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Dear Readers,

Our fourteenth Gospel outreach was one that will always be foremost in my mind. So much happened that will remain with me until I am called home. On this trip, we virtually had no Israeli person reject our testimony for Yeshua or reject a New Testament and Messianic Gospel tract when offered these. Several Jewish people wept or blessed us when we shared the love of Yeshua the Messiah with them! Truly such universal receptivity like this is prophetically precipitating Israel's national acceptance of Yeshua when He returns to the Mount Olives to save them from the attempted annihilation of Armageddon (Zechariah 12:10; 14:4). When Messiah Jesus returns to save Israel, His prophecy of Matthew 23:39 will be joyously fulfilled when all Israel will be saved. This ministry has been sowing the Gospel seed to this end for a decade now.

I want to thank all of our supporters for their prayers and financial support. Our goal is to eventually do this full time. In the meantime, we shall endeavor, whenever time and finances permit, to reach out to the Jewish people of Israel with the Gospel and love of Messiah until He returns. We humbly ask that you continue to pray and support us with your financial gifts and contributions to this grand and glorious end.

Your Servant in Messiah,

Todd Baker



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- Defending the Faith series
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"Bless Those Who Curse You" Matthew 5:44

Stories from our 2009 Gospel Outreach to Israel - Part 1

On March 17, 2009, David Newton, Pastor Ralph Conn, his wife Debbie, and I began the 14th Gospel outreach to the Jewish people in Israel. Before leaving Tel Aviv for Tiberius, our cleaning lady came by to arrange and clean the room accordingly. Her name was Maya. I perceived



by Todd Baker



When Maya confirmed that she is a Russian Jew, Todd knew that he had found the person who was to receive the one Russian Bible and Gospel tract that he had with him.

by the Holy Spirit that she was a Russian Jew. When I asked her if she was, Maya said yes. I then quickly pulled from my carrying bag a Russian Bible and a Gospel tract also in Russian to give her. We told her that her work was appreciated and that the God of Israel loves her and sent His Son to give her a home in heaven with Him. So many times people dismiss and look down on those who perform menial but vital labor. David and I wanted to let Maya know that Jesus values her and died to give her eternal life with Him.



The 2009 Mission Team: David, Ralph, Debbie, and Todd

When we arrived at the hotel in Tiberius, the security guard was very helpful and courteous in assisting us with our luggage. Our outreach team was able to share our love for Israel and the Jewish people with him. His name was Alex. We also told him that we would be praying that God would powerfully reveal Yeshua the Messiah through the Messianic Gospel tract I gave him.



The team spent some time with Alex, the hotel security guard in Tiberius, who accepted a Messianic Gospel tract.

After we unpacked our luggage, our outreach team went into the city of Tiberius to pick up our Bibles at the Galilee Experience. The manager, Eric Morey, was

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no longer working there and the new ownership did not, sadly, share his desire to help spread the word of Yeshua in the region of Galilee where He conducted most of His ministry. I was sad and disappointed. We brought a short supply of Hebrew Bibles and needed some more for the outreach. Then the Holy Spirit quickened me about how the nun, Sister Salvatore, at the Mount of Beatitudes Chapel, provided us with Hebrew Bibles during last year's outreach. Later that day, David and I drove to this significant location where Jesus gave His phenomenal Sermon on the Mount.

When we arrived and entered the chapel it was as if the Lord placed Sister Salvatore at the threshold of the door waiting for us. This saved us valuable time trying to search for her on the spacious grounds. Addressing her by name, I mentioned that we purchased Hebrew Bibles from her last year and wanted to know if she had any to purchase again. She smiled and said, "Yes." She gave us more this year than we had last year. God, once again, provided the words of Yeshua to His ethnic people through a humble and generous nun.

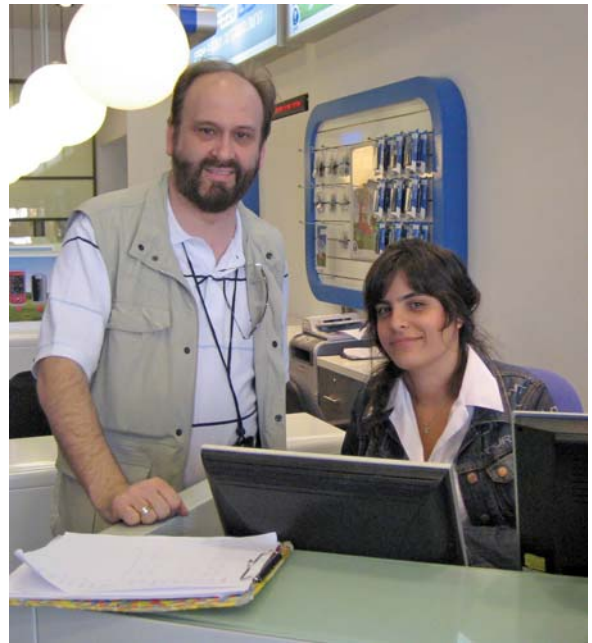
On that same day, I wanted to stop at the tourist center of Tiberius to visit Katarina, an Israeli lady to whom this ministry has witnessed for several years. My goal during this visit was to see if she would now place her trust in Yeshua as Lord and Messiah. When I entered, there was another woman working at the visitor's desk. She brusquely told me that Katarina no longer worked there after I asked for her. I respectfully inquired how I could contact Katarina. The lady said she did not give out phone numbers to people she did not know. I replied that Katarina and I established a friendly rapport over the years. The woman reluctantly took down my phone number and said she would give it to Katarina the next time she saw her.

I attempted to share our support for Israel and the Jewish people; but when she learned I was an outspoken believer in Yeshua the Messiah, she became hostile and rude. At one point in the conversation, after telling her that I was thankful for the Jewish people giving Jesus the Messiah to the world, the woman sarcastically exclaimed, "They took him from us!" I gently answered back, "We now want to bring Him back to you." I graciously blessed her in the name of the Lord in the face of this hostility and opposition (Matthew 5:44).

Two minutes later, I returned to the rental car only to discover that I left my cell phone in the tourist center. Returning there, I saw that there was a sign on the door that said the workers were gone to lunch and would not return for an hour. This was the second time this sign was on the door—for we had gone there earlier in the day. I knocked on the glass door for several minutes. The woman came to the door and opened it. When I told her I left my phone on the desk, she quickly answered that I did not! But

I knew that I had. I looked on the desk only to have her loudly repeat that it was not there. I left and went back to the car and told David that she was lying and took the phone out of anger and spite over my bold witness for Yeshua. At that moment, David and I prayed for this embittered lady and asked that the Lord would convict her and bless her with the love of Yeshua. We blessed her in His mighty Name and proceeded to look for a phone store to purchase another cell phone.

God used this thievery to further our Gospel witness to the children of Abraham. After picking up our Bibles at the Mount of Beatitudes, David and I went to the phone store. The customer service rep who helped us was a young lady whose name was Napha. She asked us where we were from. When we told her Dallas, Texas, she looked astonished and excitedly told us that she lived in Dallas for six months and wanted to return. David and I immediately realized this



Meeting Napha at the phone store was a divine appointment.

very specific thing we shared with Napha was no coincidence but a divine appointment for Napha to hear about Yeshua's great love for her. She agreed and exclaimed when mentioning this, "You are right, this is a divine appointment." We handed her a pamphlet published by Zola Levitt Ministries that lists the major messianic prophecies given in the Tenach and their respective fulfillments by Yeshua in the New Testament. Both Napha and her co-worker read it with amazement and puzzlement. David and I explained the importance of this and how such fulfilled prophecy proved Jesus is the Jewish Messiah of Israel.

Napha heard us gladly and accepted a Messianic Gospel tract. Napha recommended another phone store where we could purchase a more affordable phone since the one offered at that store was on the expensive side. She gave us the

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Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of the Dragnet Part 5 (Matthew 13:47-50)

by Todd Baker

The parable of the net cast into the sea of the world shows us the profusion of the Gentiles who will be converted by the Gospel of grace until the "fullness of the Gentiles" is completed at the end of the age (Romans 11:25). ***"Then you shall see, and flow together, and your heart shall swell with joy because the abundance of the sea shall be converted to you. The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you"*** (Isaiah 60:5). From this prophetic verse in Isaiah, it is quite evident that a large portion of fish, who are caught in the net from the sea during the present age, will be Gentile converts; although some of the good fish caught in the net, though not a great many, are redeemed Jews in Christ, a remnant of Israel saved by grace from every generation. ***"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace"*** (Romans 11:5).

The sea is also emblematic of the unity and brotherhood of man living in the different nations of the world who are encouraged to believe the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 17:26-27). The Lord Jesus said that once the net was cast out into the sea it gathered some fish out of every kind. The net obviously did not encircle all the fish of the sea, but only gathered in a small portion of every kind, both good and bad. And so like the parables of the sower and the seed and the wheat and the tares, this parable clearly militates against the delusional notion of an absolute and universal conversion of the world by the preaching of the Gospel before the return of Christ.

There has been, and is, and will be until the end of the age, a gathering

"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



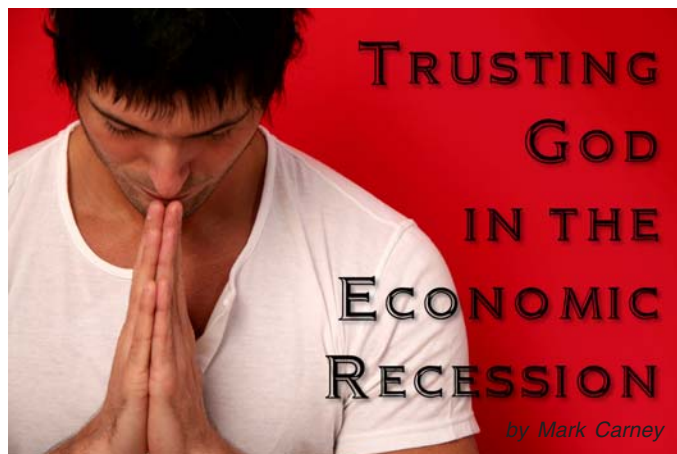
together of "every kind" out of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation into the professing Church of Jesus Christ. The sea is descriptive of a great multitude composed of many ethnic groups from every geographic region of the world that are enclosed within the realm of Christian profession by the great Gospel net of Jesus Christ (Revelation 5:9). The net collected a mixture of both good and bad fish. Is this not identical with the history of Christendom in whose professing net lie both the good and the bad, the true and the false, the wise virgin and the foolish virgin, the wheat and the tares, the righteous saint and the unrighteous hypocrite? O how the truth of this in Christianity's history marks this well and testifies of the veracity of that old common proverb which says: "They are not all fish that come to the net."

The third symbol encountered in the parable of the dragnet is the plying fishermen. They are the diligent servants of Christ ministering and preaching the Gospel to the good fish that God has elected to receive His salvation of everlasting life. Jesus called His disciples while yet fishermen to be soul winners of men. In this capacity they would be fishers

of men. Jesus told them, ***"Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men"*** (Mark 1:17). Once the apostles were called to be Christ's disciples, they also accepted the ministerial responsibility of being soul-winners and were commissioned to sail the sea of suffering humanity and throw the life-saving net of eternal salvation to drowning souls. Our responsibility of discipleship as the redeemed Church of Jesus Christ, who were once lost and uncontrollably tossed about by a life of sin, is to retrieve and rescue lost and dying humanity with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ just as the apostles successfully did in their day; nothing less than this will permanently remedy the spiritual problem of man.

The Great Commission the resurrected Lord gave to His Church gives them the authorized license to fish for men with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing this alone qualifies the Church as spiritual fishermen indeed. For a fisherman of the Gospel is none other than a soul winner for Jesus Christ and vice versa. The primary reason for the establishment of the Church is to save souls through the preaching of faith in Jesus Christ. When the Lord gave the Great

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Mark Carney

For many months our country has been in an economic recession. While there is some debate over just how long it's been going on, most experts agree that this recession hasn't reached its peak, and that economic recovery will take a long time. As individuals we tend to see the recession as being out of our control. We feel frustrated and helpless as we receive the daily reports of worldwide bank and business failures, and the increase in the unemployment rate. As we witness the seemingly endless drop in the value of our personal portfolios, we grow increasingly uncertain about our future.

In these troubled times we need to remember the words of Solomon:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6 New King James Version)

Of course, the kind of trust Solomon speaks of isn't a blind trust; neither is it a trust one would enter into as though it were some immediate convenience, or on the spur of the moment. The trust Solomon speaks of is such that when trouble comes we hasten to the LORD, turning to His Word for comfort, and for instruction. In this kind of trust we find hope in every trial, and full assurance of the truth of God's promises with respect to the life that now is, and that which is to come. In this kind of trust we have confidence that outside of the permissive Will of God no evils can disturb our prosperity.

To trust in God requires true faith; and yet this type of faith cannot exist unless and until one has established a personal relationship with God. Yeshua called this being "born again."

"I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God." John 3:3 (Amplified Bible)

Prior to the new birth we are all spiritually dead. Of course, this does not mean that we are in all respects dead. We have life in that we breathe, and walk, and act, and we have intellect and mental powers. It is simply an affirmation of a fact - that as a consequence of our sin we are spiritually dead. We are insensible to the things of the spirit. Our sins separate us spiritually from God. To be separated spiritually from God is to be spiritually dead. In this state of spiritual death we have no moral ability or inclination to seek a relationship with God. When we have been converted - when we have come to trust in, cling to, and rely upon Yeshua for our salvation - we become a new creation. God raises us to spiritual life, and through the indwelling of His Spirit we are fundamentally altered; therefore we begin to live in harmony with God, seeking His Will and learning of Him and His Character.



In the light of this great truth we can do no less that affirm that God is Sovereign. We who are alive in Yeshua must affirm His Sovereignty over our lives, even though we do not fully comprehend it. Whether we live in prosperity or in poverty, we must affirm that God alone knows the right means to bring us to the right ends, and that He will direct our paths. We must affirm the Words of the Scripture:

"Naked (without possessions) came I [into this world] from my mother's womb, and naked (without possessions) shall I depart.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed (praised and magnified in worship) be the name of the Lord!" (Job 1:21 Amplified Bible)

God is aware of what is happening in America, and in the World; "For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He sees all his goings." (Job 34:21 KJV)

As Followers of Yeshua we are comforted by this knowledge, receiving assurance that the LORD is both interested in and involved in our lives. "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare

and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome." (Jeremiah 29:11 Amplified Bible). And in another place it is written, "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose." (Romans 8:28 Amplified Bible)

This first step toward freedom from the bondage of this current financial crisis is the hardest. Freedom must be won, and that requires a fight. Our fight is against the desire to place our relationships with the things of this world - our family members, our friends, our livelihood, and our possessions - above our relationship with God. The things of this life are transitory - either they will leave us, or we will leave them - and the fear of their loss will cause us to tighten our grip upon them (as if by doing so we could extend our time with them). By placing such a high value upon the things of this World we willingly place ourselves under the bondage of the fear of their eventual loss. Our relationship with God takes precedence over every other thing in our lives. We must make this affirmation out loud, and often. We must make verbal declarations to all who can hear us that our relationship with God is more important to us than the drawing of our next breath.

The current financial crisis illustrates the wisdom of Yeshua, who said, "Do not gather and heap up and store up for yourselves treasures on earth..." (Matthew 6:19 Amplified Bible)

Yeshua told us these things because He knows our nature is to covet the things of this world, and that the inordinate affection we have toward wealth will lead to our downfall. However, with our priorities in the correct Biblical order - placing God first in our lives, our families second, and our vocations third - we begin to mature in our relationship with the LORD becoming more focused upon Him. We study His Word, not so much because we desire to change ourselves, but because we desire to know Him. The desire to know God begins to consume us. Our prayers become on-going conversations with Him, and we speak with Him "as a man speaketh unto his friend." (Exodus 33:11)

We also affirm and declare that Yeshua is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, to the Glory of God our Father. We must choose to reject any anxious pursuit of the things of this world - even necessary things -



knowing that according to His Word our Heavenly Father will provide the means for us to secure these things day by day. We must maintain this consistency within ourselves - rejecting this World's mindset of being suspended between hope and our fear - by having our hearts fixed upon God.

Real and lasting change in our lives doesn't come instantly, but we have the assurance of the Word of God that when our

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lives are arranged according to the Biblical order the changes will come. When we begin to live as though our relationship with God takes precedence over all other areas of our lives, we renew and refresh our commitment to our personal relationships with family and friends; and with God in control of our lives, and our personal relationships in their proper places, we will see prosperity in our professional lives.

We do all these things, knowing that the current economic crisis has not taken God by surprise; rather, all has been brought to pass by His Hand. As His Children we must decide that from this moment on we will rest in God, knowing that when we live out God's Word - taking it at face value - and place our priorities in the correct order, we will meet each crisis with confidence that God has already provided for our needs. In the light of this truth, we can see our current economic crisis as an opportunity to grow spiritually, to trust in God's Providence, and to rest in Him. ✚



directions to that store. Just as we were about to leave, I looked back and standing there behind me was a young Israeli man in a security uniform with the name of David on his nametag. Ten minutes after we left the phone store to go the other store, we ended up lost and could not find the other phone store. We stopped at the security desk of a hotel to get directions. The guard at the desk was this same David who stood in line behind us some fifteen minutes before! He remembered us as we him. God had obviously set up another divine appointment for the Gospel to be



David, a security guard, was eager to hear about God's plan and the Messianic prophecies.

proclaimed. David was eager to hear about God's prophetic plan for Israel and the Messianic prophecies that point to Yeshua being the Messiah. We were able to give David, the security guard, a complete Jewish Bible and Messianic Gospel tracts.



Sholomit, who is expecting her first child, reads with Todd about one of Jesus' miracles performed nearby.

Once we found the phone store, we found the sales representative to be most gracious and helpful. Her name was Sholomit. She and her husband were expecting their first child. We quoted to her from the book of Psalms about how children are a heritage from the Lord that give strength and defense to their parents (Psalm 127:3). She agreed and told us that her sister's children have that affect on her and now that will be even a greater thing with having her own child. We remarked to her that the miraculous existence of the Jewish people proves the promises God made to them from the Hebrew Scriptures historically true. When asked if she had read the B'rit Hadashah (the New Testament), she said that she had read parts of it. We offered her a copy for herself. She immediately took it and read with me about the loaves and fishes Jesus miraculously multiplied just five miles from our location. We thanked and blessed her for helping us and commented to her that we enjoyed the privilege of giving her back the Messiah and the Holy Scriptures her people gave to the Gentile world. ✠✠✠

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Commission to the Church, He promised them they would be clothed with the same kind of power that God the Father sent Him with, the power of the Holy Spirit. **"As My Father has sent Me, even so send I you... receive the Holy Spirit"** (John 20:21-22). This clothing in power is still available for Christians today through the baptism and infilling of the Holy Spirit that enables the holy fishermen of Christ to draw souls, who sincerely yearn for the Savior, into the royal borders of the kingdom of heaven as a net gathers in a bountiful amount of fish that is good for the taking.

The prosperous and wise Christian is not gauged by how much money he or she has, or the quality of their intellectual depth, but rather is seen by the faithful activity of winning souls for the Lord. **"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise"** (Proverbs 11:30). The Lord greatly rejoices over His soul winners for their faithful and steadfast evangelistic service in catching the godless masses with the net of salvation that were once previously estranged from God **"as the fishes of the sea, as the moving things that have no ruler over them"** (Habakkuk 1:14) who swam in the restless waters of ungodly confusion and spiritual darkness, **"among whom also we all had our manner of life in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others"** (Ephesians 2:3).

But God, through His eternal grace and love, rescued and salvaged them with the Gospel net of salvation delivering them from the murky and troubled sea of this lost and condemned world. No wonder our Lord gladly related to us the joy both God and the soul winner have when a lost soul is found and saved by Jesus Christ (Luke 15:6). The Lord's fishermen of lost souls are to enter the soul-winning ministry with the joy of the Lord. The prophet Habakkuk, through the foreknowledge of the Holy Spirit, painted a general sketch of the dispensation of grace when the Gospel would be freely offered to the world as an all-embracing net thrown into the sea capturing the perishing souls of men as if they were fish intercepted from the world's forlorn sea of sin by the inclusive dragnet of the Christian evangelist bringing tremendous joy and refreshing satisfaction to these ardent fishermen of the Lord. **"They**

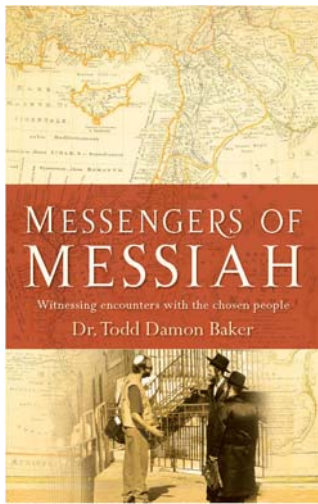
take up all of them with the angle. They catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag. Therefore they rejoice and are glad" (Habakkuk 1:15).

God uses men to accomplish His divine purposes. Keep in mind that even though the saved are used to aid in the salvation of the unsaved, the Lord Jesus Christ alone rightfully claims the absolute credit in saving every person that comes to Him in repentance and faith. For He alone is the Savior of mankind. **"I even, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Savior"** (Isaiah 43:11). The Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme Fisher of men in the drawing out of the "elect" saints during the present dispensation. In verse 48, Jesus tells of the wondrous and inexplicable grace of God that deigns to use the saved in reaching the unsaved so that, in the end, more might be saved. God has permissively determined it necessary that He use man in His divine workings. A few examples cited from Scripture prove this. After Jesus miraculously turned the water into wine at the wedding of Cana, He asked for the cooperation of the servants of the wedding when He said, **"Fill the water pots, and draw out now and bear unto the governor of the feast"** (John 2:7-8). Before the Lord performed the miracle of the draught of fishes, He commanded His disciple, Simon Peter, and his servants to **"launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch"** (Luke 5:4). Jesus sent out the twelve as His divine messengers. He delegated to them His power, commanding them to proclaim the Gospel, to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils from people (Matthew 10:1).

God uses the cooperation of the Church for the salvation of souls. We then, as faithful servants of Christ, are ordained as God's laborers to work in collaboration with Him for the redemptive purpose of completing the Great Commission. When Jesus fed the five thousand, He promptly told the disciples to "give them something to eat." After the disciples realized the futility in attempting to feed the multitude on their own, Jesus then took the bread and broke it, and with the fish, blessed it before God in prayer and gave them to the disciples to freely distribute among the crowd. Instead of directly handing the multiplied loaves and fishes to the crowd, the Lord chose His disciples as the human instruments to be channels through which the divine blessing would flow to the hungry people.

Prior to the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Lord sent two of His disciples ahead to secure Him a donkey so He could ride into Jerusalem. He needed the foal in order to fulfill the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. Truly this is a marvelous occurrence. The Lord Jesus desired the help of human hands so that divine prophecy concerning Him could be fulfilled. Jesus also enlisted the aid of the disciples in the preparation of the sacred Passover meal. This later allowed Him to institute the Lord's Supper from it. Whatever the servant of the Lord undertakes to do, whether it be the evangelization of millions, or cleaning the bathroom stalls of the church facility, he or she must have a devoted heart, knowing each of these acts of consecrated service, however large or small, are equally pleasing in the eyes of the Lord and will not go unnoticed by Him. God will never overlook any type of service rendered to Him in sincerity and truth; for He esteems each act of service equally valuable in the overall effectiveness of Christian ministry. **"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"** (1 Corinthians 15:58). †

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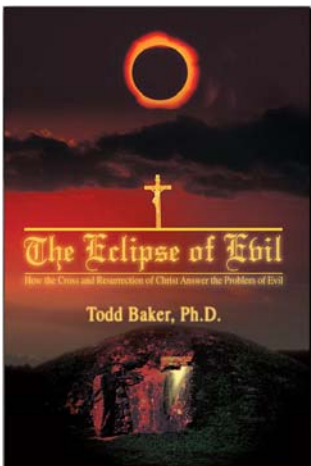
WITNESSING ENCOUNTERS WITH THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

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.

In an age of mega-Church and high-profile ministry, this book chronicles the heart and soul of a humble ministry that is reaching out one-on-one, on the streets of Israel, to prepare the Jews for the return of the Messiah, Yeshua. Much like John the Baptist who personally prepared them for the Messiah's first coming to Israel, Todd Baker and his team are one group of Watchmen called "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17).



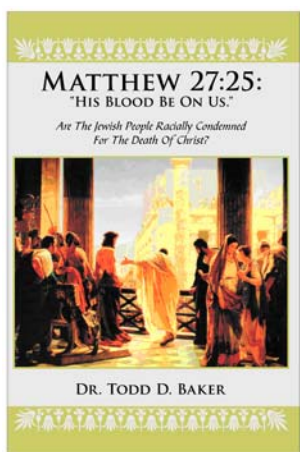
THE ECLIPSE OF EVIL

HOW THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST ANSWER THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

Suffering and pain affect every human being. They are the results of evil in our world. The problem of evil is something both Christian and non-Christian must face and answer. How do we deal with such unpleasant realities? If there is an all-powerful, all loving, perfectly good God, why is there so much evil?

This book honestly grapples with these and other fundamental questions that are related to the problem of evil and the existence of God. The existence of evil is the chief argument traditionally used against the God of the Bible. The author argues the opposite: that the existence of evil actually justifies the argument for the existence of the God of Christianity.

The answer proposed in this book is not one of theory and hypothesis alone, but comes from the historical life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through a combined theodicy (defending the justice of God for allowing evil) of the cross and resurrection, the case for the Christian faith is reasonably presented and defended.



MATTHEW 27:25:

'HIS BLOOD BE ON US'

ARE THE JEWISH PEOPLE RACIALLY CONDEMNED FOR THE DEATH OF CHRIST?

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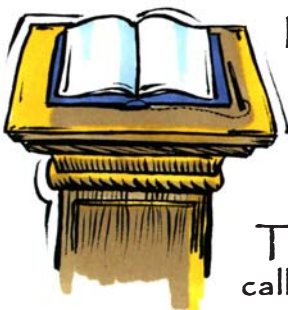
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