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THE GOD WHO IS THERE!

Early in the morning, Kenny Gee and I decided to visit downtown Haifa after we arrived in that city the prior day. Outside the downtown shopping mall, Kenny I ran into a young man distributing newspapers that Paul Colley and I previously witnessed to during the June 2010 summer Gospel outreach. His name was Alex. He remembered me and the Bible and Messianic Gospel tracts we had given him. He told us he had read them all. And now he seemed spiritually hungry



by
Todd Baker

for more. So Kenny and I continued to water the Gospel seed which had been planted last year by this ministry.

Our discussion with him this time focused on who Yeshua is—God and Messiah. We went through some of the major Messianic



Todd with Alex who remembered our team's witness last summer

prophecies given in the Old Testament centuries before Yeshua was born, and then showed him the corresponding fulfillment by Jesus in the New Testament. Alex told us he understood and saw the connection. Kenny and I explained to Alex, step by step, the plan of salvation as revealed in Messiah Jesus. When we asked him if he was ready to receive Yeshua by faith in prayer, Alex said he would seriously think about it. Kenny added he could do this privately at any time. Praise God! This young Jewish immigrant from Russia is very close to believing in Yeshua

as Lord and Messiah for salvation. Kenny and I prayed with Alex asking Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit) to convince Alex the truth of what we told from the Scriptures about Yeshua and give him the gift of faith to believe in Him for the salvation of the soul.

Another ministry opportunity waited for us inside the shopping mall when we walked up to the small sale stand where a variety of phone covers were available for purchase. One cover had a national flag of Israel on it. When I expressed my affection for this cover, such a sentiment opened up a discussion with the owner about God's prophetic plan for Israel as foretold by Moses and the prophets and accurately fulfilled in history.

The owner's name was Hannan. He told us flat out he was an atheist who categorically did not believe God exists. When I respectfully challenged him on his worldview, I asked him if he knew for *absolutely certain* God did not exist; he said "Yes."

As Hannan and I debated over God's existence, Kenny was silently praying in the background for God's Spirit to pierce through Hannan's blind and stubborn unbelief to see how the Bible proves its supernatural origin by prophecy foretold and fulfilled by an omniscient and omnipotent God. I then countered Hannan's claim by saying to have such certainty would logically necessitate having access to all places in the universe at the same time, possess knowledge of all reality, and be

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Todd with Hannan who claims to be an atheist

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HELP ME OFFSET OBAMA'S ANTI-ISRAEL POLICIES

*R*eloved in Messiah Jesus,

About two months ago at the small Messianic congregation I lead in Dallas, Texas, I preempted my regular sermon series to passionately and frankly address the new Obama policy recently proposed against Israel. I attacked such a policy from a biblical, historical, and practical perspective on why it is not feasible, smart, or logical for Israel to ever withdraw to the pre-1967 borders. I saw this coming over two years ago and wrote about what President-Elect Obama was going to do then along the lines of what he is insanely proposing now in my ministry newsletter. He is no friend of Israel for sure. One of Obama's national security advisers, Samantha Power, actually states the U.S. government should arm the Palestinians and invade Israel to stop their "genocidal" policies against the "poor", "oppressed" Palestinians. This is insane and crazy!

What you saw this past May in the oval office was a true statesman in Benjamin Netanyahu up against a poor, pitiful man-child of a President totally out of his element—a person not grounded in reality. During this meeting in the Oval office, the solemn, unsmiling Netanyahu so wisely told this entrenched leftist, anti-Israel ideologue: "Peace based on illusions will crash eventually on the rocks of Middle East reality." The infallible Word of God, profane history, and the realities on the ground over there have proven this true for millennia.

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This ministry goes to Israel three times a year to comfort and encourage the Israelis in light of the terrible situation which surrounds them. In his speech given at the Defense Department this past May, President Obama forcefully called for Israel to unilaterally withdraw to the pre-1967

borders to form a Palestinian State by Israel's sworn enemies led by the evil terrorist group Hamas. That would entail, as you know, Israel giving up half of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria (the so-called "West Bank")! And the Arabs don't have to do anything substantial in return! This President is skating on thin ice with the God of Israel who has stated in His Word He gave the land of Israel, including Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, to the Jewish people forever according to the everlasting covenant He made with



Abraham and his physical descendants—the Jews (see Genesis 17:7-8)! Obama is seeking to endanger Israel on all four sides with this horrible demand leaving a tiny strip of about 8 to 9 miles between the Mediterranean and the Eastern border of a new Israel virtually indefensible if the Arab conglomerate should choose to invade Israel. When they do, they could easily close the gap and divide Israel's northern border from the Southern border.

Make no mistake about it, the Arab Spring is a revolt and uprising against Israel and now Obama is demanding the Jews give up these buffer zones in the south and north. Having been there 20 times myself, I can tell you that this would be national suicide. Yet the hubris of Obama seeks to stubbornly and blindly make such a demand when to do so would automatically endanger the very existence of the tiny Jewish State. Mark my words: the God of Israel will intervene. Obama is now advancing the Arab cause against Israel and is now under the ominous judgment of God as Joel 3:1-2 warns.

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Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of the Scribe and the Householder
Part 7
(Matthew 13:51-52)

by Todd Baker

The heart is the center of the natural life (Proverbs 4:23). The Word of God is the center of the spiritual life. **"By every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord does man live"** (Deuteronomy 8:3). The born-again Christian treasures the Word of God as his spiritual life. It becomes the prized treasure of his heart capturing his very soul inoculating him from the poisonous influence of sin. **"Your Word I have hid in my heart that I may not sin against You"** is the beneficial response of this life transforming truth (Psalm 119:11).

One of the foremost Bible expositors found in the Bible is the great national reformer, Nehemiah. He and Ezra worked together along with the scribes and the Levites in teaching the Jewish people the Law of the Lord after it had been neglected for years while they were in Babylonian captivity. **"So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly (verse by verse), and gave the sense (the explanation or meaning), and caused them to understand the meaning. And Nehemiah...and Ezra the priest, the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, this day is holy to the Lord your God, mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law"** (Nehemiah 8:8-9).

Nehemiah and his scribal aides are classic examples from the Bible of



"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



how the Christian Bible expositor should be. The reading of the Law by Nehemiah and his associates was interspersed at various intervals of the reading with a clear, precise explanation of what was commanded from the Holy law of God. May the Lord be pleased to grant more heavenly-sent teachers with the same expository gifts as Nehemiah the Governor and Ezra the scribe possessed. The church today is in desperate need of such gifted men! The matchless expositor of the whole Bible is of course its author—the Lord Jesus Christ—the divine incarnation and fulfillment of the Word who was made flesh, "full of grace and truth" who dwelt among sinful men (John 1:1-2, 14).

The Bible expositor must approach the Scriptures with the understanding that both Testaments are telling one story and that God does indeed have a specific plan and order to His Book according to the divine pattern He has set. The overall

panorama of the Bible squarely focuses on the Messiah. From Genesis the first book to Revelation the last book, God is drawing for us a picture of Jesus Christ. The Savior knew this well when He spoke to the despondent disciples on the road to Emmaus. **"And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."** (Luke 24:27). From this passage of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as the divine expounder of His word and the consummate fulfillment of it from Moses to the Prophets. He is, so to speak, the perfect living Bible commentary.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were so moved at the Lord's expository teaching concerning Himself that they burned within because they understood the Scriptures from a new and revealing light which they never saw before. But it was only after they saw the Scriptures through the divine person of Jesus Christ that they could rightly understand what was written. **"And their eyes were opened, and**

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they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures" (Luke 24:31-32)? From this valuable lesson in Luke chapter 24, the parable of the scribe likened to a householder who brings forth things new and old can be really interpreted to mean the minister of Christ brings forth truths and teachings from both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible

drawing them together as one in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament is a type and shadow of the New concealed, the New Testament is the Old fulfilled and revealed. The great monumental truths of the New Testament have all their roots in the Old Testament. If one were to foolishly presume that we no longer have need of the Old Testament since we have a better source in the New, he severs the interwoven thread which connects the two as one continuous revelation

of God. Jesus is the interlocking, everlasting bond that holds the Bible together as one. The great prophetic and redemptive truths of Scripture would make no sense at all if both of the biblical Testaments were separated from each other. The Old Testament is basically built around the great promise when God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to seek and save that which was lost (John 3:16; Luke 19:10). †

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- Illuminations From Isaiah series

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But the good news is we can do something about this now! Besides calling our State representatives in the House and the Senate to protest this horrible and disastrous policy, you can support the ministry as I go to Israel three times a year. This ministry will go for you and tell the Israelis on your behalf that there is a **strong bloc** of Bible-believing followers of Yeshua in America who are categorically against the anti-Israel and unbiblical policies of "the One", Barack Hussein Obama. Not only that, we shall counteract this negativity from the White House by reacquainting the Jewish People with the Gospel of Jesus their Messiah and show them the wonderful plan He has destined for the Chosen People from the Hebrew Scriptures. But to do this I desperately need your financial

support. Please take the time today to write us a check or make a generous donation online. Your support is vital in letting the people of Israel know we will stand behind them in this critical hour no matter what!

Look above these paragraphs to see how you can make a much-needed donation to help us.

Fighting for the faith in Israel,

Dr. Todd Baker



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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.

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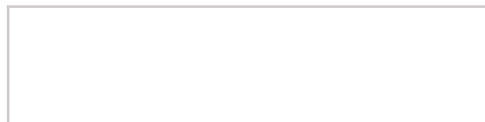
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everywhere at once to know for certain God cannot exist anywhere. Hannan attempted to balk at this objection and was forced by the inescapable logic of it to finally exclaim, "You have to be God to know this." I replied, "Exactly my point! You cannot know with absolute certainty because you are not God. Atheism is self-defeating on these grounds!"

I then related to Hannan how I once was a virulent, dogmatic atheist until I realized the wretchedness of my own condition and out of a desire to really know the truth about whether God existed or not opened myself up to the possibility He was there. That was when Yeshua supernaturally revealed Himself to me to be the God who is there! Using my personal testimony of transformation by this astounding revelation, I then said to Hannan the Lord will do the same for you if you open your heart and mind to Him.

Hannan politely listened and then went on to the subject of the origin of the universe. In typical liberal, unbelieving fashion he blindly asserted everything came into being by blind, random chance through the chain of evolution. Again I challenged this claim pointing out to Hannan that there is no ubiquitous evidence for evolution in the fossil record—

particularly when it comes to transitional forms of animal species evolving from simpler life forms to more complex organisms. There is no such universal and uniform process present anywhere in the large deposits of fossils we have as would naturally be found if evolution were a universal, provable phenomenon. Hannan predictably disagreed but could not provide any solid counter-proof. I told him that Charles Darwin, in *The Origin of Species*, even admitted the lack of proof for his theory of evolution in the fossil record was the strongest argument against his unverified theory.

From all appearances it seemed to Kenny and me Hannan was completely closed to accepting a Bible and pamphlets providing proof Jesus is the Messiah. Yet the Holy Spirit kept telling me to offer these things to Hannan So I said to him we come to Israel to return the Hebrew Scriptures and proof for Yeshua as the one true Messiah of Israel to the Jewish people. To our utter surprise Hannan accepted it, thanking us for "the gift". He was also open to us coming back to visit and talk with him when we return to Haifa again. Praise God, even though Hannan was stubbornly committed to his atheism, the Holy Spirit had opened his heart enough to listen and receive God's Word from us. ✨🌟