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30^{TH} MINISTRY OUTREAGH: 64-0 THE MIRAGLE OF THE PERFECT RECEPTION!

The 30th Gospel outreach in Israel was perhaps the greatest one yet for the simple fact that not one person out of 64 Israelis and Arabs rejected our verbal witness for Yeshua the Messiah, or our offer of Bibles and Messianic Gospel tracts. This was a perfect 100% acceptance rate from day one to the last day (from June 15 to July 1, 2014). This



Todd Baker

has never happened before and will likely never happen again! It's like pitching the perfect game in baseball, bowling 300, having a perfect season like the 1972 Miami Dolphins did, or having a royal flush in poker that no other hand can beat. Think about it! What are the odds of getting this many people in Israel consecutively to accept testimony about Yeshua the crucified and risen Messiah and receiving the Bible with the New Testament in Hebrew! The odds are astronomical! Truly this was a great miracle. Hence, I have called this outreach: "The Miracle of the Perfect Reception." I prayed God would do something phenomenal for this outreach and He did the unthinkable far beyond what I could realistically think-accomplishing a perfect reception from Israel without one single rejection in two weeks! The Lord has done a perfect work wrought through two imperfect men-Kevin Mead and myself! What NFL Hall of Fame running back Larry Csonka said about the Miami Dolphin's perfect season of 1972 can also be said of this ministry's 30th Gospel outreach to Israel. The former Miami Dolphin said: "One time, one place in the universe, one space was occupied by perfection." And this ministry got to be a special part of perfection on the 30th Gospel outreach to Israel. And I thank God that Kevin Mead and I got to be a part of it.

One morning in Haifa, Israel, Kevin Mead and I had the pleasure of meeting and ministering to a young Israeli lady whose



Todd with Brit

Hebrew name was Brit. Her name means "Covenant." And here, the Lord used this young lady's name to give her a Gospel witness about the covenants God has made with the Jewish people. In our conversation with Brit, we focused, of course, on how God promised to make a Brit Hadashah (New Covenant) with Israel. This is the greatest of all the covenants God has made with Israel. Through it, every Jewish person can know Yeshua the Messiah with God's permanent forgiveness of sins. God promised to do this in the Tenach with the great promise given in Jeremiah 31:31-34. God sent His Son Yeshua the Messiah to die and atone for the world's sin and rose again from death to freely give all who believe in Him eternal life—a truth and message God gives through the Jewish nation of Israel (John 4:24). We then gave Brit a Hebrew Bible. She was happy to receive what we said and to accept the Scriptures we offered her. As she took the Hebrew Bible from us, she pointed to the phrase, "Brit Hadashah" on the binding and joyfully exclaimed, "There is my name." Yes, Yeshua knows her name and wants to bring the blessings of the New Covenant to her. Lord Jesus, let Brit encounter You, the Great God and Savior, in the Hebrew Bible this ministry gave her with a Gospel witness. This was one precious Israeli of 64 who accepted our Gospel witness for Yeshua the Messiah.

While in the Jewish quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, the Lord led us into a skin care shop where we had profitable ministry

with two young Israeli ladies their names were Malca and Devorah. I recognized Devorah right away from our last Gospel outreach in the Spring of 2014. At that time, she was not open to



Malca and Devorah with Todd

receiving the Scriptures. But this time, she and her friend were very hospitable. Devorah even called an associate to bring us water. Our conversation with them centered on the regathering of the Jewish people back to the Land being a major fulfillment of Bible prophecy by the prophets foretold for the last days. Our discussion also broached the current Mid-East crisis where the Arab/Palestinians do not really want peace, but only the removal of the Jewish State. Devorah despaired at this point telling us that there will never be true peace between Israel and the *Continued on page 6*

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The dating of the Exodus has been a hotly debated issue among Old Testament scholarship and the field of archaeology. Generally, the date setters fall into two camps. The more liberal assign a later date for the Exodus occurring around 1300 to 1200 B.C.—a date that simply does not work with other events within the time frame of established biblical chronology. The other camp holds to an early date for the Exodus generally occurring around 1450 to 1400 date—dates that fit much better with biblical chronology. My mother, using the revolutionary but valid redating of archaeologist David Rohl, shows how the early date for the Exodus is the more likely date. The passage in 1 Kings 6:6 gives us the key to determining the date for the Exodus. There we are told that approximately 480 years passed after the Exodus from Egypt to the time Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem. And that would place the Exodus around 1447-1445 B.C.—the same date thereabouts that my insightful mother has discovered in her research! Enjoy:

Researching Moses' Exodus and Mystery Pharaoh: "Okay, Let's Roll. We're Out of Here!"

by Nancy Baker

For many of us who search for verifications of happenings in real life, past and present, perhaps one of the most fascinating ancient events is The Exodus told in Jewish Scripture and the Old Testament. This is the story of an extremely determined senior citizen about 80 years old and a particularly hard-headed Egyptian King who both played a deadly game of 'chicken' to win a history-making jackpot.

Practically everyone knows the familiar Bible story of Moses' led flight of the Israelites and his nemesis, a stubborn Egyptian king who wanted to keep this tremendous population of foreign laborers and slaves under his rule to maintain the Egyptian nation.

Whether a Christian believes divine inspiration of the Bible in every single word, expressions, grammar/linguistics, exact dating or believes the stories as divinely inspired truths set down by writers of that age using the idioms and linguistics over the long time period it took to compile and write the manuscripts—a majority of us would like to dig deeper into the history. With the advent and advances of forensic archaeology and sciences, DNA recognition/tracking, the tweaking of carbon-

Search the Scriptures

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or by mail at: B'rit Hadashah Ministries P.O. Box 796127 Dallas, Texas 75379-6127 Visit our website at: www.brit-hadashah.org dating or high tech imaging and research, various civilizations are being carefully studied today using the paralleling information that The Bible and earlier Jewish scripture reveal. In addition, we have the best Theologians, Egyptologists, and historians, past and present, to lead us on a journey back into the past for hidden answers and evidence of The Exodus.

We can start with every timeline available which traces the history of mankind and every

important civilization as far back as possible. The same may be done for the history of the Israelites preserved in Jewish scripture and The Bible. Then there are timelines of the Bible from countless Christian faiths including the Catholic Church, the Orthodox faiths, the Reformation churches including all the major Protestant churches, the Church of England and the faith of the Coptic Christians in Egypt.

In addition, we have stacks of different Bible translation and Jewish Scriptures to glean through. If attempting the understanding of the timelines doesn't give us a gigantic migraine headache, the reading and rereading of all of the translations will surely give one a bad case of whiplash as the head flips right to left and up and down comparing the same accounts and words—and then starting over again!

With all of that investigated, there's the examining of Egyptian history only to face a shocking discovery and immediate roadblocks. The biggest obstacle in this writer's mind is how the ancient Egyptians recorded their stories and historical accounts. The plain truth is in hieroglyphic records, art, statues, manuscripts and scrolls—many of the Egyptian dynasties just plain lied. Maybe lying is too strong a word. Let's just say that these reports/inscriptions



were written by the world's best public relations gurus in the business. Very little negative was mentioned or simply ignored. Any words about failures, foreign conquests of their lands or news of foreigners were left out or hidden. Believe this, these guys were experts in putting a positive spin on many historical events. You might say the Pharaoh's policy is best expressed in a song title taken from the stage musical based on THE WIZARD OF OZ—"Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News!"

In addition much of the inscriptions, statues, scrolls, hieroglyphics and art have been vandalized, destroyed or worn away by time. Many faces were removed and faked information or true identities of Pharaohs may have been disguised. Fake beards were carved on the stone faces of female Pharaohs.

When did the vandalizing start? Almost immediately after mummification/burial and sealing of the tomb, Egyptian grave robbers struck even the most hidden burial chambers and tunnels of the pyramids and grave sites. These criminals were after all the loot buried with the kings, who believed they could take their "stuff" to the afterlife gold, precious gems/jewelry, furniture, works of art and any sort of treasure or *Continued on page 4*



n June 15, 2014, I had the opportunity to accompany Dr. Todd Baker of Brit Hadashah ministries to Israel for his ministry's 30th outreach to the Jewish people in Israel. Having never been to Israel or participated in an

outreach, I was not sure what to expect. Little did I know that I would be a participant in an unusual and unprecedented outreach.

This type of ministry requires much study and preparation as it is a front line ministry that interacts directly with the Israeli people on a very personal basis. One has to be informed and aware of both the cultural and historic sensitivities of the Jewish people in order to effectively present the

Gospel. Unfortunately, some Christians over the centuries have been responsible for much persecution of Jews, often in the form of pogroms and forced conversions. Sensitive to this and proud of their culture and history, Jews can be suspicious of the motives of Christians attempting to bring the Gospel to the Jewish people. They don't resist the Gospel as much as they resist being "converted". It is important to emphasize that the Gospels were written by Jews, Yeshua was a Jew and that the first century Church was culturally Jewish. It was the Jews who first brought the Gospel to the world. If one doesn't understand Jewish culture and history, it is very difficult to talk with a Jewish person about the Gospel. Zola Levitt Ministries offer an excellent course that effectively prepares people for spreading the Gospel to the Jewish people.

This type of ministry is not easy either as it is both physically and mentally demanding. By the end of the day, you are often physically and mentally exhausted. Many hours are spent daily walking, often in 100 degree heat, and by the end of the day your body is very tired and you are covered in perspiration. Rejection can be a very common occurrence as you never know the reaction of some to the Gospel. Many Jews are very open and receptive while

others can be dismissive or even hostile. There are groups that openly seek to prevent the spread of the Gospel in Israel. These groups can be very angry and aggressive. You have to be prepared for a variety of reactions. Often, you can expect very probing and difficult questions that require a patient, thoughtful and informed response. This is where the study and preparation also come in. It can take a long and detailed conversation to reach a person. By the end of the day all of this is very mentally tiring. This type of ministry is often hard mental and physical work requiring also patience and much perseverance.

We arrived in Tel Aviv on June 16th and after checking into our hotel, we went directly to a shopping mall to look for opportunities to give the Gospel to the Jewish people. Striking up a conversation with a store clerk, Dr. Baker informed the clerk that we were in Israel as ambassadors of Yeshua to bring the Gospel back to the Jewish people as it was the Jewish people who had given the Gospel to the world. The clerk accepted a Bible containing both the New and Old testaments.



The next day we drove to Nazareth and again went to a shopping mall to both spread the Gospel and visit with people Dr.

by Kevin Mead

Baker had ministered to on previous outreaches. I was very surprised at how open the people we met were to accepting a copy of the Brit Hadashah, and hearing about Yeshua. After our visit to Nazareth, we went to Tiberius. The next day we visited several shops and another mall in Tiberius. We handed out several more Bibles and witnessed to several people. Each person we talked with was open to accepting a Bible. Some were openly touched and grateful for the gift of the scriptures and our concern for the Jewish people. We

spent four days witnessing in Tiberius and nobody rejected our gift of the scripture. I was surprised at this as Dr. Baker said that it was not unusual to have the offer of the scriptures rejected. Little did I know that this openness and unprecedented acceptance was to be a theme for this 30th outreach.

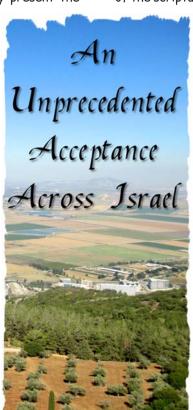
After Tiberius, we drove to Jerusalem. Spending four days in Jerusalem, we witnessed and handed out several more Bibles. Again, no one rejected our offer of the scriptures. Not one person. Everybody we witnessed to were open to accepting the scriptures. Dr. Baker marveled at this fact and said it was unprecedented for an outreach to go so many days without a rejection or rebuff of some kind.

From Jerusalem it was on to Haifa. The cool and breezy climate of Haifa was a pleasant change. We spent three days in Haifa and amazingly our offer of the scriptures was NEVER rebuffed. Everybody we offered the scripture took a copy. After a very successful outreach in Haifa, we drove back to Tel Aviv for the last three days of this 30th outreach. As we witnessed to the people of Tel Aviv, we were further surprised at the openness of the people to whom we witnessed the Gospel and Yeshua. As in the other cities we visited, our offer of the scriptures was never refused.

Dr. Baker was surprised and amazed and told me that this has never happened in an outreach before. At the end of this outreach, 64 Bibles were given out without a single refusal.

I was pleased that this outreach went so smoothly and Dr. Baker was amazed by the lack of rejection. He stated that this will probably never happen again. I hope that this will become common in future outreaches.





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supplies that a Pharaoh would need were put in his/her tomb. Clearly they never heard of the wise old saying, "There are no pockets in a shroud" or "You can't take it with you."

Secondly, there is the chronology of Egyptian royalty and dynasties. Here is such a mish-mash with missing information, dating and continuity of rulers that one could drive a Mac truck through the holes of missing data. Also there are the flat out denials of any existence of Moses, Jews or any major figures or events involving the Israelites. These denials are carried on today by even one of my favorite Egyptian researchers! "It's all fairy tales and myths," he says. We are talking about closed minds here and egotist experts who have their own theories and won't admit the new facts even if it would help the argument for the Israelites, Moses and the Exodus. Some of these researchers have hidden agendas. This is extremely annoying to many of us who like to ponder the pages of history and scriptures in search of verifications of historical events and confirmation of truths.

Well, there is good news for us if Egypt can pull itself out of all the chaos these last few years have brought this country under the leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood and then another change of leadership. We hope the current Egyptian government has been able to preserve the amazing ancient treasures found and all the areas of exploration holding answers to our questions of the ages.

There is an extraordinary surprise waiting in this first theory of Exodus that has knocked some archeologists and scholars off their pedestals. With the publications of a number of books outlining this new chronology of the Egyptian dynasties and the meshing with accounts of Jewish Scriptures and the Old Testament, David M. Rohl puts forth some highly interesting theories and research But wait, does he have any special axe to grind? No, none that I could find as he has studied all histories, discoveries, datelines in all ancient documentations including The Bible, significant geographical sites, plus maps of the ancient and contemporary worlds. His observations also explain the telling of time, the dating and recording of history using the astrological and early, early, scientific methods (like inventing sun-dials, studying stars, calculating the seasons, etc.) that were employed by scripture writers and ancient scholars from different civilizations. So what does Rohl's chronology say about the Pharaoh and Moses leading his people out of Egypt? What about the Red Sea which parted for the escaping Moses and his people? Did the massive migration of Israelites trek across safely on dry land of the sea bed? Also, what about the hordes of Egyptian soldiers and charioteers who pursued the Chosen People? Were they engulfed by the walls of water after the escapees had all made it safely to the other side of the sea? The answers to these questions are generally "it looks like it" from David Rohl and "most likely" with a little variation of "how" by other historians. Some say, "No, way, they instead waded across a massive marsh bog that was nearby," but that's another story for another time on how a huge Egyptian military can be washed away by sloshing through 3 or 4 feet of swamp water.

Although all of us are reluctant to change, this New Chronology has been brought forward to put the jig-saw of Egyptian history more in line with Christian and Jewish ancient writings. Harkening back to somewhat the same theory put forth by early archeologists, David M. Rohl, neither a Christian, Jew nor practitioner of any faith, goes back to an earlier timeline, putting the dating of the mystery Pharaoh and the Israelites' Exodus occurring in the late 13th dynasty under the Pharaoh Dudimose.

Why is this earlier date so important? First of all it coincides with an amazing archeology discovery of a community in Goshen where it is believed that a majority of Exodus Jews lived. Also the ruins of the community and site surrounding include the ruins of an impressive residence thought to be of Joseph, the son of Jacob. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers because of the brothers' obsessive jealousy. The young boy was taken into Egypt by transient slave traders where, under Egyptian tutelage, he rose to great prominence and leadership. Evidence in ruins exists of the Israelites as inhabitants and of Joseph's home, tomb and a small pyramid in his honor. Joseph died before the Exodus times. Artifacts have been found to indicate this location called Avaris was where many Jews and possibly other foreigners lived in the 13th Dynasty. Even the remains of a badly vandalized statue of Joseph in his "Technicolor coat" as described in the popular Broadway musical, "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Coat" or "Joseph in his many-colored coat" in The Bible and other scriptures. Where are the remains of this statue? They are somewhere in the dark, bowels of the Cairo Museum being totally ignored by Egyptologists.

When experts and scholars have asked to view the statue remains, they were told, "Sorry, it's been misplaced." The Tomb thought to be Joseph's resting place is empty. Why is that? The scriptures relate that Joseph made his Jewish people promise to take his bones with them if they ever made it back to their Promised Land, and that's just exactly what they did.

The later part of the 13th Dynasty Egyptian chronology is in disarray just as that time period in Egypt was. They were suffering really hard times possibly because of drought conditions or poor government leadership. It would be a time when they couldn't afford to lose any help or slave labor to raise crops and it also is the period when the Egyptians had no major battles (perhaps because they were missing a majority of their workforce (the Israelites) and they had lost their massive military forces to the Red Sea).

Initially there was little evidence of the Israelites because archeologists were looking in the wrong time periods and locations. The only Pharaoh identified in the late 13th Dynasty is Dudimose. Also in the 13th Dynasty there are graves of hastily dug mass burials as if some catastrophe had struck. There is an ominous quote from ancient historian Manetho, who wrote Egyptian history of the late Third Century B.C, saying, "A blast of God smote us" referring to the (later part) 13th Egyptian Dynasty and perhaps the great plagues, famine, pestilence and volcanic eruptions mixed with deadly hail storms that Moses forecast to Pharaoh Dudimose. A Jewish historian Josephus, who lived in Christ's time, also quoted the same saying of Manetho in his writings.

Most archeologists and historians abandoned thinking Ramses II was the mystery Pharaoh because his rule was much too recent in chronology to fit with other major happenings recorded in history and the Bible. So Yul Brynner as Ramses and Charlton Heston as Moses would have never met as portrayed in the movie epic, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.



Another interesting theory is that the Exodus occurred in the 18th Dynasty of Egypt under the rule of King Thutmose III. A tremendous amount of research and study has been *Continued on page 5* B'rit Hadashah Ministries

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put into this time period from Egyptian history and the Bible/Jewish scriptures by noted Christian scholar Kenneth A. Kitchen. However, after following this study's evidence, in this writer's opinion, the 18th Dynasty was still too recent to fit into the new discoveries of the 13th Dynasty. Thutmose III's reign was during a time of great prosperity. He was famous as a military leader and a successful politician. There is no evidence of plagues and disasters or hard times during his rule, which was evident in the 13th Dynasty. Also, quite frankly, this Pharaoh did not display a personality of indecision or weakness. His intelligence and leadership ability (as attested to by other historians who wrote about him during his lifetime) do not make him a candidate for the Pharaoh who couldn't make up his mind and put his people through plagues, pestilence, disasters, famines, and deaths before he decided to let the Israelites go and then change his mind again.

Now here's a recap of some of the events and dates discussed in this article. First, when dating in B.C. you have to count down from the largest number to get the most recent date—just the opposite of how our dating works today. For example, in the 13th Dynasty the dates are 1632 BC to 1447. The earliest date is 1632 and the most recent date is 1447. In our time, 1900 to 2000, the lowest number is the later dating and highest 2000 is the most recent. The New Chronology dates the Exodus occurring in the 13th Dynasty of Egypt at an earlier date of 1447 BC with Dr. Kitchen's Exodus at a more recent date in the 18th dynasty at 1446. They both concur that Moses was elderly at the time (late 70's to early 80's "or thereabouts"). In comparing Israelite scriptures to Egyptian, the New Chronology places Jacob in Egypt during the late 12th and early 13th Dynasty with his death well before Moses' departure from Egypt in 1447.

Readers of this article are urged to do your own research to see what you can find. Hopefully more information and excavation will be coming out of Egypt now that the radical Muslim Brotherhood is no longer in power and once more renowned experts will be allowed to return for their studies.

Remember to pray for today's Christians in Iraq and Egypt who are still suffering from persecution. Some say there is a new Exodus in Egypt—Christians are fleeing their homeland to legally seek a safe harbor where they are free to continue their devotion to Christ and His Church. \Leftrightarrow

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Arab nations. We said that the only real and lasting peace will come to the Middle East when Sar Shalom (the Prince of Peace) returns when He brings spiritual rebirth from above to the individual. This was promised to Israel in the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-34. Through the New Covenant, God wants to write the Torah in our hearts and give His Holy Spirit to live in us. Devorah agreed with our Gospel message taken from the Tenach. The New Covenant was given and offered when Yeshua the Messiah came to die,

atone for our sin, and rose from the dead in fulfillment of Moses and the Prophets. All of this was witnessed and recognized in the Brit Hadashah which completes and fulfills what was foretold of Messiah's coming in the Tenach.

Both Malca and Devorah expressed visible agreement and interest with our Messianic witness. I was wondering inside if Devorah's attitude had changed. The Holy Spirit was at work here—as it seemed she was welcoming of our message and wanted to serve us. To our delight, Devorah and Malca accepted with open hearts and minds two copies of the Hebrew Bible with a study guide listing the Messianic prophecies Yeshua fulfilled from the Tenach. It was our great pleasure to see that the Lord had changed Devorah's disposition from one of rejection to one of acceptance to read the Jewish Bible with the New Testament record of God sending His Son Yeshua the Messiah to Israel from the Jewish people to redeem us all. Kevin Mead and I rejoiced over the fact God mysteriously changed Devorah in just three short months since my last visit to Israel. 🕸

