

# SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

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## THE CROSS AND THE STAR OF DAVID

Early one morning after prayer time in Jerusalem, Harvey suggested we go and minister at the famous Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. In his last time of ministry in Jerusalem, Harvey Zion and his Gospel outreach team had good ministry among the students at the university. This day, praise the Lord, was no different. Finding a parking place at the university proved a daunting task at first. Driving down one of the many narrow thoroughfares, we spotted a security guard and asked where we could park and visit the university. The security guard offered to let us park behind his car for the amount of time we would spend at the university. God was giving us favor with this young man. From this initial exchange, Harvey and I spent a good amount of time sharing the Gospel of Yeshua with this extremely open and receptive America Israeli. His name was Tonny. We were able to explain to Tonny how the Jewish Messiah is the integral connection which unites the Tenach and B'rit Hadashah together. We talked about God's plan for Israel as foretold in



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the Hebrew Scriptures, the Messianic prophecies and their exclusive historic fulfillment by Yeshua in the New Testament scriptures. Tonny, like so many in Israel and Jewish people throughout the world, was totally unaware of these vital correlations between the two Testaments whose central focus rests on Jesus the Messiah. Tonny was amazed and curious to learn of this truth leading to salvation. Harvey was quick to add: "But do not simply go by what we say (although it is true). You must verify these biblical truths for yourself by reading and studying the New Testament evidence for Jesus being the Messiah."

Tonny was so interested, as the Holy Spirit opened his heart and mind to our witness about Yeshua, that he gladly and gratefully took a Hebrew Bible containing the Old and New Testaments. Included with the Bible we also gave Tonny Messianic Gospel tracts and a small booklet teaching on the subjects of Israel and the Messiah within the context of End-Time Bible prophecy.

As we were walking around the campus, we also ran into a student parking his car and going to class. We stopped him to learn more about the campus and history of Hebrew University. The young man's name was Ryi (Hebrew for "shepherd"). He was earning a Ph.D. in economics. We spoke to him about how God's love was supernaturally revealed to the world through the people of Israel by giving us the Hebrew Scriptures and the Jewish Messiah. Ryi listened with obvious interest. Harvey and I thanked him for what his people have given to every Bible believer in Yeshua. Out of our love and deep gratitude for what Israel gave to us, we offered Ryi a nice Hebrew study

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*Tonny is a security guard at Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, and was open to the Gospel*

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Bible so he could learn about who the Messiah is and God's plan of salvation revealed through Him. Ryi said, "Thank you very much" and took the Scriptures. Now we pray God reveals Himself to Ryi as "the Good Shepherd" and true Messiah of Israel.

After spending time at the Hebrew University, Harvey and I went to another section in Jerusalem called the German Colony. Once there, we decided to go and eat at a place called Tal Bagel restaurant. Taking only a few steps into the restaurant, a young Israeli man, Ben, came up from behind to face me. He looked directly at my cross with the Star of David and asked with positive wonder about its



meaning. This amazing gesture from Ben, who was one of the shift managers at the restaurant, led to an extensive witness about Yeshua the Messiah with him. Harvey and I said the cross on the Star of David represents the truth. Jesus was born a Torah observant Jew in the land of Israel who came as the Messiah to suffer and die to make atonement (Kippur) for our sins on the cross, rose again from death and will soon return to Israel and redeem the Jewish people and reign from Jerusalem. We also covered other related topics to the Gospel message—Israel in Bible

prophecy, historic proofs from the B'rit Hadashah showing Yeshua is the Messiah as foretold in the Messianic prophecies of the Tenach. Ben was utterly intrigued, fascinated, and enlightened to learn these things for the very first time. When



*Ben, between Todd and Harvey, is a manager at a restaurant in Jerusalem, and was drawn to the Star of David combined with the cross.*

Harvey and I exclaimed Ha Besorah shel Yeshua Ha Mashiach (the Gospel of Jesus Christ) to him, you could literally and physically see Ben's countenance light up from the life God's Word gives the receptive in heart just as Psalm 36:9 declares: **"For with You is the fountain of life. In Your light we see light."** We also discussed with Ben how Isaiah 53 speaks of a suffering Messiah who would die to redeem Israel and the world from sin and how this prophecy was fulfilled some 700 years later in the sufferings and death of Yeshua of Nazareth. Ben expressed a desire to learn more. To that end, he accepted a complete Jewish Bible, including the New Testament, with reading materials about how Jesus fulfilled Messianic prophecy and Israel's central role in End-Time Bible prophecy. Now he has the words of Yeshua the Messiah and as we told the eager and teachable Ben, Yeshua is the greatest Jew alive today who alone split history into two time periods—B.C. and A.D. — by His person and power. ✠✠✠

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## "ASK THE CHAPLAIN"

Dr. Todd Baker has been recruited to author a new column entitled "Ask the Chaplain" in the monthly *Levitt Letter* for Zola Levitt Ministries. He is responsible for fielding questions from readers. These newsletters are also available online at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com), so feel free to head on over there and check them out!



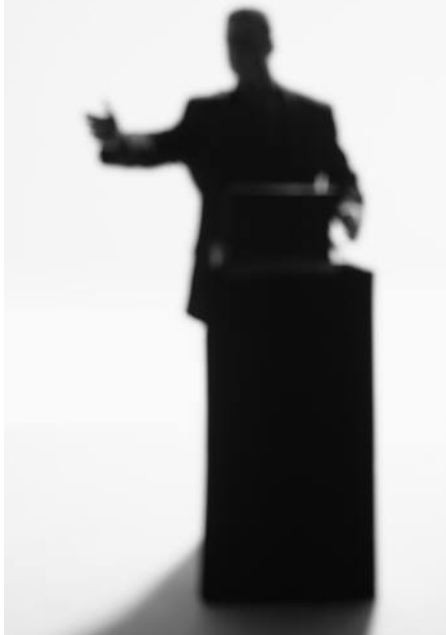
# Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of the Scribe and the Householder  
Part 5  
(Matthew 13:51-52)

by Todd Baker

**T**he Scriptures are an essential prerequisite for the Christian disciple and serve as an effective guide in all matters relating to the ministry. ***All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*** (2 Timothy 3:16-17; see also Romans 15:4). The teacher of God's Word will reflect his Master's teaching in daily living. He will be a Christ-like example to the flock. The servant of the Lord will have a positive and edifying effect on the Church. The sole objective of the Christian minister should be conformity to the holy image of Jesus Christ. He is the supreme example for all believers, who are called of God, to follow after. ***For even here were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that***



*“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you understood all these things?’ They said to Him, ‘Yes Lord.’ Then He said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.’”*

- Matthew 13:51-52

***you should follow His steps***” (1 Peter 2:21). There is no higher example other than the impeccable Christ set forth for every Christian disciple to ardently follow. For, ***the disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his Lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master, and the servant as his Lord. If you know these things happy are you if you do them*** (Matthew 10:24-25; John 13:17).

The disciple is not merely instructed to imitate Christ as if He were by His side for an external example; for the Lord dwells within his heart. This is the true state of the believer of Christ validating him a genuine servant of God. The resurrected Lord of glory personally resides within the very inmost depths of his being (Galatians 2:20; 4:6). The disciple of Jesus Christ must be willing to follow Him at all costs, even to the point of death. This involves the inevitable act of taking up the cross of self-denial daily. Living the crucified life testifies that Christ is present where His servant is. It is the earmark of every true Christian minister. ***If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. And***

***where I am, there shall also My servant be***” (Matthew 16:24; John 12:26). In such proven ways does the servant of God avouch himself ***meet for the master's use*** (2 Timothy 2:21 KJV)—a scribe cultivated in the kingdom of heaven. The man of God is quick to hear and obey the teachings of Christ. He is ever mindful to keep the Word of God in all things. A disciple of Jesus taught of Him hears the Word and responds with obedience. True love for Christ is always expressed with compliance to His words, not with flowery words. If one glibly claims to be a Christian but does not bear the fruit of obedience he is a false disciple. ***If a man love Me he will keep My words, and My Father will love Him, He that does not love Me does not keep My sayings, and the Word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father which sent Me*** (John 14:23-24). To follow Jesus is to walk in His love. ***Be therefore followers of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us*** (Ephesians 5:1-2). The scribes of Christ's day occupied ***the seat of Moses*** as the official teachers of God's Law. But their rejection of

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# “I WILL SET EGYPTIANS AGAINST EGYPTIANS”



By Bill Salus

*With the current crisis unfolding in Egypt, Bill Salus has written a very perceptive article on how this could very well be fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 19:1-4 where the prophet foretells great civil war and unrest in Egypt with the result that God will in judgment set a tyrannical leader over them. If Egypt goes the way of Iran, and all indications point in that direction, it will become another Islamic dictatorship who will threaten to attack Israel from the south. Bill's article shows how this scenario fits into the End-time situation prophesied in Scripture for Israel and their hostile Arab neighbors surrounding them.*

- Todd



These are the days when the Bible is its own best commentary. Imagine Isaiah the prophet standing on the streets of Cairo today speaking in front of a mainstream news camera declaring:

*“The burden against Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. “I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; Everyone will fight against his brother, And everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom. The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers. And the Egyptians I will give Into the hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king will rule over them,” Says the Lord, the LORD of hosts.” (Isaiah 19:1-4, nkjv)*

Like a swift moving cloud, Isaiah predicts the rapid deterioration of events in Egypt. Civil unrest causes Egyptians to fight against each other. This fighting spreads from household to household and grows into a kingdom war. Probably quoting Isaiah 19:2, Christ warned kingdoms would rise against each other in Matthew 24:7. Unlike nation coming against nation, which alludes to world wars, “kingdom against

kingdom” refers to regional conflicts. Christ taught these prophecies would come upon the world like birth pains. Like a woman about to deliver her newborn, these events are foretold to come with increased frequency and intensity each building upon the other.

Rumors of regional kingdom wars presently abound in the Middle East. Egypt and Saudi Arabia reportedly conducted joint military exercises in 2010 preparing for a possible confrontation with Iran. Iran represents the Persian kingdom and Egypt and Saudi Arabia the Arab kingdom. Additionally, the apocalyptically minded president Ahmadinejad of Iran has threatened on several occasions to wipe Israel, representing the Jewish kingdom, off of the map.

Psalms 83 predicts the Arab kingdom will someday rise against the Jewish kingdom to banish the name of Israel forever. Both Egypt and Saudi Arabia along with eight other Arab populations join the Arab kingdom in this pending prophetic war.

Isaiah's prognosis for Egypt worsens as you read the rest of his chapter nineteen. Isaiah 19:5-12 tells us unprecedented religious and economic strife plagues the nation according to the purposes of the Lord. Apparently, this disastrous condition befalls Egypt because of its future involvement in Psalm 83 since we read in Isaiah 19:16-18 that Israel will take over five cities in Egypt and cause Hebrew to be the spoken language inside their city limits. One of these cities will be called "the City of Destruction," implying the I.D.F. destroys this city.

***In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He waves***

***over it. And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt; everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts which He has determined against it. In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear by the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of Destruction. (Isaiah 19:16-18, nkjv)***

Will the civil strife developing in Egypt cause the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak, who supposedly has cancer and turns 83 on May 4, 2011? Many expected his son Gamal Mubarak to be his replacement; however, Gamal and his family have reportedly fled to the U.K. for safety. If the Mubarak government is overthrown will the Muslim Brotherhood fill his office with one of its own fulfilling Isaiah 19:4? The Muslim Brotherhood, presently banned in Egypt, hates Israel and supports Jihad against the Jewish State. Hamas, also participating against Israel in Psalm 83, is their political arm inside of the Gaza. Hamas, like the Muslim Brotherhood, calls for the destruction of Israel.

Will the present protests inside Egypt metastasize into the fulfillment of Isaiah 19? If so will the coming cruel leader be the one who leads Egypt into the Psalm 83:6-8 confederacy? All of this is unknown but entirely possible. One thing is for certain; the Middle East appears to be on the verge of going apocalyptic.

January 2011 has seen the governments of Lebanon, Tunisia, and Egypt become severely challenged. The government of Jordan is expected to be next. Lebanon, Egypt, and Jordan are involved in Psalm 83 and Tunisia appears to take part in the Ezekiel 38 & 39 prophecy. It appears high time Christians familiarize themselves with the prophecies of Isaiah 19, Isaiah 17, Jeremiah 49, Psalm 83, and Ezekiel 38 & 39. These are a few of the world changing prophecies stage setting on the prophetic horizon. †

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## The Importance of Israel to the Church

In this day, it is essential for Christians to be educated about our Jewish roots and God's plan for Israel as it directly impacts the future of all Believers. To have Todd speak to your church, organization, or Sunday School class about this and other important topics affecting Christians today, please contact Dr. Todd Baker at **866-910-0444** or by email at **Todd@brit-hadashah.org**.

The following are just a few of the topics that Todd teaches on:

- ✧ **Eye on Israel** - volatile current events in the Holy Land and its relevance to prophecy;
- ✧ **Israel and Prophecy** - the importance of knowing and understanding the relationship of Israel to the Church;
- ✧ **Israel's Right to the Land** - where and what is Palestine, and do Arabs have claims to the land?;
- ✧ **Seven Reasons the Gospel must go to the Jews** - is Jewish evangelism Biblical, and why is it so largely ignored?;
- ✧ **Messengers of Messiah to Israel** - based on Dr. Baker's book that testifies to what God is doing in the hearts of the Israelis, both Jew and Arab;
- ✧ **The Dead Sea Scrolls** - exploring the authenticity and reliability of Scripture.



Jesus Christ, the teacher of teachers, permanently disqualified them from being the appointed instructors of God's Word.

The scribes utterly proved themselves very poor examples as the teachers of the Law for the simple fact they had failed to practice what they had taught (Matthew 23:2-3). The sound teacher of Christ will practice what he preaches from the Bible. A follower of Jesus Christ, desirous to be in the teaching ministry, must first receive the teachings of the Lord Jesus like a trusting child. That is, he must humble himself of all self conceit and bow down before the Master and sit at His feet to learn from Him about the kingdom of God, otherwise entrance into it cannot be granted to him. **"Truly I say to you whoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will no way enter therein"** (Luke 18:17). A little child characteristically exhibits humbleness, openness, trust, honesty and an eagerness to learn and be taught. These are the individual traits that make a Christian teacher. An honest teacher of Scripture will thoroughly examine himself to see whether he is in the faith. An excellent criterion which determines the real validity of a Christian minister and teacher is found in Romans 2:19-23.

This part of Romans chapter two applies to all ministers of the Christian faith who consider themselves **"a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a**

**teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You that abhor idols, do you commit sacrilege? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?"**(Romans 2:19-23). A practical truth from these verses is this: If you cannot abide by these moral standards you teach and profess, then you are morally ineligible for Christian discipleship and ministry. The sincere servant of Christ will not follow the pattern of the inconsistent teacher of Romans 2. Nor will he be like the religious hypocrites of today—**"for they say and do not."** A minister of Jesus Christ will consistently abide by what he has learned from the heavenly Master. Therefore he follows the practical advice of James in teaching by doing. **"So speak and so do as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty"** (James 2:12). God expects out of a Christian minister a committed heart of devoted obedience grounded in spiritual stability that **"is rooted and built up in Christ and established in the faith."**

Jesus said in this parable the instructed teacher of the kingdom is also like a householder **"who brings forth out of his treasure**

**things new and old"**. The householder was the master and primary provider and ruler over those who dwelt as a family under his roof. He maintained the welfare of those entrusted to his care. The word "householder" or "goodman" is used interchangeably in the synoptic Gospels some twelve times. The word in the context of the Gospels refers to a person who was the chief provider and head of his household. He controlled and regulated what went in and out of his storehouse. He acted as the chief overseer of the family's economy. The householder of the eighth mystery parable of the kingdom is a deputy master under the headship of the supreme Heavenly Householder, Jesus Christ, "a Son over His own house, whose house (the Church) are we" (Hebrews 3:6). †

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## "STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES" RADIO SHOW

Todd's radio show, "Studying the Scriptures," is playing on **WNVY (AM 1070)** in **Pensacola, FL**, on Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 9:00am, then again Saturday nights from 8:30 - 9:00pm.

The show is also available in the **Albuquerque, NM**, area on **KXKS (AM 1190)** airing Saturdays from 12:30-1:00pm, then repeating Sundays from 6:00-6:30pm.



If you have friends or family in either of these locations, tell them about his show so they can learn about the Jewish roots of our Christian faith.

As always, if you don't happen to live in Albuquerque or Pensacola, we are making his shows available to you on our website. Just go to [www.brit-hadashah.org](http://www.brit-hadashah.org) and click on the *Books & Media* tab at the bottom.

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## Our 20th Gospel Outreach to ISRAEL! March 13 - 29, 2011

**We will be returning to Israel this Spring for our 20th mission trip to the Holy Land. Kenny Gee will accompany Todd on this outreach, and we ask that you please be praying for them before and during the trip. Here is our Prayer List for Mission trips to use as a guide:**



- ☆ 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).

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### UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT MESSAGES

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Topics for March and April's lessons are:

- Defending the Faith series
- Illuminations From Isaiah series

*Guest speakers will be teaching March 18 & 25 (while Todd is in Israel)*

## "Christ in the Passover"

The Shalom, Shalom congregation will be attending Global Harvest Church in Carrollton, Texas, on April 22 (Good Friday) at 7:00pm for Dr. Todd Baker's presentation of "Christ in the Passover." All are invited to attend! Check our website for more information.