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As the war and terrorist attacks on Israel have resulted in a rise of anti-Semitism both nationally and globally, this issue of Fullness Magazine online is dedicated to the support of Israel. Consequently, the articles you will find in this magazine reflect this commitment not only of Fullness Magazine Online but also Fullness in Christ Church and its ministries.

Our featured writer is Dr. Billye Brim who has a well-known association with Kenneth Copland Ministries. Billye is an accomplished author, teacher and preacher. She and her late husband, along with another couple, founded "A Glorious Church Fellowship" in Collinsville, Oklahoma. She also presides over "Prayer Mountain" in Branson MO and The Migdal Arbel Prayer and Study Center in Israel (currently under construction). Her article is an excerpt from her book Rightly Dividing the Word, which provides the name to this article. In her article she defends and shows Israel's right to the land against Palestinian claims of ownership. She, additionally, addresses "replacement



theology" that emerged from a Catholic position that The Church replaced Israel, divorcing the biblical and historic ties of Christianity with the Jewish Nation. Brim asserts that Israel will play a major role in the end-times.



Douglas Allen Fraser, a retired U.S. Air Force Major serving for over twenty years, has traveled as a missionary to many countries and is head of Fraser Ministry and Associates International. In his article, "Hope and Healing", he recounts his personal experience in going to Israel after the Hamas attack on the people of Israel on October 7th. He gives an account of the ministry efforts in which he engaged and provides sources for Christians to become more active in the support of the Jewish people.

Mia Shapiro holds a Master of Education degree from Texas Christian University, and is a certified Educational Diagnostician serving in public schools in the Fort Worth, Texas. Shapiro takes the reader on a personal journey where she re-discovers her identity and heritage of being a Jew and part of the nation of Israel-her people. She maintains that God told her whatever blessings she prays for regarding Israel that the same blessings will be hers. She concludes by providing a "prayer list" on how believers can pray for Israel.





Prophet Jennifer Peikert, in her column "Declaring the Truth", prophetically writes about the difference between being a thermometer and a thermostat (the title of her column). She admonishes believers to change the atmosphere wherever they go.

Budd Rodgers, in his column "The Shepherd's Voice", focuses on the relationship Abraham had with God and maintains that being called a friend of God predates the development of the Law based Mosaic covenant. He states, "long before Abraham's sons became numerous enough



to be called a nation, a friendship was started between one man and GOD." Answering the question, "why does Israel seem to be protected in war,". He quotes scripture from Genesis 15 where GOD said to Abraham, "I AM your shield." In the natural, Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system acts as a shield over Israel with its ability to shoot down incoming missiles.

As you read these articles, we at Fullness Magazine Online encourage you to "pray for the peace of Israel" and take a stand against all anti-Semitism. "I will that bless those who bless you [Israel], and he that dishonors you I will curse" (Gen. 12:3a).

Blessings,

Tom

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

BY DR. BILLYE BRIM

The following article is a partial re-print of Dr. Billye Brim's book entitled "Rightly Dividing the Word"

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

-2 Timothy 2:15

I had been a born-again Christian more than 30 years before I had any idea that the Word of God had to be "rightly divided," to be correctly understood.

I had read my daily Bible readings from childhood without realizing God had instructed us to "rightly divide the Word of Truth."

I shall never forget the evening the light of this Scripture illumined my spirit and soul. The revelation came to me in, of all places, my own kitchen.

My Kitchen Revelation

In the late 1970s I was a busy woman. I was a wife and mother of four, and I had a wonderful, though demanding, job as the editor of publications at Kenneth Hagin Ministries in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We lived about 30 miles north of Broken Arrow, where the ministry offices were actually located. So my daily routine included a morning and evening commute. In the evenings, just as soon as I changed clothes, I gathered up the family's dirty clothes and set the washer to humming in the laundry room right next to the kitchen, only a few steps from the kitchen sink. Then, almost every weekday, I would take up my position at the kitchen sink to begin preparing our evening meal. We never thought of going out to eat. In fact, there were very few places one could do that in the small town of Collinsville where we lived. Preparing supper meant a daily peeling of potatoes as the family's favorite side dish.

This evening, like almost every evening, before I began to peel potatoes, I placed a cassette recorder on the shelf above the sink. And, like almost every evening, I popped a cassette of Brother Hagin's teaching to the Rhema Bible Training Center students that day. My aim in this multitasking was to see if I could get an article for The Word of Faith magazine. This also satisfied my strong desire to hear everything he taught at RBTC.

I punched play, picked up a potato, and began to pare away.

Brother Hagin opened the class saying, "Today I am going to teach you on the subject of marriage, divorce, and remarriage."

My ears perked up. In the almost 10 years I'd worked for the ministry, I had never heard him broach that subject. Granted, it was a second-year class of more advanced students, but it was not something I'd heard him mention. His next statement brought my potato peeling to a standstill.

"Do you know why what Paul wrote in First Corinthians does not seem to agree with what Jesus said on the subject in the four Gospels?"

I was shocked. A disturbing thought crossed my mind. Do you mean Paul and Jesus didn't agree! I laid down my knife. Brother Hagin knew the Rhema students didn't have any idea as to why, (and neither did I). So he answered his rhetorical question: "It was because they were speaking to two different groups of people. Jesus was talking to Jews living under their covenant, and Paul was writing to the church living under a covenant whose only law was the law of love. Paul was interpreting various situations in the light of love."

Then he read Second Timothy 2:15 to the students: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

He went on to say that the Bible is the Word of Truth. And that it is to be rightly divided. He pointed out that if it can be rightly divided, it can also be wrongly divided. He stated that all error is the result of a wrong division of the Word of God.

He pointed out to the students that God commanded us to "study." And he cautioned the students, most of whom at that time were preparing to enter the ministry, to pay attention to what this verse says would be the result of not studying.

Rules for Rightly Dividing

In a supernatural way, the Lord downloaded Brother Hagin's words into my very being. For it was more than 20 years later that Rhema published the book Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage. And throughout those 20 years I was blessed to learn and to teach the Bible from the perspective of correctly dividing the Scriptures as I began to learn that memorable day.

As I listened to the cassette, almost spellbound for lack of a better word, the rules Brother Hagin gave for rightly dividing the Word were etched by the Holy Spirit upon the tables of my heart.

He said that Scriptures should be studied in context. He pointed out that it was possible to take a Scripture out of its setting and make it say almost anything someone wanted it to say. A Scripture, he said, must not be taken out of context and assigned some isolated meaning. But it must be considered in harmony with every other Scripture on the subject.

He gave these helpful rules of Bible interpretation which I remembered verbatim long before I read it as follows on page 18 of his book:

When I first got saved and started in the ministry, I heard someone give this simple rule of Bible interpretation, and it registered on me. In studying the Bible, always ask yourself: "Who's doing the speaking?" "What are they speaking about?" "And to whom are they speaking?"

It's very easy to take some of the things that God said and say, "Well now, God is saying this." But you have to look at whom God was talking to [sic]. Sometimes He was speaking to the Jews; and what He said didn't even apply to anyone else.¹

Key to Rightly Divide:

Who is doing the speaking?

Everything recorded in the Bible was truly said. But not everything said is truth. You have to know who said it. For instance, consider Job's so-called comforters. I remember three sermons where the speakers' texts were taken from something one of these men said. One sermon, I literally squirmed through. I wanted to shout, but I didn't, "The guy got into trouble with God for saying that. Don't preach it to me that I have to live by it." The other two were not so bad, but they could have preached the same sermon using better references. (See Job 42:7–10.)

Three Groups of People

Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:32

Key to Rightly Divide:

To whom or about whom is the Scripture speaking?

Kenneth Hagin pointed out that a Scripture could be speaking to or about an individual. It can also, he emphasized, be speaking to or about a group of people. Then he said there are three groups of people addressed in the Word of God. And he read 1 Corinthians 10:32 to the students. His book, published 20 years after I heard it, records what I heard him say that day my life changed with the revelation.



Notice that there are three classes of people addressed in the Word of God: 1) the Jews, God's covenant people; 2) the Church, God's own family; and 3) the Gentiles, heathen people (everyone who's not either in the Church or a Jew.)²

My "End Time Doctrine" Commission

After I'd listened to the entire cassette teaching, I was, to say the least, mesmerized. As I was pondering on these three groups and 1 Corinthians 10:32, I heard another

¹Kenneth E. Hagin, Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage (Tulsa: Faith Library Publications, 2001), 18

²Kenneth E. Hagin, Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage (Tulsa: Faith Library Publications, 2001), 18

Voice. I don't know if it was audible or not, but to me it was audible. It seemed to be a male voice, in the baritone range. I can still remember the inflection in the words:

If you will remember that verse of Scripture, it will keep your end-time doctrine straight.

I hadn't even thought about needing "an end-time doctrine."

I just thought my short-term needs were to get a lesson for *The Word of Faith* and to get the supper on the table. I did know that eventually I was called to teach the Word of God full-time. But that "an end time doctrine" was a part of it had not crossed my mind.

If you had told me that day what my future held, I literally could not have wrapped my mind around it. If you had told me that I would travel and preach behind the Iron Curtain for 10 years, that I would study Hebrew in the Land of Israel, and even eventually build a Prayer and Study Center in Israel, I simply could not have believed it.

You see, at that time it was a stretch to make the \$65-a-month house payment on the old two-story home we'd bought to bring up our rather large, for the times, family at 624 South 13th Street in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

What would I have thought if I'd somehow seen that evening that one day we would have a 300-acre Prayer Mountain in the Ozarks near Branson, Missouri? Or a multimillion-dollar Prayer and Study Center in the Galilee? With everything based out of a thriving local church dedicated to being a part of the prophesied "Glorious Church" of Ephesians. And all of it tied to the end-of-days prophetic events.

Witness to End of Days Events

Once I sought the Lord as to what my specific call was. His answer was:

I have called you for this purpose—to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee. (See Acts 26:16.)

He spoke to me that I was called as a "witness" to endof-days events. He would actually take me to the places of these happenings to witness them. Then I was to witness to His people about what I had seen and what it meant.

To fulfill this witness ministry, it was absolutely imperative that I know how to rightly divide the Word of Truth. A "spirit of wisdom and revelation" came upon me as I read the Scriptures. It was so easy to see to which group of people they applied.

Many times a passage in Isaiah or Ezekiel or one of the other Prophets is clearly directed to Israel, Judaea, Jacob, Jerusalem, etc.

Much harm has been done by something that arose in the early days after Rome adopted Christianity. It's a long story, but something known as replacement theology came into being. It taught that God was through with the Jews and all the promises made to them belong now to the Roman Church. All the curses, however, were still meant for the Jews. This was so confusing and difficult to understand that the common people were forbidden to read the Word. It was locked away. And with the Light locked away, civilization entered and endured the terrible Dark Ages.

With the invention of the printing press and the Book coming into the hands of the common people, the promises were again discovered, and one of the first groups to find them and realize that they still applied to Israel and the Jews were the Puritans. That's a glorious story. But it's too long to go into here.

I just want to point it out here, because the effects of replacement theology have terribly discolored the reading of especially the Old Testament.

Another thing I heard Brother Hagin say was, "Remember all the Bible is for the Church, but not all the Bible is about the Church. Some of the Bible is about other people. The part of the Bible that is 'to,' for,' and 'about' the Church is the New Testament Letters."

When Christians asked him how to study the Bible, he advised them to spend much time in the New Testament Letters to discover and meditate on *who they are,* and *what they have* because they are *in Him.* He recommended underlining every Scripture that had a phrase such as: in Him, through Him, in Christ, etc. I had the privilege of putting Brother Hagin's wise counsel on this subject into a minibook entitled *In Him.* It would behoove you to get that minibook and put it into practice. In so doing you, as a born again believer, would be rightly dividing the Word as to who you are, what you have, and what your future holds.

Some years after hearing Brother Hagin that eventful day in my kitchen, I found the writings of Clarence Larkin. And I suspect Brother Hagin had also found them.

The Scriptures treat of "Three Classes" of Persons. The "Jews," the "Gentiles," and the "Church of God." The Jews and the Gentiles are distinct from each other, while the Church of God is composed of both Jews and Gentiles, but not as Jews or Gentiles but as a "New Body."³

All the human race that are not Jews are Gentiles. The Jews date back to Abraham, and ... most of the Old Testament is taken up with their history. They are an earthly people, while the "Church of God" are a heavenly people When the "Church of God" is taken out of the world, the Jews will again be restored to their own land [Larkin died in 1924 and did not get to see what we have seen of the Jews coming back to their Land and the State of Israel reborn.] and become the "Head of the Nations." Nationally the Gentiles now govern the earth. This is what the Scriptures speak of as the "Times of the Gentiles." Luke 21:24.³

The Jews: The Separated Nation

But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am Jehovah your God, who hath separated you from the peoples ...

³Clarence Larkin, Rightly Dividing the Word, (Glenside, PA: Rev. Clarence Larkin Est., 1920), 29.

And ye shall be holy unto me: for I, Jehovah, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that ye should be mine.

-Leviticus 20:24, 26 (ASV)

God was not surprised at the fall of the nations. I used to say, "God knows the future better than we know the past." But it's more than that. He dwells in Eternity. (See Isaiah 57:17.) Of course, He had prepared for the fall of the goyim.

God already had a plan to reveal himself to the nations. He had designed a nation that He would separate to himself for His purposes. God's call upon that separated nation would be to reveal Him to the fallen nations.

That separated nation would spring from a man of faith. In the very next chapter after the fall of the nations, God introduces that man and that holy nation.

Genesis 12:1–3

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

As a reward for working with God, He promised Abraham and his descendants a land: the Promised Land.

God's Promises of the Land to Abraham

Genesis 13:14, 15

14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

[Brim Note: Notice that the promise is forever.]

Genesis 13:17

Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Then one notable starry night, God made two outstanding promises to Abraham.

The first promise to childless Abraham was for a child from his own body to be his heir. And that his seed would be as numerous as the stars he could see in the night sky over Hebron.

Genesis 15:5, 6

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look

now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Abraham exhibited such faith for this promise that the New Testament gives it as the foundational example of faith.

Romans 4:19–22

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

However, on the very same night, God promised something to Abraham that he asked for a sign to believe it. God proclaimed that He brought Abraham out of his homeland to give him an inheritance of a very large land.

Genesis 15:7, 8

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

I don't know that Abraham staggered, but he did ask for a sign. A factor might have been, and I'm only guessing, that in Ur of the Chaldees, according to excavations, the people there had an advanced civilization and lived in brick houses. After Abraham left home to obey God, he lived in tents. And now God was promising him a huge land (and it follows the rule over it) when the land's inhabitants are many and strong while he dwells in tents.

The sign God gave him is called *The Covenant Between the Pieces*.

Genesis 15:9–12, 17–21

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

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11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram...

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp [torch] that **passed between those pieces.**

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

If you were believing God for something and you heard a voice saying, "Get me a big cow," you would probably respond, "Get thee behind me, Satan." This may be because you are reading the Bible with a western mind. The Bible is an eastern book. Abraham, being a man of the east, was thrilled and rushed to do God's bidding. For he knew that the Creator of the heavens, the earth, the seas, and the skies and all that is in them was about to cut a covenant with him.

There are some interesting things about this remarkable covenant. First, the covenant contains the two absolutely necessary elements of a blood covenant: blood and words. The death of the animals in a covenant rite literally says, "If I do not keep this covenant, may it happen to me what has happened to these animals." The speaker of the covenant words was God himself.

Something amazingly unique about this covenant is that only one party is responsible to keep it. *Only God.* It holds no hint of "If you do this Abraham, then I will do that." No. The words of the covenant are God's words of what He will do.

Israel has never possessed the totality of these lands which are referred to as "Greater Israel." But they will. In the Millennium, Israel will possess these lands and govern the world from Jerusalem.

Greater Israel includes the modern state of Israel and lands from the Nile River to the Euphrates, which translates into parts or all of states known today as Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, and some of Saudi Arabia.

God's Promise of the Land to Isaac

Abraham had a son by Hagar, Ishmael; he also had six sons by Keturah (Genesis 25:1, 2). But he sent them all away from the Promised Land, for the inheritance was to pass to his seed through Isaac. Genesis 25:5, 6

5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

The Lord's instruction to Isaac was that he not leave the Promised Land. And lest this fact skip past you: Gerar is present-day Gaza. God's Word here and in other places clearly shows that He considers Gaza as part of the Land promised to Israel.

Genesis 26:1-6

1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

[**Brim Note:** Gerar is Gaza. Gaza clearly belongs to the Jews. See Joshua 15:20, 27.]

God's Promise of the Land to Jacob

Genesis 28:10-13

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

God's Purpose and Call for Israel

This chosen and separated nation is God's portion, God's inheritance as a nation from among the nations. Their call and purpose is to reveal God to the nations.

Deuteronomy 32:9

For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

[**Brim note:** When the Bible refers to Israel as Jacob, it is speaking of the flesh descendants of Abraham. Why not refer to them as Abraham? Abraham had seven other sons. Why not Isaac? Isaac had another son, Esau. Jacob's twelve sons became the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel.]

And that call is in effect to this day never to be repented of. Romans 9, 10, and 11 is a revelation of God's plan for Israel. And in it He makes it clear that He will never change His mind about that call.

Romans 11:25-29

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.



That 29th verse is often taught like this. If God called someone to be an evangelist, that call is never taken away, even if the person never preaches a sermon. And that is true. For this verse does indeed reveal the character of God. However, to rightly divide this passage, one must consider the statement in context and see that the first

and basic meaning of this verse applies to His call upon Israel.

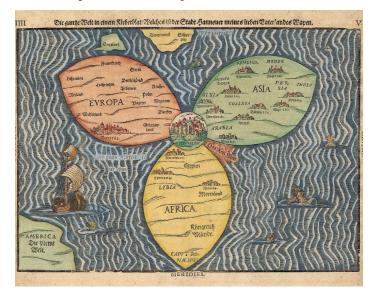
Plan A

For God's Revealing of Himself to the Nations through Israel

God's Plan A for Israel to reveal Him to the nations began with the very positioning of the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 32:8

When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.



He set Israel at a central location to govern the nations. You can see it on the ancient map below. Jerusalem is in the center. The upper left leaf is Europe, the upper right leaf is Asia, the lower leaf is Africa.

Israel was to live in the Promised Land manifesting the blessings proclaimed in Deuteronomy 28:1–14.

Deuteronomy 28:1, 2

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Israel is a veritable land bridge between Europe and Asia to the north and Egypt to the south. Ancient armies and caravans often took this easier-to-travel route. When Gentiles nations, *goyim*, who worshipped many gods passed through Israel, they were to see with their own eyes the blessings upon this people who worshipped the one true God Jehovah. They include health, wealth, abundance of crops and herds, and strength. The blessings in Deuteronomy 28 are all blessings which can be "seen." They had to be seen for the nations to recognize them.

Deuteronomy 28:10

And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

So God's Plan A for the revelation of himself to the nations through Israel called for the manifestation of the blessings of the one true God upon them in their Promised Land.

Plan B

For God's Revealing of Himself to the Nations through Israel

If Israel did not "hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all His commandments," then curses would overtake them (Deuteronomy 28:15).

The culmination of these curses, and indeed the most long-lived was the scattering (the diaspora) of the nation among all the Gentile nations.

Deuteronomy 28:64

And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

This scattering at the beginning of "the times of the Gentiles" and the ingathering that would take place at the end of "the times of the Gentiles," would be God's method of revealing Himself to the nations.

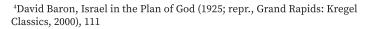
Luke 21:24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Quoting David Baron: "... the Babylonian captivity with which commences 'the times of the Gentiles,' which only close with the end of this age, when the Kingdom shall once again be restored to Israel."⁴

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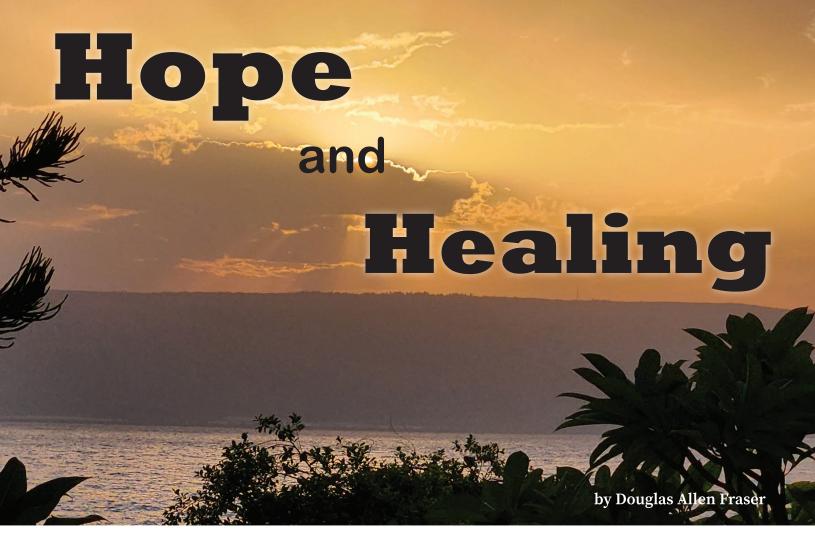
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The following is a first-hand report from Doug Fraser, two months after the deadly Hamas attack in Israel.

The Lord brought me to Israel, the first week of December 2023 to serve and support victims of the October 7th Hamas terrorist attack. I joined a group of 74 Christians and Messianic Jews from ten nations. Our group was made up of men and women whose ages ranged from 15 to 93 years old. We were the single largest Christian group to visit Israel since the war began.

I was asked, "Why do this while the war is still raging?" My answer. "The people and the nation of Israel need our help." For one week, this group of Christians were the hands, the hugs, the voices, the eyes and ears, the tears and the heart of Jesus for the Israeli people. We were there to share the same love, hope and healing He taught His original disciples.



I was given the opportunity to go to Israel this time by the invitation of FIRM (Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries). FIRM (www.firmisrael.org) is an Israeli Christian non-governmental organization that serves a network of almost 70 ministries and organizations in Israel. They have a heart for Israel and the gospel of Jesus Christ. FIRM raised over \$10 million to help provide survivors with emergency shelter, food and supplies in the wake of the deadly Hamas attack on October 7th.

Our group was the first group to come and serve under the FIRM banner from December 1st until December the 8th. We came to bring Hope and Healing! For one week we traveled from the north of Israel on the Golan Heights, Tiberias, (Sea of Galilee), Nazareth, Jerusalem and several Kibbutz settlements near the war zone in Gaza.



In the Golan Heights, we planted 400 small pine trees which are a portion of the 1200 trees which will be planted to represent the 1200 people killed on October 7th. As we planted, we could look over a beautiful valley where Jesus and His disciples may have walked through on their journey to Syria or Lebanon. As we worked, we could hear the Israeli Airforce jets flying high above us.

Our next location was at Tiberias/Sea of Galilee. This allowed us to bring a fun day for hundreds of children in the area. Also, during this portion of the trip, I was blessed to bring some hugs and prayers to a group of Russian Jews who had been displaced from their homes near the border with Lebanon. These wonderful people represented the over 150,000 people evacuated from their homes by the Israeli government for their protection. My new friends had been living in the hotel for over two months. They all just wanted to go back home.

In addition to our "Hope and Healing" projects, we



were blessed to tour several Bible locations in Jerusalem during the Jewish sabbath day. This included the Mount of Olives, a worship service overlooking the Garden of Gethsemane, the Western/ Wailing Wall, and the Christ Church (the first recognized Protestant and dedicated Messianic Jewish worship center in Israel by the Anglican church in the late 1800's).

Our workday in Jerusalem consisted of working with "Jews for Jesus". We packed 175 food boxes with enough food to sustain a family of three or four, for one week. Our work period was

interrupted by a Hamas rocket attack near Jerusalem. We were quickly led to an underground shelter. After about 20 minutes, we were given the "all clear" signal kibbutz of Dorot and Ein Hab'sort. Both settlements are located near the "Gaza Envelope". This area lies along the



Gaza Strip, less than 20 miles from the nearest settlements overrun by Hamas on October 7th. This day we joined with local messianic believers to help with harvesting, planting new crops and cleaning and repairing damaged homes and buildings.

On Day 7, we went south to an Israeli Defense Force (IDF) closer to the war zone in Gaza. During this portion of our trip, we helped to

prepare breakfast and lunch for soldiers who were about to enter the Gaza Strip to rid the area of Hamas. In addition to serving food, we presented the IDF soldiers with over 100 new helmets and bullet proof vests.

Prior to turning the vests and helmets over to the IDF, we wore them for our own protection when we toured one of the settlements attacked on the morning of October 7th. We were told of deaths and terror inflicted upon the settlement by Hamas. We toured some of the burnt out and destroyed homes of kibbutz Be'rei. This



was one of the first targets since it is less than 1.5 miles from Gaza.

During this visit, I talked with a woman who survived the attack. She had taken a long walk with her dog that day. She heard the gunfire and saw the smoke rising from the settlement, so she hid and prayed not to be



and returned to our food box project. Thank you God, and thank you "Iron Dome".

Day five of our trip fell upon Israel's "National Serve Day". This day was set aside for serving communities affected by the October 7th attack. We were assigned to



found. It is believed 200 people may have died in Be'rei on October 7th. I will continue to pray for this woman and this settlement.

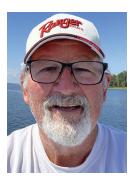
We returned to Jerusalem and prepared to return to our homes later in the evening or early the next day. Prior to ending our "Hope and Healing Tour", we were guests at the "Gather the Nations", a live concert by Joshua Aaron and friends. This event can be viewed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/live/ZKGmMc89_ xE?si=yQ0jTGENvU3u20jb.

I went to Israel for the first time knowing no one. I came home with 74 new brothers and sisters in Christ from 10 nations, a greater love for God's chosen people, Israel, and a desire to return again.

Receive this blessing from Psalm 122:6:

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you."

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Chairman. Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 1990, he and his family moved to Eastland, Texas where he served for a short term as the pastor of Camp Inspiration. After this assignment, he and his wife began searching for the further will of God in their life after being baptized in the Holy Spirit. They both attended training events under the teaching of John Paul Jackson and Doug became a certified teacher of "The Art of Hearing God" one of John Paul Jackson's most sought after courses. Doug also received leadership coaching certification from the John Maxwell Leadership Coaching program.

While attending a John Paul Jackson conference Doug and Diane were asked by two missionaries from India to come and minister in India. Doug said "maybe someday". Six months later Doug was in India during the December 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami. This was the first of 18 trips across Indian, Nepal, and Sri Lanka as a teacherevangelist, and conference speaker. He maintains a strong connection to numerous ministries in these areas today, He shares messages and training via the internet via YouTube and Facebook, and personal messaging. Doug and Diane also set up a short term support program for a ministry In Monrovia, Liberia. Doug was sent to Liberia with prophetic words from Ras and Bev Robinson which included speaking to the Liberian president. Doug spoke on Liberian national radio twice and with a member of the Liberian cabinet. His word from the Lord for Liberia was forwarded to the president by the cabinet member during a televised meeting.

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WILL YOU ANSWER THE FATHER'S CALL

by Mia Shapiro

TO PRAY

As a little girl, my grandfather used to tell me, "I know you are being raised as a Christian, but never forget that you are Jewish too." I assured him that I would not forget, but his wish for me to fully embrace my Jewish identity never truly came true until October 7, 2023.

My grandfather was typical of his generation – born to immigrant parents who began with nothing and worked to create a thriving business and lived the American dream. As young man, he joined the military in order to defeat the Nazis in World War II, then became a successful business owner and raised his own family.

All of the times I spent with him, he told stories of his childhood growing up in Chicago, working in his father's store, getting into mischief on the streets, and his experiences during the war. Every experience he recalled to us was expressed through the lens of the Jewish experience. He faced discrimination in many circumstances and was excluded from many things because he was a Jew, but he held onto that Jewish identity more than anything else in life. It was not just his religion; it was his identity and his life.

Many Jewish immigrants over time (my other grandfather's family included) hid their Jewish identity

because they would not be given a job if people knew they were Jewish. But my Shapiro family was Jewish and proud. When he told me to never forget my Jewish identity, he was telling me not to forget the generations and generations before me that held onto their Jewishness in spite of centuries of persecution and hate.

FOR ISRAEL?

I was typical of my generation – raised by very young baby boomer parents who shirked the cultural heritage and religion of their parents – and growing up in a type of cultural and religious void of the 80s and 90s. To my grandfather, I was being raised a Christian (celebrating Christmas and Easter instead of Passover and Chanukah), but we had no organized religion and we never went to church.

I remember as a young teen thinking about how far our culture had come since the time of my grandfather. Our generation rejected racism, discrimination and hate toward others because of race or religion. We all read Anne Frank in school and wondered how in the world the holocaust had ever happened. We believed those days were long gone, and we had progressed far past the days of ignorance and evil.

As a teen in 1995, I heard and fully comprehended the true gospel and gave my life to Jesus Christ. I was immediately filled with the Spirit and my hunger for the Spirit of God, His Word and His voice was all consuming. I fully embraced my identity as a child of God through Jesus and began my spiritual journey of learning to hear His voice and follow Him.

As a Christian with a Jewish name and a genealogical history of Judaism, I was occasionally afforded a degree of respect from Christians who loved the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. I never felt it was deserved and I never really felt my own Jewish identity. I knew I was Jewish but I didn't feel like a real Jew.

During my walk with Jesus over nearly thirty years, I have consumed His Word and enjoyed most of all the deep desire for prayer with Him. Over the years I have learned to hear His voice and follow His leading in my prayer time. I love and cherish more than anything in this world, the Holy Spirit in me and His promptings and intimacy during prayer. There is no greater privilege than to know Him, and understand His promptings, – hearing His insights into His Word and praying His will!

There was a season in my life wherein I began to pray for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel because I read in His Word that we are called to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for His will to come to pass in Israel. As I prayed for "them" I heard the gentle voice of my Father telling me not to pray for "them" but for "us". He too, like my grandfather, wanted me to embrace my Jewish identity! I am a part of Israel and the promise given to my ancestor Abraham for God to give that land to our people.

He also gave me a promise in our present day that I want to extend to you, Dear Reader. He said, "Whatever you pray for Israel, I will do for you."

Can you imagine a Father so kind and so magnificent that He would promise such an astounding promise? You may be asking, is this really true and is this in the Bible? Well, Dear Reader, yes, it is. Genesis 12:2-3 God says, "*I* will bless those who bless you." He made a commitment not only to Abraham as He made His everlasting covenant, but He also made that promise to you at the same time.

You may be asking, "Why is God so committed to the Jewish people? Why does He value them specifically so much?" Even though there are thousands and thousands of pages that could be written about why, I believe one simple reason why is also true. God loves the Jewish people because Abraham is his friend, and the Jewish people are Abraham's children. And, if YOU are God's friend, He will be equally committed to watch over your children and grandchildren, generation after generation! He is a God of Generations and He understands the love we have for our children.

In fact, the bible says that God chose Abraham because He knew Abraham would teach and disciple his children.

He also gave me a promise in our present day that I want to extend to you, Dear Reader. He said, "Whatever you pray for Israel, I will do for you."

"For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." (Genesis 18:18-19)

I wish I could say to you, Dear Reader, that I have been faithfully committed to praying for Israel and reaping the benefits for years. Sadly, despite this amazing promise, I failed to faithfully lift up Israel as I should have been! And sadly, I regret that more than anything after what happened on October 7th.

For Jews around the world, October 7th, 2023 was a tragedy that changed us forever. On that day, Palestinian terrorists breached the gates, paraglided into Israel and massacred, raped, tortured, pillaged, burned and kidnapped men, women, children and infants in a way that is unprecedented and incomprehensible. Unarmed families, young people dancing at a concert were gang raped and butchered by citizens of a culture whose primary identity is that of Jew-hatred.

How could this have happened? Israel is supposed to have the most powerful military in the world? How can Jews be unarmed in a country surrounded by nations swearing to annihilate them? How did this happen?!! As the tales of the horror were revealed – a shock and then grief followed in a way I had never experienced. These are MY people who have just been massacred and I cried and cried for them.

Following the revelations about what happened – and the grief that ensued – a wave of something even worse came next: denial by most of the world of what had just occurred, and then an attack and blame for it happening. A TIDAL WAVE of Jew hatred, anti-Semitic vitriol, and pure Nazi propaganda was released via social media. Daily, as I read the posts of families who were victims, the comment sections were FLOODED with comments about how these attacks had not occurred, and worse, that it was deserved.

Universities posted victory posters showing the Palestinians flying in on hang gliders to the Nova Rave to gang rape, gun down and chop up young people. They were celebrated for their bravery with slogans that celebrated their "heroism". Posters of missing, kidnapped elderly and children were ripped off of walls and slashed with knives. The "what about isms" took over popular culture and people posting their support of Israel were having to apologize for not standing up for the Palestinians. The world had gone mad.

But something amazing also happened. I, like Jews around the world, felt a connection to Israel that I had never felt before. I also felt a deep solidarity and identity with our people that was suddenly awakened. I read the testimonies of the grief that Jews around the world began to feel and my desire to pray for our people and our land was re-awakened and intensified.

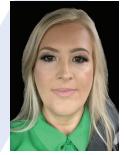
I also remembered something that many other Jews also testified – that those warnings that our grandparents gave us about the hate that the world felt for us as Jewish people was real. We had believed that the discrimination against us was a thing of the past. But shockingly, the dark venom of Jew-hatred, the conspiracies of how we are sub-human, the theories of how we are secretly evil and the cause of all of the problems of the world was brewing under the surface and now was spilling into the open in universities, governments, media outlets, and in our own communities and families just like it had in our grandparents' days.

There is no explanation for the hatred and propaganda that emanates and permeates the dark corners of the world today; it is evident in every generation of the past except that it is satanic in nature and emanates from the god of this world. From ancient times until now, regimes and ideologies have risen up to bring the utter destruction of our people. But we are still here, prospering and more united than ever – determined not to hide our Jewishness – but to embrace it. In the days and weeks after the massacre of October 7th, every seat on every flight to Israel was booked because Jews around the world were flying home.

Perhaps the pressure and persecution that have begun in this generation are creating a purification and a revealing of our true identities. Just as persecution purifies the church, so this purification has released a renewal among the Jewish nation, creating a solidarity and an embracing of our roots and to our God. I have made a new commitment to pray for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Will you join me in this call? Not only is there a blessing of joining into intimacy in prayer with our Heavenly Father, but also a promise to expectantly receive whatever you pray for Israel, He will do for YOU.

Here are some special things you can pray:

- Pray for the Jewish people to return to their roots and seek their God.
- Pray for the Messiah to be revealed to them.
- Pray comfort for them concerning the trauma, hurt and fear they are experiencing.
- Pray for the elderly who worry about what a world full of Jew hatred has in store for their children.
- Pray for children and families to be protected from terrorism that is escalating around the world.
- Pray for the university students who are being persecuted.
- Pray for wisdom for the military and government leaders of Israel.
- Pray for prosperity and success of Israel.
- Pray for blessings to overtake the people of Israel, Remember that I [L Have I not...?] commanded you to be strong and ·brave [courageous; resolute]. Don't be afraid or ·discouraged [dismayed], because the LORD your God will be with you ·everywhere you go [or in all you do]." so that it is evident that God is with them.
- Pray for the tide of slander to be pushed back and for the truth to be revealed.
- Pray for the return of every hostage and for justice to take place against the leaders and members of Hamas.
- Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.



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God's PROMISES OF THE LAND TO ISRAEL

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The Promised Land The Eternal Covenant

GENESIS

Genesis 12:1-7

1 Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, **unto the land that I will show thee**: 2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing: 3 and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 4 So Abram went, as Jehovah had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 **And Jehovah appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land**: and there builded he an altar unto Jehovah, who appeared unto him.

Genesis 13:14, 15

14 And Jehovah said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward: 15 **for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.**

Genesis 15:7-10 NASB1995

7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, **to give you this land to possess it.**" 8 He said, "O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

EXODUS

Exodus 3:8

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

Exodus 3:17

And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, **unto a land flowing with milk and honey.**

Exodus 13:11

And it shall be, when Jehovah shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanite, as <u>he sware</u> unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee.

Exodus 20:12

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long **in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee**.

Exodus 32:11, 13

11 And Moses besought Jehovah his God, and said.... 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.



LEVITICUS

Leviticus 14:34

When ye are come into **the land of Canaan, which I** give to you for a possession

Leviticus 20:24 NASB1995

Hence I have said to you, "You are to possess their

land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

Leviticus 26:42

Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.



NUMBERS

Numbers 13:2 NASB1995

Send out for yourself men so that they may **spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the sons of Israel;** you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them.

Numbers 14:30, 31

30 Surely ye shall not come into **the land, concerning which I sware that I would make you dwell therein,** save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, **them will I bring in, and they shall know the land** which ye have rejected.

Numbers 27:12

And Jehovah said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, and behold **the land which I** have given unto the children of Israel.

Numbers 34:29 NASB1995

These are those whom the LORD commanded to apportion the inheritance to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 1:8

Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which Jehovah sware unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

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Deuteronomy 3:18

And I commanded you at that time, saying, **Jehovah your God hath given you this land to possess it:** ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all the men of valor.

Deuteronomy 4:40

And thou shalt keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days in **the land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, for ever.**

Deuteronomy 7:1

When Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and shall cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than thou.

Deuteronomy 9:5 NASB1995

It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 12:1

These are the statutes and the ordinances which ye shall observe to do in the land which Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath given thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

Deuteronomy 18:9

When thou art come into the land which **Jehovah thy God giveth thee....**



Deuteronomy 19:14 NASB1995

You shall not move your neighbor's boundary mark, which the ancestors have set, **in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.**

Deuteronomy 26:15

Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and **the ground which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers.**

Deuteronomy 28:11



And Jehovah will make thee plenteous for good, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, **in the land <u>which Jehovah</u> <u>sware</u> unto thy fathers to give thee.**

Deuteronomy 32:49

Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold **the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession.**

JOSHUA

Joshua 1:2–4

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, **unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.** 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

Joshua 1:6

Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit <u>the land which I sware</u> unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:15 NASB1995

Until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as He gives you, and they also possess **the land which the LORD** your God is giving them....

Joshua 13:1

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Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years; and **Jehovah said unto him**, Thou art old and well stricken

in years, and **there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.**

Joshua 14:9 NASB1995

So Moses swore on that day, saying, "Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be an inheritance to you [Caleb] and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully."

(**Brim Note:** This land promised to Caleb forever is now on what the world calls the West Bank.)

Joshua 21:43 NASB1995

So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it.

Joshua 24:13 NASB1995

I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you have lived in them; you are eating of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.



JUDGES

Judges 2:1

And the angel of Jehovah came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, **and have brought you unto <u>the land which I sware</u>** unto your fathers; and I said, <u>I will never break my</u> <u>covenant with you.</u>

FIRST KINGS

1 Kings 8:22

And **Solomon** stood before the altar of Jehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.

1 Kings 8:36

Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send

rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

SECOND KINGS

2 Kings 21:8 NASB1995

And I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from **the land which I gave their fathers**, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.

FIRST CHRONICLES

1 Chronicles 16:13-18

13 O seed of Israel His servant,
Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!
14 He is the Lord our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,
16 The covenant which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac.
17 He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan,
As the portion of your inheritance."

(**Brim Note**: This is "The Everlasting Covenant." In part, it is because they broke "The Everlasting Covenant" that earth will know judgment. See Isaiah 24:5.)

SECOND CHRONICLES

2 Chronicles 6:25

then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and **bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.**

2 Chronicles 6:38

If they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward **their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers,** and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name.

NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah 9:5 NASB1995

Then the Levites...said, "Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever!...

Nehemiah 9:7, 8 NASB1995

7 "You are the Lord God,



Who chose Abram And brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees, And gave him the name Abraham. 8 "You found his heart faithful before You, <u>And made a covenant with him</u> To give him the land of the Canaanite, Of the Hittite and the Amorite, Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite and the Girgashite— To give it to his descendants. And You have fulfilled Your promise, For You are righteous.

Nehemiah 9:36

Behold, we are servants this day, and as for **the land that thou gavest unto our fathers** to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it.

PSALMS

Psalm 105:8-11

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,

9 The covenant which he made with Abraham, And his oath unto Isaac,

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, **To Israel for an everlasting covenant**,
11 **Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan**,

The lot of your inheritance.

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Psalm 135:12

And gave their land for a heritage, A heritage unto Israel his people.

ISAIAH

Isaiah 14:1, 2 NASB1995

1 When the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

2 The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors.

Isaiah 49:12 NASB1995

Behold, these will come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, And these from the land of Sinim [China]. Isaiah 60:21 NASB1995 Then all your people will be righteous; **They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.**



JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 11:5

That I may establish <u>the oath which I sware</u> unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered I, and said, Amen, O Jehovah.

Jeremiah 16:14, 15 NASB1995

14 "Therefore behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'

15 but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons

of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For **I will** restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers."

Jeremiah 24:6 NASB1995

For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them up and not overthrow them, and I will plant them and not pluck them up.

Jeremiah 32:22 NASB1995

And gave them this land, which You swore to their forefathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.



EZEKIEL

Ezekiel 20:39-42 NASB1995

"As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord GOD, "Go, serve everyone his idols; but later you will surely listen to Me, and My holy name you will profane no longer with your gifts and with your idols. For on My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel," declares the Lord GOD, "there the whole house of Israel [Northern and Southern Kingdoms], all of them, will serve Me in the land; there I will accept them and there I will seek your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your holy things. As a soothing aroma I will accept you when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered; and I will prove Myself holy among you in the sight of the nations.

"And you will know that I am the LORD, **when I bring** you into the land of Israel, into the land which I swore to give to your forefathers.

Ezekiel 34:13

And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and **will bring them into their own land;** and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

(Read from Ezekiel 34:11-31.)

Ezekiel 39:28

And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, **and have gathered them unto their own land;** and I will leave none of them any more there.

(Brim Note: Millennial Division of Israel)

Ezekiel 47:13, 14 NASB1995

13 Thus says the Lord GOD, "This shall be the boundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions. 14 You shall divide it for an inheritance, each one equally with the other; for I swore to give it to your forefathers, and this land shall fall to you as an inheritance.

Ezekiel 48:29

This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, saith the Lord Jehovah.

HOSEA

Hosea 2:15 NASB1995

Then I will give her her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

Hosea 2:23 NASB1995 *I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, "You are My people!" And they will say, "You are my God!"*



JOEL

Joel 3:2 NASB1995

I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of **My people and My inheritance, Israel,** Whom they have scattered among the nations; **And they have divided up My land**.

AMOS

Amos 9:14 NASB1995

Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.

Amos 9:15 NASB1995 "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

This is a list of scriptures that have been edited for space. To see the whole booklet please go to: <u>https:// billyebrim.org/product/gods-promises-to-the-land-ofisrael/</u>



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Thermostats Not Thermometers

As sons and daughters of God filled with Holy Spirit, we can walk into a room and feel different things/spirits in the room. Many can "feel" what is in the room without even asking God for discernment. Why? It is because of Father God and Holy Spirit in you. Many times we can get around people and discern or feel from the Spirit of God what is going on with them. Have you ever wondered why? Have you ever questioned God about it? Hopefully this will help you understand more.

As I am writing this, I hear the Spirit of God say, "You are My atmosphere changers. To those who will accept this, I call you My 'giant slayers'. It is time for you to believe that when you walk into a room you change and shift the atmosphere. When you walk into a business they get blessed, because WE came into the room when you walked in. You carry the FULLNESS of the GODHEAD. Wherever you go, WE go with you. "As Jesus is, so are you in the world." You have the mind of Christ; therefore, think as He does. Be ME to the world. "Go and shift atmospheres and destroy the works of the devil," says the Lord.

You and I are called to be the thermostats, not thermometers. We are called to change the atmosphere, the temperature. You aren't called to just walk and "feel" but to shift and change. As you go about, think as Christ Jesus thinks.

Philippians 2:5 (NKJV) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God."

James 1:5 (NKJV) "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

As you and I walk into a room, things change and shift. Darkness is dispelled because we are and carry His light everywhere we go. As Jesus is, so are we in this world. He came to destroy the works of the devil; therefore, we should do the same. You need to know who you are in Him; you need to know your authority. I believe God is raising up and bringing to the forefront those who know their God and will do great exploits. Get in the secret place with your Daddy God; get in His word and truly get to know Him. Learn who you are in Him and discover your true identity in Him. Know your authority.

Don't shrink back or get distracted. Be bold, be strong for the Lord your God is with you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (CJB) "Be strong, be bold, don't be afraid or frightened of them, for ADONAI your God is going with you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Everywhere you go, He goes with you.

You are working WITH God. It is WAKE UP time; wake up to the truth of who you are, who is on the inside of you and the authority you have. Go out and change atmospheres and be His Game Changer. Be His thermostat. A thermostat changes the temperature. A thermometer measures the temperature, it changes nothing.

Daniel 11:32b (NKJV) "...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

Ephesians 2:22 (CJB) "Yes, in union with him, you yourselves are being built together into a spiritual dwelling-place for God!"

Many shy away from people or places due to ungodly spirits in people or demonic atmospheres in places. We should be willing to trust our God so that when He says to go in or be around those people, we know who and what is in us. We do not have to fear; our God is with us (Isaiah 41:10). He strengthens us, empowers us, and has given us all authority. The devil is already defeated. To those of you who will say yes and trust Him, you will change atmospheres and be His game changers. God is ready for you and me to BE His revival. He is ready for you and me to believe Him without limits. We are living in the greatest time EVER to be a son and daughter of God. We are also living in the greatest time for the Church. Will we go with Him and accomplish all that He has for us to do? Will we be His game changers and atmosphere shifters? When God leads us to go somewhere or into somewhere, know that He has a purpose for it and He will fulfill that purpose. Holy Spirit is in you and for you. He is anointing is on you for others. Now, more than ever, we need to KNOW who we are as sons and daughters of God. We also need to KNOW who our Daddy God is and know Him intimately. I encourage you to get in the Word of God now more than ever and get in your prayer closet to be alone with Him. He is ready to give you downloads and strategies from Heaven and from His heart. One prayer from my heart is, "Lord let my heart be Your heart." Will you get in His Word and get alone with Him? Will you make this your priority?

Matthew 6:6 (NLT) "But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father who sees everything, will reward you."

Psalms 119:105 (NLT) "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Let me share a testimony of spending time with God. Several years ago the Lord had me wake up early and go into a room alone and spend time with Him. I would love to tell you that He spoke to me and gave me incredible revelation every day, but I cannot. I woke up early every morning (except Saturdays) for one and a half years. At first, the Lord spoke to me occasionally. I can tell you that on the quiet days, and actually every day, He was working in me. He was doing something in my life I did not see right away. A shift was happening in me. I was awakening to Him. Gifts He had put in me were awakening. When I finished that one and a half years, I was such a different person. What had been sleeping inside me had been awakened by God. I received a lot of revelation from Him. Many messages were birthed from that time with God. I couldn't wait to wake up at my appointed time and spend it with Him. Still today, I love to be alone with Him, to just sit in His presence. I can testify that there is no better place to be than alone with Jesus. Everything changed for me. I encourage you to get alone with Him; you will never be the same.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Go into all the world and let your light shine. Go into all the world and change the atmosphere. Wherever you go, know that you carry Him with you and you will change atmospheres. Go into all the world and give them Jesus!



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By Budd Rodgers

Friend of God

How does one go about becoming a nation? For example, how did the nation of Israel become a nation? I am convinced it started as a friendship. We read in the book of James 2:23, these words:

"And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend."

Many of us call him Father Abraham. He had sons, who then had sons, and those sons moved to Egypt. There they became a nation of slaves and over time Moses was raised up to deliver them from the land of Egypt and from the hand of Pharaoh; but long before Abraham's sons became numerous enough to be called a nation, a friendship was started between one man and GOD.

Israel, formerly called Jacob, was one of the grandsons of Abraham and he became the namesake of this nation. He had twelve sons who multiplied and produced tribes of people with certain gifts and abilities.

The specific tribe of Judah was called to gather by King Jehoshaphat. They met to seek the presence of the Lord. There King Jehoshaphat called them to pray and fast for protection against his enemies, the Ammonites. These were his words:

"ADONAI, God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in Your hand and no one can stand against You. Are You not our God who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and gave it to the descendants of **Your friend Abraham** forever? They settled in it and built You a Temple there for Your Name saying, 'If calamity comes upon us—the sword of judgment, pestilence or famine—we will stand before this House and before You—for Your Name is in this House—and cry to You in our distress and You will hear and deliver us."

In this issue, the nation of Israel is our featured topic. As I was thinking about Israel, I believe Holy Spirit made a strong impression to me that this nation began because of a friendship. Many nations, like ours, begin as a rebellion against tyranny, a war between countries or fighting over a certain boundary, BUT the nation of Israel was started because God called one man to leave his family and travel to another land that God had "parceled" out for their inheritance. This country was started out of a relationship between one man (Abraham) and GOD. I believe that we could learn a lot from this kind of relationship. As a matter of fact, God has already grafted those who belong to Christ into the "family of God" and that began with Abraham.

HOW DID THE NATION REALLY BEGIN?

If you have been a child of God for any length of time, you soon learn that every good thing always begins with GOD. You and I are the secondary characters in the play called life. GOD always plays the "leading" role. HE always makes the first move. HE always initiates the conversation. HE always is the one who causes things to work right. I think you get the picture here.

In Genesis 15:1, we read this:

"After these things the word of Adonai (the Lord) came to Abram in a vision saying, 'Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.""

In a paraphrased summary, God then proceeds to tell Abraham (Abram at the time) I AM your protection, and I AM your prosperity. As we read on in the chapter, we find that as much as it seemed like a good "word" to Abram, what he really wanted was some kids.

He was childless and had no heirs. Plans had been made to make his servant the heir of his estate. But as always, GOD has a better plan and again paraphrasing GOD He says, "NO way to your servant being an heir." Instead of just speaking a promise to Abraham, HE (GOD) is so serious about this "word" that HE decides to cut a covenant with Abram.

We don't have the time and space in this column to explain in detail what a "covenant" is and why it differs from a promise. However, when you study the meaning of "cutting a covenant" with someone, or GOD cutting covenant with someone, you quickly realize that GOD means business. HIS word will manifest in that recipient's life, and it will change him or her forever. In this "covenant cutting" ritual, we see the shedding of blood, and we see the disturbance of the enemy who wants to interfere with this covenant. We see the effect of GOD coming on a person, showing them things to come in their life and in the life of their heirs. We see the presence of GOD passing between the sacrifices and blessing the other party with HIS presence and the promises of HIS judgment to the recipient's enemies.

As you read Genesis 15:1-21, you will see that GOD began a new chapter in Abraham's life and He spoke the promise of him becoming a nation.

One of the most interesting things in Genesis 15, is that GOD said to Abraham, "I AM your shield." We generally look at a shield as a defensive weapon to project us. I believe a lot of people ask the question, why does Israel seem to be protected in war? Or why are they able to show successful revenge upon their attackers?

This truth is confirmed in Deuteronomy 33:26-29 by the "blessing" that Moses spoke over the tribes of Israel.

There is none like God, Jeshurun, riding through the heavens to your aid and through the skies in His majesty. A refuge is the ancient God, and underneath are everlasting arms. He drove out the enemy before you and said, 'destroy! 'So, Israel rests in safety, untroubled is Jacob's fountain in a land of grain and new wine. Yes, his heavens drip dew. Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Adonai, the Shield of your help and the Sword of your triumph? Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample on their backs."

Also in Isaiah 44:1-2:

Now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. This is what the Lord says—He who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen."

The name Jeshurun means "upright one" or "blessed one." In the parallelism of Isaiah's poetry, Jeshurun is a synonym for Jacob. Note that Jeshurun is a poetic reference to the nation of Israel. It is a term of endearment. The Greek Septuagint translates Jeshurun as "beloved one," using a form of the word agape. The name Jeshurun is used four times in the books of Deuteronomy and Isaiah. In each case, the name occurs in a poetic setting and refers to Israel, God's beloved people.

I hope you really enjoy this issue of our magazine. I hope you see how important Israel is to God and how Abraham's friendship with God produced a nation! I hope especially that you know how important YOU are to GOD. As the Apostle Paul stated in Romans chapter 1, we as gentiles are "grafted" into the chosen people of GOD and enjoy the benefits of His friendship.

Until next time
BLESSINGS!
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Budd is such a blessing. I'm so thankful for His life and ministry. One thing I admire and respect about Budd is his ability to be flexible with what the Lord is doing. He yields to the Holy Spirit. We had a service where he was set to speak, but the Holy Spirit was on the move and his time to share got cut substantially. The grace he exemplified was encouraging to watch. He recognizes that the glory is for the Lord alone! This is what it looks like to be a surrendered vessel that allows the Lord to take the lead and have His will be done!

- Rachel D.

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FULLNESS IN CHRIST MINISTRIES 2024 PHILIPPINES REPORT



After spending almost a month in the Philippines, I can truly say my life was changed AGAIN! This was my fourth trip and the most impactful. The 31 indigenous pastors that we work with are simply amazing. Each one has a heart for the poor children. Time and time again they trust God for provision. These pastors are all motivated to reach the poorest of poor



children and were often doing this type of ministry before becoming FCM pastors.



The Philippines has often been known for its poverty. This truly saddens me because it is very rich in resources. Join me in praying that the natural beauty, bounty and resources will cause the Filipino people to

prosper. It takes many decades to break the chains of poverty in a nation but we are beginning to see them break!!

Sponsored Children Now Graduating from College



We met many of our college alumni, many of whom have been sponsored since elementary school. Some of their degrees include: elementary and secondary education, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, accounting, tourism and hospitality. In Iligan City, Mindanao, with Pastor Rudy Esic, we are continuing the tradition of college alumni PAYING for our dinner at a nice restaurant and treating us to

many gifts. They are so excited to show us how well they are doing and how well they are thriving.

We have many, many college students. These students hold down jobs while attending school. **It is very challenging for them because their sponsorship generally helps with their basic needs.** They have to come up with their tuition but many are on scholarship because they are at the top of their classes. They need



more assistance than what we are currently giving them. Many have to "fight" for their existence during these years.

Visiting Dumpsites Where Children Live

We visited two dumpsites: Iligan City, Mindanao and Tagbilarin, Bohol. These dumpsites are filled with trash and children. Rats and roaches run rampant along with mangy dogs and malnourished children. Our pastors have feeding programs and bible story times at these dumpsites which inevitably lead to salvations and church attendance. When the child brings their family to church- most often their parents get saved and the church grows. The pastors work hard at rehabilitating these children and they are taken through intense Bible study and prayer times. The result is evangelistic students who go back into their areas and evangelize. It is a beautiful realization of my father, Ras Robinson, who knew that if you reached the children you would reach the parents.



One of our pastors, Suzanne Almonte, discovered a group of "squatters" who are people that build makeshift homes on unoccupied land. This particular area is dry during low tide and flooded during high tide EVERY DAY! She named the area "Fullness Island". There the families, who were found in deplorable conditions, without sanitation or food, are beginning to thrive because of student sponsorship. Their families are coming to Christ and FCM (Fullness in Christ Ministries) was able to build a boy's restroom and a girl's restroom with the help of someone who donated money for that cause.



Badjao Young Girls

Another pastor, Herpha Jane Obod-Relativo and her husband Mario Relativo, along with her father, Clarito Obod have a successful ministry to a **Muslim group of beggars known as the Badjao.** This tribe is known for their begging and violence. They would just as soon push, spit on or shove you if you don't give them money. They are squatters who live out over the water in houses on stilts

and also make a living by fishing. They are considered the lowest rung of society and no one has really had success in working with them until now! These pastors have successfully reached the children through giveaways and feeding programs. They have their own language, culture and a **tradition of selling their young daughters to the highest bidder.** This is slowly being changed through education. Please pray for this special group of God's children, the Badjaos. God's mighty hand rests upon the Obod-Relativo families to reach this special group of people.



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1 Peter 2:9