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AND THE UTTERMOST PARTS

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Mitch Glaser
President, Chosen People Ministries

ISRAELIS ARE COMING TO FAITH IN JESUS

Learn more about
God's promises for
Israel and the future
for the Middle East
according to Scripture

Dear friend,

Shalom in His grace! I recently returned from Israel where I spent three weeks encouraging the Chosen People Ministries staff and had the joy of working on some exciting new strategies for reaching and discipling Israelis!

As you probably have gleaned from the past few newsletters—I have Israel on my heart! We are excited about what God is doing everywhere from New York City to Los Angeles, Chicago to Toronto, and across the globe...we regularly see Jewish people coming to faith in Jesus!

But, the Gospel seems to be moving in power within Israel as more and more Israelis are showing an interest in Jesus!

This reminds me of a passage of Scripture in the Book of Romans, where the Apostle Paul identifies himself as a Jewish believer in Jesus to the believers in Rome. He describes himself as part of the remnant “according to God’s gracious choice” (Romans 11:5)!

The eleventh chapter of Romans is filled with prophecy and looks forward to the second coming of Christ. Paul very clearly lets the Romans know that though the remnant of Israel seem few, the day is coming when the Jewish people will all believe in Jesus...at least, I believe, all the Jewish people who are alive at that incredible moment in human history.

We also understand that the reason the Jewish people will come to faith in Jesus is because God promised He would be faithful to the Jewish nation. He still loves His chosen people and has not forgotten His plan revealed thousands of years ago to the fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! As Paul writes to the Romans,

From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
(Romans 11:28-29)

Will we be alive to see this great turning of the Jewish people to Jesus the Messiah? MAYBE.

I believe that every follower of Jesus should be future oriented, looking towards the great day when God will consummate His promises and we will all be changed. Our sinful and broken world will be restored and the knowledge of the glory of God will fill the earth as the waters fill the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).

There is so much we will never know about the future until it comes! But, there is quite a bit we can know about what God has promised in His word, especially as it relates to Israel and her neighbors in the Middle East.

Chosen People Ministries would like to help you learn more about what is to come. We have prepared an incredible conference focusing on the current Middle East conflict to help us better understand what is happening today and what will take place tomorrow from a biblical perspective.

Please consider coming to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for what might very well be a once-in-a-lifetime conference on the Gospel and the Middle East, featuring Joel Rosenberg and great Bible scholars from both Dallas Theological Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The dates are October 13-14, 2017 and there will be testimonies from Messianic Jews and former Muslim believers in Jesus. You will enjoy the soulful and beautiful music of Marty Goetz and the dynamic Israeli contemporary music of Miqedem, coming to us from Israel. Turn the page to read all the details and be sure to register today!

Blessings in our Messiah,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mitch".

Mitch

THE GOSPEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, JUDEA, SAMARIA
AND THE UTMOST PARTS

The conference will be held at the following locations:

- SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**
2001 W. Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76115
- DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**
3909 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204
- FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**
9330 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Joel C. Rosenberg *New York Times* best-selling author with three million copies in print. Chairman & Founder of The Joshua Fund, mobilizing Christians to “bless Israel and her neighbors.”



Dr. Craig A. Blasing Executive Vice President, Provost and Professor of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Dr. Darrell Bock Chosen People Ministries U.S. Board member and Professor of New Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary.



Tom Doyle Vice President and Middle East Director for e3 Partners, and author of several books including *Dreams and Visions: Is Jesus Awakening the Muslim World?*



Dr. Rich Freeman Chosen People Ministries' Vice President of Church Ministries and Conferences, international preacher and teacher, tour host and author of *The Heart of the Apostle*.

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THE FOLLOWING PAGES

CHOOSE THE EVENTS BELOW THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- Panel Discussion—The Future of Israel and Her Neighbors
Tuesday October 10
7:30-9:00 pm
Free admission
Offering will be taken
- Saturday October 14
Registration \$35
Includes the following:
Plenary Sessions
9:00-11:50 am
Panel Discussion
1:30-2:50 pm
Workshop (choose one)
3:00-3:50 pm
 - Jewish Evangelism 101
 - The Impact of Replacement Theology on Jewish Ministries
 - Preaching with Jewish People in Mind
- An Evening with Joel C. Rosenberg and Marty Goetz
Saturday October 14
7:00-9:30 pm
Free admission
Offering will be taken
- Lunch (optional)
Saturday October 14
Additional \$15
- Buffet Dinner (optional)
Saturday October 14
Additional \$25

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- Panel Discussion—The Future of Israel and Her Neighbors
Wednesday, October 11
7:30-9:00 pm
Free admission
Offering will be taken
- 3 Plenary Sessions
Friday, October 13
1:00-4:00 pm
Registration \$25
Students free with ID
- An Evening with Joel C. Rosenberg, Todd Agnew, and Miqdem (direct from Israel)
Friday, October 13
7:30-10:00 pm
† Fellowship Bible Church
Free admission
Offering will be taken

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS continued



Dr. Mitch Glaser President of Chosen People Ministries; co-editor of *To The Jew First: The Case for Jewish Evangelism in Scripture and History*, and author of *Isaiah 53 Explained*.



Vladimir Pikman Founder and Executive Director of Beit Sar Shalom in Germany and visiting Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary.



Jorge Sedaca National Director of Chosen People Ministries in Canada with vast experience in congregational leadership, planting, missions, teaching, and preaching.



Dr. Hormoz Shariat President of Iran Alive Ministries, television broadcaster into Iran, and active church planter in Iran, Europe, and the U.S.



Dr. Erez Soref President of Israel College of the Bible, fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, and English, and board member for several Israeli and international NGO's.



Dr. Mark Yarbrough Dean of Dallas Theological Seminary, theological educator, and member of the pastoral preaching team at Centerpoint Church.



Michael Zinn Executive Director of Chosen People Ministries in Israel, providing leadership to Chosen People Ministries Messianic centers in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

MUSIC



Todd Agnew Todd tours as a solo artist. His new CD, *From Grace to Glory* chronicles 15 years of music and ministry and features his new worship anthem, *Glory to Our Great Redeemer*.



Marty Goetz Often called a modern-day psalmist, his songs are scriptures beautifully set to music, leaving listeners spiritually moved, inspired, and edified.



Miqdem Miqdem is an Israeli band based in Tel Aviv. Their lyrics are taken from the Hebrew Scriptures but their music is a modern reflection of Israeli & Middle Eastern culture.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

7:30-9:00PM

Panel Discussion
The Future of Israel and Her Neighbors

Panel:

Joel C. Rosenberg Michael Zinn
Tom Doyle Dr. Erez Soref

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

7:30-9:00PM

Panel Discussion
The Future of Israel and Her Neighbors

Panel:

Joel C. Rosenberg Michael Zinn
Tom Doyle Dr. Erez Soref

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1:00-1:50 PM Session 1

Biblical Reconciliation Between Arabs and Jews
Speaker: Dr. Darrell Bock

2:00-2:50 PM Session 2

The Jewish People and the Story of the Bible
Speaker: Dr. Mark Yarbrough

3:00-3:15PM **Music:** Miqedem

3:15-4:00PM Session 3

The Kingdom or the Caliphate: The Clash
Between Biblical and Islamic Eschatology
Speaker: Joel C. Rosenberg

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

7:30-10:00PM

An Evening with Joel C. Rosenberg, Todd Agnew,
and Miqedem (direct from Israel)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

8:00-8:45AM Bagels and Fellowship

8:55-9:00AM **Music:** Marty Goetz

9:00-9:50AM Session 1

A Theology of Israel and the Church
Speaker: Dr. Craig Blaising

10:00-10:50AM Session 2

The Gospel and the Middle East
Speaker: Joel C. Rosenberg

11:00-11:50AM Session 3

The Modern Messianic Movement in Israel
Speaker: Dr. Erez Soref

11:50-12:30PM Break & Book Signing with Speakers

12:30-1:30PM Lunch (Box Lunch or on your own)

1:30-2:50PM Session 4: Panel Discussion

Ministry in Israel Among Arabs and Jews
Panel: Dr. Erez Soref, Michael Zinn, and Tom Doyle

3:00-3:50PM Workshops (Choose one)

Workshop 1: Jewish Evangelism 101
Speakers: Vladimir Pikman and Michael Zinn

Workshop 2: The Impact of Replacement Theology on
Jewish Ministries
Speakers: Dr. Mitch Glaser and Tom Doyle

Workshop 3: Preaching with Jewish People in Mind
Speakers: Jorge Sedaca and Dr. Rich Freeman

4:00-4:15PM Break

4:15-5:00PM Session 5

Jewish Evangelism & Today's Messianic Movement
Speaker: Dr. Mitch Glaser

5:00-5:30PM Session 6

Q & A with Speakers: Michael Zinn, Dr. Mitch
Glaser, Dr. Rich Freeman, and Vladimir Pikman

5:30-6:45 PM Buffet Dinner (Optional)

7:00-9:30 PM Session 6

An Evening with Joel C. Rosenberg
and Marty Goetz

Location: MacGorman Chapel

Testimonies: Michael Zinn and Dr. Hormoz Shariat

Hebrews 7:11-28

A Comparison of Priesthoods



Dr. Rich Freeman, D. Min. serves as the Vice President for Church Ministries and Conferences with Chosen People Ministries and lives in South Florida with his wife, Julia. Dr. Freeman works with churches throughout the country and abroad, helping to equip God's people to share the Gospel with their Jewish neighbors, friends and co-workers and grow in their understanding of the Scriptures.

In our last study we looked at the significance of Melchizedek in light of his superiority over the Levitical priests. The superiority of Melchizedek was seen in the fact that Abraham, the father of Levi, gave him tithes. The thought continues by looking at the superiority of Jesus' priesthood over the Levitical priesthood, in Hebrews 7:11-28.

In this section, the writer of Hebrews begins by pointing out that the Levitical priesthood was unable to perfect (make complete, bring to spiritual maturity) the worshiper. Therefore, since the Levitical priesthood and the Mosaic Law were tied together, *"for on the basis of it the people received the Law,"* there needed to be another priesthood and another covenant. A change in the priesthood, from Levitical to Melchizedekian, the writer emphasizes, requires a change of the Torah as well, as the Law and the priesthood were joined together. The prediction of another priest to come after the Order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4) meant that the Levitical priesthood would be changeable. The interesting aspect of the prophetic statement in this Psalm of David was that it was written after the Levitical priesthood had been functioning for many centuries. Continuing his thought, the writer reminds us that since Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah, is from the line of David, the Tribe of Judah, He could not serve in the Levitical priesthood, as the Tribe of Judah was not given the task of serving as a priest. According to Torah only someone from the Tribe of Levi could serve in that way.

Beginning in Hebrews 7:15, the writer contrasts the two priesthoods focusing on the fact there would be another kind of priest, of a different order. To be a Levitical priest one had to be descended from a Levitical priest, *"on the basis of a law of physical requirement."* Unfortunately, as in the case of Eli's sons Hophni and Phineas (1 Samuel 2:12-17), historically

there had been some awful, ungodly men serving as priests to the Lord. On the other hand, the other kind of priest *"has become such"* (was made) *"according to the power of an indestructible life."* Jesus became Our Great High Priest after His resurrection from the dead and therefore, since He lives forever, *"Thou Art a Priest Forever,"* according to the Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:17). Since Melchizedek, according to the Bible, appears to have lived forever, Jesus is a priest

in the same way, by virtue of His resurrection. Verses 18 and 19 are a summation of the writer's argument that God has surpassed the Levitical priesthood and the Torah with a new order. He has replaced that system with a system that could do what the other one could not do, namely, bring us to spiritual maturity, into intimate relationship with God — what Hebrews 7:11 calls "perfection."

The priesthood of Messiah is contrasted with the Levitical priesthood by the fact that it was instituted with an oath. Clearly, the descendants of Aaron

assumed their jobs without any divine oath. They virtually inherited their position as priests. Quoting the divine oath of Psalm 110:4 once again, the writer states that because of it, Jesus has become *"the guarantee of a better covenant."* The Greek word translated guarantee or surety is used only here in the New Testament. In describing Jesus as the guarantee of a better covenant the writer is using a legal term which states that the Lord Jesus Himself is our security that this better covenant will never be set aside. The word "covenant" is used first in Hebrews 7:22 and will be used sixteen more times in this epistle as an important concept in Hebrews.

The last verse of the chapter concludes the argument, *"For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever"* (Hebrews 7:28).

Hebrews 7:25-28 NASB

²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ ... the word of the oath, ... appoints a Son, made perfect forever.



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ONLINE DISCIPLING IN TEL AVIV (AND AROUND THE WORLD!)

Robin, one of our Israel staff members, recalls, "When I first moved back to Israel, I met Ben. He had become a believer two years prior, but hadn't told anyone. He needed to grow in his understanding of Jesus before he could make his belief known. He knew there would be a cost. He wanted to know, 'Now that I believe, what comes next?' He had trouble finding that information." Chosen People Ministries has a new discipleship program in Israel that provides online follow-up for those seeking and coming to faith at home through the *I Found Shalom* videos. The hope is that these discipleship videos will make the journey easier for many Israelis and Jewish people around the world (we are filming in Hebrew and English) who don't live near a congregation or church, are under age to meet with someone in person, or need to understand more before they are ready for the next step. Robin is excited to be a part of this ministry helping new Israeli believers grow in their faith!

EVANGELISM CLASS GETS AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR

A church recently had our staff member, Greg, give a month-long class called "How to Witness to Jewish People." Greg was delighted to share his experience of 20 years in Jewish ministry with the church. One particular Wednesday, the youth pastor brought an unexpected guest—his non-believing Jewish father, Marty.* Surprisingly, Marty was nodding in agreement during Greg's message, and even said he would read the *Isaiah 53 Explained* book that Greg gave to him. Marty agreed to meet Greg after the seminar to continue talking about spiritual matters over coffee. Since then, Greg is happy to report that he has met with Marty several times and they have discussed Messianic prophecy, the claims of Jesus, and the deity of Messiah. Marty is on the trajectory of coming to faith, but he is very honest that he needs to truly believe in his own

heart that Jesus is the Messiah. Please pray for Marty!

AGING HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS HEAR THE GOSPEL

Israel staff member Maxim K. has organized a club for Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem. Sadly, over the past month, six Holocaust survivors have passed away. While they were alive, Maxim was faithful in sharing the Gospel with them and he writes, "I truly hope that I will meet them in heaven. Many of these survivors still do not know God and I realize more and more how important it is to talk to them about Him. We certainly help with practical matters, but it is the spiritual matters that are most important." The good news is that ministry which specifically focuses on Holocaust survivors continues to thrive at the Jerusalem Center, and it is vitally important as these precious people are passing away.

KOSHER AND COMPLICATED

Our worker, Sergey, met with Sam* for dessert and coffee. Sam* refused dessert since he doubted if it was really kosher, but he did agree to have a cup of coffee. Over coffee he brought up the intricacies of *kashrut* (kosher). After discussing all the "technical" matters, Sam talked about the dishonesty of some rabbis who are responsible for approving kosher food. From there the conversation developed unexpectedly; Sam said that someone else's dishonesty is not what matters because every person should be responsible for himself. He even confessed that if his life is judged according to the Torah, he will be guilty before God. Sergey used this as an opportunity to talk about faith, God's mercy and the Messiah! The conversation with Sam was brief since he was working, but he stayed in touch with Sergey.

*names have been changed

ISRAEL'S 70th

JULY 5-13, 2018



HOLY LAND TOUR & CONFERENCE

Next year in Jerusalem! Join Chosen People Ministries for a very special six days to celebrate the 70th birthday of the modern state of Israel. The days will be packed with tours of biblical and archaeological sites and opportunities to learn more about the work God is doing in Israel today through Chosen People Ministries. In evening meetings, acclaimed Bible conference speakers will teach you more about the Bible, Israel, and God's chosen people.

BIBLE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



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U.S. Board member and
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President of The King's
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DR. RANDALL PRICE
Research Professor of
Biblical and Judaic Studies
at Liberty University,
archaeologist, and founder
of World of the Bible
Ministries

DAILY TOURS OF THE LAND

For those visiting Israel for the first time or needing a refresher course, we have an excellent basic tour. An advanced tour will be led by Dr. Randall Price of Liberty University. He will take you to a variety of archaeological sites "off the beaten tour path." Experienced Bible teachers will teach the Scriptures at many of the sites.

JOEL C. ROSENBERG EPICENTER® PRAYER SUMMIT Evening of July 11, All Day July 12, 2018

At the end of our tour, we will join thousands of other believers celebrating Israel's 70th birthday by attending a special prayer summit sponsored by Joel Rosenberg and The Joshua Fund. **Registration fees will be the responsibility of the individual participants.**



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