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John  
5:39



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"You Search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;"

*John 5:39*

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Beloved readers and supporters,

Soon after you get this issue of Search the Scriptures, Paul Colley and myself should be in Israel sharing the love of Yeshua the Messiah to His Chosen People and distributing His Word to them. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. We go on your behalf. However, trips like this are becoming more and more expensive and our goal is to raise funds to go more often.

Our vision that we received of the Lord is to see that B'rit Hadashah eventually becomes a full-time teaching and evangelistic outreach ministry. We are inching slowly towards that goal since this ministry was birthed by the Lord seven years ago. We earnestly ask those readers who have not supported us before to consider giving this worthy ministry their financial support. And those who have, we heartily thank, and ask that you continue to support us.

I look forward to sharing with you in future issues the events that await us on this current Gospel outreach to Israel.

Your servant in Messiah,  
**Todd Baker**



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## UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT MESSAGES

Topics for March and April's lessons are:

- The Eternal Security of the Believer series
- Illuminations From Isaiah series
- Cults (by a guest speaker while Todd is in Israel)
- Passover Seder (late April - date to be determined)



# Reaching Israel for the Redeemer

## Part 8

*This series of articles is a detailed account of our thirteenth Gospel outreach to Israel that occurred from March to April 2007, and dedicated to the memory and ministry of Zola Levitt.*

*Isaiah 62:11*

After spending the morning in prayer in the moving Garden of Gethsemane, our Gospel outreach team went through the Lion's Gate, one of several entrances into the Arab Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem where the Via Dolorosa begins. Near that location, Robert and I briefly stopped in a souvenir shop owned by an Arab Christian. He is a father of ten children. He told us six were Christian and four were Muslim. His wife was also a Muslim. We met one of his sons, whose name was Araf. We were able to share the Gospel with him in great detail. He told us about the Muslim perspective on Jesus (which, fortunately, I was already acquainted with beforehand). Islam basically teaches that Jesus did not really die on the cross but, through some clever or supernatural subterfuge, someone else,



*Robert with Araf, a Muslim looking for Truth*

some Muslims say it was Judas, died in His place. We explained to Araf why it was necessary for Jesus to have died on the cross and how such a substitutionary act of redemption brought salvation to all mankind. If Jesus did not physically die then redemption could not have been accomplished, nor could the resurrection have occurred. Jesus' flatly stated claims of being both God and Savior depended on whether or not He rose from death.

The Lord said that His divine mission was to die in order to redeem man from the power of evil (Mark 10:45). We further said to Araf that if Islam's claim were true, that Jesus did not really die on the cross, then He could not have risen from the dead either. This would have made Jesus both a deceiver and liar when He claimed otherwise in the Gospel accounts.

At this point in the conversation, Araf was forced to agree with this inescapable logic. Robert and I were then able to share with him how the risen Messiah profoundly changed our lives by the transforming power of His love, forgiveness, and liberating presence. Araf was riveted and visibly wide-eyed over our personal testimony of how Jesus Christ personally invaded our lives dispelling the darkness with His life-giving light. The only answer for the violence, deception, and oppression of Islam is the indomitable power

of the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive, heal, and transform the wicked heart of man within to one of love and virtue.

Araf is searching for an ultimate answer, and it was evident he was not finding satisfying answers and solutions in the Muslim religion. The Lord used our ministry to him to open his eyes to the truth that the God of Israel loves him and gave His only Son so that Araf could spend the rest of eternity with Him. We ended up giving Araf reading materials instructing him about how he could receive the Lord Jesus into his heart. Araf thanked us for our time. Robert and I felt the overwhelming compassion of Christ for him, reminding us that God sent His Son to die for all nations and peoples including the people who desperately need Christ's love to bring them out of the bondage of hate and violence that the Islamic religion has historically engendered.

The next day in Jerusalem we went to the Western Wall to pray and place our prayer requests written on paper in the wall—a custom practiced by both Jews and Christians. While I was praying there, I was approached by two Orthodox Jews, Eyal and Avraham. They were politely asking for alms to support an organization that helps children in need. I gave them some financial aid and was able to share with both of them about the biblical evidence for Yeshua being the one and only Messiah of Israel. I gave both of them a major list of prophecies about the Messiah in the Tenach and how these were fulfilled by Yeshua as recorded in the B'rit Hadashah by the Jewish talmidim (Hebrew for disciples) who followed Him throughout His three year ministry in Israel. The two men listened intently. Eyal asked me, if these things were true, why



*Avraham, an Orthodox Jew, listened intently while Todd answered Eyal's questions*

did so many of His followers kill Jews over the centuries? I answered by pointing out to Eyal that Yeshua and His followers who wrote the B'rit Hadashah taught that the true follower of Messiah

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# Only in Israel

from Stuart Arden

In this issue, we continue with our "photo-essay" series by our resident Israeli correspondent, Stuart Arden. These photos and captions will explain some of the behavioral, cultural, and religious practices of Israel and Israelis; some are unusual, most are unique, and all are informative.



The Almond Tree is the first to bloom, symbolizing enthusiasm in serving God. A week after a snowstorm in Jerusalem and this almond tree is in full bloom (notice the leafless tree behind it).

The holiday of *Tu B'Shvat* is the New Year of the trees, the time when fruit producing trees were taxed in biblical Israel. The Hebrew name, *Tu B'Shvat* means the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of *Shvat*. *Tu B'Shvat* is one of four "New Years" in the Hebrew calendar.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Tzfat (Safed), *Kabbalists* (Hebrew mystics), began a mystical *Tu B'Shvat Seder* (similar to a Passover Seder) in which fruits and nuts were eaten and consciously appreciated for their symbolism; such as: Fruits with a soft exterior and a hard pit are meant to teach us that even though our bodies are soft, our inner spirituality must remain strong.



Todd with Eyal who graciously received Todd's testimony for Jesus and accepted Bible study materials about this in Hebrew.

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walks with the Lord's love towards Jews and Gentiles. True believers in Yeshua will love His own people because He came from the land and people of Israel. Jesus is Jewish and the Bible-believing Christian will simply love the Jewish people for giving him the Savior of the world. Furthermore, any person claiming to believe in Jesus will walk in His love. But if he or she claims to be a believer in Jesus yet harbors hatred or murder toward Jesus' ethnic brothers and sisters, he or she is neither of God, nor a true believer in Jesus Christ (1 John 4:20-21). Scripture is clear on that. This simple truth serves as a litmus test for deciphering the true Christian from the false Christian. Thus, if a person *truly believes* he or she will always love the Jewish people with Messiah's divine love. If one does not, then the person is simply not a real Christian. Both Eyal and Avraham graciously received my testimony for Jesus and accepted Bible study materials about this in Hebrew. ☆☆☆



# Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of  
the Merchantman  
and the Pearl  
Part 4  
(Matthew 13:45-46)  
by Todd Baker

God has brought together the body of believers in the spirit of holiness to be joined as one with His Son Jesus Christ. Only God can bring perfect unity to the Church, not man. **"But God has tempered (put together) the Body together"** (1 Corinthians 12:24). When we are grafted into the body of Christ, we are one in body and spirit in Christ. **"For as the body is one, and has many members, and all members of that one body, being many members are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit"** (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). In Christ, we are all one without fragmented distinction. Being in Christ means we are one equal, universally knit group, regardless of class, gender, nationality, or ethnic background. **"There is neither Jew nor Greek. There is neither bond nor free. There is neither male nor female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus"** (Galatians 3:28). Division hinders the supernatural oneness of the Church. Only by the indwelling Spirit of God can we as brothers and sisters be brought together in perfect unity without compromising biblical truths, **"that there should be no schism in the Body"** (1 Corinthians 12:25).

The pearl is the only gem created without cutting or reshaping it first. In fact, to do so, would mar its natural beauty and shape. If one were to crack or cut open a pearl, he would destroy the resplendent beauty and costly value of it. The pearl stands out as a precious gem whose unity cannot be broken, if the

*"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchantman seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."*

- Matthew 13:45-46



great value of it is to be preserved. A jeweler, if he wishes, may part one bar of gold into two, and it remains undestroyed. Likewise, he may cut a diamond stone and make it into two diamonds, and it remains undamaged. But if he were to take a pearl and cut it into two parts, he would be left with nothing and would destroy its overall value. The pearl is an all-important symbol of the indivisible Church of Jesus Christ. This same Church will always be the holy desire of the Lord's heart.

The creation of a genuine pearl is an amazing phenomenon among the wonders of nature. Unlike other precious stones such as diamonds, rubies, sapphires, opals, and emeralds, the pearl is a unique creation in that it is a product of a living organism called the mollusk, otherwise known as the oyster. The pearl is not a mineral like so many other valuable gems, but is a prodigious creation of life from the crustacean mollusk. The oyster is an earthly sea creature, unattractive on the outside, but inside, its shell contains a gem of unearthly splendor.

In similar fashion do the individual members who make up the Church of Jesus Christ have the power of God through the glorious light of the Gospel contained within them, even though no indication of this is seen on the outside by looking at their frail, common appearing bodies. **"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of power may be of God, and not of us"** (2 Corinthians 4:7).

A pearl is actually a calcareous limestone deposit of a sick or wounded mollusk. The initial process of the pearl's creation commences when a foreign extrinsic substance, such as a grain of sand or a microscopic marine creature, finds its way into the shell of the mollusk. The oyster then discharges a calcareous substance called *nacre* in tiny thin layers that is then wrapped around the foreign invader. This process is repeated over and over again until the wound is thoroughly covered with the mother-of-pearl solution until, ultimately, a pearl is gradually formed within the shell of the oyster. A mollusk endures much suffering and irritation in order to produce an object of luminescent beauty such as the pearl. The invading, penetrating particle is transformed into a pearl of great worth. The pearl is truly a product of suffering. O what an accurate description of the blood atoned Church of Jesus Christ we have here in this picture sermon of nature! The Church, indeed, is the heavenly product of the agonizing sufferings Christ endured on the cross (Isaiah 53:10-11). Through His profound travail on Calvary we are infused with new life, covered in His blood and

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# We're Not Czechoslovakia!



BY STUART ARDEN  
ISRAELI CORRESPONDENT

The western powers “sacrificed” Czechoslovakia to Adolf Hitler’s dream of a Third Reich prior to the start of World War II, yet it failed to prevent that war. Shortly after this sell-out of Czechoslovakia in March of 1939, Hitler invaded Poland on 1 September 1939, and World War II “officially” began. The story of how the “sell out” came about, and the stages leading up to it, provide a history lesson that should never be forgotten; or, as George Santayana said, “Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” Sadly, as will be shown below, the unheeded “lesson” of Czechoslovakia is that: appeasing tyrants and despots never works.

Hitler’s initial objectives in World War II (not necessarily in order of importance) were to: 1) Destroy the Jews; 2) Reacquire Germany’s land losses after WW I; and 3) Build a new German empire (the “Third Reich”). This last objective is indicative of the megalomaniacal mind, and was to come at the expense of other nations’ sovereignty! Hitler’s first (military) act in this regard (after the forbidden rearmament!) was to send his troops into the Rhineland (bordering on the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France) on 7 March 1936. While the Rhineland was an integral part of Germany, the terms of the Versailles Treaty (1919) concluding World War I, stated that it was to be demilitarized. By his very own admission, the 48 hours following this act were a time of great anxiety for Hitler, and he has even been quoted as saying, “If France had then

marched into the Rhineland, we would have had to withdraw . . .” Neither the war weary French, nor any of the other European nations of a similar mind-set, challenged Hitler on this brazen act.

Hitler’s troops invaded the (First Republic of) Austria on 12 March 1938 and on 13 March 1938 Hitler was able to stand on the balcony of the city hall in Linz and proclaim “Der Anschluss,” the “union” or “connection,” an action which later gained him a standing ovation in the German Reichstag. This was a violation of Article 80 of the Treaty of Versailles, but much more importantly, this was Hitler’s first military takeover of a sovereign nation, and this too would go unanswered. In connection with his desire for *lebensraum* (“living space”), Hitler next set his sights on Czechoslovakia to the east.

The full extent of Hitler’s lust for other people’s lands (*lebensraum*), and his plans prior to World War II, didn’t come out until the post-World War II U.S.-sponsored Nuremberg Trials, held in the German city of Nuremberg between 1945 and 1949. At that time it was revealed (through the “Hossbach Memorandum,” which had taken place in the Reich Chancellery on 5 November 1937; however, all of this had been written in Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*, which was published in 1925-26!) that Hitler’s desire for a buffer of Czechoslovakia and Hungary in the east were preplanned and merely awaited implementation. Hitler’s first step in the takeover of Czechoslovakia was to make it known that he wanted the Sudetenland and threatened taking it by force. The Sudetenland was an area of Czechoslovakia that bordered Germany, with a population that was 25% German.

On 29 September 1938, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, and France signed the Munich Agreement in Munich, Germany, giving Hitler control over the Sudetenland; an outright giveaway of a piece of Czechoslovakian sovereignty. Neither Czechs nor Slovaks were present at this sell-out of their country, and they labeled the resulting document the “Munich Diktat.” The bulk of the Czechoslovakian defenses were in the Sudetenland, so once Hitler controlled that, it was a “cakewalk” to take over all of Czechoslovakia. By now most people are familiar with those notorious photographs of British Prime Minister Neville



Members of the Reichstag saluting Hitler's takeover of Austria.



Neville Chamberlain saying: “I have in my hand a piece of paper, signed by Mr. Hitler, in which he assures us that there will be no war in Europe.”

Chamberlain waving a worthless piece of paper in the air, and declaring, "Peace in our time." Hitler shattered that false euphoria of "peace in our time," between 15 and 16 March 1939 when he took all of Czechoslovakia. On 26 August 1939, shortly before the invasion of Poland, Hitler said to his generals, "Our enemies are little worms, I saw them at Munich," so much for the appeasers and purveyors of a false peace!

On 1 September 1939, Hitler invaded Poland and on 3 September 1939 England declared war on Germany, (the U.S. entered the war in 1941 after Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S.) a war that cost the lives of 55 million people, and which, in addition to the horrors of war, saw the institution of concentration camps, gas chambers, crematoria, and the murder of 10 million people (Jews, gypsies, intellectuals, leftists, et.al.), a war which



Buchenwald, April, 1945

might have been prevented earlier. Neville Chamberlain presided over Britain's initial war preparations (prior to Winston Churchill being designated Prime Minister on 10 May 1940), yet on his death bed Chamberlain said, "if only Hitler hadn't lied to me." Had Chamberlain really spent the end of his life wallowing in the delusion that that worthless piece of paper really meant "peace in our time?"

In contrast to Neville Chamberlain's naïveté, the French representative at the Munich conference, Prime Minister Edouard Daladier, had no illusions about Hitler's aims. In a meeting with the British in April 1938, Daladier said that Hitler's aims for the domination of Europe would make Napoleon's ambitions "look feeble," and added, "Today it is the turn of Czechoslovakia. Tomorrow it will be the turn of Poland and Romania." Nevertheless, neither France nor any of the European nations stood up to Hitler; instead, they attempted to placate him and sold-out Czechoslovakia in the process. They had sown the wind and through their foolishness were shortly to reap the whirlwind (paraphrased from Hosea 8:7)

The foregoing doesn't come near the complete list of Hitler's military moves nor the many countries that Hitler's armies overran, but it will suffice in making the point of this paper. Furthermore, one has to shudder when thinking what might have been the outcome, if the allies had lost World War II. What was it that made the western nations pretend obliviousness to Hitler's aims, or more importantly display impotency and unwillingness to stop him along the way? Was it war weariness? Was it wishful (and illogical) thinking? Or was the sell-out of Czechoslovakia for example, merely representative of "What the heck, it's not our land!"

Has anyone taken note of the fact that the sell-out of Czechoslovakia was an example of (supposed) "land for peace" – we give you this other people's land and (hopefully) we get peace? Another way of looking at this deadly "farce" is that a "two-state solution" was being proposed – you get a piece of Czechoslovakia and the rest remains as is. In comparison, and with a decided similarity, what sorts of "remedies" or "solutions" are being proposed for the Arab-Israeli problem (actually it's just an Arab problem, of them refusing to accept the sovereignty of Israel!)? You guessed it, "land for peace," and a "two state solution," and lately, the proposals, more and more, are taking on the character of a "diktat!"

In November 1941, the Mufti of Jerusalem, (Haji) Muhammed Amin al-Husseini, met with Hitler and other leading Nazis, and remained in Germany as Hitler's personal guest. The history of Haji Amin's rabid hatred and instigation of massacres of Jews is well-documented; in 1920 at the Western Wall, for which he received a sentence of 15 years in a British prison, but was later pardoned, and the massacre of Jews in Hebron, in 1929. The Western Wall had been constructed by King Herod in approximately 19 BCE, 600



A Holocaust "mutual admiration society," the Mufti and Adolf Hitler.

years before the start of Islam, and Jews had lived in Hebron from biblical times onward! Haji Amin is on-record as a firm supporter of "The Final Solution." One of his

written proclamations, recorded in Documents on German Foreign Policy, 1918-1945, expresses his interest in solving "the Jewish problem" (in then-Palestine) "in accordance with the interest of the Arabs and, by the same method, that the question is now being solved in the Axis countries." Dieter Wisliceny, Adolf Eichmann's deputy, was executed after the



Eichmann's deputy, Dieter Wisliceny

Nuremberg Trials, and is on record saying: "The Mufti was one of the initiators of the systematic extermination of European Jewry and had been a collaborator and advisor of Eichmann and Himmler in the execution of this plan. . . . He was one of Eichmann's best friends and had constantly incited him to accelerate the extermination measures;" and the same rhetoric continues.

In 1945, following the defeat of Nazi Germany, the Mufti escaped charges of "war criminal," because the Allies feared an Arab backlash at prosecuting one of their "heroes," and spent the last years of his life in Egypt, where he died in 1974 (catalog this as "Arab appeasement!"). As such, the

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Mufti had been witness to the Arabs' military inability to stop the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the Sinai campaign of 1956, Israel's smashing victory over



*A young Hajj Mohammad Amin al-Husseini (Husayni) (his head covering indicates that he went on the pilgrimage to Mecca and is entitled to preface his name with Haji)*

another Arab attempt at I s r a e l ' s destruction in the Six Day War of 1967, and Israel's survival after the initial Arab successes

in 1973. Nevertheless, could his stay in Egypt have been influential in shaping Egyptian-born Mohammad Abdel Rahman Abdel Raouf Arafat al-Qudwa al-Husseini (no relation to the Mufti!), commonly known as Yasser Arafat? It appears that the mind-set, the mantle, and the murderousness were passed-on and are still being perpetuated by the so-called Palestinians (as well as other Arabs and Muslims), with whom Israel is being pressured to sacrifice its security, and sign a sham peace agreement as did Neville Chamberlain.

Does anyone think that Israel and Israelis are really so misguided, gullible (the starry-eyed leftists!), or demented enough, to accept a similarly worthless piece of paper "in our time?!" Does anyone think that Israel should accept a sell-out of its land to satisfy the appetite of tyrants and demagogues, individuals, and nations which have made it quite clear that as with Hitler, they also have a "final solution" in-store for Israel? Does anyone think that Israel should be given a "diktat" because "What the heck, it isn't our land!" Does anyone seriously believe that sacrificing Israel would bring "peace in our time" and would end the expansionist and world-domination desires of radical Islam? Today it would be Israel and tomorrow the radical Muslims would be on your doorstep, much as Edouard Daladier foresaw regarding Hitler.

Seeing as many are essentially pushing for a "diktat" approach with Israel, let me tell you something right now: We're not going to be your sacrificial lamb, we're not going to be your sop to Islamofascism, we're not going to give up our right to feel safe and secure in the sanctity of our country ('cause heck, this IS our land!); and we're not going to be the Czechoslovakia of the 21<sup>st</sup> century!!! ☆



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washed anew, purged and transformed into a holy object of His loving desire. **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away, behold, all things become new"** (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The oyster's immunity defense mechanism is a slimy solution called nacre. This pearly iridescent liquid is largely responsible for combating the infection from the extraneous intruder. The sole purpose for the mother of pearl solution is used for the inoculation of

any pathological substance that would gain entrance into the shell of the oyster, wounding its muscular structure. The seemingly miraculous event of pearl making takes place when a hostile element enters in the shell of the oyster. When this happens, it then produces, over a period of time, a beautiful and pure by-product of natural opulence, the pearl of great price. The nacre solution is primarily a cleansing agent inside the shell of the oyster. In like manner does the blood of the immaculate Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, cleanse us from all the impurities of sin. For **"the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin"** (1 John 1:7). It is only by the precious blood of Jesus Christ that a defiled sinner can be washed clean and justified pure and righteous before a holy God. It is here that we have an interesting and most compelling analogy between the mother of pearl liquid found inside the oyster and the shed blood of Jesus Christ applied to the believer. The following seven parallels between the two are listed on the page at right in order to enhance the full detailed meaning of the parable, and to gain a better appreciation of it. †





<i>The Shed Blood of Jesus Christ applied to the Believer</i>		<i>The Mother of Pearl Liquid Found Inside the Oyster</i>	
1	The blood of Jesus Christ, according to the loving will of God the Father and His declaration of free grace, accomplishes forgiveness and liberates the guilty from the shame of sin (Ephesians 1:6-7).	Likewise, does the oyster strip the foreign, impure element that entered into its shell, and redresses it into a purified and acceptable form, totally loosed from its lowly debased condition.	
2	The blood of Jesus gives justification to the guilty, and affords protection for the accused from the penalty of God's wrath (Romans 5:8-10).	Similarly, the oyster shelters within its shell the tiny invading particle that would infect it. The oyster gives it a new quality all its own through the metamorphic preservation of it.	
3	The blood of Jesus frees us and gives us salvation, for it delivers us, who were once the prisoners of sin, from the power of sin (1 Peter 1:18-19).	The oyster gives the tiny worthless dirt particle a grand renovation, changing it into a gorgeous pearl of much worth and desire. The mother of pearl liquid frees it from its dirtied condition.	
4	The blood of Christ gives us peace with God and delivers God's former enemies from the coming wrath. This reconciles us to God as His friends, being no longer His enemies (Colossians 1:20-22).	When the mollusk produces a pearl, the small alien substance was initially an offensive enemy of the oyster. But later, after the formulation of the pearl is complete inside the oyster, the tiny particle, now converted into a prized pearl, becomes an integral part of the same oyster.	
5	The blood of Jesus Christ paves the way for sanctification, insuring the believer's emancipation from sin for the consecrated service of God (Hebrews 13:12).	The useless particle of dirt, or some other unclean object that enters into a shell of an oyster, is subjected to a laborious process by the continual secretion of the mollusk, which eventually hardens into a spherical shape over the infected particle. When this happens, the particle is no longer unclean, but has adopted from the defense of the oyster, a pure and pearly appearance exhibiting a glistening white look of spotless beauty that is now a useful ornament for the captive eye.	
6	The blood of Jesus has purchased redemption for the sinner—for it rescues the slaves of Satan from his cruel tyranny (Revelation 5:9; 12:11).	The pearl is a salvaged product from an unclean and useless environment that it was preciously held under. What use would a person have with the small particle of dirt before it entered into the oyster? The answer is none whatsoever. But after a miraculous change, the little dirt particle becomes a precious gem of expensive value.	
7	The blood of Jesus gives man the only sure access to God. It provides a permanent place for the homeless who were once enveloped in the misery of being far from God (Ephesians 2:13).	The only way a pearl can be made is if the particle has a way of entry into the oyster. Unless access is given the reality of the pearl would not be possible.	

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# MARCH 23-APRIL 8, 2008 MISSION TRIP TO ISRAEL

## Missionary Prayer List

Here is a suggested list from Scripture to use when praying for our missions.

- ✧ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).
- ✧ Pray that we have the Father's wisdom and guidance in everything we do (Psalm 32:8; 48:14; Colossians 4:5).
- ✧ Pray for witnessing opportunities (John 4:35; Luke 10:2; Acts 1:8).
- ✧ Pray that God will open the hearts of those who will hear (Psalm 110:3; Acts 16:14).
- ✧ Pray that God will give us the boldness to proclaim the Gospel to the Jew first and also the Gentile (Acts 4:31; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:19).
- ✧ Pray for spiritual unity and agreement among us (Psalm 133:1).
- ✧ Pray for our health, protection, safety, and God's protection from the hand of the enemy, both seen and unseen (Psalm 91; Matthew 6:13).
- ✧ Pray for spiritual fruit that will last (John 15:7-8; Galatians 5:22-23).
- ✧ Pray for favor among the Chosen People as we share the Gospel with them (Proverbs 12:2).
- ✧ Pray that the Chosen People will come to faith in Messiah (Christ) Jesus (Romans 10:1; Matthew 15-16; Mark 8:27-29, 14:61-62; Luke 9:18-20; John 4:25-26). †

## Be a Part of our 2008 Outreach to Israel

Did you know that the Israeli people do not have easy access to the New Testament (B'rit Hadashah)? Their bookstores usually do not carry it, and even some universities offer courses on Yeshua but only provide excerpts from the B'rit Hadashah.

Your donations during the months of January, February, and March can put the Gospel directly into the hands of Jewish people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to read about their Messiah. Throughout the year, your donations help make these trips possible. But during these months, our focus is on funding the gift of scripture and other materials that we give out as the Holy Spirit leads us.

We are excited about what God is doing through these mission trips. And it's equally as exciting to know that our partners will be blessed through their support which makes all of this happen. Genesis 12:3 speaks specifically of those who bless His people, Israel:

***"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."***

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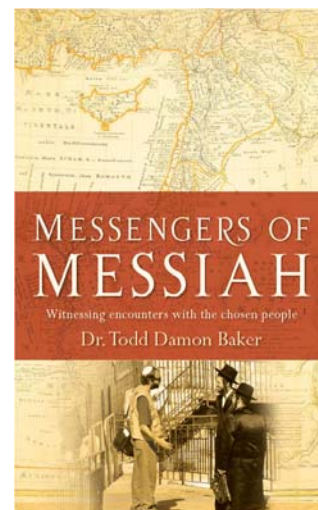
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*Because of the support of our faithful partners, there is a young Jewish woman attending a university in Jerusalem who now has a B'rit Hadashah (New Testament in Hebrew), and IDF soldiers in Haifa who can read that the Messiah Yeshua has come to bring hope and peace to their souls. Your donations have changed the life of an Arab shop keeper in*

*Tiberias who has accepted Yeshua as his Messiah and Savior.*

*Please consider (if you have not already done so) becoming a monthly partner. As you can read for yourself in the newsletter articles, these worthwhile donations are directly impacting individual lives in Israel. Isn't that what Yeshua's earthly ministry was about?*

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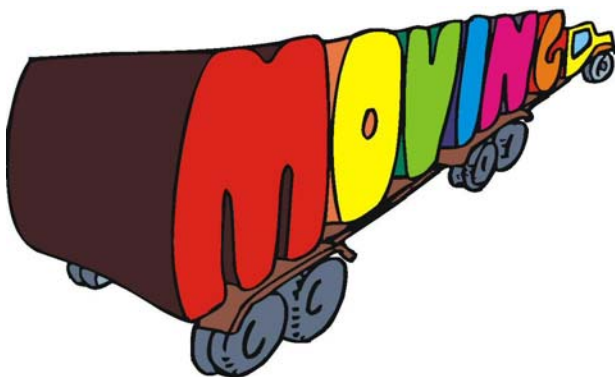
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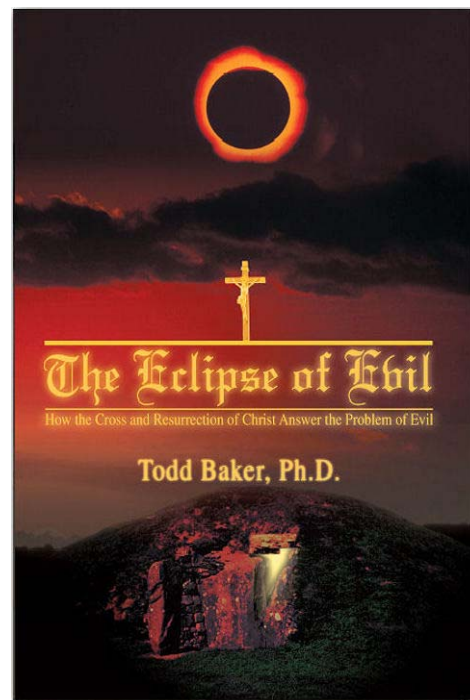
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