

## **Saturday 1st March 2008**

At the end of the February meeting we 'closed a door' and determined never to go back. Consequently, the March meeting began at a new level of praise. Ruth shared some of her personal journey over the last forty years, and how this impacts on our corporate journey. She then spoke about her experiences of the past few weeks, where the Lord had been leading her from Gilgal to the Jordan;

- Gilgal: a place of lost anointing, a starting point to move back towards God.
- Bethel: a milestone, and a decision to press on.
- Jericho: a place of warfare.
- Jordan: a place of anointing.

At the Jordan the Lord said, "I have come with my sword to assist you (2 Kings). The day of warfare over you is ended." Then a sword was brought down (NB, Ruth did not feel that this meant the battle is over, but that the warfare over us is finished). Elisha crossed the Jordan with Elijah, received his mantle and returned to find that the fifty prophets who had watched from a distance now came to join him. As we receive the anointing, those who have been onlookers in the past will come to join us. Miracles happen when we overflow with the Spirit; 98% full is not enough, we need 100%. Now is the place of anointing. Then the Trumpet Call leaders anointed any who were willing, to receive everything the lord had for them.

Rachel taught on Covenant, which she said is understood in other parts of the world albeit in a pagan context, but is not so well understood in the West. She taught from the following Scriptures:

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| Joshua 24:25 | - Joshua made a covenant with the Lord, to follow him.                |
| 2 Samuel 23  | - God's everlasting covenant over the family.                         |
| Hebrews 10   | - the new covenant in Jesus' blood.                                   |
| Psalms 25:14 | - God shares the secrets of the covenant.                             |
| John 17      | - the language of covenant: sharing, promise, commitment, obligation. |

It's important to remember a covenant, just as Abraham built altars at every place of promise, and worshipped there. Covenant is about putting your name to something. God puts his name (eg. Healer) to everything we are (eg. sick).

Covenant is about exchange. What promises have we made that we need to revisit, to stop holding back on and to surrender to the Lord? When we do that, we come into the presence of our covenant partner, where we can say what we need and he can supply it. We then celebrated communion together, as part of the journey of restoration (six steps and sacrifice). A word was given. "It's a new day. Do not be afraid. I will go before you, but before you can come to me, you must bow down to me." The meeting ended in a place of surrender to the Lord, and commitment for the next stage of the journey.