the cocoon and it has caused our DNA to change. We are no longer the caterpillar that started the journey, metamorphosis has happened and we are emerging as the butterfly!

The Strong's number 3339 in Hebrew is 'Jitsri'. Jizri (also spelt Zeri) is a son of Jeduthan (1 Chronicles 25:3). Jeduthun was a Levite in the time of King David and he and his sons served in the Tabernacle. "David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons

of Asaph, of Heman and of **Jeduthun** who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments and cymbals.... Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri (Jizrei)...who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and praise the Lord." (1 Chronicles 25:1 & 3) The Levites cast lots for their duty and Jizri was allotted responsibility for the **4th** watch. (1 Chronicles 25:11) This year is our **4th** Ariel Gate Convention and the theme is Esther 4:14 - God is commissioning us for duty in this convention!

As I continued to study this, I found that Jizri and Jeduthun are descended from the tribe of Merari. When God instituted the priesthood, He set the Tribe of Levi apart to do the work of the Tabernacle (Numbers 3:6 - 7). The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath and Merari. Each of these sons and their families were given different responsibilities in the Tabernacle. Let us look at the service that was required of the sons of Merari: 'As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families and by their father's house... this is what they must carry as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets and the pillars around the court with their sockets, pegs and cords, with all their furnishings and all their service; and you shall assign to **each man** by name the items he must carry. This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting, under the authority of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest." Numbers 4:29 - 33

God is calling us into order and numbering us for service this year. We are being numbered according to our house and each person is given responsibility to carry their portion of the tabernacle. Numbers 4 '...you shall assign to **each man** by name the items he must carry. God is very specific. Each person has a board or a pillar or a socket to carry. Each time the tabernacle is taken down, each one had to ensure that they took care of their part of the tabernacle. They made sure that it got packed

away and transported correctly and when they arrived in the new place - they made sure that their item was in its place and in alignment so that the tabernacle could be set up and God could come down. What a responsibility!

In this season God is assigning to each one an item to carry. **It is being assigned to you by name.** This means that one cannot just take someone else's pillar because one may think it looks better than yours. Their pillar has their name on it and yours has your name on it. You are responsible before God if your part is not in place. When we move corporately and 'set up the tabernacle' in a territory, you need to bring your part so that the glory of God can land in a prepared place. Expect to receive your weight of responsibility in this season and get ready to carry it!

If this sounds heavy it's because it is! The tribe of Merari had to carry the heaviest load. The good news is that God assigns 4 carts and 8 oxen to help them transport their load. (Numbers 7:8). Oxen speak of apostles. God is giving us new apostolic anointing to break open the ground before us.

I have just got back from the annual Council of African Apostles which was held in Harare, Zimbabwe. The apostles are serious about moving forward and changing their nations. During the day, we debated through a number of strategic topics and in the evenings the apostles were given opportunity to preach and decree over Zimbabwe and the continent. It was a very powerful time. I was appointed to be part of a sub-committee of the Council with the responsibility for intercession for the continent. This is exciting as it is what we have been praying for and believing for many years.

Tribe of Merari - we have been commissioned! Each person has been assigned by name. It is time to take up your responsibility and begin to move in alignment with heaven. You truly have come to the Kingdom for such as time as this!

Blessings
Apostle Natasha

UPCOMING EVENTS

13 March 2009

Apostle Natasha will be ministering at the Ariel Gate Cape Town Friday meeting.

14 March 2009

Kingdom Khoi Business Forum Business Seminar
George

For more information contact:
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15 March 2009

Apostle Natasha ministering in George

20 - 22 March

Apostle Natasha will be ministering at
Ariel Gate Group in Polokwane.

16 - 18 April 2009

SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS INTENSIVE
WITH IAN CLAYTON
Windhoek, Namibia

Please contact the office for information
concerning these events.

NEW MESSAGES

TIMING FOR 2009
In depth teaching on Jitsri and how this
positions us for Africa Convention 2009.
Recorded Wednesday, 21 January 2009

TRIBE OF MERARI & CAA REPORT
Overview of teaching on Jitsri and Merari.
Apostle Natasha also gives a report from
the Council of African Apostles.
Recorded Friday, 30 January 2009
CDs are R30 each

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