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Watchmen & Women on the Walls

By Christine Darg (*Soli Deo Gloria!*)

Patrick and Helen Lineen are regular delegates to our annual New Year Convocation in Jerusalem. Patrick shared his assessment of our latest convocation, and I hope his kind words will inspire other ministry partners to pray for us and to travel with us:

"Each convocation has been incredible but each new tour surpasses the previous tour! The whole experience is so enriching, from the people we listen to and teaching that we receive, the places we visit and the fellowship that we enjoy. We get a real sense that we are at the very centre of what God is doing, and we feel very privileged to be there, and we owe this opportunity to you and Peter. Going on your tours is the highlight of our year, a mountaintop experience, and (God willing) we would like to come on every one."

We were amazed by the talk of Rabbi Ariel Cohen Alloro, who is leading an initiative within rabbinic Judaism to reverse the verdict against Jesus and to return Him as Messiah to Israel!

Other highlights were our excursion to Beersheva to visit Abraham's well, the Israel Air Force Museum and to pray for this year's Centennial of the 1917 Balfour Declaration.

Additionally, our annual Gospel outreach during the Orthodox Christmas in Bethlehem presented powerful healing testimonies and messages resulting in salvations and healings from diabetes to seizures. For details of our next tour 8-12 April 2017 during Passover and Resurrection season, email yairmazur@gmail.com



Photo above, delegates to our 2017 watchmen event. At right, Christine greets a Muslim at our Christmas outreach





Reliving Epic Story of Israel's Entebbe Raid

In 1976 I prayed strong believing prayers for the rescue of Israeli hostages held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda after the highjacking of an Air France jet. This unprecedented July 4th rescue operation has been documented in many riveting films and books.

In the 1990s, Peter and I escaped Entebbe Airport under dangerous circumstances after a highly contested Gospel meeting, proving that we often reap the benefit of our own prayers for others.

During our January Watchman conference, we visited the Israel Air Force Museum in Beersheva and had the joy to sit aboard an actual Boeing transport plane that carried the Israeli commandos to Uganda. At right, this is that aircraft; in the photo with me is Israeli Sgt. Aviva, museum spokeswoman.

The daring raid took place at night. Transport planes carried 100 commandos over 2,500 miles from Israel to Uganda for the rescue operation. The raid took a week of planning and lasted 90 minutes. 102 hostages were rescued. Five Israeli commandos were wounded and unit leader, Lt. Col. Jonathan Netanyahu (older brother of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu), was tragically killed.

Sitting on this very aircraft 41 years later was like being in a Holy Spirit time machine!

Hallelu-Yah to the Rock of Israel!



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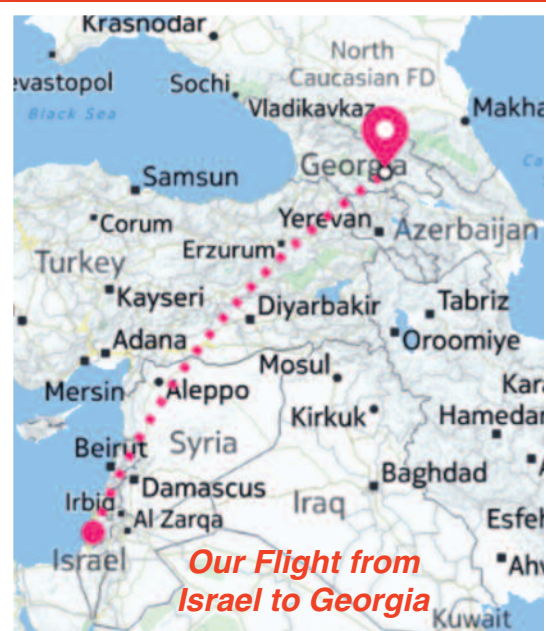
When our prayer team landed in Tbilisi, capital of the ancient Christian nation of Georgia, we did a double-take! For a moment we didn't know if we were still in Israel, but we soon realized that the Israeli flags lining the boulevards indicated that an important official would be visiting.

The God of Israel was, in fact, sending us as an advance team to pray for Israeli President Reuben Rivlin, who was staying in our hotel. He arrived on the same airplane on which we were departing.

It was a beautiful and prophetic picture to see the star of David Israeli flag, which is a prayer shawl by design, flying along side the Georgian flag,



which is the Jerusalem Cross! All over the capital, the two flags together were a prophetic picture of Jews and Christians in solidarity--the Old



Book in Georgia

By Christine Darg **בד"ר**

Testament and the New:
the People of the Book!

We thought our main missions in Tbilisi were to pray near the land of Gog and Magog and to plan a Bible Women's Congress with a church with whom we are collaborating (photo below), but the Lord inevitably has many purposes on missions!

At the beginning of the New Year, it was a special blessing and spiritual retreat for me personally to walk in the footsteps of St. Nino, a 3rd Century evangelist responsible for spreading Christianity in this ancient Bible Land. I call



Georgia a Bible land because the nation was first evangelized by the Apostle Andrew. He established a bridgehead for the faith, but it was wonderfully a woman who was used by God to enlighten the nation! Even today the Georgian Orthodox Church grants St. Nino two titles, "Equal to the Apostles" and "Enlightener of Georgia."

Born in Cappadocia, St. Nino was given a vision to go to Georgia, and like Paul, she made her base among the Jews to evangelize the pagans.

In a vision she saw the following verses which ever apply to all of us believers today:

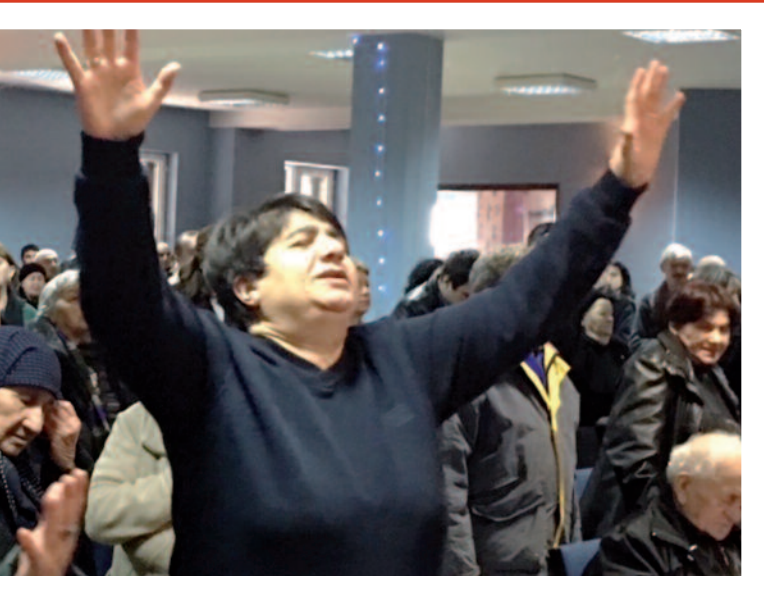
"Wherever this news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." (Matthew 26: 13)

"There is no longer male nor female, for you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3: 28)

"A light for revelation of the Gentiles and for glory to our people Israel." (Luke 2: 32)

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me." (Matthew 10:40)



Jesus Will Remain in Heaven

By Christine Darg

When the Apostle Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, he said in Acts 3: 21 that Jesus Himself would remain in heaven “until the times of the restitution of all things” promised by the prophets. I looked up “restitution,” and definitions give us many clues as to what God is presently doing:

1. **compensation for loss, damage, or injury caused.**
2. **restoration of property or rights previously taken away, conveyed, or surrendered.**
3. **restoration to the former or original state or position.**

The New Testament teaches that there are times coming of restoration and compensation concerning property rights, losses and injuries as a result of people living in a fallen world and being dispossessed by the devil. Surely these are the times when the Jewish people are being restored back to their own land, whether the world likes it or not!

The common belief of the Jews was that the Messiah would reign on the earth; that is one of the reasons why the Jews objected to Jesus. Therefore it was important for the apostles to establish the fact that Jesus had ascended to heaven. They were eye-witnesses. It was expedient that He should return to the Father to direct the affairs of the universe. He will not revisit earth until the times of restitution, or rectification, of all catastrophes and disorders that resulted throughout history since the fall of man.

Acts 3: 21 is one of those far-reaching prophetic verses in the Bible that hinge upon one little word.... “**until.**” For example, in Romans 11: 25, Paul said a partial hardening and spiritual blindness had befallen the Jewish people—but he said this condition would not be permanent. He said the judicial blindness would remain only **until** the full number of the gentiles has been brought to belief in Messiah. And when the last gentile from all the nations is finally saved, then the veil will be lifted and all Israel shall be saved. Luke 21:24 is yet another verse hinging upon the word “**until.**” Jesus prophesied in Luke 21:24 that the Jewish people

would be put to the sword and would be led captive among all nations, and their capital city Jerusalem would be overrun by gentiles, but only **until** the times of the gentiles are fulfilled.

Bible prophecies speak of the restoration of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel being rebuilt, of Israel being repopulated in the last days, of the land of Israel undergoing reforestation and Israel’s desert blossoming as a rose. All of this is happening before our eyes! God is also in the ongoing process of overturning governments and powers to set up his rule in Jerusalem.

The first creation under the first Adam became cursed, but under the Second Adam, Jesus the Messiah, “there shall be no more curse.” The first creation devolved into thorns and thistles, but with the advent of the Lord’s Second Coming and his thousand-year reign upon earth, Isaiah the prophet declared: “*Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for praise and an everlasting sign.*” This restitution of all things will include a return to Paradise, for then “the wolf shall dwell with the lamb.” The beginnings of the restoration of society started when Jesus birthed his church nearly 2,000 years ago—that was the beginning of putting down sin and rebellion in men’s hearts and giving us new hearts, a new born-again nature.

However, there is a condition for the Lord’s return. Jesus cried in Matthew 23: 37-39, “*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’*” In other words, he is waiting for the Jewish people to summons and to welcome him!

Already the stage is being set for Yeshua’s reception! During our most recent convocation in Jerusalem, one of our evening speakers was Rabbi Ariel Cohen Alloro. As an Orthodox Jew, his

Until Times of Restoration!



Rabbi Ariel Cohen Olloro being interviewed during our New Year Convocation by Peter Darg

stated mission is to facilitate the Second Coming of Jesus by reintroducing him to the House of Israel and exonerating him through a public retrial!

Rabbi Ariel's "Facing Each Other" initiative is a genuine Jewish Orthodox movement meant to break the taboos about Yeshua in Judaism, and to remove the anathema placed upon his name. His goal is to return Yeshua to the Jewish Establishment through an open retrial with 10 of the most prominent, influential rabbis in the Land. He also aims to reach an authentic, theological reconciliation between Judaism and Christianity-- according to Jewish law and tradition.

Ariel Cohen Alloro, a well-known Jewish Orthodox scholar from Jerusalem, is considered to be one of the top Bible Code experts in all matters concerning Yeshua and Christianity in the Torah, from the genuine perspective of Judaism. In this context, Ariel Cohen would like to show his rabbi, perhaps the most influential rabbi in Judaism today, that now is the right time, "the generation is ready," that the Judeo-Christian believing world and their leaders agree and support this Jewish prophetic initiative to open the main gates of Israel. His goal is to lay down the proverbial red carpet for a respectful, long-awaited return of

Yeshua, Messiah Ben David, at such a time as this! Through his research, Rabbi Ariel informed us that he has managed to break all taboos about Yeshua and to remove the anathema placed on his name and personality, to deconstruct distorted stories and negative commentaries made in the Talmud about Yeshua or allegedly linked to his name.

After carefully reading the New Testament, Rabbi Ariel was amazed to realize that the message of Yeshua is in perfect harmony with the Torah, and that there is no contradiction with the Hebrew Bible. In Matthew 5: 17-18, Yeshua himself confirmed that he did not come to cancel the Torah, but to fulfil it: *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfil them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."*

A retrial on behalf of Yeshua is meant to correct the initial rigged "illegal trial," which was not conducted according to Jewish law. The aim of Rabbi Ariel is to confirm that the Lord was not guilty of anything, that he never sinned, and that he is indeed the Jewish Messiah!

A Muslim Who Became a Martyr and a Saint!

By Christine Darg

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." (Acts 2:17, Joel 2:28)

In our lifetime, we are surely enjoying a miraculous move of the Holy Spirit in which multitudes of Muslims are receiving a living faith in the Messiah. But this move of the Holy Spirit is truly an End-time work. In the past, Muslim converts have not always been plenteous. Few have been willing to pay the price. When a Muslim decides to follow the Lord and openly to declare Jesus as Lord, he will be branded as an outcast and apostate. Furthermore, in many harsh Islamic lands, he will be put to death for faithful allegiance to Jesus.

For centuries after Islam was established, only a handful of Muslims professed belief in Jesus. One of these pioneers saved by the Lord out of the stronghold of Islam was St. Abo, who eventually was martyred for his faith.

A highlight of our journey to the ancient Christian nation of Georgia was the discovery of St. Abo, considered to be the patron saint of Tbilisi, Georgia's capital. We were visiting a church and my husband saw an icon (photo above) of a



St. Abo and a church named in his honor in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia

saint wearing a turban. Peter queried our guide about the identity of the saint, and he said, "This is St. Abo, a Muslim follower of Jesus!" We rejoiced and began to research St. Abo's story. In icons St. Abo holds a cross and always retains his distinctive Islamic-style turban.

Arab by origin, Abo grew up as a Muslim in Baghdad. Upon his arrival in Eastern Georgia, he became convinced of

Christianity. As with many believers, his conversion didn't happen overnight but only after committed soul-searching. Heated debates with Christian priests and bishops resulted in a strong conviction that the truth is found only in Christianity.

Because Eastern Georgia was under Arab rule, Abo was initially afraid to declare his faith in Jesus. Nevertheless, he was denounced to the Arabs in Tbilisi and arrested. The judge attempted to persuade Abo to recant and to return to Islam. He defended his faith in Jesus and was executed on 6 January 786. He became an inspiration for all believers who are afraid to declare their faith to take a stand for Jesus! May his memory be blessed in our generation!

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