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"My Lord and My God!" Stories from our Spring 2010 Gospel Outreach to Israel - Part 1



Ur seventeenth Gospel outreach team to Israel consisted of Pastor Ralph Conn, his wife, Debbie, and me. We officially began this outreach in Tel Aviv on the evening of March



The Outreach Team: Ralph, Debbie, and Todd

15th. When we arrived at the hotel, our outreach team had a box of forty Hebrew Bibles waiting for us there courtesy of Holy Land Ministries with whom we work in the Land. The hotel manager arranged for a room attendant to help me carry the heavy box to my room. He was a tall, affable, young Israeli man whose name was Thomas. I commented to him that I have a six year old nephew by the same name. From that common point of sharing the same name, Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit) led me to share with Thomas that his name was made most famous by the fact that one of Yeshua's talmidim (disciples) was also named Thomas (Toma in Hebrew). I then related to this young Israeli that Thomas was the only one of the

twelve disciples who doubted Yeshua the Messiah had risen from the dead after He appeared physically alive to the other disciples when Thomas was absent. The doubting disciple exclaimed, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the



Todd with Thomas (Toma) in Tel Aviv

nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:24). But after eight days passed, the risen Messiah appeared again to His disciples and this time, Thomas was there. When the Lord patiently suggested Thomas examine His wounds and believe, the doubting disciple immediately confessed the greatest statement of belief about Jesus in all of the New Testament when proclaiming "My Lord, and my God" (John 20:28).

After recounting this moving event to Thomas the hotel worker, I told him that we distribute the Hebrew Scriptures that were in the heavy box, to the Jewish people so that they can learn about this wonderful Messiah who conquered death on our behalf, and did this in the land of Israel as a Jewish person. When I offered Thomas a free copy of the B'rit Hadashah (New Testament) and Tenach (Old Testament) together, he gladly accepted it. Now may the Spirit of God lead him to read and discover, like the Thomas of long ago, that Jesus of Nazareth, the Risen One, is indeed Lord and God!

The following day, our outreach team set out for Tiberias on the Galilee. On our way there, we decided to stop in Nazareth and minister the Gospel of Jesus where He lived most of His life. The Spirit led us to *Continued on page 6*

Dear Readers,

Here is another clear indication that we are obviously living in the End-Times and the Lord Jesus Christ is soon to return. Animal sacrifices are already being performed by the Jewish Cohenim (Levite Priests) in anticipation of rebuilding the third temple in Jerusalem. Bible prophecy says this will be the place the Anti-Christ will commit the Abomination of Desolation and cause "the sacrifice and oblation to cease" (Daniel 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Matthew 24:15). We are now one step closer to the eventuality of this Third Temple in Jewish history now that animal sacrifices are regularly being done for the first time in 2,000 years! Read below...

Surprise! Jews begin animal sacrifice! Jim Bramlett

Dear friends:

Unknown to me, Jews began quietly performing animal sacrifice in 2008, and did it again in 2009 and 2010, according to Pastor F.M. Riley. You can see it on video at <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hv4Ks 5YglQ</u>. Warning: It is graphic.

Pastor Riley points out the significance of the prophetic timing of the 2008 event.

He says:

"The Six Day War occurred from June 5th through June 10th, 1967. Because of the unbelief of their "faithless leaders," the Temple Mount and the Sinai were given back into the hands of their enemies. The result of this has been that Israel has had to spend the last 40 years "wandering in the wilderness" of the Gentile nations, exactly like their unbelieving, rebellious, forefathers wandered in the wilderness after leaving Egypt 3,500 years ago. I might add that most of those "faithless" leaders

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who betrayed Israel in 1967 have now *"left their carcasses in the wilderness"* just like their "faithless" forefathers did.

"This 40 years ended on June 5th through the 10th, 2007. Figure it up for yourself. The very next year [the 41st] the Jews who believe themselves to be Levites and of the Levitical Priesthood began offering the Paschal lamb required at Passover. Glory! They may be spiritually blind, but they have enough discernment to believe and follow God's prophetic order set forth in the Scriptures. They carried out their sacrifices very quietly and privately, with no publicity whatsoever. They never notified the authorities or ask permission of the government or made any "waves" whatsoever. They apparently understood the military and political ramifications of going public about what they were doing, so they kept it strictly within their own group of priests and under wraps. Their purpose in reinstituting the Passover sacrifice, I have been told, was an appeal to the God of Israel to have mercy on them and send their Messiah to rescue and redeem them from the hand of their enemies. Glory to God!

"It is my understanding, that although this video of the first Passover sacrifice was made in 2008, these Levitical Jews continued to offer a lamb in 2009 and now in 2010. In other words, they offered the sacrifice in the 41st year since 1967, the 42nd year, and now in the 43rd year. We are now in the 43nd year until June 5th through the 10th, when at that time the 44th year since the 67 war will begin. I am emphasizing this because "43" is the Bible number for the Abomination of Desolation or in other words, it signifies the Tribulation Period. "44" is the Bible number for "perdition." It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that is exactly where the incorrigible wicked are headed during the Tribulation.

"Since we are now in the 43rd year since the Six Day War, just add 7 years and it will bring you to a total of <u>50 years</u>. Now just add 7 years to 2010 and it will bring you to 2017. Significantly, 2017 is the 50th year in a Jubilee cycle and is the next Jubilee Year. Coincidence? Yeah, when donkeys fly!

"....the rapture of God's people and the start of the Tribulation is so close that I can feel it in my very soul. All that is holding me down right now is gravity, and when the Lord comes He will reverse that for every one of His people. Read **John 12:32.** Glory to God! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! BY FAITH, I can see the lights of "home" and hear my loved ones on the other side calling. Glory! Thank you Lord Jesus!" ♥



If you missed Dr. Todd Baker on the television show Zola Levitt Presents during the week of March 7, 2010, the episode is titled "The Word From Jerusalem" and can be seen from our web site. Just go to www.brit-hadashah.org and click on the Books & Media page to find this interview as well as the interview Todd did with Zola in 2003.

Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of the Dragnet Part 11 (Matthew 13:47-50) by Todd Baker

he fisherman's net is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The gathering action of it brings people to God. The word "gather" in the parable of the dragnet applies to both the good and bad fish. The angels are to assist Christ in gathering the redeemed of the earth in the day of His glorious coming. "He shall call to the heavens from above...gather My saints together to Me" (Psalm 50:4-5). The universal sweep of the Gospel message will, in the end, correspondingly gather a universal haul bringing in a plenteous amount of souls from all parts of the world. The saving message of Christ is to have a global impact during the present age. The Gospel net of grace will gather all nations in the Messiah's kingdom to come. "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). The angelic harvesters of Revelation chapter fourteen are the same angels that separate the good fish from the bad in Matthew thirteen. The angels at the close of this age will cast out the Gospel net of eternal judgment. They will administer this gospel of judgment on the wicked inhabitants of the earth. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people saying with a loud voice, fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea and the fountain of waters" (Revelation 14:6-7). The angelic gathering of the bad fish will commence and be completed on "the

great day of the Lord" when all the nations of the world shall march against tiny Israel and madly fight against them and each other in the Battle of

"Again the kingdom of beaven 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



Armageddon in the Valley of Megiddo located in northern Israel (Isaiah 13:6-13). "And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation 16:16).

The gathering of the bad fish is punitive in nature. The angels of God will collect the bad fish with unmistakable scrutiny. Once they are separated from the good and gathered together, they will face judgment, and then, the eternal doom of perdition. The horrible lot of the wicked unsaved is very dreadful indeed. The bad fish, typified as the wicked, will promptly be escorted by the angels before the exalted Christ, the great Judge of the entire universe. After the pronouncement of condemnation is passed, the evil will be cast into eternal fire to suffer the intolerable, unending torment and bitter agony of the unsaved-who actually send themselves to hell by willfully rejecting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (John 3:36; 8:24; Revelation 20:11-15). Hell is a place where the soul will not die and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:44). Mere words cannot adequately describe the horrible realities of the eternal abode of the doomed that

await all unbelievers. Hell is graphically described by the Savior in verse fifty as an inescapable place of agony and pain "where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Multitudes who erroneously thought they were basically "good" but were actually "bad" in the sight of the Lord will tragically end up there.

The mystery phase of the kingdom began with Israel's national rejection of the Messiah when He came to them the first time (Matthew 23:37-39; 27:25; John 1:10). It will end in the near future during the latter half of the Great Tribulation period known as Daniel's seventieth Week (Daniel 9:27); at that time "the mystery of God is finished, as He has declared to His servants the Prophets" when the Lord Jesus Christ shall visibly and physically return from heaven to earth and reign from Jerusalem for a thousand years (Isaiah 2:1-4; Revelation 10:7; 11:15; 20:4).

The seven mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, not including the eighth one that follows this parable, shall find their grand fulfillment in the seventh parable. They will be consummated, "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the

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by Rev. Ralph A. Conn BA, MA

This mission trip proved to be one of the best ever and we were so blessed with the outcome, even though it was a short one for Deborah and me. We were only able to stay for ten days this time but continued to pray for our dear fellow servant, Dr. Todd Baker, as he stayed for an additional 7 days.

We were able to make a relationship on the last trip, Oct. 2009, with Tal, a gift shop owner in a hotel on the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias. He seemed to have a particular connection with Todd at that time and they had several extended times of fellowship. He was kind of down on the success of his store and was considering a move to the States since he has a few friends that are finding success here. After talking to us about God's love for Israel and the Jew and accepting the B'rit Hadashah, we were sure if he read the Scriptures and sought the Lord he would think differently about moving and uprooting his family.

Our first day with the people was in Tiberias and of course we planned a visit to Tal at the gift shop he owns. He was, to say the least, excited to see us and was very interested in having us visit him and his family at his home some evening before we left the city. We made arrangements to meet him the next night, our last night, and go to his home. He closed his shop and we followed him up to a beautiful home high above that wonderful city where our Lord Jesus did many of his miracles. As I stood out on Tal's balcony, I looked at the lights of the city, across the sea and, up on the left, the old city. All the night lights and the beauty of this place left a memory that will stay with me forever.

Tal introduced us to his family: a wife, two sons and a daughter, and also his father. We shared with each other and freely spoke of Yeshua the Messiah and of His return to this land. We never felt that what we were sharing was not interesting to them, but with added conversation we were left with the



assurance that more searching of the scriptures would be spent by the family. The growing success of the shop and the purchase of the new house have brought new energy to this family. We were so blessed and had a hard time leaving as the hour was getting

late. Tal insisted that we follow him down the mountain so we wouldn't get lost; quite a feat as following him on his scooter was challenging to say the least.

Tal's father, Mordechi (Morti), was very interested in when we would be returning and finding out it would be in June, 2010. He invited us to his home for a cookout with him being the chef. His interest in us being



there was so strong on his mind that he asked us to let him know the exact date so he could make the party fit our visit. He said it would be his 36th wedding anniversary and his wife's birthday and he wanted to share it with us. What an honor! We will pray for Todd and Paul to attend that event since Deborah and I are not scheduled for the June trip at this time. The desire of this man to open up his life to us and make sure of our feeling of being welcome was so evident that we could see the Lord God in all of it. We are confident that this family will find the Lord Yeshua as their Messiah. Won't you join us in praying for them? The love of God was and is involved with this family in Tiberias and we look forward to our next encounter with them. It's only with your prayers and financial support that we could do that. You are vital to this outreach and every step we take there is because of Zola Levitt Ministries, you and others that support this end time ministry. God's Word in Gen. 12:3 tells us that He will bless those that bless Israel. I don't know about you but I personally want God's blessing in all that I do, particularly as I see the day approaching.

Before leaving Tiberias we were walking along the shopping district and the Lord told me we would meet an IDF soldier. I shared that with Todd and Deb—and



sure enough there he was! These divine appointments are awesome. We talked about our love for Israel and he received information about Yeshua the Messiah; could he be one of the 144, 000 evangelists? Wow what ministry!

God bless you for helping us reach Israel for Yeshua the Messiah.

As I think about the times I have been blessed to be in Israel in the last 30 years, I have to encourage the ones who the Lord used to accomplish it. I remember when my pastor took me aside one Sunday morning before services in 1980 and told me the Lord had me on his mind all night. In knowing my pastor, when he said he had me on his mind all night, I knew to pay attention. He told me the Lord had told him that I would be involved with Israel and the Jew all my life and especially in the later part of my life. As the years went by we built 4 churches in and around Tampa, Florida, always with a Jewish tone in our worship music and the use of instruments that were used in the Bible. I even served the Lord for a time helping to form the International Christian Embassy and I carried the first banner through the streets of Jerusalem proclaiming our love and support for the land of the bible, Israel, and the love God had for the Jewish people in that first parade. And now that I find myself in the later part of my life, I just turned 65, I find myself sharing Yeshua the Messiah to Israel and the people there. I just can't tell you what that means to me. To see firsthand the fulfillment of that Word that was said to me 30 years ago is beyond anything man could do. Only by God's grace and calling could this happen and I want you to know what you, who support this ministry have done, and are doing. I don't know how much longer the Lord will call me to the streets of wonderful Israel, but I will go as long as He sends me.

Thanks and God bless you, Dr. Zola Levitt, for starting To the Jew First Ministry with Dr. Todd Baker, for Mark Levitt and Dr. Jeff Seif, travel expert, Traci, and my wife Deborah for her standing with me all those times when I would go to Israel unexpectedly, and most times without the funds to go. (God ALWAYS made the way) And let me not forget the men and women of God who supported us with their hard-earned money. God's Word is true when He says He would bless us for blessing Israel. Thank you again my brothers and sisters for your support, I promise you I will keep you informed of the experiences Deborah and I have in Israel, God's chosen land. And remember "As we give Yeshua the priority, He grants us the opportunity to serve Him more completely."

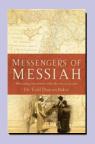
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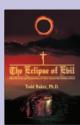
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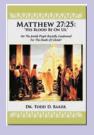




THE ECLIPSE OF EVIL How the Cross and Resurrection of Christ Answer the Problem of Evil

Matthew 27:25: 'His Blood Be On Us'

Are The Jewish People Racially Condemned For The Death of Christ?



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an outside shopping mall. Ralph decided to sit on a bench and pray and intercede for us while Debbie and I went walking around the shops to see where the Lord would guide us. He finally led us to a men's clothing and shoe store. There, we met a young Israeli lady, Huba. When



Debbie with Huba in a Nazareth shopping mall

we asked her about her life and plans, Huba said she was studying to receive a bachelor's degree in Sociology and was planning on pursuing a Master's Degree after that. After listening to her and taking a sincere interest in her life, Huba was eager and open to our message about the special love the God of Israel demonstrated to the Jewish people when He sent Jesus the Messiah to the world. When Debbie and I further offered her a free copy of the Hebrew Scriptures revealing how the greatest Jew alive today accomplished salvation for Israel in the B'rit Hadashah (New Testament), Huba readily received it with a kind and receptive heart. We then asked Huba if we could pray for her to ask the Lord to meet her at the point of her needs. She agreed to this. We then and there asked the Lord that His Holy Spirit would reveal Yeshua the Messiah to her in a personal, saving way through the

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holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory, and before Him shall be gathered all nations, and He shall separate them one from another" (Matthew 25:31-32). The parable of the dragnet is appropriately positioned last in the series of these seven mystery parables of Matthew thirteen. The seventh parable of this chapter is a prophetic parable of the future state that is conclusive of what is to occur on both the good and bad, and the immutable destiny and final separation of the two both in the Church and the world set to occur at the conclusion of this present age. For "the wise shall inherit glory but shame shall be the promotion of fools" (Proverbs 3:35). And so shall it be at the end of the age when the Lord returns to separate the good from the bad. 🕆



Ralph, Todd, and Isaac in Nazareth

Jewish Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, that we had just given her. Huba was touched by our witness for the Lord and assured us she would read about this wonderful Jewish Savior we told her about who grew up in the very city she was from!

Our next witnessing encounter for Messiah Jesus occurred as we were leaving the shopping mall and we met a security guard, Isaac. After a brief exchange of greeting, he asked us where we were from. After telling him that we came from Tampa Bay, Florida and Dallas, Texas, our team was able to give him a solid presentation of the Gospel message of Yeshua (1 Corinthians 15:1-8). The recent flap by the Obama regime over Israel's God-given right to build and expand homes in Jerusalem also came up in the course of our conversation with Isaac. We strongly assured him of our belief in the Word of God and the covenants found there which clearly state the Lord gave ownership of the land of Israel, including the capital city of Jerusalem, to the Jewish people for "an everlasting possession" (Genesis 17:8). Any demand of giving away part or all of the land and the Holy City is in clear violation of God's inviolate Word on the matter! In the end, such a global controversy, pressuring and forcing the Jewish people to give these places up to their mortal enemies is precisely why the Messiah will return to permanently vanguish Israel's foes and prepare the Chosen People for His righteous reign (Zechariah 9-12; Joel 3:1-3). At this point of the discussion we offered Isaac a free copy of a complete Hebrew Bible with several Messianic Gospel tracts so that he could learn more about this and how Yeshua saves the sinner by faith in the atoning death of the Cross. When Isaac gladly received the materials, he held up the Scriptures and asked us, "What is the message of this?" We simple replied by quoting John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." then suggested to Isaac that he read the Gospel of Matthew to learn more about the proof of Yeshua being the Messiah by virtue of fulfilled prophecy in His life, death, and resurrection. Isaac affirmed that he surely would read and learn about this.

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