

SAUL AND DAVID

As I pondered where to go with this newsletter, and how to start writing that which is on my heart, I felt I couldn't just wade in so in typical style I will just jump in the deep end. There is so much pressing upon me, so much going on in the spiritual realm...So...

October is almost upon us... the 10th month of the 8th year. Two centuries after our most precious Lord Jesus walked the earth to bring liberty to the captives of Lucifer.

- 8 = New beginnings
- 10 = Testimony, law and responsibility
- 2000 = 2 x 1000 = witness the Glory of God in Divine Completeness

We are in the month that is the testimony of the new beginnings of the witness of the Glory of God in Divine Completeness. And with that comes a responsibility. We are in a pivotal point in our history, pivotal in relation to what God is calling us to. We are right there along side Enoch as he looked at his beautiful son, Methuselah, and became the first man to call on the name of the Lord.

It has been widely proclaimed that the year 2008 is the year of New Beginnings. A year and a time when things will turn around for God's people. We celebrated 8/8/08 as a solemn occasion of dedication and time of renewed commitment. There is something new being birthed in God's people.

Throughout the Bible, there appears a duality of call, a duality of what is being raised up in the land. God is calling out His people, out from the church as a whole, out from the old way of doing church. He is removing the smoke screen of "gray area" from His church to reveal people lining up on two sides.

Enoch was the 6th descendant from Adam, but records only recount him as the 5th descendant from Seth. Why the duality of numbers here? Because in his generation, a man descending from the sinful nature of Adam (the number 6) would be shown mighty grace (the number 5) counted from the Godly line of Seth. He would discover the ancient path from which his great-great-great-great-grandparents fell.

We are right in that time now. Enoch looked down upon his newborn son, the miracle that was blood of his blood, and he called his son—the man of the dart, the man of warfare. Enoch, who from that moment on would firmly set his foot on the ancient path of relationship with a God long forgotten, knew that it would be a battle. He saw the increasing warfare all around him. Enoch knew that it would be during a time of great trouble in the land that man must find the path that many had missed. We are in that trouble now.

There has always been trouble in the land from the beginning. Natural forces, struggles to meet our needs by the sweat of our brow...there always have and always will be troubles in the land until the sons of God are manifested and free the land from its curse.

But the trouble was in God's camp. The same trouble we are still in now, and have been in for a very long time. Only 8 were counted righteous and only 8 were saved out of all of Seth's line. Only 8 were saved out of millions of people who would be the New Beginning of mankind in the earth.

But that same trouble quickly rose up in the church again. Ham created his own twisted religion that was just a version of Cain's religion and is still the basis of every religion on earth that is not the Lord's truth. As well as being the basis of every one of the 23,000 registered religions in the world today, it has been disguised as Christianity and is the distorted truth that has clouded what the apostles taught 2000 years ago. There has been a mixture in the church of God, a mixture that is being exposed. The lines are being drawn. The two camps are being set up. And once again, there are those who will be called out of the mixture and covered in Christ's righteousness.

Who are they? They are the Davidic Army, the people after God's heart.

I am sure there must be a way to know how many generations have passed from Jesus to this present time, but I have no idea how to do that in a completely accurate way. I actually emailed a family that can trace their lineage beyond 2200 years to ask them how many generations they recorded between 0 and 2000. But, they have not acknowledged my request.

So, I am going to use scriptural guidelines. Scripture tells us that 1 generation is 40 years. On this basis, there are 50 generations between the year 0 A.D. and 2000. Added to the 77 between Adam and Jesus, that means, by these guidelines, there have been 119 generations since Adam. The number 119 means Spiritual perfection and victory. We, like Enoch, are in the time of spiritual perfection and victory. The day has come upon us. We are that generation – old and young alike, whoever decides to walk the path of Enoch can walk into the same place as Enoch.

For all those who are a slave to the enemy or find themselves a prisoner of war to the enemy, this is the time of victory. We will walk into spiritual perfection. Hallelujah!

But how do we get from here to there? There is only one way. Choose your side. Two kings are presently anointed; King Saul and King David. But only one king was victorious. And we must get there just like David did... become a friend of God. There were two kings in Israel – one visible, one hidden.

First Saul; the one desired by the people. He was, for all intents and purposes, one of the “pretty people”. He stood a head above the other Israelites, he was handsome. He was, by the world's standards, a desirable king. A king they could be proud of...but Saul was a man of fear and insecurity. Saul was 30 or 40 years old when he was crowned king of Israel. He was the 33rd generation from Adam. He was the promise...but promise of what? Like Adam, Saul was in the position to walk with God so closely that as King of Israel, he could have taken Israel into greatness, becoming the people they were called to be. But like Adam, he did things his own way. He heard from God, but put his own spin on things and did not obey the complete word of God.

Secondly, there was David. Unlike Saul, who was anointed in public, David was anointed in secret. He was the youngest and smallest of Jesse's sons. He was of little consequence even to Jesse. When Jesse called his sons together so Samuel could anoint one as king, David had not been invited. He was out in the fields protecting the sheep with the tools he had at hand. Unseen and unknown, he was about his father's business, faithfully protecting his father's flock. David, even when anointed, was hidden in the back fields once again while his brothers went to war in answer to the king's call. And still David performed each task his father set before him...even going before the king of Israel when called.

David attended Saul, he played his harp for him every time the Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul. David was attuned to the Spirit of God while Saul was attuned to a troubling spirit. And just having David around to play his harp in worship to the Lord gave Saul peace of spirit and mind.

David was a man of simple, experiential faith gained from fighting many battles while hidden away in his father's fields. Saul had no such depth of experiential faith. David went to war against the greatest threat Israel had ever seen – Goliath of Gath. Now, Goliath was the splendor of the 5 cities of the Philistines who were descended from the second son of Ham, Mizraim. The Philistines were one of the eight kingdoms who were left in Israel to test all those of Israel who knew no war (Judges 3). These 5 city states:

- Gaza : the strong; home of the Anakim (giants)
- Ashkelon : the fire of infamy, a weighing place
- Ashdod : ravager, powerful; home of the Anakim (giants)
- Ekron: emigration, eradication, torn up by the roots
- Gath : winepress, home of Goliath and the Anakim (giants)

The three main gods of the Philistines were Dagon, Baalzebub and Derketo (the Queen Mother) as seen in 1 Samuel 6. So who were the Philistines that would test the people of God who had not known war? They were the giants in the land: one giant is known simply by his strength; the second is the fire of infamy who shall weigh the children of God; the third is the powerful ravager of the people of God; the fourth is he who eradicates the people of God and tears them up by the roots; the fifth giant is he who will put the people of God through the winepress whose hero is Goliath, the splendor of the enemy.

And they work for the Queen of heaven (Lucifer's portrayal of the Bride), Beel-zebub (Lucifer's portrayal of the Son) and Dagon, the father and lord of all gods (Lucifer's portrayal of the Father). They work for Lucifer who sees himself as the godhead of all creation.

The other three enemies He left in Israel were the Canaanites (brought low through merchandise), Sidonians (hunters whose gods were Baal and Ashteroth and who was the home of Jezebel), and the Hittites (fear)...eight in all.

Let's put them altogether in one quick and easy chart of what we must overcome, what we must war against.

1. Gaza: Strength – anyone and anything that makes us feel intimidated and weak – Strength is a giant
2. Ashkelon: the fire of evil reputation by something grossly criminal, shocking or brutal that will weigh our response
3. Ashdod: The Ravager who is powerful ravager – Ravager is a giant
4. Ekron: A foreigner who is determined to eradicate and tear God's people up by their very roots
5. Gath: Winepress who will squeeze and squeeze until there is nothing left – Winepress is a giant
6. Canaanite: To trap God's people into a web of “must have”, debt, commerce, and work
7. Sidonian: Hunters whose queen was Jezebel who murdered anyone who could bring the word of God to free His people
8. Hittite: Fear, to keep God's people bound by a spirit of fear

So this leaves us with a very clear picture of the methodology of the enemy's attack against us. He intends to stop us from achieving victory in our lives.

First, we are inundated through both Christian and non-Christian worlds with propaganda about the strength of the enemy. Then we are buffeted by some criminal, shocking or brutal attack against our character, property and health to keep us off balance. Then whatever we have left; time, money, relationships and/or God are ravaged, broken and destroyed or eaten up. When things can't seem to get any worse, our families are routed out by the roots as outside forces slip in to cause separation and dissension. And then, everything squeezes us to the point that we can take no more pressure. But no matter how much we need the Lord, we are trapped in a web of worldliness keeping us bound and enslaved to work more, longer and harder. And as we no longer can hear God in our desperation, all those who could give us the much needed word we seek are diminished, banished, broken or destroyed through murder of body or reputation. And finally, fear takes us and reinforces all the other giants in our land and we are lost and drowning with no hope or help.

Do you feel tested and tried? Put into the winepress? I know I do. But to what purpose? So we, who do not know war can learn warfare. So we can go to battle against the true enemies of God's people, the enemies of our soul, Lucifer and his minions, and become victorious.

There are 3 qualities or characteristics of David, that Saul lacked.

1. He was a man of blood because he fought his enemies until the kingdom was at peace
2. He was constantly upon his face in repentance because he wanted nothing to stand between himself and his relationship with the Lord
3. He obeyed the word of God and did it with passion and freedom without putting his own spin on things so he would look better

God is calling this Davidic Army into position. It is not one of glory or fame or even recognition. Like Jesus, it is one of rejection, misunderstanding and loneliness. The Davidic Army will have such a heart after God that nothing else matters – the sole mission is our pursuit of the Lord. The Davidic Army will not ride into battle for glory, but for survival and in obedience. They do not hurt the anointed of God, even though it is within their reach to do so. They dance with abandon before the Lord in freedom and passion because the Ark of the Lord is finally returning to the people of God. They will free the people of God in their greatest need and they will vanquish all the enemies from their land. They will be tried and true soldiers of stamina. Soldiers who, regardless of the sin in their life, will fall on their face before the Lord and repent of every indiscretion. They will have no hidden or secret sins in their life but be completely transparent and put everything under the blood of a loving Savior, a redeeming Bridegroom. They will be called, "A friend of God."

I am excited about what God is doing in the earth. We are about to be liberated into the calling of God, our destiny. We are going to get an upgrade. No longer hunted down, living in caves, but standing in our rightful place of kings in the land. Called and anointed, we are about to be released to our place of destiny. Not for the glory, but to bring the liberation and restoration to God's people from the enemies in the land that have oppressed and stolen their inheritance.

Romans 8:14-23 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer

with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (NKJ)

The Davidic Army will not be recognized by its greatness, but by their position; they are on their face before the Lord with a heart to do exactly as the Lord says...This is not a people who put their own spin on the words of God so that His requests are more palatable and politically correct. Politically correct belongs to Ahab who never rocked the boat but tried to keep everyone happy. We have forgotten that God is not a politically correct God, but one of righteousness and justice.

Matthew 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (NKJ)

Matthew 23:2-39 ..."The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' ...Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you

also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'" (NKJ)

The Scribes and the Pharisees were those who did not want to go on with God. They did not want to change the status quo, it was working for them. They did not want to go where He went, but wanted God only on their terms. They only wanted enough to appear Godly, a form of godliness, anything more was off limits, interfering with their own agendas.

The Davidic Army is the Shulamite Bride of Song of Solomon who will run after the Lord wherever He goes, wherever He wants to take her because that relationship between her/him and the Lord is most urgent and important.

How far do you want to go with the Lord? How far do I want to go with the Lord? Am I prepared to be taken out of my comfort zone, whatever that might be, and allow my land to be stretched by the Lord? Or will I cling to the teachings of the Scribes, Pharisees and Jezebel? The answer for me is easy. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord and the Lord only, regardless of the cost or rejection. There is only one God. There is only one head – Jesus Christ.

Father, God, I praise You and worship You. Let me dance before Your throne because You are returning to the people of God. Oh Lord, You are removing the gray area from Your people. We are moving into two camps – those of Saul and those of David. Give us a heart for You. Give us a passion for You. Give us that burning need to serve You in whatever capacity You ask. Give us the heart for Your people so that we will help free them, not shackle them with more burdens. Give us the heart to follow You wherever you go, wherever You lead. Lord, God, Almighty, let us run after You. Let us hear Your voice so much that even a whisper from Your lips is heard within our hearts. Let us see Your face so close that we do not miss one frown or smile – let us bring a smile to Your face for our love and obedience. Lord, God, Almighty, let us stand strong for You and let You be God of our lives. Help us to get off the throne and realize that You alone are Lord and we are your chosen servants...not chosen for greatness but chosen to be your hands and mouth, to serve Your people and set them free. Lord, let us battle the enemies of our soul instead of each other, standing fast like David that we will not touch the anointed of God, not bring them harm. It is time we focused our eyes on that which really matters – our relationship with You and Your people.

Father, forgive me for sinning against You, Your Son, Your Holy Spirit and Your people. Forgive me for sinning against myself. Forgive me for not understanding or discerning the true body of Christ with Jesus at the head, and the people of God as the body. Lord, let there be unity in Israel , unity in the people of God, so that we are one body as well as one with You, the Son and Holy Spirit. As David unified the twelve tribes of Israel , let us be unified as one nation and one people unto God. My heart cries out for Your people. Unity! Unity! Unity! Lord, forgive us our sins and let sin be purged from our camp. Let us walk holy and righteous before You. Let us finally become what we were created to be, to fulfill your purpose.

Father, my heart cries out for that relationship Adam and Eve so carelessly discarded. Let it become a reality in our lives. Let it become a truth so interwoven in our spirits that when people look at us, they see You. Lord, return to Your people in such a way that the whole world is changed in the twinkling of an eye. I know it is Your heart that none be lost...let it be my heart as well. I know some will be lost – far too many will be lost – but let their blood not be on my hands because I have chosen to be a soldier of righteousness to free Your people. My heart aches to see the manifestation of the sons of God rise up with liberty and restoration in their hands and hearts. Lord, anoint us with Your power and Your love...anoint us with Your wisdom and Your glory. Let us be the greatest in the kingdom of God for the greatest is the servant who comes with the heart of Your Son, precious Jesus, who gave His life for Your people so they could be free. Father, give to us the heart of a servant and a revelation of the love of Jesus for You and Your people. In Jesus' precious name, amen.

God bless everyone

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