

# HEARTBEAT FOR 2008

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This is the year of the Nazarite uprising.

It is the year in which the spirit of John the Baptist will break forth.

It is a LEAP year in which seemingly insurmountable obstacles will be overcome by great faith in action.

## **The Nazirites arise.**

It is time for the Nazirites to arise and take their place of uncompromising holiness and passionate love for God.

Across the nation we will see a movement of young adults who set themselves apart to God's purposes in extreme and radical ways, breaking from societal norms and living lives of purity, simplicity and honour. They will make vows (or commitments) before the Lord, for set periods of time, in which they will seek His face with increased passion and focus, and during which time they will be living light houses, walking signs pointing the way back to the King of Kings, the Judge, the Bridegroom of our souls.

NOW is the time of their release.

Here are just a few dreams in which God has illustrated how He is moving in the hearts of the youth and young adults:

While away on personal retreat at a large Catholic retreat center, I dreamed that it was time for lunch. In the natural I knew that I needn't rush to lunch since there were very few visitors at the center (an old convent). So, in my dream, I took my time. But when I got close to the cafeteria I was amazed to find hundreds and hundreds of youth lining up all the way out into the halls, up the stairs and down, all waiting for lunch. I wondered where they come from and why they are here and how the cafeteria would find enough food for them all.

(Interpretation: The youth are waiting to be launched, [lunch/launch] however they are not waiting to be launched into just any sort of Christian function rather they are ready to respond to a radical call and commitment to die to self and live for Christ--similar to the call of the monks/nuns [notice the convent] Monks and nuns are a modern day symbol of the Biblical Nazirites.)

Our friend Nathan, youth leader, had a dream in which he tried to do an outreach in bar to attract the youth. None of them would follow him. So he led them to a confessional and they followed him in huge numbers. (Notice it is the radical call to repentance that the youth are waiting for-- not just a good time.)

In another dream given to Luc, a seer in Granby, the youth were marching down Saint Anthony Street as if in a revolution.

Here we see again the call to the radical life-style of a revolutionary lover of God, represented by St. Anthony, an icon of the Nazirite lifestyle of extreme prayer, fasting, solitude and silence. Anthony's example of extreme devotion to Christ ignited thousands of young Christian men and woman to embrace the Nazirite life-style. It was their fervour that brought the decadence of the Roman Empire to its knees and it was their stand that kept Christianity from being swept away as the onslaught of Islam arrived in the Middle East.

Our nation is today in remarkably similar circumstances to those surrounding Anthony and those who followed in his steps. We must pray for and release our young Nazirites and spur them on in this work the Lord has called them to. Leaders and parents pray into this and consider the admonition of the Lord in Amos 2:11-12

"I raised up some of your sons as prophets, And some of your young men as Nazirites. Is it not so, O you children of Israel?" Says the Lord. "But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, And commanded the prophets saying, 'Do not prophesy!' "

They are born not only for extreme sports but to be extreme **Lovers of God** (L.O.G.s). They are the "logs" or the fuel that God will use to set the nation alight. They are the hinges that God is putting in place at this time, hinges upon whom He can turn the course of the future of our nation.

## **The Spirit of John The Baptist in Quebec.**

In the midst of this national uprising of Nazirites, a unique "breed" of Nazirites will emerge from Quebec. God has spoken this to Elizabeth and me in a particularly personal way in recent months.

Six years ago, the Lord told us that we would have a son and that we should name him John. It has also frequently been prophesied over Elizabeth that she bears the seed of John the Baptist within her, the spirit of a forerunner. Since then, we have been given three beautiful daughters. But in March 2007, the Lord impressed strongly upon Elizabeth that it was time for John. She knew in her spirit that the Lord was speaking at two levels: firstly, that it was time for the spirit of John the Baptist (a Nazirite from birth) to be birthed in the nation (and most particularly in Quebec) and, secondly, that as a sign of this she was to conceive the son, John, whom He had promised us six years earlier.

At the time God spoke to Elizabeth, however, we were in transition and under a lot of pressure. Our third daughter was not yet two and pregnancy seemed inconvenient if not utterly unwise. Yet despite our efforts to postpone God's will, Elizabeth conceived in May and is now 33 weeks pregnant--with a boy. Elizabeth is bearing John.

This is the year in which the Spirit of John the Baptist will be re-birthed in the province of Quebec. The Catholic Church, a womb which has been considered by many to be barren (like the biblical Elizabeth), has already conceived and will bring forth the spirit of John. Unexpectedly large numbers of young adults will come forth carrying a singular message--though one which will be expressed in a myriad ways-- "Prepare the way of the Lord. The bridegroom is at hand. Repent, for the kingdom of God is near." We will see vast numbers of Quebecois returning to their Catholic roots, but this time in the power and life of true faith in Christ.

## **Leaping the walls**

The obstacles and difficulties of 2007 will be overcome this year in leaps and bounds. This year, great faith in extreme action will cause us to catapult forward into individual and national destiny. This is the year in which we will say, with David,

"For by You I can run against a troop,  
By my God I can leap over a wall....  
It is God who arms me with strength,  
And makes my feet like the feet of deer,  
And sets me on my high places.  
He teaches my hands to make war,  
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze."  
(Psalm 18:29, 32-34)

Happy LEAP year ;-)

Cheers,  
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