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A WORD ABOUT THE 9/11 CONFERENCE FROM DR. MITCH GLASER, PRESIDENT OF CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES



Dear friend in the Messiah,

We will never forget the tragic events of 9/11/2001. September 11th gripped the heart and soul of our nation. We could never erase the images of two planes striking the Twin Towers, their horrifying collapse, and the pain and loss of life that day.

Our personal memories, good and bad, are indelibly attached to where we were at these significant moments in our lives and national history. For example, do you remember where were you when Israel declared its national independence on May 14, 1948, or, if you are old enough, when John F. Kennedy was shot?

We usually remember the good times, but always recall the tragic moments that transform our lives. Just think of the details in the book of Job. He chronicled his sufferings for time immemorial

I will never forget September 11, 2001. Allow me for a moment to try to describe what I experienced on that fateful day.

Our Chosen People Ministries headquarters building is on East 51st Street between Second and Third Avenue in Manhattan, a little more than five miles from Ground Zero. I was sitting in my office when I heard our receptionist shout, “Oh, my God, a plane flew into the World Trade Center!” I ran down the stairs to see smoke, fire, and an extraordinary amount of dust darkening the autumn sky. It was the terrible result of American Airlines flight eleven, a Boeing 767 carrying eighty-one passengers and eleven crew members crashing into the North Tower of the World Trade Center between the ninety-third and ninety-ninth floors.

It happened exactly at 8:46 am.

At first, I thought it was an accident. We quickly suspected that the worst was most likely true—that the plane crashing into the tower was not simply “off course” and that our city and country were under attack. Some of our other staff heard the commotion and ran downstairs to watch the television in our reception room.

Our staff watched together, stunned, some weeping, holding hands, and comforting one another as the second plane, United Airlines flight 175, crashed into the South Tower, also known as Tower #2, between floors seventy-seven and eighty-five.

It happened exactly at 9:03 am.

Our eyes were glued to the television screen as we watched in horror as the South Tower crumbled to the ground at 9:59 AM, less than one hour after being hit.

Almost a half-hour later, at 10:28 AM, the North Tower followed.

In total, 2,595 people inside and near the towers were killed, along with the 157 people aboard the flights.

After the second tower fell, we were certain that New York City was the target of a terrible attack by an unknown and unseen enemy.

We began to fear for our safety, even though we were more than fifty blocks away from the destruction taking place before our very eyes on the television screen. We had no idea what the next target would be, and our facility is only a half dozen blocks from the United Nations, which seemed like a likely target!

We prayed for those who had no obvious way to escape the fiery cascade of cement and steel falling to the ground of the New York Financial District. To the terrorists, the destruction of the Twin Towers was symbolic of the



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collapse of American wealth, power, and urban architectural achievement. Of course—they were wrong as they underestimated American resilience.

The World Trade Center, which included the Twin Towers, was completed in 1973. The towers stood 110 stories, 1,360 feet tall with ten million square feet of space, hosting 50,000 workers a day. At the time of the towers' completion, the twin structures were the tallest buildings in the world until surpassed by Chicago's Sears Tower later that year.

That day, we saw dazed survivors covered in dust running from the site and police streaming into the area. We sent two of our staff members, one a doctor and the other a nurse, to help at New York University Hospital, but there was hardly anyone to aid because there were very few survivors.

We spent the next few days serving the first responders by bringing them food and clothing. When we asked what they wanted most, it turned out to be socks, sweats, and other essentials as they diligently and sacrificially worked to find survivors amidst the massive damage and death of innocent Americans. We are so grateful for the efforts of our First Responders.

We also ceased all regular ministries and spent our time praying for those waiting to hear news about their loved ones as they gathered in Union Square—between Broadway and 4th Avenue, from East 14th Street to East 17th Street—and various other parts of the city.

We observed the Jewish holidays a few days after the event in a rented hall adjacent to the Empire State Building, not knowing if terrorists would also target another great symbol of America's vitality and place in the world. Nevertheless, we decided to go forward with the holiday observance, and God blessed that event in many ways.

I personally experienced the terror and mercy of God through the tragedy. My children were traveling by subway from Brooklyn to the Upper East Side to go to school. I was at our 51st Street office, and did not know if one of my daughters was alive as she was traveling by subway at that time. It so happens that the fall of the towers demolished one of the subway stops along her path to school.

We did not have any phone service, and I had to wait until late in the afternoon to find out if my kids were alive. Some of my children's classmates lost their mothers and fathers. I will never forget the joy of knowing my kids were safe, a sign of God's mercy and faithfulness.

A New View of the Middle East

The threat of terrorism became real to Americans on 9/11. We realized that even our sacred shores were unsafe! This catastrophe changed the way we viewed the Middle East and created a profound and personal understanding of the terrorism that has plagued Israel for decades. Recently, the Abraham Accords, the war between Israel and Gaza, and the ongoing tensions of the region have again drawn the world's attention. As a result, it is more important than ever for those of us who love the Jewish Messiah, the Jewish people, and the land of Israel to try to grasp the nuances and complexities of the New Middle East and to fervently pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).

This conference, sponsored by Chosen People Ministries and the Alliance for the Peace of Jerusalem, is designed to help our faith family in New York City and around the globe honor the fallen and survivors on the twentieth anniversary of 9/11 and to see the New Middle East through the lens of Scripture.

To help us to that end, we will be hearing from experts who will tell us about what is really happening in Israel and the Middle East today. We will also learn more about what the Bible says about the region's past, present, and future. As believers in Jesus, we must view life through the lens of Scripture, including the NEW Middle East and even the tragedy of 9/11.

We pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—who loves all people—that He might make peace in Israel and the Middle East, put an end to terrorism, and bring restoration and peace to New York City, Jerusalem, and the world after such a difficult season.

Your Brother in Messiah,



Mitch



Please join us in person or online for 9/11 AND THE NEW MIDDLE EAST on Friday and Saturday, September 10–11, 2021.

- In Person:** Trinity Baptist Church, 250 E 61st St. (between 2nd and 3rd Ave.), New York City
- In-Person Cost:** \$125 for Friday and Saturday (A \$95 early bird special ends August 20, 2021.)
- Online:** There is no charge but you must register online in advance to receive the link.

NEED TO STAY IN THE CITY? ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION:

- Details:** We have blocked fifty hotel rooms for this conference, so space is limited. To make reservations, call and mention that you are getting a room with the Chosen People Ministries group.
- Hotel:** Fifty Hotel & Suites by Affinia, 155 E 50th St, New York, NY 10022, Phone: 800-246-0762
- Hotel Cost:** \$229 + tax and surcharges per room/per night
- Deadline:** If you wish to book a room with our group, you must make your reservation by August 11, 2021.

Why Is Chosen People Ministries Sponsoring this Conference?

Chosen People Ministries has decided to honor the fallen and the families of those who perished in the 9/11 tragedy twenty years ago. We worship a God of hope who raises us above the tragedies and difficulties of life. We also believe that New York City is one of the great centers of modern Jewish life. We recognize the connections between New York City and Jerusalem are powerful and binding. These two cities are critically important to God and Chosen People Ministries, and I hope to you and your family as well.

In many ways, the events of 9/11 wedded these two great cities together in new way. New York City and Jerusalem, which are global symbols of modern Jewish life, are very different from one another, but so many Jewish people have friends and family in both places.

Chosen People Ministries is a ministry born in New York City, and we love this city. We believe in the importance of New York City on the global stage, which still has the second-largest concentration of Jewish people of any metropolitan area in the world, just after Tel Aviv. Our ministry also has tremendous ties in Israel, with a staff of more than twenty-five people there: We have workers throughout the country and maintain centers in the greater Tel Aviv area and Jerusalem.

We cannot think about what happened on 9/11 without thinking of the ways in which Israel remains vulnerable to the very same terror targeting of those who perpetrated the events of September 11, 2001. We exist to tell Jewish people about Yeshua, the true hope of Israel and the light of the world.



About Chosen People Ministries

Chosen People Ministries is a 127-year-old mission to the Jewish people and exists to pray for, evangelize, disciple, and serve Jewish people everywhere and help fellow believers do the same. The Mission was founded in Brooklyn, New York in 1894 by Rabbi Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian Jewish immigrant with a zeal to share the knowledge of Jesus the Messiah with God's chosen people. Today, Chosen People Ministries serves in more than two dozen cities in the United States with large Jewish populations and nineteen countries across the globe. Our outreach programs include evangelism and discipleship, Messianic Centers and congregations, equipping the local church for Jewish evangelism, digital evangelism through our *Isaiah 53* Campaigns and *I Found Shalom* videos, and benevolence work.



About Alliance for the Peace of Jerusalem

The Alliance for the Peace of Jerusalem is an organization dedicated to facilitating a better public understanding of the complexities of the Middle East including its roots in history and the Bible. The group, which is comprised of key faith leaders, scholars, authors, and pastors, strives to educate the next generation about Israel's role in the biblical narrative—past, present, and future—while also affirming God's concern for Palestinians and all peoples of the Middle East.



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A higher purpose.

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The Conference Schedule

Friday, September 10, 2021

- 6:35 PM Worship with Marty Goetz
- 7:05 PM **Testimony from a New Yorker**
Mitch Glaser
- 7:15 PM **Sabbath Candle-Lighting**
by Mitch and Zhava Glaser and
9/11 Surviving Family Member(s)
- 7:25 PM Worship with Marty Goetz
- 7:50 PM Session 1: “The Power of Prayer and
the New Middle East”
- 8:25 PM Worship and Prayer
- 8:50 PM Closing and benediction

Saturday, September 11, 2021

There will be a moment of silence at 8:46 AM and 9:03 AM, the times when the planes hit the towers.

- 8:30 AM Worship and Prayer
- 9:10 AM Session 2: “A Biblical Vision for the
New Middle East”
- 10:20 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Session 3: “Hope for the Church in
the New Middle East”
- 11:50 AM Lunch on your own
- 1:50 PM Session 4: “Israel and her
Neighbors in the New Middle East”
- 2:25 PM Question and Answer Panel
- 3:30 PM Conference closing

The Conference Speakers



Anne Graham Lotz

Anne Graham Lotz, the daughter of Billy Graham, loves Israel and the Jewish people. Anne is an accomplished speaker, author, and leader in today's global church. She is also a woman of prayer and an inspiration to so many around the world on the importance of prayer. We invited Anne to join us and to share her love and heart for the Jewish people and world evangelism as well as the importance of praying for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), which very well might be the key to peace in the Middle East!



Michael Rydelnik

Dr. Michael Rydelnik is professor of Jewish Studies and Bible at Moody Bible Institute. He is the host/Bible teacher to his radio program *Open Line with Dr. Michael Rydelnik*, answering listeners' Bible questions every Saturday morning for more than 200 stations across America. Dr. Rydelnik is the co-editor of *The Moody Bible Commentary* and the author of *Understanding the Arab Israeli Conflict* as well as *The Messianic Hope: Is the Hebrew Bible Really Messianic?* He served on the translation team for the *Holman CSB* and has contributed to multiple study Bibles, books, and theological journals.



Joel C. Rosenberg

Joel C. Rosenberg is the *New York Times* best-selling author of fifteen novels and four non-fiction books with five million copies in print. He is also the founder and Editor-in-Chief of two news and analysis websites, www.allisrael.com and allarab.news. Joel's next non-fiction book, *Enemies and Allies*, will be released in September 2021. It will examine the future of the Middle East twenty years after the horrific terror attacks of September 11, 2001. Joel has recently made a number of trips to Arab countries where he has met with both presidents and prime ministers. He has unique insights into the current politics of the Middle East as viewed through the lens of Scripture.



Mitch Glaser

Dr. Glaser is a Messianic Jew and alumnus of the Talbot School of Theology. He earned a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Intercultural Studies. He is the co-author of *The Fall Feasts of Israel* with his wife, Zhava, co-editor of *To the Jew First* and *The Gospel According to Isaiah 53*, as well as *The People, The Land, and The Future of Israel* and *Messiah in the Passover*, which were published by Kregel Publications. Dr. Glaser's evangelistic book *Isaiah 53 Explained*, is now in thirteen languages with more than 100,000 copies in print. He is in his twenty-fifth year as president of Chosen People Ministries and has expanded Chosen People Ministries during his tenure to twenty countries and dozens of cities in North America. Dr. Glaser was instrumental in starting the Charles L. Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies, which currently offers a Master of Divinity in Messianic Jewish Studies in partnership with Biola University. Mitch is a native New Yorker and lives in Brooklyn.



Darrell Bock

Dr. Darrell Bock has earned recognition as a Humboldt Scholar (Tübingen University in Germany), and he is the author of more than forty books, including well-regarded commentaries on Luke and Acts and studies

of the historical Jesus. He also works in cultural engagement as host of Dallas Theological Seminary's Table Podcasts. He was president of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) from 2000-2001 and presently writes for *Christianity Today's* Places and Space series while serving on the boards of Wheaton College, Chosen People Ministries, the Institute for Global Engagement, and Christians in Public Service (CIPS).



Tom & JoAnn Doyle

Tom Doyle fell in love with the Middle East on his first Bible tour of the Holy Land. In 1995, he became an

official tour guide for the State of Israel and developed a passion for ministering to the Israeli people, Arabs and Jews alike. Tom and JoAnn began working in the heart of the Islamic world shortly after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in response to a call from God to full-time ministry. In 2017, the Doyles launched Uncharted Ministries, which seeks to inspire the Body of Christ to rise up and join the new great awakening among Jews and Muslims in the Middle East and in uncharted territories around the world. Tom and JoAnn serve throughout the Middle East and have a special love for Israel and her Jewish and Arab population.



Marty Goetz and Misha

Marty Goetz: E m m y - n o m - inated Marty Goetz is a Jewish believer in Jesus and has been called a

modern-day psalmist. His songs are composed of Scripture beautifully set to music, leaving listeners spiritually moved and inspired. He has ministered before congregations for decades including Greg Laurie's Harvest Christian Fellowship and Chicago's Moody Church and for ministries such as Focus on the Family, TBN, CBN, Promise Keepers, and the Billy Graham Training Center/The Cove. Marty has been recording music steadily since 1985 and today lives outside of Nashville, Tennessee with his wife Jennifer, who is also a Jewish believer in Jesus.

Misha Goetz: Growing up as the only child of modern-day psalmist Marty Goetz and his wife, Jennifer, Misha's earliest memories were formed in Nashville behind the piano where she composed her first recorded song at the age of eight. Misha's most recent full-length project is a DVD and CD she produced with her father titled *Marty Goetz & Misha: LIVE from Jerusalem*, filmed in Israel, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem with a twenty-six-piece orchestra. Currently, Misha is writing new songs and making music with her father while traveling the country leading worship full-time. Misha resides in Austin, Texas with her husband, Joshua, and their two sons, Caleb and Samuel.

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