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Dear Friend,

Jeremiah 29:11 says, *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* That is a promise from God, and I believe He is declaring 2016 to be a “Year of Hope” for Jewish Voice and for you!

In the midst of this seemingly uncertain world, you and I are being held safely in the arms of a God who never changes—who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And that is good news! We can trust that He is in control and that He has a beautiful plan for each of us.

We know that here at Jewish Voice we have been called to go and share the hope of the world to Jewish People who so desperately need it. God continues to open amazing doors of opportunity in reaching these precious people, and I am declaring that in 2016 we will reach even more for the Kingdom of God!

As you read through this *JVT* issue, I want you to embrace the promise of God that His plans are to prosper you and not to harm you and to give you HOPE and a future! Be encouraged and be filled with the hope that can only come from Him. Never forget that God is on your side; and when God is with you, there’s nothing you can’t do.

I hope you are able to join me on one of our upcoming 2016 outreaches. God is going to do extraordinary things this year through you! Thank you for your ongoing faithful and financial support. Your gifts are opening eyes and changing lives.

Thank you for being a faithful friend to me and to Jewish Voice. May God speak to you and encourage you in the pages that follow.



Jonathan Bernis, President & CEO
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DISCOVERING THE POWER OF PURIM

Here is a great way to honor your deliverance.

By Jonathan Bernis

The early spring festival of Purim, or the “Feast of Lots,” doesn’t usually get the levels of attention in the Messianic world as do the big *pilgrimage* feasts—Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (Pentecost), and Sukkot (Tabernacles).

Even so, there are some powerful lessons and deeply meaningful messages embedded in the observance of this neglected Jewish holiday. In fact, as Esther 9:22 reveals (see next page), there were, and are, four specific elements of Purim observance. And one of them is as relevant for Believers today as in the time of Esther.

A LITTLE HISTORY

The events of the book of Esther that form the foundation of the Purim festival transpire in Persia in the fifth century

B.C. There, a large community of *diaspora* Jews made Persia their home following the exile from Judah brought about by the Babylonian conquest.

Only a fragment of the exiled Jews returned to their Judean homeland at the end of that 70-year exile in Babylon. Many chose to remain in exile, settling throughout the Babylonian kingdom. Not long afterward, the Babylonian Empire was supplanted by the Persians, just as Daniel had foretold.

The events of Purim are driven by the same spirit of anti-Semitism we see manifested all around us today.

Esther, a beautiful Jewish girl, becomes a queen of Persia, having great favor with the king. A power-hungry Persian bureaucrat named Haman, animated by the ancient demonic

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spirit of Jew-hatred, turns his envy of Esther's uncle and guardian, Mordecai, into a vendetta against the entire Jewish population of Persia.

Ultimately, Esther reveals her Jewish identity and in the presence of the king exposes Haman's treachery. Haman's plot to destroy the Jewish People is exposed and he, along with his sons, are taken away and executed.

Mordecai then becomes prime minister and is honored. Esther remains queen. And the Jewish People are spared from extermination.

CELEBRATING GOD'S DELIVERING POWER

For centuries now, the holiday observed on 14th of Adar on the Jewish calendar has been called Purim, or the Feast of Lots, because Haman had cast lots (*purim*) to determine when he should initiate his genocidal plot against the Jewish People.

In other words, Purim is about celebrating God's faithful, miraculous deliverance of His people from destruction. Of course, that delivering power has been manifested time and again in the centuries since those events.

Throughout history—from Haman of ancient Persia, to Herod, to Hitler, and to Hamas—the enemy has sought to exterminate Jewish People. But time and again, God has intervened to rescue and sustain His People.

More than 24 centuries ago the Jewish People faced a mortal threat from Persia. Significantly, the nation of Israel faces a mortal threat from the same part of the world. Today, the area once known as Persia is called Iran.

God's power and desire to deliver His People has not diminished. He remains ready and willing to come to the rescue of all those who call upon His name—including you and me. As the psalmist reminds us:

God is for us—a God of deliverance. Adonai my Lord has escapes from death (Psalm 68:21 TLV).

Purim is a perfect time to take special remembrance of God's loving desire to deliver. It is also the ideal time to express a heart of gratitude that He sent Yeshua (Jesus), the Messiah-Deliverer, to make it possible for the entire world to be delivered from the domain of darkness.

While we rejoice over the many ways God has rescued and preserved Israel throughout history, let us also celebrate His rescue, favor, and deliverances in our own lives, especially through Messiah Yeshua!

However, there is another key way we can honor the spirit of Purim today.

HONORING THE SPIRIT OF PURIM

As I mentioned above, the traditional observance of Purim involved four vital elements. These were all embedded in Esther 9:22, cited below.

Those four elements are:

1. *k'riat megillah*—Listening to the public reading (usually in synagogue) of the book of Esther in the evening, and again the following morning.
2. *mishloach manot*—Sending food gifts to friends.
3. *matanot la'evyonim*—Giving charity to the poor.
4. *se'udat mitzvah*—Eating a festive meal.

*These were to be days
of feasting, celebration
and sending presents
of food to one another
and giving gifts
to the poor.*

—Esther 9:22 TLV

Each of these elements, in one form or another, has a corollary in the new covenant, but none more so than the third one—the sharing with the poor and oppressed.

Yeshua repeatedly emphasized the importance of remembering the “the least of these” (see Matthew 25:40). And in Acts 10:4 we see an angel appearing to the Gentile centurion, Cornelius, declaring, “*Your prayers and tzadakah [charitable gifts for the poor] have gone up as a memorial offering before God*” (TLV, emphasis added).

This is precisely why, here at Jewish Voice Ministries, we devote a large portion of our resources and energy to ministering to the poor and oppressed among the scattered Tribes of Israel.

With the help of friends like you, Jewish Voice delivers both physical and spiritual help to some of the poorest and most neglected Jewish People on Earth. Among the persecuted and ostracized outcasts in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, and other points of need, we’re extending desperately needed medical care and easing suffering in many other ways.

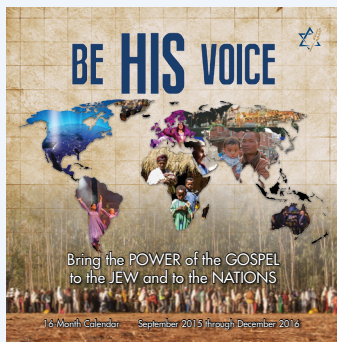
I would be remiss if I did not remind you that not only at Purim, but throughout the year, you can honor the spirit of the *matanot la'evyonim*—the extending of help to the poor—through your support of Jewish Voice.

I can assure you, your sacrificial gifts of compassion will rise as a sweet-smelling aroma before God. And you will make possible a living, tangible expression of God’s heart to deliver and rescue those in mortal peril. You will also be a part of introducing Jewish People to the great Deliverer—Yeshua, the Messiah.

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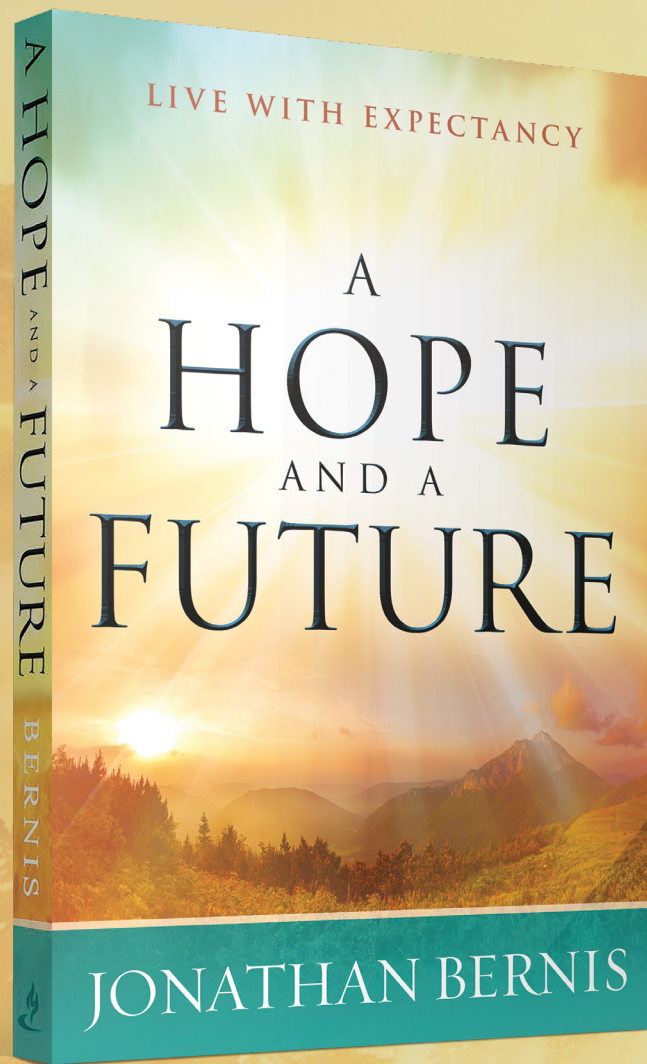
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The Law of EVANGELISM

By Sid Roth

As we reach out to the Jewish People with the Good News, we activate what I call the *Law of Evangelism*. When God called the first Jew, Abraham, it was with a heart to reach the rest of the world, the Gentiles. When Jesus wanted to reach the whole world, He said He went *only* (or went first) to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Again, this was a spiritual seed to reach the whole world. When Paul, the Apostle to the *Gentiles*, wanted to reach his prize, he went to the Jew first (Romans 1:16). “To the Jew first” is not just God’s *historical* order for evangelism, it is His *spiritual* order, and it produces supernatural results.

My desire is to evangelize all people. *When I go to the Jew first, I supernaturally reach more Gentiles than if I go to the Gentile first.* One example is my evangelistic outreach in Kaifeng, China. I learned that Jewish silk traders had settled in Kaifeng centuries ago. Before leading an outreach, I went to Kaifeng to “spy out the land.” I found the remnants of an ancient synagogue as well as a number of Chinese

Jewish descendants. Isaiah had prophesied that one day Jews from China would return to Israel: “*Surely these shall come from afar; look! Those from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim [China]*” (Isaiah 49:12 NKJV, emphasis added).

I returned to Kaifeng with a group of Believers and we evangelized the Chinese Jews. I later learned that one of the Kaifeng Jews who I led to the Lord immigrated to Israel just as Isaiah had predicted. My visit also triggered the Law of Evangelism. When I went to the Jew first in China, God spread my message about Jesus to that entire city. People actually recognized me on the streets from seeing me on local television. This would never have happened unless I went to the Jew first.

The Law of Evangelism is very important to God. Paul tells us in Romans 11:12, *Now if their [the Jewish People’s] fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!* (NKJV, emphasis added). The fullness (maturity) of the Jews will culminate in

Romans 11:15, *For if their [the Jewish People’s] being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?* (NKJV, emphasis added). As the Jewish People are restored to the Body of Messiah, they will restore literal resurrection-from-the-dead power to the Church. Get ready to witness the release of creative miracles in large numbers not seen since Bible days!

Better yet, the salvation of the Jewish People will usher in the return of Jesus. In Matthew 23:39, Jesus said to the Jewish People, “*You shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’*” (NKJV).

JEWISH SALVATION BRINGS WORLDWIDE REVIVAL

The restoration of the Jewish People to the Body of Messiah will be *the* catalyst to release the greatest Gentile revival in history. The prophet Amos predicted this. He said that when the Tabernacle of David was restored, it would usher in such a great Gentile

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revival that there would be more fruit than we had laborers to harvest it. What is the Tabernacle of David? The word for “tabernacle” in Hebrew means “house” or “family.” Who is the family of David? The Jewish People! When the Jewish People are restored to God, this is what will happen according to Amos 9:13: *“The time will come,” says the LORD, ‘when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested...’* (NLT). And what will be the result of the initial Jewish harvest? God promises in Isaiah 27:6, *Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit* (NKJV).

This is the Gentile Christians’ finest hour. I appeal to you as Mordecai appealed to Esther: *“For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”* (Esther 4:14 NKJV).

The Jewish person God has placed in your life is not an accident. You are the one who has that Jewish friend or former classmate. You are the one who

knows a Jewish doctor, lawyer, dentist, or merchant. You are the one chosen by God to evangelize them.

You may feel like you are not equipped to witness to a Jew. This is why I wrote a booklet on how to reach the Jewish People that I want to give you with a gift of \$12 or more. In it I share the best wisdom God has given me from more than 40 years of Jewish evangelism. As I teach you step-by-step how I evangelize, I pray the supernatural, soul-winning anointing on me will rub off on you. Always remember that anything I can do, you can do better. My ceiling can be your floor!

ISRAEL ABLAZE FOR JESUS

I have a vision. *I see Israel ablaze for Jesus!* I see people going to Israel not just for tours, but to get under the 24/7 cloud of Glory. I see many new Jewish Believers becoming modern-day Paul the Apostles. I see Orthodox rabbis who will be the greatest Bible teachers since Jesus. I see Jewish businessmen who will make Christianity the head and not the tail. I see Jewish Hollywood movie stars, producers, and directors who will use the entertain-

ment industry to evangelize the world.

The devil already knows his time is short. The world is quickly turning anti-Jewish and anti-Israel. Will you be like Queen Esther and boldly stand up for the Jewish People?

You have been called to the Kingdom for such a time as this. Esther (Church), as you rise up to evangelize the Jew, no matter how dark the world gets, the Glory of God and the blessings of Abraham will overtake you.

The only thing you take to Heaven is souls! It’s time to enter the great Jewish harvest that will catapult us into the greatest Gentile harvest in history!



Sid Roth, a former account executive for Merrill Lynch, was raised in a traditional Jewish home. Yet, religious tradition provided no answers when he hit rock bottom in 1972. With his life out of control and his marriage in shambles, Sid

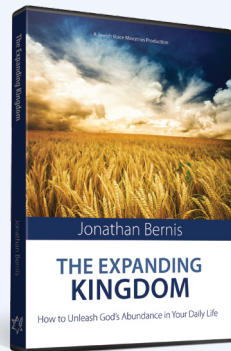
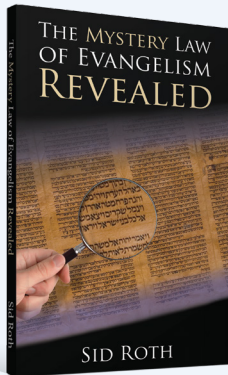
was set free from demonic oppression through a supernatural encounter with Jesus. Immediately, he began to boldly proclaim Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. In 1977, Sid started a ministry called “Messianic Vision” and a nationally syndicated radio broadcast by the same name. But the Messianic Vision is more than a ministry or a program; it is a desire to reach out with the Good News of the Messiah, “to the Jew first.”



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Serving the Least of These

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40 NIV).

I had the privilege of serving as a dental hygienist on the Gondar, Ethiopia, medical outreach in October 2015. I remember one gentleman in particular who came in the dental department looking very rough with a bad mouth. He even had what we call a “hairy black tongue,” meaning that it looked like he smoked too much. I decided in that moment that no matter what my first impression was, I knew I wanted to serve him by cleaning his mouth. After finishing, I asked him to come back again at the end of the week so I could clean again. When he returned later that week, after thoroughly cleaning his teeth, he bowed down and kissed my feet out of gratitude. I was immediately humbled and reminded that no matter his appearance, or how rough he looked; he was a child of God. As a dental hygienist, I personally don't see as many miracles on medical outreaches, but the miracle is that he left there a healthier person, and it changed my life.

—Paula DiPiazza



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BUILDING A BOLD FUTURE

By Messianic Rabbi Jeff Forman

To the Jewish People who had come out of the land of Egypt, the Promised Land represented their future. In fact, when God appeared to Moses at the burning bush, He told Moses He would not only bring them out of the land of Egypt, He would also bring them, “to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey . . .” (Exodus 3:8 NKJV). That is a beautiful picture of their future.

Yet, when the time came for them to go in and possess “their future,” a great enemy opposed them. The great enemy of their future was not a physical army; it was fear! Fear inverted the vision of the 10 spies who gave a bad report to the rest of the nation.

- Because of fear, they could not see a big God anymore, they could only see big enemies.
- Because of fear, they could not see a good land anymore, they could only see one “that devours its inhabitants” (Numbers 13:32 NKJV).
- Because of fear, they could not see themselves as able to possess the land, they could only see defeat.
- Because of fear, they could not see a future in the Promised Land, they could only see going back to Egypt. Fear ultimately caused them to withdraw into unbelief, disobedience, and the displeasure of God.

Fear was the enemy of their future. And fear is the enemy of our future! There is only one direction in the Kingdom of God—Kadima (forward)! Yet, no one knows what the future will bring; it is unknown and uncertain. How can we overcome this fear and confidently move forward?

We can build a bold future on the three great foundations and certainties the other two spies, Joshua and Caleb, built on:

But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them” (Numbers 14:6-9 NKJV).

The first great foundation for building a bold future is to build it on the certainty of the love nature of God. There will always be uncertainty about future events, but what is certain, what is stable, what is secure, is the eternal love of God. “If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us” (Numbers 14:8 NKJV). The future is unknown to us, but the love of God has been revealed to us.

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect

love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love (1 John 4:16-18 NKJV).

Joshua and Caleb knew the God of love would protect and care for their future. If we are firmly rooted in God's love, fear cannot take hold of our hearts. Instead, we can build a bold future on the certainty, the stability, and the security of God's love.

The second great foundation for building a bold future is to build it on the certainty of the Word of God. When Joshua and Caleb said that God would bring them into "a land flowing with milk and honey," (Exodus 3:8 NKJV) they were expressing hope in the specific promise given to Moses at the burning bush. Hope is a positive and cheerful expectation of good. The hope we have is not just fluffy optimism, it is substantive hope anchored to the certainty of the Word of God.

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us (2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV).

Joshua and Caleb expected God to do what He promised. Their minds were illuminated with hope that gave them vision and courage for their future. If we firmly hold onto the promises of God, fear cannot cloud our vision and weaken our resolve. Instead, we can build a bold future on the certainty, stability, and security of the Word of God,

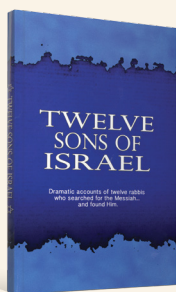
"which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:23 NKJV).

The third great foundation for building a bold future is to build it on the certainty of God's presence. When Joshua and Caleb said, "do not . . . fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us . . ." (Numbers 14:9 NKJV), they expressed confidence in God's empowering presence. They keenly understood what Rabbi Shaul (Paul) later wrote, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31 NKJV). Indeed, God was with them, yet we as Believers have an even greater privilege. "Messiah in you, the hope of glory!" (Colossians 1:27 TLV). This is the most sublime of all the promises of God. If we confidently know the Greater One dwells in us, we can valiantly overcome every giant in the land and build a bold future. ". . . and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen" (Matthew 28:20 NKJV).

Kadima—forward . . . into a bold future!



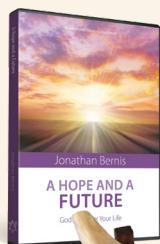
Rabbi Jeff Forman was raised in a conservative Jewish home and grew up in a suburban Jewish neighborhood in Philadelphia. At the age of 25 he had a profound life-changing salvation experience, which filled him with rivers of joy for months following. Prior to coming to Toronto, Rabbi Jeff trained and worked full time for 10 years as Assistant Messianic Rabbi to David Chernoff at Congregation Beth Yeshua in Philadelphia. Rabbi Jeff and his wife Janet founded City of David Messianic Synagogue in Toronto in 1995. He also currently serves as an executive for both the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America, the International Alliance of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues, and also serves on the Board of Jewish Voice Canada. Rabbi Jeff and Janet have four beautiful children.



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THE FUTURE AND A MOST PRECISE MYSTERY

By Jonathan Cahn

What lies ahead? This question led me to put something in at the very end of my book, *The Mystery of the Shemitah* that concerns a mystery so unique it actually gives the time parameters of when End-Time events take place. I titled it *The Mystery of the Seventh Shemitah*. In biblical times, every seventh year there was a Shemitah. But every seventh Shemitah ushered in a *Super Shemitah* known as the “Jubilee.”

The Jubilee was known as the year of restoration. If you lost your property, your ancestral home, your inheritance, your father’s possession, or your land, in the year of Jubilee, you got it back. You were restored. The law read: Everyone is to return to his property and to his family.

If any people on Earth have ever been especially separated from their ancestral home, their inheritance, their father’s possession, or their land, it is the Jewish People. Two thousand years ago the armies of Rome drove out the Jewish People from the Land of Israel and scattered them throughout the Earth. For 2,000 years they wandered the Earth hated, persecuted, nationless, and homeless.

And yet, if the Jubilee belonged to any people, it belongs to the Jewish People. Could the Jubilee, the ancient year of

restoration, the return to the land one has lost, to one’s ancestral possession, actually hold the key to Israel’s prophetic restoration and End-Time events?

We know that the Jubilee must always fall in the year after a Shemitah. We can’t dogmatically say when the Jubilee falls, but we do know the timing of the Shemitah. So could the Shemitah lead us to the answer? For instance, the Shemitah of 1917 ended in September 1917. The year following the Shemitah was September 1917 to September 1918. Could that be the time parameter that holds the key to a prophetic restoration of Israel?

For four centuries, the Land of Israel was held by an Islamic power, the Ottoman Turkish Empire. There was no way that the empire would restore the Land to the Jewish People. But in World War I, the empire began to collapse. The armies of the British Empire, under General Edmund Allenby, entered the Middle East and approached the Holy Land. The Turkish soldiers mistook Allenby’s name for “Allah Nebi”—“the messenger sent by Allah” who was coming to bring judgment. Allenby entered Jerusalem to find that the Turkish soldiers had fled in fear.

For the first time in 2,000 years, the Land of Israel was

under the dominion of a power benevolent to the Jewish People. The British Empire issued the Balfour Declaration that established the land of “Palestine” as a Jewish homeland. It was a prophetic End-Time restoration, a Jubilee. As in the ancient Jubilee, Jewish People returned to the Land of their fathers, their long lost ancestral homeland with a clear hope of the “land reverting to the original owners.”

When did that happen? When was the Balfour Declaration made? In November 1917. In other words, the prophetic restoration of the Jewish People to their Land took place in the exact time parameters decreed by the year after the Shemitah—the Jubilee.

Now what happens if we go even further to find the Seventh Shemitah from that time, and the year following? Could it give us the key to another prophetic End-Time restoration?

By doing so, it takes us to the Hebrew year beginning in September 1966 to September 1967. Did anything significant take place around that time? On June 7, 1967, Israel was in the midst of the Six Day War. Israeli soldiers entered the Lion’s Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem. They made their way to the Western Wall and the Temple Mount.

In 70 A.D. the Jewish People lost Jerusalem. Now, after 2,000 years it was restored to them. They returned to their ancestral possession—Jubilee. And when did that take

place? It happened right in the parameters determined by the Seventh Shemitah from the restoration of the land—the second prophetic Jubilee, and in the exact time parameters.

So when is the next Seventh Shemitah? Counting seven Shemitahs from the last cycle brings us to the year 2015. The corresponding prophetic year would be September 2015 to September 2016. The cycle doesn’t have to continue but if it did, what would that mean? In each of the two cycles, it meant war, war in the Middle East. War concerning the nation of Israel, ending with a major restoration of End-Time prophecy.

Whether or not the phenomenon of the Seventh Shemitah continues, we can say this: God is on the throne. God is over and in charge of all things. He’s the God of mercy and restoration. He’s the God of hope and it’s His will to restore. He never forgets His People. And when He makes a promise, He fulfills it. And when He does, He’s perfectly on time.



Jonathan Cahn caused a national stir with the release of *The Harbinger* and *The Mystery of the Shemitah*. He is the head of Hope of the World Ministries at HopeOfTheWorld.org and The Jerusalem Center in Wayne, NJ. He can be followed on his Facebook page, “Jonathan Cahn.”

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Priceless ENCOUNTER

by Jack Zimmerman

Something amazing was discovered in the Atlantic Ocean off the Florida coast in November 2015. And it wasn't sunken treasure, but something much more valuable. Its net worth? Priceless.

The scene was on board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines ship, "Enchantment of the Seas," where representatives from Jewish Voice Ministries and Messianic leaders from around the world came together to prepare for the future and reflect on what God had done in the past.

One of our medical outreach destinations in previous years has been the village of Churachandpur in Eastern India. The area is so remote, the town itself is not easily found on most maps, yet the Jewish Voice medical team has treated thousands here as well. And little did we realize that our work there would have ripple effects 9,000 miles away, on board a cruise ship in the Atlantic.

For on that cruise in November 2015 was an employee who was introduced to us as "Mari." She worked in the din-

ing room, and upon meeting her we discovered that she was from that same small village in Eastern India where Jewish Voice had visited. It so happened that Mari's mother received treatment at one of our JVMI Medical outreach clinics. Mari was so thrilled to meet all of us, as we were to meet her. She thanked us for ministering to her family and her people.

What were the chances of meeting someone from this small village so far away? Slim to none. But we're thankful to the Lord for setting it up, and grateful to you for making these medical outreaches possible! We could not do what we do without you. Thank you! ✨



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