

It's a New Day

Numbers in the Bible have symbolic significance. The number seven symbolizes “completion” and the number eight represents “new beginnings.” God has been showing us that as we go from 2007 to 2008 that He is taking us from a time of completion to a time of new beginnings. The time is URGENT. 2008 is coming quickly and God is on the edge of His seat, waiting to show His glory to those who are willing to be a part of His plan. We urge you – seek God for this next year. Your life will change! Get ready!

In the Bible, circumcision happened on the eighth day. (Genesis 17:12). God is calling us to circumcise our hearts (Jeremiah 4:4) for Him. We have to remove those things in our lives that are not of God. We must purify ourselves and allow Him to “cut away” things in our hearts – especially the sensitive areas! This was confirmed when God started speaking to me through the story of Hezekiah in II Chronicles 29-31. Hezekiah actually restored the 24/7 praise and worship of David’s tabernacle. But before he did, there were two eight day periods of cleansing the temple to prepare it for God’s glory!

In the eighth of May I received an email from one the 6:22 leaders with this verse in it from 1 Chronicles 22:19: *Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD.* I kind of ignored the email at the time, but now realize it was God trying to speak to me about where we were headed (see the article I’m A Tent).

An article posted by Chuck Pierce on Elijahlist on August 28th said this:

“We are living in a year of ‘summing up.’ We are not just living from year to year, but when you look at the season as a whole, you see the Lord doing something in our generation. He is preparing us to move more quickly and advance in Kingdom purpose in days ahead.”

“You will begin something new! Even if you refused to shift into a visible new dimension, your present state is your new state. With God, He will meet you where you are and cause you to start new if you yield! You can catch up quickly and gain momentum even if you have resisted change. If you do not yield, your new place will be your old cycle with the old structures reinforced seven times.”

Worshipfest this year fell on September 7-8. We felt like that weekend was a starting point from completion (seventh) to new beginnings (eighth). I found out in the Hebrew calendar that the new year 5786 actually starts at sundown on September 12 (the Wednesday after Worshipfest)! So the Hebrew year will actually span from 2007-2008 on the Gregorian calendar. September 12 is actually the Jewish day of Yom Teruah and the beginning of Rosh HaShanah (or the feast of the Trumpets) which leads right up to the 14th when we had our first Friday night 6:22 meeting of the new season! Regarding this Jewish holiday for Christians it is said:

“... the Tashlikh ceremony reminds us that our LORD is a God of new beginnings, and even if we have sinned and fallen away from Him, He is faithful to restore us and cast our sins away from us. After all, God sent His only Son Yeshua to be our Sin-Bearer and Kapparah, so we can take comfort in His forgiveness when we earnestly seek to repent from the harm we have done and begin anew with God.”(www.hebrew4christians.com)

There were also eight people in Noah’s Ark (2 Peter 2:5). We realized this was the case around the time that the movie Ark Almighty went to #1 in the movie theaters around the country. Jesus promised his return would be “as in the days of Noah” (Luke 17:22-35). I believe God is trying to wake us up to the urgency of our times. He was shouting to us through the Ark Almighty movie, and we have to hear Him. Now is the time!

We began planning our 2008 events and decided to do worship nights only once a month instead of weekly. We also decided to host Worshipfest in August next year. Well that puts Worshipfest as the eighth event of the year in the eighth month of the year! We also realized that a weekend in August begins on the eighth of the month, and we have secured the Greenville Convention Center for Worshipfest on 08.08.08!

*Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.
The beast of the field will honor Me,
The jackals and the ostriches,
Because I give waters in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My people, My chosen.
(Isaiah 43:18-20)*

God is a God of new beginnings. It is a new day! Get ready for what He wants to do in your life and in our community. Please join us in our mission for the coming year. We believe every step we take is vital to where God is moving us. Please join us!