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By Christine Darg

Projected onto the sacred walls of Jerusalem's Old City during celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War was the iconic photo of Israeli paratroopers who recaptured the Western Wall of Jerusalem. To celebrate with Israel this milestone of 50 years of Jerusalem's reunification was like moving in a dream. For nearly 2,000 years the Jewish people have yearned and waited to live again in the Holy Land of their forefathers.

The atmosphere of Jerusalem in this Jubilee Year is best summed up by Isaiah 66:10, *"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her, celebrate! And all you who have shed tears over her, join in the happy singing."*



Reporting for Jerusalem Channel from the Old City's colorfully decorated walls during 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Rejoice with Jerusalem All Who Love Her!

Jerusalem in the hands of the Jews is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy by Jesus Himself. In his Olivet briefing, he prophesied that the Jewish people "will fall by the sword and be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." (Luke 21: 24)

Watchers on Jerusalem's walls have seen nearly 70 years of a new Jewish state with the miraculous revival of Hebrew not just as a sacred tongue but as a living language. And now we do not doubt for a moment that God will revive Israel spiritually because we have seen the fulfillment of so many prophecies already. The God of Israel will be faithful to complete his work. *All Israel shall be saved!*

The nations and politicians continue to resist God's End-time plans. They want to impose solutions upon the Arab-Israeli conflict rather than looking to the Word of God. In the book of Joel, God rebukes all who dare to divide "My land"– God calls the Holy Land "MY land." God foresaw political leaders living in the End Times who would dare to carve up the Holy Land.



*Celebrating 50 Years
Of Reunification
In the Holy City!*

He proclaimed in Joel 3: 1-2 this warning: *"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land."* This passage clearly teaches that God Himself--not the Jews and not the Muslims--claims ultimate ownership of the land of Israel. He alone will make the final decision on who leases the land. God, in fact, has leased the land to the Jewish people. Even the Israelis do not have authority from God to negotiate it away. The fact that a two-state imposition is continually pushed is a sign that End-time Bible prophecy is coming to pass! The result of any man-made solution imposed on the Holy Land will be terrible consequences from God. In fact, the division of God's land will trigger End-time events exponentially and judgments from the God of Israel.

The only Biblical solution ultimately will be the regime of true peace led by the Prince of Peace, King Messiah in Jerusalem, when He returns as the Sovereign Savior-- Jesus, Yeshua, under whom all peoples will live in harmony and brotherhood. That is why Psalm 122 commands us to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." That prayer is for the ultimate rule of King Messiah.

Moreover, in Isaiah 19, God's intended confederacy for the region is clearly stated. He promises to heal Egypt, whom he calls "My People," to restore Assyria {ancient Asshur},



'Hallelujah,' anthem of the late Leonard Cohen, was projected onto the walls at Jaffa Gate



Peter and Christine Darg were recently invited by the Chairman of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus (KCAC) to become founders of the first Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in Israel. About 200 international leaders were invited as founders including (photo above left with Christine) Dr. Billye Brim from the USA and Dr. Jurgen Buhler (photo right), president of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. At bottom left, Josh Reinstein, director of the KCAC says, "God wants us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem to keep Jerusalem close to our hearts."



whom he dubs "The Work of My Hands," and bring those two nations into confederation with the State of Israel, whom God calls "My Inheritance." This is the future messianic league that God in Heaven foresees and prophesies in Isaiah 19: 24 to be "a blessing in the midst of the earth." This confederacy that God envisions will be the ultimate restoration of brotherhood in the Mideast.

Jeremiah 31:16 prophesies to Israel, *"This is what the LORD says: Keep your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for the reward for your work will come-- this is the LORD's declaration-- and your children will return from the enemy's land." The next verse 17 says, "And there is hope for your descendants," declares the LORD. "Your children will return to their own border."*

The momentous and prophetic times in which we are living were celebrated during our first Prayer Breakfast. Imagine such an event organized by members of the Israeli Parliament. Keynote speaker was former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (photo at right with Peter Darg). Michele may have run for the U.S. presidency in the past, but now she is a preacher! She prayed and prophesied her message! Another highlight was our invitation to the residence of President Reuven Rivlin for a reception. And in the Knesset photo at right, I am greeting the man of God, the survivor and ambassador of peace, MK Yehudah Glick. I first met Yehudah when I spoke at the Knesset Jerusalem Assembly a number of years ago when he was director of the Temple Institute. In the footsteps of his "gingy" ancestor, King David, Yehudah is a key player in modern Israel's ongoing history.



Jesus Visions Among Muslims: Prophecy Update

By Christine Darg

Some estimate that at least a quarter of all Muslim Background Believers have experienced some type of preparatory supernatural dream or vision about Jesus. In fact, when I share my faith with Muslims, I often ask if they have already experienced a dream or a vision about Jesus, and it never ceases to amaze me how many answer in the affirmative.

For example, a Muslim in Jerusalem suffered a dangerous cancer and was in hospital for months. After he recovered, I asked him if he had seen Jesus during his ordeal. “Yes,” he said, “Jesus came to my hospital bed and held my hand.”

I have discovered that simply talking about a dream or vision of Jesus opens the door for a Muslim to speak about supernatural encounters. A case in point occurred when I took a tour group through the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem’s Old City, where we met a Muslim cleric. Knowing the sheik was an expert on mystical Islam (Sufism), I asked if he had heard of any of his co-religionists experiencing a dream about Jesus.

Suddenly, he began to break down in tears. “I will tell you a secret,” he said, “I myself have seen Jesus!” We sat in awe as he tearfully related one of the most beautiful encounters with the risen Lord Jesus on the Mt. of Olives, where the Lord embraced him.

It is always a marvel when Jesus appears to an individual—He appeared to me when I was a young girl. In an open vision, He healed me of a sickness that had threatened my life.

But it is another dimension when Jesus appears to an entire group simultaneously! A chapter in my book, *Miracles Among Muslims: The Jesus Visions* chronicles how the Lord appeared to a classroom of Muslim schoolboys in Arabia during the fasting month of Ramadan. As a result of that corporate vision, a move of God broke out in the school, and the classroom where Jesus appeared became a chapel. I was privileged to preach in that move of God.

A bishop near Beirut has baptized 100 Muslim refugees since the start of the war in Syria. Because of Lebanon’s constitution, Muslims have the right to change their religion but it is illegal, or dangerous, for Muslims to convert in Muslim-majority countries.



According to an article in the *Christian Post*, a preacher and theologian from Minneapolis, Minnesota, said he is highly suspicious of stories about Muslims believing in Jesus due to dreams. He stated that such experiences contradict the biblical pattern of how salvation is accomplished. I do not agree. I want to answer the question of whether or not the phenomena of dreams and visions in the Muslim world are, in fact, Biblical. The Baptist preacher from Minnesota pointed out that people get saved by hearing the Gospel preached to them. He stressed that “the Gospel needs to be heard,” quoting Romans 10: 14, “*How, then, can they call on and believe in the one of whom they’ve not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher?*”

However, I have met too many Muslims over the past decades who have been dramatically changed by dreams and visions. Too many former Muslims are now following Jesus for this movement to be false.

It is important to point out that the preacher who opposed this movement was willing to concede that he believes in what he called “Cornelius-type dreams,” as recorded in Acts Chapter 10.

So let’s look for a moment into the New Testament at the account of Cornelius, a Gentile, a Roman centurion, who experienced a vision while he was praying at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. A man in dazzling clothes stood before him and said, “*Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and God has noted your gifts to the poor. Now send messengers to Jaffa to summon a man named Simon Peter who is staying in the home of Simon the tanner by the seashore.*”

It was not easy for a Jewish man such as the Apostle Peter to visit a Gentile’s home for the first time. God also had to give Peter a vision to show him that

Gentiles should be saved! When Peter arrived at the house of Cornelius, he said, “*I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.*” While Peter preached that there is peace with God through Jesus the Messiah, the Holy Spirit fell upon everybody listening in the home of Cornelius.

Now I also remind you that in Joel 2, it was prophesied that in the Last Days there would be a phenomenal move of the Holy Spirit—an outpouring upon all flesh. And we know that when the Holy Spirit is outpoured, supernatural manifestations occur. Many of the dreams and visions among Muslims are, in fact, Cornelius-style visions, just like in the Bible. In these dreams and visions, Muslims are also often given specific directions from the Lord how to contact a preacher, or somebody who has a Bible who can explain further revelation about Jesus. One of the best examples is the iconic testimony of Gulshan Esther, a former Muslim who had a divine dream similar to Cornelius’s experience. Her best-selling book, *The Torn Veil*, was first published in 1984.

Westerners often tend to put God in a box and expect Him to do everything within our prescribed norms. But *The Torn Veil* is the true story of a crippled Muslim who met Jesus the Messiah and was healed directly by Him. With only the Quran to read, and no way to leave her home, Gulshan was not beyond God’s reach. She experienced a unique night vision—Jesus stood in the midst of the 12 apostles, in a blaze of light that was awesome. Jesus miraculously healed her of 19 years of paralysis. Her father had taken her to England for medical consultations, and also to Mecca, but only Jesus could cure her.

In the vision, He said, “*I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me. Come to me!*” Miraculously she ran to Jesus! He blessed her with his hand and taught her the Lord’s Prayer and said, “*Go to my people and tell them I am coming soon.*” Jesus also instructed Gulshan Esther to go to a Salvation Army missionary who lived 10 miles from her house to receive a Bible. When she went, she instantly recognized the man whom she had already seen by vision.

Recently I learned of another example of preparatory dreams among Muslims. At the Prayer Breakfast in Jerusalem, I met a Turkish pastor named Ismail, a former Muslim. When Ismail was 5 or 6 years old, he started seeing dreams and visions of heaven. In one of the visions, he saw God in the flesh and God told him he was his friend. Because of these visions, Ismail

was spiritually hungry but he lost interest in his religion because, he said, something within Islam did not match up with God whom he had seen in his childhood visions. He told me, “There was unspeakable joy in those visions, but I couldn’t experience the same joy in practicing the Islamic faith, no matter how hard I tried.” In 1994 he visited Israel for the first time and put his hand on the Wailing Wall to pray: “God, this is Ismail; I am the brother of Isaac. Please let there be peace between Ishmael and Isaac.”

Although Ismail had experienced many dreams about heaven as a child, and had seen Jesus in the flesh, he eventually became a Christian in Turkey under the influence of his university professor. Immediately after making a profession of faith, Ismail felt the same joy of his childhood visions. God had prepared him for salvation through dreams and visions. We should not doubt that God is, in fact, very capable of working through the divine agencies of dreams and visions. My new Turkish friend was susceptible to the Holy Spirit, but his university professor, who thankfully was a true believer, showed him the Way more accurately.

I am the first to admit that the Bible pattern is usually to use a preacher to present the Gospel, so do not misunderstand me: God is also able to work outside of the box to win a person to the truth! The perfect example is, of course, Saul of Tarsus, who became the Apostle Paul!

Saul was a persecutor of the early church but he became the Lord’s greatest disciple. Saul did not “come forward to get saved” at a Billy Graham-style Gospel meeting. No, God knocked Saul off his horse on the Road to Damascus! It was a dramatic confrontation through an open vision. The risen Lord Jesus audibly addressed Saul. Acts 9 tells the narrative, (and it is also repeated in Acts 22): “*As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’*”

“*Who are you, Lord?*” Saul asked.

“*I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.*”

Jesus took the conversion of this big fish and persecutor of the Church into his own hands, and He arrested Saul with the words, “*I am Jesus of Nazareth,*” the name Saul had often blasphemed. Jesus was saying, “I’m the object of your contempt and scorn.” Yet now Saul beheld him invested with blinding glory.

Jesus commanded Saul, “*Get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.*” But Saul could not see. The men travelling with him led Saul by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind,

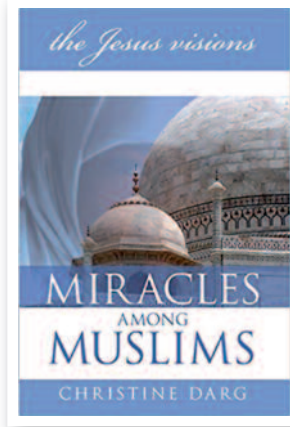
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and did not eat or drink anything. Meanwhile, a disciple in Damascus named Ananias received a vision-- again please note specific instructions were given! Ananias was told to lay hands on Saul at the house of a man named Judas on the Street Called Straight. For fear of Saul, at first Ananias balked, but in Acts 9:15, the Lord answered, *"Go! For this man is My chosen vessel to bear My name to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."*

Ananias went and dutifully put his hands on Saul, saying, *"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."* Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes. He got up and was baptized; he ate and regained strength. Saul's Damascus Road experience demonstrated the power of an open vision! Saul became St. Paul, using his Roman name.

Paul's letter to the Galatians describes his conversion-- not by any preacher-- but as a divine revelation of Jesus appearing directly to him. God does normally ordain that through the foolishness of preaching men are saved. That is a quote from Paul! In 1 Corinthians 1: 21, by the "foolishness of preaching" the apostle meant that the proclamation of the Cross is considered foolish to those who are perishing.

Paul received his ministry directly from the Lord. He explained in Galatians 1:11-17, *"I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely*



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zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia."

The commentaries speculate that Paul sojourned to Mount Sinai in Arabia, the place where the Law was given, to renew his mind. Like Moses and Elijah, Paul--the great minister of the New Covenant-- may have received revelation at Mt. Sinai for his life's work

as he waited upon God. The point is, Paul did not confer immediately with men, but he received his ministry from the Holy Spirit.

In the Book of Acts there are actually three accounts of Paul's conversion. The last account occurs in Chapter 26 when Paul defended himself against heresy before King Agrippa. He explained his resolve to obey "the heavenly vision." Yes! His ministry was due to a heavenly vision!

Mary, the mother of our Lord, received her mission in an open vision. Because a commission through a dream or vision *did* happen from time to time in the Bible, we should not doubt the validity of many of the experiences that are happening among Muslims. We must not be unbelievers concerning the move of God! The Jewish people are also experiencing dreams and visions of the Messiah, and even more so as the time of Israel's redemption draws near. We must learn God's ways but also carefully test the spirits.

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