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The Golden Gate

~Jerusalem's Golden Gate~

Brother Matthan Gray

Jesus was the fulfilment of the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of First fruits and Pentecost, and at His third coming, at Armageddon and He will be the complete fulfilment of the remaining feasts (Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles). The Book of Ezekial grants us a unique glimpse as to how and when Jesus will make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Ezekial 46 1 – 3:

Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the Gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the Gate: then he shall go forth; but the Gate shall not be shut until the evening. Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this Gate before the LORD in the Sabbaths and in the new moons.

When Jesus walked the earth in the flesh, He walked through the eastern Gate on the Passover in fulfilment of the first full moon festival.

The timing for the opening of the currently sealed eastern Gate is on the Sabbath and in the day of the new moon, and that it will be Messiah, the Prince (Jesus Himself), who breaks the seal upon the gate and makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The promised day of the new moon (the Feast of Tabernacles) is the Millennium wherein the gate will be opened for a full day, that is, for 1000 years during the Millennial reign.

The coming of the great King is clearly outlined in the Scriptures and is announced with His return to earth for the Battle of Armageddon according to Revelation 19. Zechariah 14:3-5: *Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south....*

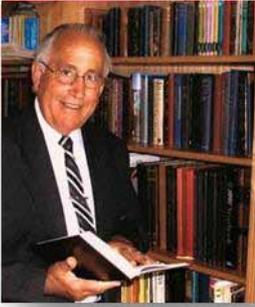
The Mount of Olives is located directly across from the eastern Gate of Jerusalem, the earthquake alluded to in v4 is the exact same earthquake that happens in the seventh vial of Rev.16: 17-21. This is the earthquake that splits Jerusalem and will open up the currently sealed eastern Gate of Jerusalem and thus the entrance will be opened up for the great King to enter Jerusalem and reign supreme.. The Jews and the Gentiles will know that the shaking of the earth will be caused by the hands of Almighty God; they will know that He has come to take His place as the rightful Ruler of the earth. In the day of the new moon (the Feast of Tabernacles) the eastern Gate will remain open for 1000 years and the people of the nations will come to Jerusalem to worship and to bring offerings to the most High God Who is worthy of all the praise.

Quote from the Temple Mount Organisation:

Sent in by Brother Richard Oliver

Because of the Messianic Association with the Golden Gate, which clearly symbolizes both 'judgment and mercy', adherents to all three faiths have wanted to be buried as close as possible to the Golden Gate. The assumption was that the dead in the immediate vicinity would be the first to be raised. In the Middle Ages were forbidden to bury on Mount Moriah. Instead they buried their dead opposite the Gate and to the South on the Mount of Olives. This Jewish cemetery is the oldest in continuous use anywhere in the world. A burial plot, it is said, if it were available there, could cost \$50,000 or more. The Christian cemetery lies in the bottom of the Kidron Valley (in sad condition) while the Muslim burial area covers the eastern Temple Mount hillside up to and surrounding the Golden Gate – as seen in front of the Golden Gate in the photograph on the Cover.

From behind the Editors Desk:



Greetings to all of our Brethren, far and wide. As you will notice, as readers of our BNL, the emphasis has been given of late to Missionary Activity, especially in the Islands of Vanuatu,

New Caledonia and P.N.G. And this month's release, has given a very interesting report by Brother Tony who says that quite a large number of folk from all over the world have shown an interest in joining him on the next tour to Israel. (see Page 6)

We realised ourselves, while typing out their itinerary, what an interesting time they had on their last tour. We are sure you will enjoy reading of their experiences, just as we did.

Our Ministry is Publishing:-

- News Items
- Personal Testimonies of God's Provision,
- Healing and other blessings
- Missionary endeavours – Announcements
- Announcement of upcoming events i.e.
Conventions – in N.Z. or offshore.
Youth and Family Camps.
- Letters to the Editor.

The Brothers of our Committee, Adrian, Dean, and Malcolm join me in wishing you God's richest blessings.

Brother Charles
Editor.



*When I say I am a Christian
I'm not shouting I'm clean living
I'm whispering I was lost
Now I'm found and forgiven*

*When I say I am a Christian
I don't speak of that with pride
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.*

*When I say I am a Christian
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I am weak
And need His Grace to carry on.*

*When I say I am a Christian
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean up my mess.*

*When I say I am a Christian
I'm not claiming to be perfect
I've flaws far too visible
But God believes I am worth it.*

*When I say I am a Christian
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His Name.*

*When I say I am a Christian
I'm not holier than thou
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's Grace somehow.*

*If God brings you to it
He'll bring you through it.*

Sent in by:

Bro. Graeme and Sis. Miriam Harnett

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ISRAEL SPRING TOUR



Space still available for Spring Tour: April 28 - May 9th

Spring, the beautiful season of resurrection, is just around the corner. Living in these last days, nothing quite epitomizes new life as the restoration of Israel as a nation. The *Fig Tree* has budded again in *our day!*

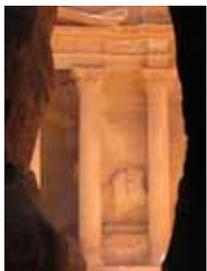
This amazing reality of God's Word coming to pass is celebrated every May 8th. All Israel rejoices this day - when after nearly 2,000 years God's Word was proven true. This is the day Jerusalem and the Temple Mount were liberated in the victorious six day war in 1967!

When one visits the unique land of Israel, it is not just the things one sees that is special - but ***what one does*** when there. That is why when hosting a Tour to Israel was first envisioned, my burden and objective was for believers to experience Israel in a current and living way. Being in Israel on ***Jerusalem Day*** and seeing literally tens of thousands of flag waving Israelis celebrating in the streets and at the Western Wall, is one of many unforgettable events we'd like for you to experience.

The tour we are leading is unique in other aspects as well. It is a great honor to have Rabbi Richman of the Temple Institute, personally guide us. With him we will visit new settlements in Samaria and walk on the Temple Mount. ***(We are photographed here in front of the Eastern Gate.)*** As a new addition, Rabbi Richman will also lead us through the ancient biblical city of Hebron, the world's most ancient Jewish site and the second holiest place after the Temple Mount. We will visit the Caves of ***Machpelah*** [Gen 23:9] which holds the Tombs of the Patriarch's, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob along with their wives.



Of course there are numerous other outstanding events to this tour. How can one describe walking in the footsteps of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee, in Nazareth, or standing on Mt Carmel where Elijah called fire from heaven, it's impossible to describe the incredible aura of God's presence when walking in Jerusalem, the City He Loves.



Another outstanding feature of this tour is visiting ancient ***Petra*** in Jordan. This is one of the modern day "Seven Wonders" of the world. We experience the mystic of an *Arabian night* as we traverse the narrow gorge to the ***Siq*** at night by the light of over 1,000 candles and are serenaded by the flutes of

We also spend a night on the Dead Sea in a beautiful resort Hotel. The next day we stop at the baptism site on the Jordan River. We visit Masada and Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The last four days will be spent touring the most meaningful places in Jerusalem which include the Mt of Olives and the garden of Gethsemane. The climax of course, is to experience the power of resurrection when standing at the empty tomb of the Garden.

And so with some seats still remaining, we extend an invitation for you to join us and believers from eight different nations already signed up for this special tour of the Holy Land and Jordan.

The dates are from **April 28** until **May 9** and the cost - ***without airfare*** is just \$2,379 USD.* If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to ***write*** or ***call*** for the full information package.

Your brother and sister in Christ, **Brother Tony & Sister Rebekah**

****Full cost detail and breakdown included in the information brochure****

Israel Tour 2012 Part 2



We sat on the Mount of Olives looking across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate, the Dome of the Rock was beyond and to the left.

Pastor Gerry Furrie and Brother John Dubsy both preached to the group here; Jerry on what Christ did on the cross and John on Jesus entry to Jerusalem. This was from very near to where we were sitting and through the Eastern Gate on Palm Sunday.

This Eastern Gate is called the Golden Gate and is the only one not rebuilt by Suleiman the Magnificent in the 1540s. It was also the only gate giving access to Jerusalem from the east and, specifically, the only gate in the city wall giving direct access to the Temple. This gate, dating from Nehemiah's time, was so intricately decorated with acanthus leaves that the leaves appeared to be moving. It had a magnificent gate room of six domes held up on marble pillars. This was the Gate Beautiful where the lame man was laid each day. He met the power of the risen Christ through Peter and John in Acts 3 v2.

There was a causeway, or bridge, from the gate across the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives, hence it was, for Jesus and the disciples, the easiest and best access to the temple from Bethphage and Bethany. The gate has two doors, one, called the door of Judgement, the other the door of Mercy. Many Jews believe that it is through this gate that the Messiah will enter Jerusalem and it is here that the Judgement of the world will take place.

Studying the picture it can be seen that the Dome of the Rock is not directly in line with this gate. Some therefore believe that the third temple can be built without destroying that Muslim site.

The gate itself has been sealed since 810 AD, probably to control access to the mosque. In 1969 the archaeologist James Fleming accidentally discovered that there was an older gate directly underneath Nehemiah's current gate. This lower gate is



Pastor Furrie from Canada, above with the gate behind him. The Golden, Eastern or Beautiful Gate. Inset, Bro. John Dubsy from Phoenix.

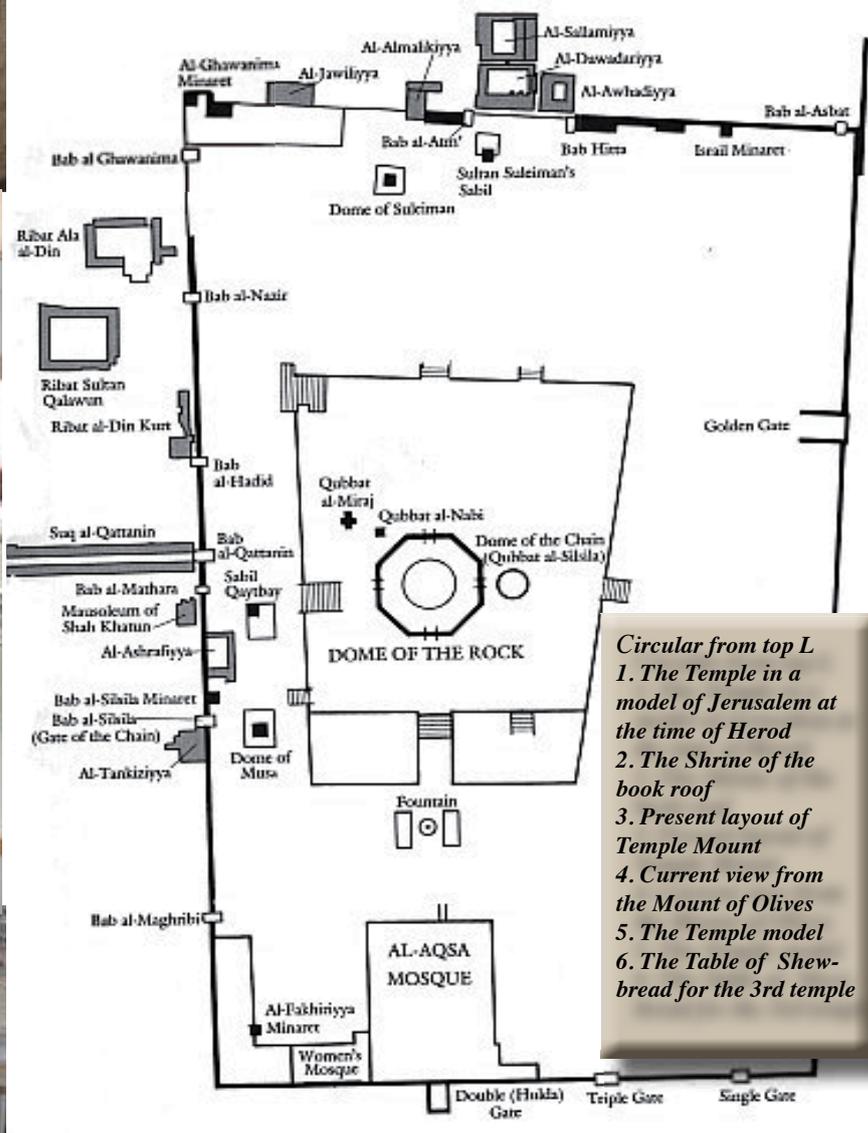
thought to be from Solomon's temple period. A map of the Temple Mount area is on the following page.

Rabbi Richman guided our tour of the Temple Mount and someone asked how long it would take to start building the Third Temple if the Dome of the Rock was destroyed.

Rabbi Richman replied, "Ten Minutes." However there are many Jews who believe the third temple will come down from heaven, and that there is no need to do anything here and now. I wonder if there are some Message Believers who believe the Rapture will just happen and they don't have to be prepared and ready for His return.

Rabbi Richman points to traces of gold remaining on a pillar from the temple.





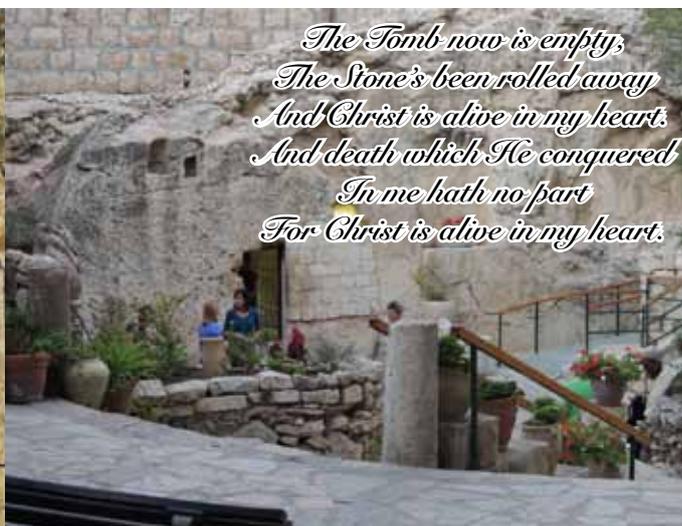
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1. The Temple in a model of Jerusalem at the time of Herod
2. The Shrine of the book roof
3. Present layout of Temple Mount
4. Current view from the Mount of Olives
5. The Temple model
6. The Table of Shewbread for the 3rd temple



Gethsemane, on the Mount of Olives, has Olive Trees that may well be two thousand or more years old. New branches spring from large wizened trunks.

Far less permanent is Calvary. The Romans wanted to make executions a public warning so traditionally they crucified victims at the side of major roads and ideally at intersections. They found just such a site near the Damascus Gate, just outside the city walls. This area is now a many laned highway. Nearby is a strange rock formation, like the face of a skull, and close to that is a garden.



*The Tomb now is empty,
The Stone's been rolled away
And Christ is alive in my heart.
And death which He conquered
In me hath no part
For Christ is alive in my heart.*

Can we guarantee that this garden with it's rolling stone tomb is the garden tomb of the Bible? The tomb itself has a less than usual layout allowing visitors to see into the burial chamber without entering. (John 20 v5) No we cannot guarantee, but it is the most likely as it fits all the Gospel facts.

So we prayed, we meditated, we considered what God had done.

A simple, but moving, communion service was held in a little chapel and tour song leader Brother Mark Steinke from Pastor Ron Peterson's church in Phoenix, Arizona, led the singing for our last worship service together.

Brother Tony at Mount Zion Tours is planning a second tour, (see details elsewhere in this publication or contact Brother Tony at mtziontour@gmail.com) I have a really nice son in law who paid for my tour but if you can manage to beg, borrow (but not steal) enough to go then I don't think you would

ever regret it. It puts a different perspective on the Bible, places and people.

Associate Pastor Chris Mamah was a fellow "First Tour" member. He is from Pastor Franck Boh's church in the Bronx, New York. I'll finish with his opinion of the tour.

"What a beautiful time the trip was! It continues to be the highlight of anywhere I have ever been. I don't know if there will ever be a gathering of such brethren on this side of eternity but it is just a testimony of what it will be on the other side and I am looking forward to that."

It would take many BNLs to give a real taste of the tour so instead some video and some photos are viewable at:

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Richard Oliver



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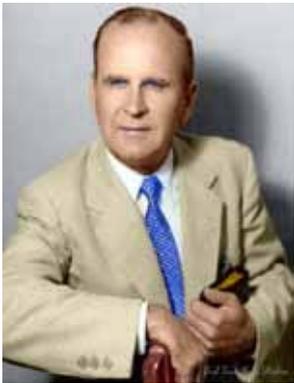


Mission update December 2012



Dear and precious Believers in JESUS, Warmest Christian greetings in the most wonderful and precious name of our saviour LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Thanks God for His tender mercy and grace for He has chosen us before the foundation of the world to spread the message of hour in this country of Pakistan to the predestinated seed. We are very thankful our saviour Lord Jesus, Who is providing sources for the restoration of the bride tree here in Pakistan also. Praise and glory to God and blessed be His mighty name.



Prophet said: **If God sends you; He'll take care of you. If He hasn't sent you, then let the denomination take care of you then, but if God sends you, He'll take care of you. Amen**
{Questions & Answers On The Holy Ghost}

We had a Holy Communion service in the first week of December 2012, the saints were get together at Pak Tabernacle in this special service, brother Iqbal and brother Ejaz sang psalms and after worshipping Lord Jesus, brother Ejaz invited me to share the Word of God. I took text from John 06: 53 **Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**



I told congregation it is most important service for each and every True Believer in Christ. It is about the body and blood of Lord Jesus Christ we should prepare ourselves for the Holy Communion. When you are fully prepared for it, then you can be part of this special service and I shared the quotes of Prophet. Congregation got blessings and prepare themselves for the Lord's Supper. We washed each others feet then broke the Bread and supped the blood of Lord Jesus Christ. There was too much anointing of Holy Spirit. We were very happy and enjoyed the Holy Communion service. Hallelujah



We had one more service at Pak Tabernacle, brother Iqbal called me to share the message when I started the message. There was one sister, who was possessed by the devil,



during the ministry of the Word I commanded devil in the name of Lord Jesus Christ to leave her by the grace of God she freed and heard the complete message of hour. Now she is attending the services at Pak Tabernacle regularly. Praise and glory to His blessed name.



On 26th December 2012 Brother Amjad arranged the memorial service of his father; he invited the Pak Tabernacle team for the worship. After the worship they gave time to share the Word of God, I read text from Ecclesiastes 3:21 **Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?.**

And 2Corinthians 5:1 **For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

During the preaching I shared many quotes of prophet William Branham and told them we know, all the mysteries have revealed according to Revelation 10:07 and Malachi 4:5-6. If you want to know about these secrets of the Bible you must read the message of hour. There were 500 plus people get together for this meeting. Many people received much blessings and showed their hunger and thirst for the truths of this End time age.

When I finished the message few brothers came to me and asked about our ministry, I told them about end time message and messenger and gave them my visiting card for further meeting about end time message and messenger.

Other day I received one call from brother Sabir he told me I want to meet you and want to know more about end time message and messenger.

So I invited him at our office he came at our office after two days. He had many questions about his life he told me I am 74 years old and well educated I visited most of the churches and met many pastors but couldn't satisfy in my soul, I am searching for the truth since last 20 years please guide me!



Bro. Shamoan is praying for bro. Sabir Masih

I told him about the book of brother Branham "A Guide" and tried my best to tell him all the truth I know and I prayed for him and gave him some books of Brother Branham for more guidance and satisfaction in HIS soul. Praise and glory to Lord Jesus Christ.

Pak Tabernacle is very thankful and appreciated to all the Saints in Christ Jesus, who are praying and supporting us for the first message church building in largest city of Pakistan called Karachi and for the ministry of the Word of God with this end time message which is more precious to us than our lives.



Please keep us and Pak Tabernacle church building in your personal prayers, we highly valued your precious prayers and generous support for the work of Lord Jesus in Pakistan.



First message church building is under construction

We regularly pray for you and your precious ministry, may God bless and reward you richly, abundantly and exceedingly for your great labour for His kingdom.



Kind best regards to all the saints in Christ Jesus.

Shalom

Yours brother in JESUS,

Brother Shamoan Yaqoob,

Pak Tabernacle Karachi,
Pakistan.

~SEASONS OF REDEMPTION~



Brother Ed Byskal

God bless you and good morning. It's

always a good morning on the Lord's Day. We are happy to be with you this morning and it's more or less unreal for me to be here and find our Brother Lonnie is seated in another place. Amen! And we are happy for Him. Of course we feel that loss. When my wife and I actually came, I expected to go to the hospital to see him. We had taken a plane very quickly after we'd made our reservations about midnight on Wednesday and flew all day Thursday, arriving late that night.

We were just leaving our room and were going to have a bite of breakfast and go right to the Hospital when I got a text from Brother Jeff saying that our Brother had been promoted. So we are happy for him and my wife and I both sat down and she said "Free at last"

Amen. Well, there'll be much to be said about Brother Lonnie in the days to come. I would simply like to say this that everybody knew our Brother Lonnie at different levels. To some of you he was a teacher, to some he was a minister, to others he was a mentor. For myself, we were pioneers together. He was a pioneer and so I think of him that way and I want to share with you some of the Word of God today, even though I had no intention of actually speaking.

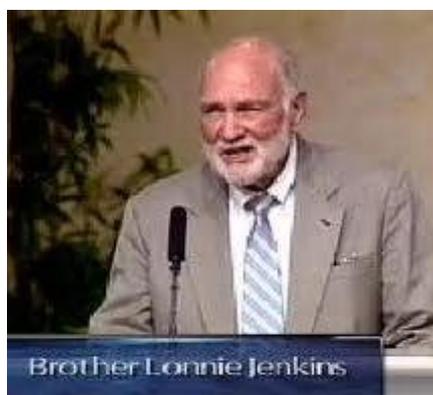
But I told Brother Jeff, we're here to support, we are here to do everything that we can and be all that we can be to the glory of God. We still have a wonderful message do we not? Amen. I'm enthused about the message. Hallelujah and it's something that you stand for and I'm just happy to be able to represent it any way we can. I wonder if just before we turn to the Word of God if you would bow your heads with me so we can pray together.

We are approaching you Heavenly Father through the Name of the beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, our Redeemer. How we love you Lord and we think of your

Prophet messenger as he was ready to approach great needs of the people and he would say "Isn't He lovely" and this morning, Lord, I want to say before this audience of people, you are indeed the lovely One and we love you with all of our heart and soul.....

I invite you to turn to **Romans 8 v18-23**.

18. *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory, which shall be revealed in us.*
19. *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the Sons of God.*
20. *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who has subjected the same in hope.*



I'd like you to notice that 20th verse once again please. For the creature [and we are some of those creatures] was made subject to vanity and vanity is just "emptiness", vanity is 'void of reality' We have been made subject to vanity, but not willingly [that was our master plan] but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21. *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*
22. *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain until now,*
23. *and not only they, but ourselves also which have the first-fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption to wit the redemption of our body.*

Amen.. Now in order to just captivate your thoughts as quickly as possible and I would ask for your kind attention. If we just focus on the Word of God and let us be in expectation, for what the Lord may have for us. I certainly gave myself to the service this morning.

But whenever I am asked to speak then I take it very, very seriously and I just spend my entire time waiting on God for this and so what I have to say this morning I believe will be of benefit to the people. That's what we want it to be. I'd like to just give a quick overview. The scripture speaks of 'that we groan within ourselves, waiting for adoption, to wit the redemption of our body.' I would like you to take that phrase and I want to call

it **“the last act of redemption”, to wit the redemption of our bodies, because I believe that there will be an en masse victory over death, en masse, and that will be a final act.**

I wish to speak to you on “Seasons of Redemption” There are seasons in all of our lives, and we are familiar with the seasons and there are times within seasons. For example we have a summer season and in the summer season we may have a sowing season which will be in the early part and the spring. We’ll have a time when the grain is growing and then the time when it is maturing in the heat of the early fall and then we’ll have a harvest season; but all of those seasons are within the summer season. We have a season which I will refer to [as Brother Branham referred to it] in a few moments, the season of mortal life and in the season of mortal life we have our childhood, and then we have our youth and we’re coming into manhood, womanhood, we come into our early life perhaps as single or married couples. We have the season of mortal life, the time of child bearing, and bringing up children and time of increased responsibilities and then, as the time goes on, we have the season of slowing down and less activity and perhaps retirement or what-evermore.

So that’s just a little bit of an overview, but even within those seasons; the human season, the mortal season, we have something else that I want to just touch on because that is really the heart of the message that is within each of us that are here. We have an inner self, an inner being and I spoke on this at home, and so it was not specifically designed for this service. I didn’t know I would be here speaking just prior to Brother Lonnie’s service, but it is very, very fitting.

We have within each of us an inner self and I would attach that to the spirit man that God had intended in the first place, when He made man in His own image and in His own likeness and He said, ‘bring forth and multiply’. When God said that, He didn’t intend in His mind.. He was not looking upon the earth being filled with those who despise Him, who despise holiness & righteousness.

God was not speaking of the masses that fill the earth today when He said to Adam in His first state, “multiply and fill the earth.” He wasn’t planning on it being filled with a bunch of God haters and perversion and what we have today. What you see on the streets in the cities today that’s not it and so within the individuals, especially as believers, there is a cry for a greater life and there is

something that is within us that wants to break forth. One of the examples that I have used is that this physical body that we are more or less locked in, we are like a prisoner to it. It is unable to express what is on the inside.

You that sit here today, when you think, “Oh, if I could only let loose and rejoice and just do what I really feel I’d like to do” but, somehow you are restricted. Or there are times when you want to comfort somebody,’ you may go to a funeral service and you want to speak and say things to the family. You maybe say, ‘Well, I’m so sorry’, or ‘my condolences’ and it all seems so weak and frail, it almost seems that it’s worthless to say because there is so much more in there.

Well, there is more in there because there is a place and there is a life and there is a body that is made to express all of that. Can you say ‘Amen’ to that? [Congregation replies ‘Amen’] So we will start if you will give me your kind attention and give me your time I want to approach that subject from that direction, that’s just like a little overview.

The Prophet said in the message ‘The Breach’, And when nature and people as The Bible said, are groaning, it shows that there is something that they’re not in their ‘ought to be condition’ and I like that phrase “They are not in their ought-to-be condition” and that is why there is a groaning. He said we are not where we used to be; we fell from someplace. Someone who is sick fell from being a healthy person.

As one of the examples for the seasons we’re in, I want to stress now the seasons of redemption and that’s what I’ll do.

The Prophet used this; he said, ‘the sun comes up at morning and a baby is born and about 9 o’clock it goes to school, about 10 o’clock it’s finished, and at 12 o’clock it’s in the strength, at 2 o’clock in the afternoon it’s getting along about my age and at 5 o’clock its 80 years old. It’s dying, it goes down. It’s served God’s purpose. It isn’t dead. It’ll come back the next morning; it’s God testifying that there is a death, burial and resurrection.’

So he was saying that the nature vindicates it and confirms that and he talks about ‘Think of a tree’. He said, ‘take a leaf and that’s like a life, a leaf is like a life, and we are, if we are born again, we are a leaf on the Tree of Life. ‘Praise God’. If we are going to express any kind of life lets express the life that’s like a leaf on the Tree of Life. Amen. He said life finally leaves and pulls away from the leaf because the season is over for the leaf and the

leaf will drop off when the life leaves it. The leaf will drop off, but that's the body that we bury. But that's not the end of it! It comes back again because the life goes back down into the roots. That's why the leaf falls off. Not because the life is gone. The life left the leaf and the leaf dropped off, but the life goes back down to the roots so that it'll be preserved. Amen!

And as believers we are living and bearing true witness to the Tree of Life because he said, also there are those that bear a false witness to the tree of life. Many call themselves Christians. Many call themselves even 'believers'. Some, even as 'message believers'. We don't want to give a false witness to the Tree of Life. We want to give a true witness to the Tree of Life and he says, 'but the life that was in the leaf goes back where it came from, down through the tree to the root and there it remains in the root of the tree until another season because I'm speaking on the seasons of redemption. I want you to think of the root as the root of David, the tribe of Judah. The life, no matter what happened in the beginning we go all the way back to Genesis and say 'well the serpent came in and beguiled Eve' and there was the fall and all the trouble ever since Eden and now we are in Satan's Eden and all of the evil that takes place around the world, but let me tell you something friends that you already realize, but I am saying it in the framework of the message this morning.

The life was preserved. The life went back, the Lion of the tribe of Judah was able to open the seals. Why? Because the life was there and it was able to come back there was nothing that could hinder that. There was no man, no organization, no system, nothing could hinder the messenger coming with a valid voice on the earth and being able to speak what the Lamb wanted to say because the Lion of the tribe of Judah loosed the seals and your life was sealed in there. Can we say Amen? {Congregation responds 'Amen'} Eve was sealed in Adam was she not? And the bride was sealed in the second Adam. Hallelujah! And the Prophet even said that the feminine part was taken from Adam, not another body, but she was taken from Him and the feminine part was taken from him and placed in her and so she was part of him **and the nature that is in the believer is actually the nature of Jesus Christ.**

You and I are here for one sole purpose, and that is to express a true expression of the Tree of Life and that expression can only come from His

life and His life alone. His life must flow into the believer and then we are able to give a true expression, Hallelujah! Those of you that have raised children you carried the baby in your arms and you had no idea what kind of a child that was going to be; the most you knew it was going to be a boy or a girl and then, as time went on you begin to see little indications of some nature that was in them.

And we ourselves have raised our three daughters and we have our middle daughter Marilyn. She'd come in, in the middle of the night/ in the wee hours of the morning, and she'd start tapping on my cheek while I'm in bed and she monotonous way of doing it. It was just like a Chinese torture treatment and she'd just tap until I could feel that tapping and I knew she was not going to stop because she didn't know what stop meant.

She just kept tapping and I'd open my eyes and say, 'what do you want Marilyn?' It was always the same thing; She said, 'I need a pencil and a paper. I need a pencil and a paper'. Well, I didn't know it, but she had the ability to be an artist in her and she is quite well known as an artist today and has painted some wonderful pictures and that's what she lived to do. She lives to paint, but that was in her, back then. That was in her at 3-4 years old.

And then there are others that maybe are gifted musicians and so on. I was talking to the Cockman family once when I was in a place where they were singing and I went up to Brother Cockman. I said how did you teach these kids to play? One's on the guitar, ones on the bass ones on the violin, ones on the banjo, ones on the mandolin. How did you teach them to play? He said, well, you know we didn't have any music in our house so one day I just went out to the music store and I bought all these different instruments and I came home and I put an instrument in each of their bedrooms. He said they didn't know how to play at all, and then I gathered them and said 'Now, there's new instruments in all of your bedrooms and don't you dare touch them!' [laughter] Cause he said, 'I knew if I said 'don't touch them' they were going to go and start fiddling with them and he said that's how they learnt to play.'

You never know what lays within a person. I want to say to the Church today and all who may be hearing this bride of Jesus Christ, hasn't really got a clue what's in her yet and what's in her you have to hear something. You might find some young man or

young woman and they are just, you know, bony and skinny knees and Adams apple sticking out here and you wonder what in the world is this kid ever going to be. Give him a few years of college and then maybe he'll go to further training, medical training and he comes up and he ends up being a brain surgeon.

Now, what transformed him, an awkward teenager with 10 thumbs to be a brain surgeon? What transformed him? I'll tell you what transformed him; books. It was books and it was somebody teaching him, somebody telling him, experimentation and we've experimented, and we've proven over the years this works. You don't have any surgeons in this country? Of course you do. Where do they learn it? They learn it in books. They learn it from trial and error. They learn it from experiments that were made. It turned some awkward teenager in to the finest heart surgeon, or a brain surgeon, what evermore, because they had to hear, they had to hear it, and they had to believe it. They had to believe in themselves and then, eventually they became what their objective was, provided they had it in them to do it.

Now some people can never, never attain it because they just don't have it and you know what I'm talking about, but there are others that not only have it, they have the desire, they have the expectation, and that's the direction they are going to go, and hardship isn't going to stop them, obstacles aren't going to stop them. They are going to pursue it because it's in them to pursue it and they have a certain objective.

Well, let me tell you friends, something that I'm sure that you realize and know, that the body of Jesus Christ is more than a church, and the messenger of this age was more than a prophet because it had to be at the closing of the age that there had to come a ministry. People can be prophets without the precise ministry of the Son of Man ministry, but the prophet said, and I'll quote it later, there had to be a Son of Man ministry because it had to be identical to that of Jesus Christ to unite, because it's Jesus Christ Who the Bride is in love with.

It takes that ministry to unite the head to the body. That's why that ministry came. A person can be a Prophet without being that, but it had to unite the Church - the head to the body of Jesus Christ -

and that is what was required; and what's in the body of Jesus Christ, or the bride of Jesus Christ in this season is one for a marriage. We are not interested just in courtship. We're not interested in just some association.

We are interested in marriage and that is why, when you get to the Book of Revelation, the Angel is saying to the Angel Messenger, "Come, I will show thee the Lamb's wife. A wife is more than a girl friend. A wife is more than a girl that is espoused. She is a wife, Hallelujah. She has a different status, during this season of mortal life. Glory to God! While we are talking about the seasons; we all experience [as I said a moment ago] the inner something of a much greater life, because what we all experience and what you are experiencing I am sure, I am confident to be able to say, on a daily basis you have a hunger for God, you have an anticipation, a desire for a relationship that perhaps you haven't even entered into up to this time. Don't hold back, don't slack off. This is not the season of slacking off. This is the season of forging forward. This is not a season of lessened relationship. This is the season of intensified relationship.

The Prophet said the marriage takes place here. You know you have to work at a marriage. You know that. I've been married for a lot of years. You work at a marriage and you can have a wonderful marriage. If anyone here is having challenges in their marriage I'll just tell you it's a lie from the devil. Hallelujah. It's a lie from the pit. Everybody has challenges. We are not here to succumb to challenges. We are here to overcome challenges. Glory to God. And the bride of Jesus Christ, we are not here to experience less of a relationship, but increased relationship and the fact is; the Ministry came to actually unite the head which is Jesus Christ which is the Capstone, which is love to unite that Capstone with the body of Jesus Christ and that is why when you maybe hear a tape and you heard that vindication to me, people said "Oh, that's the first pull, that's the 2nd pull."

To me that's just so many, just a certain description of a part of a ministry, but that part of the ministry happens to be the vindication. That's what affirms and confirms and proves and to me it's God coming forward. When I hear that vindication. Even to this day, even though I sat on the platform, I watched it happen, others have here.

I was in the meetings very early and when I saw that Prophet of God tell people and begin to

reveal the secret of the heart it sent shivers through my young body and later on in years, even to this time when I hear it I say, 'Oh God, why did you do this? This has not been recorded in the history of mankind. Why did it happen in this time? What is it you are trying to say to us?'

I know I can tell you that it's the vindication or the proving, God proving to this age, proving to you and I, proving to this nation of America and around the world, proving this is Me, not just a man. This is Me behind that veil of flesh. This is Me that's revealing it. This is Me that is making contact with the people. Can you agree with that? And make the separation; we know that the servant and man of God our precious Brother Branham was a man, but God used him. I'm going to be giving you some quotes in a little bit. In 'the Breach' once again he is referring to 'the lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed' and I would like to say 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah' but there were times when the Lion, of the tribe of Judah was standing at a very risky place.

You remember Judah himself? Do you remember when Judah had three sons and the eldest son, the one son was given to a woman by the name of Tamar and he died and she had no children and the second one took her and he spilled his seed and wouldn't give his seed to his brothers' lineage and God slew him. Then the third one, the father Judah thought that he was very young and he thought that this was almost like a bad omen perhaps. He has already lost two sons, giving them to this woman so he kept that other son and he told her "Go to your father's house and put on the garment of widowhood."

Don't forget there is a difference of how a person dresses. A dress can identify. Oh my how much I could say on that; how the Prophet had to come and blast the way that the women of this age dressed because he even identified it with harlotry and He told the women.

And Judah said to the woman Go, and dress and put on the garments of widowhood and go to your father's house and she went to her father's house and she was to bare Judah a son. Judah's lineage, that's how close it got to being extinguished.

Listen to me friends, **we are not in a human battle. This is a spiritual battle, way beyond this blood and body and flesh that we have. We are in a spiritual warfare and that demon had wanted to cut down that lineage of**

Judah because he knew before the foundation of the world it was to be the tribe of Judah, the lion of the tribe of Judah that would loose the seals, because buried in those seals was the very nature and life of the bride of Jesus Christ. You may have read the seals and thought Well, how does this relate? I can tell you how it relates. He is taking apart denominationalism and you wonder Why is He doing that? Because it is the enemy of God, it's the enemy of the Church, and He had to expose it. Amen!

And here is Tamar. How many have read about Tamar? How many have ever wondered about her? You understand it and she deceived her father-in-law. She heard that he was up on the mountain with a friend at sheep shearing time. Now she changes her garment and she puts on the garment of harlotry and she sits on the pathway and he passes by and he desires her and takes her as a harlot. That's what he thinks she is and she said, 'just before you do that, you give me something. What will you give me?' He said, 'I will give you a kid, a small goat.' She replied, 'until you bring that, you give me something in confirmation' and I think he gave her a signet and a staff and a bracelet or something. I think it was three items and then he took her to wife as it was and gave her seed, and from that seed came Judah's lineage.

And when he heard that she was carrying a child he said "Bring her for the burning" and he was going to have her pay the penalty and he was going to burn her for this act and then when they came to get her she said, 'Excuse me, before you burn me, here are the items from the one with whom I have child' and gave him back his own items and he was smitten and he declared - for its in the Word of God - 'Thou art more righteous than I', and here is something else, if you don't know the Bible, **she happens to be in the motherhood of Jesus Christ.**

There are five women in Matthew the first chapter; five women mentioned. Only one of them is Mary the virgin, but the other four, one is Tamar, one is Ruth the Moabitess, one is Rahab the harlot and the fourth one is Bathsheba, Uriah's wife who gave birth to Solomon, through King David. You people as a congregation, you can't explain that! How do you think you will ever explain William Branham's ministry? Might as well say 'Amen,' These prophets reached out into other realms that we have no clue about and you have no idea how God can take those, but God was describing the depth and the riches of His mercy and took those

women and didn't just make them 'associated' with Jesus – He made them 'the mothers' of Jesus Christ.

And this group of people ought to say 'Amen' to that because He picked you and I up out of our wretched state and made us sons and daughters of God Hallelujah! **Gave us the righteousness of Jesus Christ and how we ought to rejoice today.** Say Thank you Father for this great fountain of mercy and grace that we can sit here today and be born again sons and daughters of God. I tell you what friends, sin is gone and that's why our Prophet could say in this day that it is completely gone. When that sin is erased and goes into the bleach of the blood of Jesus Christ he said it breaks up.

You can never understand even some of his statements. He said what happens to it? You cannot find the sin anymore and here's one for you if you want to figure everything out, **he said the sin, he said the ink becomes bleach Hallelujah Hallelujah To Judah, his daughter-in-law Tamar's sin was worthy of the burning and God turned it into righteousness. That's no license for sin. It shows the greatness of Calvary. It shows the greatness of Redemption and in the finale you and I are under the sentence of death today, right now, we are under the sentence of death.** We have them passing off the scene. I have on my text this morning as Brother Jeff was speaking of his daddy and Brother Andy Stevenson I have a sister in our church, her husband, who is unsaved and left her some years ago, last night he breathed his last breath as a young man. I tell you what friends, we may be living here, but we are a dying people.

Except we have the change of the body and this last act of redemption. We are in various seasons of redemption, but you know why a messenger came, because to allow me to stand here today and announce to you in case you don't know we are in another season of redemption. The Prophets ministry and message was a season of redemption and it was to bring us in and to alert us that this is the final act

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Middle East: Crushed!

We greet you in the name above every name, the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who rules supreme in each and every situation. Having that assurance is certainly important during these uncertain times.

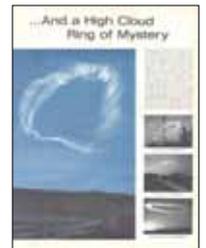
Given the events that have unfolded early in this New Year, knowing the One who is in control is of vital importance. Consider some of the events of the past few weeks;

- Jan 30; First major military attack inside Syria by Israel in 40 years as Israeli warplanes bomb Syrian research center and convoy of arms. **More tensions in the Middle East...**
- Feb 8; Over 100 earthquakes^[1] with a 4.0 or greater magnitude in 24 hours. **"...Earthquakes, in divers places." Matt 24:7**
- Feb 11; The unexpected resignation of the Pope - only the second ever to resign.
- Feb 14; Internationally renowned contemporary of Brother Branham, **Tommy Osborn**, dies.
- Feb 15; Signs in the heaven as a massive meteor explodes over Russia injuring nearly 1,000 people. **"...And fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."** Luke 21:11



An interesting point regarding the upcoming election of the new Pope is the "vision" recorded by St. Malachy^[ii] in the 12th century. He supposedly saw the number of Popes right up until the last one which will see the return of our Lord and the destruction of the "seven hilled City". It's interesting to note that the next Pope – is supposed to be the last one!

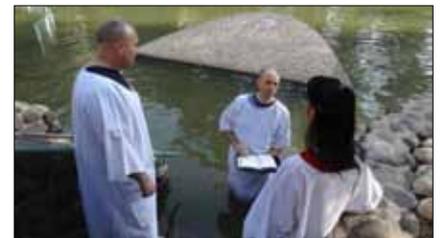
We of course have a "more sure word of prophecy", which we note the appearing of the "mystery cloud" fifty years ago on Feb 28th and the preaching of the 7 Seals in March 1963. Though we have anticipated our home-going for many years, regardless of the events of 2013 - we must not lose sight of the work before us. We must steadily press forward in the great commission. And this we will do here in the Middle East, God helping us with you as our co-labourers together in Christ.



Allow me to share with you a few events that we have had the honor to share in.



Israel: In January I had the privilege of baptizing a "**Sabra**" (native born Jew) who comes from a long family line of Rabbis. In fact, he had even studied to be one – but quit and left the "law" of Judaism before being inducted into fulltime Rabbinical service.



Our first meeting with Brother Zev and his wife was in October after our Israel tour. We were brought together by an amazing set of circumstances. Though Brother Zev and his wife had come to faith in **Yeshua** and were attending *Messianic Churches* in Israel, he struggled with the teaching that *Yeshua* was the second person of the trinity - as nearly all *Messianic Jews* believe.

We spoke of the visitation of God in these last days and of the truths that were restored by the 7th messenger to Laodicea. As Zev and his wife continued to study and read the words of a Prophet, their souls were illuminated to the truth in God's Word. They realized that the ONLY correct baptism - is in the name of **Yeshua** the Messiah. With joy we were able to fulfill their desire by baptizing them in the Jordan River - as you see here. Please pray for their continued spiritual growth and the spread of Truth in Israel among those who were "blinded".



Turkey: I just returned from Turkey where I ministered among some of the Iranian refugees that I've been with in the past. New people came to attend the services. One, a man whose name is **Bahrum**, had only been in one service before and heard about **Isa** - the name for Jesus in the **Koran**.

It is wonderful to see how the Spirit of God melts even the hardest and toughest of hearts. It all happened as I was closing and giving the invitation for individuals to speak to **Isa**, to ask **Isa** to come and make Himself real to them. That

was when the Spirit fell upon *Bahrum*. No music, no emotional pull – just simply the Word, preaching the truth about *Isa* that brought the presence of our Lord Jesus to touch this empty Muslim heart.

It was an amazing scene, one that I so love to be a part of. At 45 years old, *Bahrum* had only known of *Islam*. Sobbing through his tears, he told me of the empty story of his life as a tough police officer in Iran for nearly 20 years. How he had been a Karate instructor, a man of position on security detail for prominent politicians – and how that did, and meant nothing to him. He certainly was not a man given to “emotion” – by his own admission. It was truly the Holy Spirit doing a sovereign work in this man’s heart.

What a joy and blessing it was to hear him confess; *“For 30 years I’ve prayed the empty prayers of Islam – but NEVER got any kind of response like this!”* We remember *Bahrum* in our prayers and look to the Lord to confirm more of His Word to his soul...and to many others like him.

During another service that weekend, I spoke of the power of *Isa* to deliver. How that He is a Holy God and that we are called out of this world with all of its addictions, lusts and pride of life, and invited to receive the Spirit and life of *Isa* to live within. That He is the One that awakens the desire within for a new and different life by the power of *transformation*.

The Holy Spirit touched another heart, this time of a young man - *Vahid*. At the end of the service he pulled the pack of cigarettes out of his pocket and crushed them in front of us all, claiming the victory in *Isa*. He came forward and said to me; *“Cigarettes caused me to lose my first family – I am not going to repeat the same mistake again with Isa!”* With that I had *Vahid* stretch out his hand with the crushed cigarettes and place his hand on my bible so we could pray with him for deliverance. I explained; *“When we submit our desires to the Word of God and the Spirit of Isa, He will come to you!”* With that we prayed for his complete deliverance from this dirty and evil addiction through the victory of His Word in us.



These were just two souls who were deeply affected by the Word. Though not many in number, this is the *“pioneering”* work by which “seeds” are planted for greater things to follow. How well I remember those tough initial years in Hong Kong/China back in 1995-97 when I was there to preach and “plant” the Words of Truth, before ever meeting Brother Murphy and his wife. From that the work in China has grown to what it is today - nearly 20 years later. This is why we so covet your prayers for these ones in whom a new work of grace has started - and can grow from.



Your prayers and support for us too in the coming weeks are also greatly appreciated. We are returning to Israel this weekend to follow up with those to whom we are sharing the message. Future plans are to return to Greece for follow up in March and also to visit some of the Syrian refugees again in Jordan. Please remember us in prayer as we seek the continued leading of the Holy Spirit for both His direction and protection.

May the Lord bless you richly. Your Brother and Sister in Christ,
Brother Tony & Sister Rebekah

¹ <http://earthquake-report.com/2013/02/08/earthquakes-in-the-world-on-february-8-2013-m4-5-or-more/>

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