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ISRAELI GUEST SPEAKER, SHAUL KATZAV, TO SPEAK AT SHALOM, SHALOM

This month, we welcome guest speaker Rabbi Shaul Katzav on Friday, September 26 at 7:00pm. Shaul Katzav (pronounced Shä-OOL Kät-ZÄV) was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, in 1970, the son of a secular Jewish family. At the age of 18, he joined the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) where he served as a paratrooper and communications specialist.



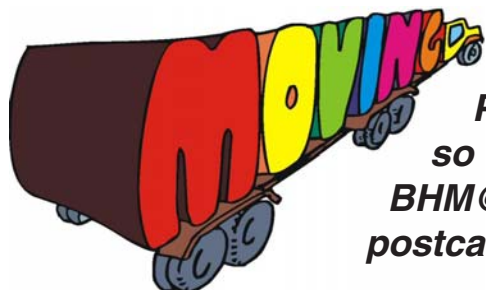
Rabbi Katzav

Shaul completed his service with the IDF and went to study practical engineering and electricity, and in 1994 traveled to the Far East in search of truth. Disappointed in his pursuit, he returned to Israel and met an evangelist who introduced him to Yeshua HaMachiach, Jesus Christ. Shaul began searching G-d's Word for the first time and realized that Yeshua is the promised Messiah of Israel. After struggling with that fact for a year, he decided to submit and give his life to Yeshua.

Shaul remained in Israel, volunteering in Messianic congregations, until 2000 when the door was opened for him to study at Christ for the Nations Institute (CFNI) and to serve as a minister and to oversee the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program at Baruch HaShem Messianic Synagogue in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from CFNI with a minor in Jewish Studies, Shaul was ordained as a shamash (deacon) and evangelist. Since then, he has led many Jews and native Israelis to faith in Yeshua.

Shaul continues to serve on staff at Baruch HaShem Messianic Synagogue in the areas of youth and evangelism and as the Assistant Rabbi to Rabbi Marty Waldman. He and his wife, Sabra, live with their daughter in Dallas.

We would love to have another large crowd to welcome Rabbi Katzav. Please **check our web site** to be aware of any changes to the date or time. We look forward to having you join us!



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After we left the beautiful and breath-taking Mount Hermon, Paul and I stopped at the *Toscana* restaurant. Our waitress was a young and intelligent Israeli whose name was Nadav. While taking our orders for lunch, Nadav asked where we were from. When we told her, she then asked us why we came to Israel. This afforded us the perfect opportunity for sharing the good news of Yeshua the Jewish Messiah with her. Her response was to say that love was the most important thing in life. Paul and I then said to her that God's love for



by Todd Baker



Nadav is a waitress and a student, and was intrigued by the witness for Yeshua (Jesus) by Paul and Todd

humanity was best epitomized when the God of Israel sent His Son into the world to bring salvation to Jew and Gentile. We then showed her the well-known text of the New Testament—John 3:16. When she read this from the Hebrew text that I had, Nadav was visibly taken aback and exclaimed: ***"This is beautiful."***

Nadav told us that she had just finished two term papers for school related to what we were sharing with her. The first term paper was on the topic of the location of the actual mountain where the Transfiguration of Jesus took place. Some believe it occurred on Mount Hermon where Paul and I had just come from before talking with our waitress! The second term paper was on the subject of how the first Christian missionaries were all

Jews. No doubt God had providentially arranged this particular witnessing encounter, especially since both of her term papers directly related to us in terms of where we had just come from and our witnessing mission in Israel.

Paul and I further shared with Nadav how Yeshua the Messiah radically changed our lives some twenty-four years ago. I related to her how I was a rabid and militant atheist and drug addict. Realizing that I would not live much longer with this fatal bondage, I told Nadav that I cried out to God in repentance one midnight in April of 1984, on the rare occasion I was sober. I asked Him that if He were there to help me and lift my life from the pit of abject despair and premature death. At that moment the divine *Shekinah* glory of God filled my room with increasing brightness. A voice that resonated within my soul identified Who this light was. He said, ***"I am the Lord Jesus Christ, the One you have blasphemed and persecuted all this time. I am now calling you to serve me and tell my people I am coming soon."*** Needless to say I was forever changed by the overwhelming power of Messiah Jesus whose presence flooded my entire being with His love, forgiveness, and liberating power. Fifteen years later in 1999, God sent me to His people (Israel) to humbly and lovingly entreat them to accept this Messiah who came and is soon to return to redeem the nation of Israel. I have been doing this ever since in obedience to the calling and commission Yeshua gave me that glorious night in April of 1984.

Our witness for Jesus intrigued Nadav. We offered her a Hebrew copy of the New Testament. She told us that she already had a copy of the Tenach. Paul and I told her that the B'rith Hadashah completes and fulfills the Tenach's prophetic portrait of the Messiah. Nadav received it and said she would read it thoroughly. As we were leaving the restaurant, she heartily thanked us for spending quality time with her in God's word.

The Lord then led Paul and me to stop at an indoor shopping mall in Qiryat Shimona. We were led to go into a men's casual clothes shop called *Zip*. A gracious sales lady greeted us. She was a young Jewish woman whose name was Hodaya, which in Hebrew means "thanks." We were able to share with her that we come to Israel every year to share with the Jewish people that the God who created and called them to be a blessing to the world (Genesis 12:1-3) still watches over them to protect them and to bring to fruition His plan for the ages through them. This

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Hodaya is a sales lady at a men's clothing shop in Qiryat Shimona

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.



Salt & Pepper Dispensers

Did you ever ask your grandmother for a recipe? Well, granny simply couldn't give you one because she never used a recipe book. Nor did she measure things. Usually our grannies gave a throw of this, and a pinch of that.

Check out this salt and pepper dispenser. Usually you don't find this one in any of the tourist haunts, but it's a standard item where the "down home boys" go.

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UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT MESSAGES

Topics for September and October's lessons are:

- The Eternal Security of the Believer series
- Illuminations From Isaiah series

September 26: Special Guest Speaker from Israel - please join us!

Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of the Dragnet Part 1 (Matthew 13:47-50)

by Todd Baker

The parable of the dragnet is the most sobering and serious of all parables the Lord spoke in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. This parable is the seventh and the last of the septenary parables of the kingdom of heaven in Matthew chapter 13. For practical reasons, the eighth parable will be dealt with separately in the next series.

The seven parables of Matthew 13 provide a prophetic unfolding of the progression of the present age from the time of Christ's ascension to heaven until His return to earth, when the wicked shall be "severed from among the just." The seventh parable spoken by our Lord is a concluding statement of this. The first parable of this great chapter, the parable of the Sower and the seed, serves as a prologue, and is an interpretation to the lengthy history of professing Christendom during the Church age which has presently lasted for two thousand years, starting with the divine proclamation of the Gospel by the Sower, Jesus Christ. The epilogue and dramatic end of the course of the present age is summed up in the parable of the dragnet. The number seven in the Bible has a significant meaning in relationship to the seven parables of Matthew 13. The number seven in Scripture speaks of spiritual perfection and divine completion. We cite some examples below to conclusively illustrate this point.

In Isaiah 11:1-2, the prophet lists the *sevenfold* anointing of the Spirit of God that will be upon the Messiah. In verses 10 through 16 of the same chapter, the *sevenfold* establishment of the millennial reign of the Messiah is also described. The number seven frequently appears in the book of Revelation. There are seven promises

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind, which when it was full, they drew to shore; and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the age. The angels shall come forth, and separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

- Matthew 13:47-50



to those who overcome (see Revelation 2-3). There are seven churches, seven Beatitudes, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven vials, seven judgments, seven thunders, seven angels, and seven new things. Christ uttered seven last sayings while dying on the cross. Therefore, the seven parables Christ spoke in Matthew 13 give the complete outline of this present age within the Church and the world. The parables of Matthew 13 are the simple and complete description of the history of professing Christendom on earth in the various stages of development throughout its entire history as individually represented by each of the seven parables.

There is a fascinating parallelism between the parables of Matthew 13 and the seven churches in the book of Revelation (see Revelation 2-3). This observation is by no means an attempt to proclaim some kind of new dogma. This writer merely wants to draw the attention of the reader to this *uncanny* parallel. In the following paragraphs below we take space to observe the fascinating parallels between the seven churches of Revelation with the seven mystery parables of Matthew 13.

The first parable of Matthew 13 is the *parable of the Sower and the seed*. This parable represents the

earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ while He was here on earth in the role of Jehovah's Servant sowing the incorruptible seed of God's Word in the hearts of men. We saw, however, that much of the seed's productive capabilities was caught away, or stifled either by Satan and his demonic emissaries, or by the corrupt world system and the fallen condition of the unregenerate heart. The Lord sadly relates to us the decreasing amount of fruit the seed produced on the four kinds of soil, which typifies four different classes of people who hear the Gospel and respond to it. The Lord, in fact, states that the fruitfulness of the implanted seed would decrease more and more from hundredfold down to thirty as the time of the harvest (end of the age) drew closer. If it was not for the Lord's sanctified remnant, all hope in a sanctified and saved Church would be gone, and ungodliness would know no bounds in its degenerative spread.

The parable of the Sower and the Seed corresponds to the Church of Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-6). They were exhorted by the Lord to overcome through patience during the time of affliction and suffering. The sower and the recipient of the Gospel seed

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THE VALIDITY OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS



BY STUART ARDEN
ISRAELI CORRESPONDENT

Israel's presence in Judea and Samaria is fully in accordance with international law. Thus, settlements are not illegal, nor are they obstacles to peace. Furthermore, the Israeli presence is NOT an occupation. Below are facts more than capable of silencing the incorrect and ill-informed "smoking gums."

Israel's settlement policy is strongly intertwined with the idea of Zionism. The founder of modern political Zionism is Theodor Herzl (1860-1904), a Hungarian-born Austrian Jew who was so assimilated that he didn't even have his son circumcised. Nevertheless, Herzl probably encountered anti-Semitism while working for a law degree at the University of Vienna, and wrote a play called *The Ghetto*, in 1892. Later, based in Paris as a correspondent for the Viennese newspaper *Neue Freie Presse*, Herzl was witness to the frame-up of Captain Alfred Dreyfus for treason, his sentencing to "Devil's Island" (French Guiana), and more importantly, the virulent anti-Semitism that swept France. Herzl realized the need of Jews for a refuge against the vagaries of the world. Naturally, the reconstitution of a Jewish state in its ancient homeland came to Herzl's mind, hence the publication of his *Der Judenstaat* (*The Jewish State*, 1896), followed by his novel, *Die Altneuland* (*The Old New Land*, 1902). Herzl's significance lay in the fact that his was a political movement, in



Arab countries, some with fabulous oil wealth, and tiny Israel (with no oil!) to the west of Jordan
Source: morrainevalley

contrast to the religious/messianic thinking of orthodox Jews who felt that only the Messiah could re-establish Jewish statehood. Herzl envisioned a pluralistic society with equal rights for all, putting the lie to those who claim that Zionism intended to dispossess the Arabs! In 1897, the First Zionist Congress took place in Basle, Switzerland (financed by Herzl himself), signifying the formal start of Zionism. Nevertheless, a case-in-point of Herzl's apprehensions

preceded the publication of *The Jewish State*, when pogroms in Russia resulted in the "First Aliya" (the first large-scale immigration to *Eretz Yisrael* [the Land of Israel]), in 1882. At the same time, many Yemenites also immigrated and began the Jerusalem neighborhood of Shiloah (Silwan). There were five "mass" immigrations, each one the result of anti-Semitism against Jews who had been loyal citizens of the states wherein they resided.



Theodor Herzl (A "young Moses, leading his people to 'The Promised Land'")

While today's Israel had been the ultimate aim of each of the subsequent Zionist Congresses, a number of temporary places of refuge were proposed over the years, as far apart as the Mau Plateau in Kenya, and Galveston, New Mexico, where 9,300 Jews went to live between 1907-1914. Other proposed sites were Canada and Australia (opposed by local residents), Mesopotamia (Iraq), Cyrenaica (Libya), and Angola. (The difficulty of finding a refuge for the Jews, and the rationale for Zionism's quest for a Jewish homeland, is symbolized by the "St. Louis Incident" of 1939, in which President Roosevelt ordered the Coast Guard to patrol the eastern seaboard, to stop refugees aboard a ship from Nazi Germany [the St. Louis] from entering the United States. Also significant is the Allies' refusal to bomb the railroad lines to Auschwitz during the Holocaust!). In 1904, Great Britain proposed Uganda as a refuge and while the Zionist Organization was considering this proposal, Theodor Herzl succumbed to a heart condition on 3 July 1904.

Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952), who later became Israel's first president, strongly supported Zionism while in England. Weizmann had been born in a village in Russia, received his early education at the Polytechnic in Berlin, his doctorate at the University of Geneva, and became a research scientist at the University of Manchester. Weizmann viewed the prospect of



Chaim Weizmann

reinstating Jewish statehood in a pragmatic and practical way, encouraging settlement activity and building institutions of statehood in the land, while also cultivating relationships with British officials who might be amenable to the idea of Zionism. In a discussion with Lord Arthur James Balfour concerning the Zionists' rejection of the British-offer of Uganda as a homeland, Weizmann asked Balfour if he would trade London for Paris, and when Balfour said that London was theirs, Weizmann responded, "Jerusalem had been Jewish when London was still a marshland." Weizmann's efforts paid off on 2 November 1917, when the British Cabinet approved Foreign Secretary Balfour's Declaration stating that "His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" During all these efforts by the Zionists, there were no parallel efforts by the Palestinians (the so-called Palestinians) because they hadn't been invented yet: In an interview in the Dutch newspaper *Trouw* on 31 March 1977, Zahir Muhsein, a member of the PLO executive committee, said the following: "The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the State of Israel."

The League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, given to Great Britain, was a direct outgrowth of the Balfour Declaration. The Mandate resulted from the Treaty of Sevres after World War I, and the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire. Article 2 of the Mandate says: "The Mandatory [i.e. Great Britain] shall be responsible for placing the country under such political, administrative and economic conditions as will secure the establishment of

the **Jewish national home** . . ." Paragraph 2 of Article 4 says: "The Zionist organization . . . shall take steps in consultation with His Britannic Majesty's Government to secure the co-operation of all Jews who are

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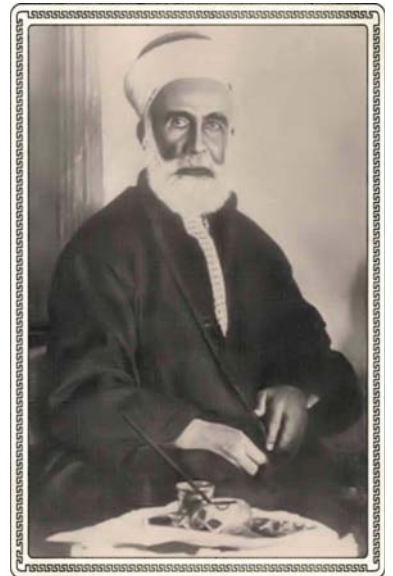
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Portrait of T. E. Lawrence by Augustus John (Lawrence of Arabia's Peter O'Toole has a great resemblance!) Source: JordanJubilee

willing to assist in the establishment of the **Jewish national home**." Finally, Article 6 says: "The Administration of Palestine... shall encourage, in co-operation with the Jewish agency referred to in Article 4, close **settlement by Jews on the land**, including State lands and waste lands not required for public purposes." [Notice the author's emphases.]

However, there is the tale of the supposed "twice-promised land." In 1916 Husayn ibn Ali, the Ottoman-appointed *Sharif* (Keeper) of Mecca, and self-proclaimed King of Hejaz (in Arabia) began a (British-coordinated) revolt against the Turks (the Ottoman Empire) and the British sent Thomas Edward Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") to be their liaison with Husayn. Lawrence eventually chose the Emir Faisal, Husayn's third son, to be the leader of "The Great Arab Revolt." As a result of the correspondence between *Sharif* Husayn and the British High Commissioner of Egypt, Sir Henry McMahon (1915-1916), it was understood by the Arabs that after Turkey's defeat, they were to receive all the land between the Mediterranean Sea and Persia, from the Turkish border south to the Arabian Sea. However, in a 1922 letter from McMahon to Sir John Shuckburgh of the British Colonial Office, McMahon wrote:



Sharif Husayn ibn Ali



Faisal, the third son of Sharif Husayn ibn Ali, (chosen for his appearance and "susceptibility" to British suggestions).

"It was my intention to exclude Palestine from independent Arabia, and I hoped that I had so worded the letter as to make that sufficiently clear for all practical purposes." The "Churchill White Paper," 1922, says: "The whole of Palestine west of the Jordan was thus excluded from Sir Henry McMahon's pledge." There was certainly no misunderstanding on the part of Faisal, as is evidenced by the wording in the "Agreement of Emir Faisal and Dr. Weizmann," 3 January 1919, in which Article IV says: "All necessary measures shall be taken to encourage and stimulate immigration of Jews into Palestine . . . to **settle** Jewish immigrants upon the

land through closer **settlement** and intensive cultivation of the soil." [author's emphases] Similarly, in a letter from Faisal to American Supreme Court Justice, Felix Frankfurter, 3 March 1919, Faisal's vision of (a new Arab caliphate, centered in Damascus, and) a Jewish state in Palestine is obvious: "We Arabs, especially

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the educated among us, **look with the deepest sympathy on the Zionist movement.** Our deputation here in Paris is fully acquainted with the proposals submitted yesterday by the Zionist Organization to the Peace Conference [accompanied with maps delineating the proposed Jewish State!] and **we regard them as moderate and proper.** We will do our best, in so far as we are concerned, to help them through: we will wish the Jews a most hearty welcome home.” [take note of the author’s emphases]

The key phrase used in attacking Israel’s settlements in Judea and Samaria appears in the 4th Geneva Convention [“Convention (IV) Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, August 12, 1949”] Article 49, Paragraph 6. This paragraph says: “The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it

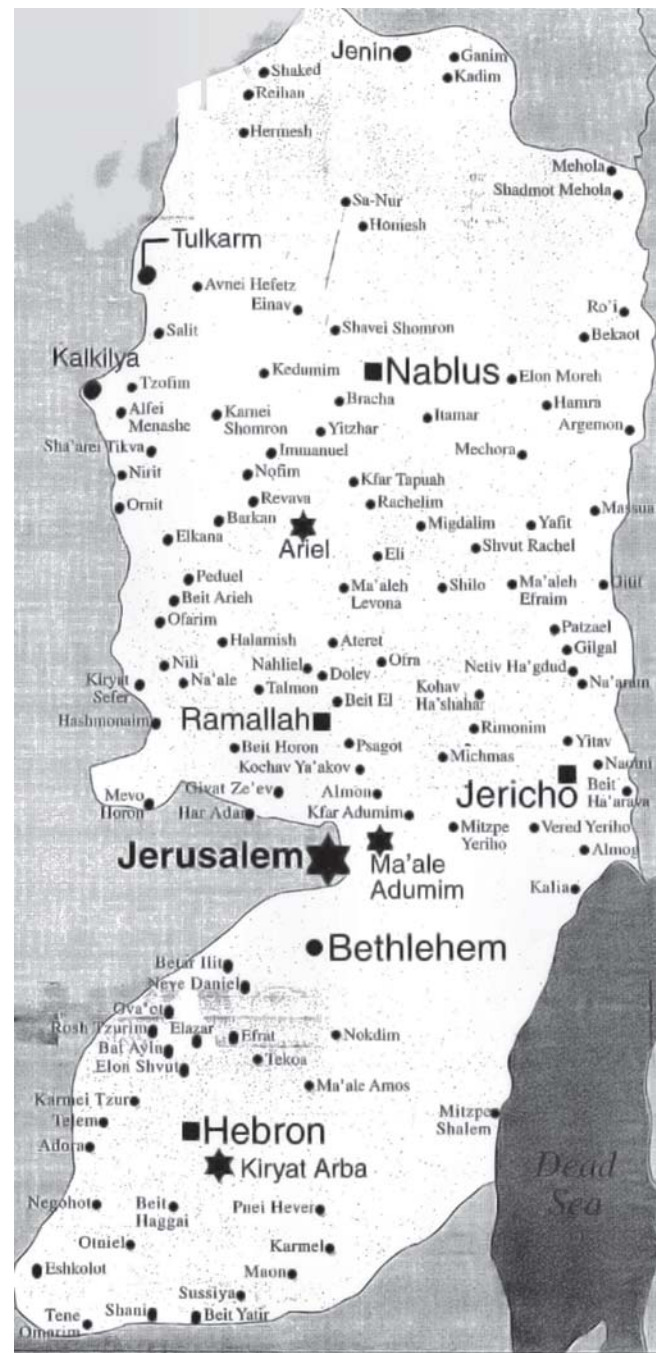
occupies.” First of all, as was stated above, Israel is not an occupier. Second, the State of Israel neither deported nor transported anyone to Judea or Samaria. Israelis from all walks of life, all ethnic backgrounds, and all religious streams have chosen to go live



Chaim Weizmann (left) and Emir Faisal (right) meeting in 1918 (Weizmann wearing a keffiyeh (arab outfit) as a sign of friendship)

in Judea and Samaria of their own volition, knowing that their ancestors had preceded them. Third, Article 49, above, was written as a result of Nazi Germany’s population displacements and forced transfers in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Hungary during World War II, and similar acts afterwards, which is simply not applicable to Judea and Samaria. Professor Eugene Rostow, a former American Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs wrote in 1990: “the Jewish right of settlement in the area is equivalent in every way to the right of the local population to live there.” Finally, Israel liberated Judea and Samaria from the Jordanian occupation of 1948-1967, regaining land that had been granted to it by the League of Nations’ Mandate for Palestine and had been occupied by Jordan.

Had the Mandate shown favoritism to the Jews at the expense of the Arabs? The answer to that has to be a resounding NO! As many as 40 new countries were created out of the former Ottoman Empire, most of which are Arab, including some with fabulous oil wealth, such as today’s Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. What about the False-tinians (the so-called Palestinians)? They were only *invented* in 1964! Besides, they already have a homeland, eastern Palestine; which goes by the name of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in which 70%-80% of its residents identify themselves as “Palestinians” (sic). The Arabs already have 77% of the Palestine Mandate, now they’re using the “salami tactic”



Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria
(squares for Arab city, stars for Jewish city)

to whittle down western Palestine (i.e. Israel) to defenseless borders in order to facilitate their next attempted war of annihilation.

The Mandate for Palestine (as the Jewish homeland!) has never been cancelled, annulled, or abrogated in any way, and was upheld by the United Nations. Therefore, Jewish settlements anywhere within the borders of the former-Mandate are completely legal, recognized by international law, and cannot in any way be considered an occupation. The 4th Geneva Convention has absolutely no applicability here, nor can it be applied retroactively to Israel’s legal title to the land. The State of Israel cannot be accused of being an “occupier” of territory that had been legally granted to it through the Mandate for Palestine! ☆

divine plan centers on the Jewish Messiah that Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit) revealed through the prophets of the Tenach what manner and way He would come to Israel. Whoever fulfilled these prophecies over time would prove by virtue of this fact to be the true Messiah of Israel. We said to Hodaya that Yeshua of Nazareth was the only Person in Jewish history to have fulfilled these many prophecies. His talmidim (disciples) were impeachable witnesses of these wonderful things and accurately recorded and wrote them down in the B'rit Hadashah for Israel and the Gentiles to know and read. We then asked her if she would like to have a free copy of the New Testament in Hebrew for herself so that she could discover this all-important truth in her own heart and mind.

Hodaya was touched that we gave her a free copy of the Scriptures and were such strong supporters of Israel. She accepted the Hebrew New Testament and the study materials concerning the biblical proof for Yeshua being the Messiah. She further commented to us that she always wanted to know more about Jesus and why many believe Him to be the Messiah. When given the New Testament from us she said, "I am going to start reading this today." I then felt quickened to tell her, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Hodaya responded, "I hope so." We then said to her that all she needed to do was to place her



Hodaya had always wanted to know more about Jesus!

trust in Yeshua as Lord and Messiah and believe that He died on the tree to pay the penalty for her sins and rose again from the dead to give her eternal life with God forever. She listened intensely and replied, "I wish there were more people like you." We concluded our conversation by saying that we sincerely love the Jewish people because God shed His love abroad in our hearts through Yeshua the risen Messiah who lives His life of love through us to them. ✠✠✠

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must bring forth spiritual fruit with patience. The Church of Ephesus era lasted from Pentecost to 170 A.D. Christ commended this church for their patient labor in spite of the unfavorable circumstances they were living under. Yet it was a time of great evangelistic success.

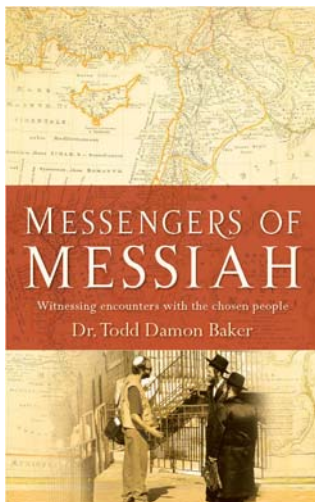
The sowing of the Gospel seed was sown with much endurance and patience, truly converting thousands to the Christian faith through the powerful apostolic witness of Christ's chosen Twelve. But a century after the Apostles

died, the Church became lax in their devotion to Christ and His Word. There soon emerged an elitist, sacerdotal group called the "Nicolaitans" who believed their super spiritual status somehow gave them a superior preeminence over the rest of the Church. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans first introduced into the Church the false and unscriptural concept of the "clergy over the laity" that has become a well-entrenched ecclesiastical hierarchy over the centuries since the time of Christ. †

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WITNESSING ENCOUNTERS WITH THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

There is something subtle going on in the Middle East that is foretold in Scripture. It is a bookmark of the end of the age. Those who know the Word of God can see prophecy being played out and fulfilled in our newspapers and on TV.

But underneath the media's deluge of coverage of the Holy Land crisis, God is raising up watchmen to the house of Israel...

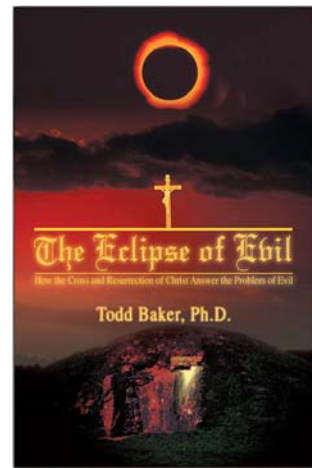
Isaiah 62:6-7

*I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem:
They shall never hold their peace day or night.
You who make mention of the Lord,
do not keep silent,
And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the Earth.*

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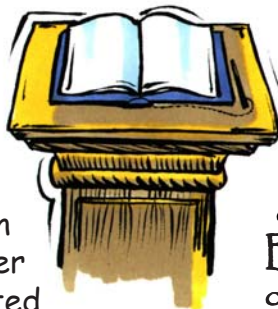
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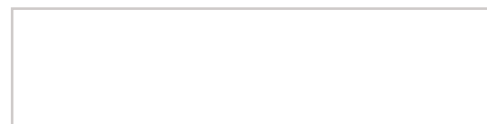
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