

A mosaic depicting King David playing a harp. The king is shown from the waist up, wearing a crown and a long, patterned robe. He is holding a harp with both hands. The mosaic is made of small, colorful tiles in shades of gold, brown, and blue. The background is a light, textured surface.

Exploits

**King David Playing a Harp
from a mosaic found in a Gaza synagoge**

Kenneth Berg

By Christine Darg

Our cover photo by Kenneth Berg depicts a mosaic of King David playing a harp that was discovered in a Gaza synagogue with the name David in Hebrew as part of the mosaic.

This is just one of many archeological proofs of the Land of Israel belonging to the ancient Jewish people.

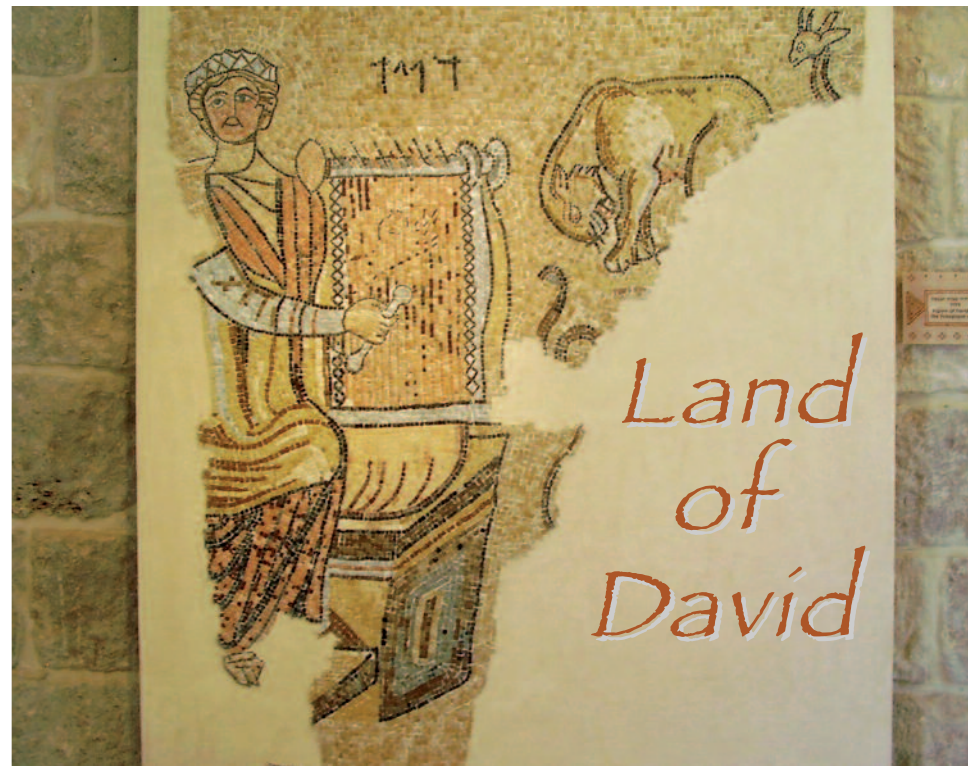
In 1965, Egyptian archaeologists discovered the site with the mosaic of King David wearing a crown and playing a lyre, labelled in Hebrew. Shortly after the mosaic's discovery, David's face was gouged out.

When Israel captured the Gaza Strip in the 1967 Six-Day War, the mosaic was transferred to the Israel Museum for restoration. Today the mosaic floor of the synagogue is on display at the Museum of the Good Samaritan on the Jerusalem-Jericho Road.

All over Israel archeologists continually uncover links to David and to his dynasty. It's as if prophetically Israel is gearing up for the King of Kings, the Son of David, Jesus/Yeshua, who will rule from Jerusalem for a thousand years. At this time the Lord will restore the Davidic kingdom to Israel! (Acts 1: 6)

In Jerusalem itself the story of the City of David began over 3,000 years ago, when King David left the stronghold of Hebron for a small hilltop city known as Jerusalem, establishing it as the unified capital of the tribes of Israel. Years later, David's son, King Solomon, built the First Temple next to the City of David on top of Mount Moriah, the site of the binding of Isaac. This hilltop became one of the most important heritage sites in the world.

Today, the story of the City of David continues with layer after layer being uncovered weekly by archeologists. Deep underground, the



PikiWiki Israel 14995 Mosaic of David playing harp

City of David is revealing some of the most exciting archeological finds of the ancient world. While above ground, the city is a vibrant center of activity with a visitor's center that welcomes pilgrims for an exciting tour to the site where much of the Bible was written.

The tour of the City of David begins with a breathtaking observation point overlooking Biblical Jerusalem, sending visitors 3,800 years back in time to the days of Abraham, when the first foundations of the city were laid. As we move through the site, we come into contact with excavations and thrilling Biblical finds that span thousands of years of history including both First and Second Temple Jerusalem.

The tour continues underground to the Gihon Spring, the major Biblical water source of Jerusalem. Visitors seeking adventure can trek through knee-deep water in King Hezekiah's 2,700-year-old tunnel, one of the wonders of early engineering. Continuing to the Shiloah Pool, this was the major water drawing source in Biblical times, where the blind man washed whom Jesus cured. From there we reach the Herodian Road, ancient thoroughfare that led pilgrims to the Temple. Come with us to enjoy the City of David!

God's Medicine Bottle

By Christine Darg

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

"I wish," or more correctly, "I pray." Prayer is a sanctified wish. Can we turn our wishes into prayers? If you know in your heart that you really can't make your wish a prayer, then you're wishing for the wrong things!

I wish, or pray, *"that thou mayest prosper."* Yes, it's legitimate to ask God for prosperity for our friends if, like Gaius to whom St. John addressed his letter, our friends love and serve God. From this little one-chapter epistle we learn some qualities of Gaius, that he walked in truth, he loved others and he practiced hospitality, an important activity in Bible standards.

"And that you be in health." In this verse we can rejoice that health is considered necessary to the enjoyment of life and prosperity.

"Even as thy soul prospereth." There IS a relationship between soul-prosperity and outward prosperity. The inward spiritual health of John's friend Gaius is made the standard for his outward prosperity! Think about that! Dare we pray this prayer for ourselves? And what would be the result if such a prayer were answered? In other words, do you want to pray that your outward health would be on the same par as your inward health? That's great if you are spiritually strong, but what if you're spiritually feeble? According to the standards of John's prayer, you also would be physically feeble.

Bible teacher Derek Prince of blessed memory said 3 John 2 is a Scripture that most believers need to take to heart. For many years Derek taught and lived in Jerusalem. He was a true Bible scholar. He taught basic doctrine-- how to pray, how to fast, how to be a biblical watchman upon the walls, and so forth. Derek was a pioneer in understanding Hebrew roots, and also he didn't neglect the healing ministry. His ministry was well-rounded. Many ministers avoid praying for the sick and taking an active role in that aspect of the Gospel, either because they haven't been called by the Lord to prepare themselves for such a ministry--the healing ministry is quite demanding--or they deem it too controversial. For a lot of



Christine speaking at Christ Church and recalling the ministry of Derek Prince in Jerusalem

ministers the price is too high to pursue divine healing, although many promises of healing are clearly revealed all throughout the Bible for those who will believe God's Word and appropriate his promises of healing and divine health!

Derek Prince told us that when he first started to read 3 John 2 with the eyes of faith, he stumbled over its simplicity. His old prejudices and preconceptions rose up within him, and he thought to himself, "This verse can't be true. It's impossible! It can't mean what it plainly says!"

Many believers have had the same thoughts about a lot of the Lord's plain promises in the Book. But God says what he means and means what he says! God admonishes us, "Incline your ear to my words; believe my Word, don't resist me and don't resist my Word with your petty arguments, with your petty prejudices and petty preconceptions! Don't try to re-invent my Word with what you've been taught in seminaries and churches." God says: "Bend that stiff neck of yours, and let me teach you." In fact, "incline your ear" is a Hebraism in the Bible meaning to bend down, to humble oneself, in other words, to be teachable.

Derek Prince used to say an essential requirement for receiving healing through the Word of God is to lay down our preconceptions and prejudices against the healing ministry. We have to be willing to incline our ears and hearts and to bend down, in other words, to become like little children in order to listen carefully to what God says-- and this is important--we mustn't reject the clear word of God because it [continued]



20th Passover Prophetic Seder At Gates of Hades



Let us not forget that the Lord gives each one of us the keys of the kingdom and authority in the nations



The So-Called Gate of Hell at Caesarea Philippi

By Christine Darg

Over the years the Holy Spirit has led us to hold prophetic Passover meals (seders) at some amazing sites in the Middle East, including Egypt itself! This year, for our 20th Passover Convocation to recover the celebration of the Passion of our Lord when it really happened-- during Passover!-- we held our prophetic seder at the Biblical site of Caesarea Philippi in the Golan Heights. According to Christian tradition, significant events occurred here near Mt. Hermon. After Peter stated that Jesus is the Messiah, the Lord answered, *"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter [rock] and on this rock [faith confession], I will build my church, and*

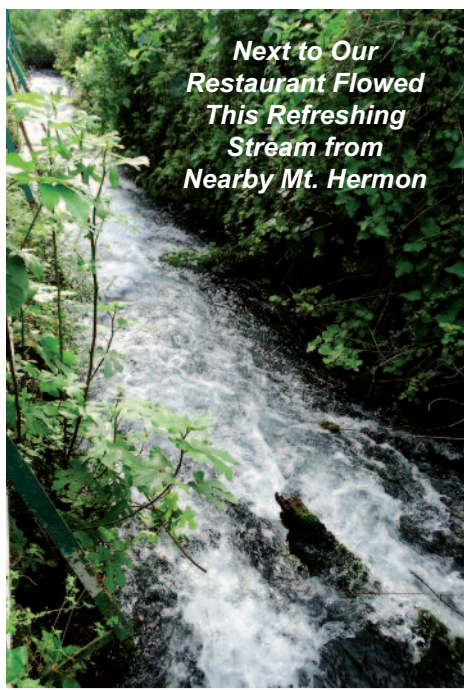
the gates of Hades [death] will not overcome it. I give unto you the keys of the kingdom" [binding and loosening power]. (Matthew 16: 17-19)

Here at Caesarea Philippi, also called Paneas, Baniyas (temple to the pagan god Pan) is a huge black cave known as the Gate of Hades. The Church fathers also identified this region as the place where Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood.

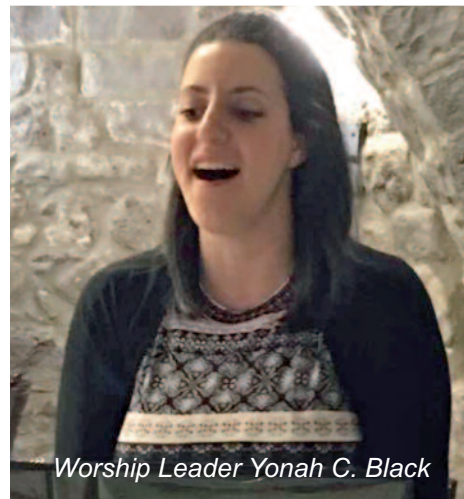
God spread a table for us in the presence of his enemies only 40 miles from Damascus and with Hizbollah terrorists nearby over the border. We made prophetic declarations concerning Israel's security, and we protected the End-time Harvest in prayer, proclaiming that the very Gates of Hell will not stop the ingathering of the fullness of the Gentiles.



The youngest in the group, Julien and Baby David Black find the shrouded dessert, a hidden picture of Jesus in the Passover seder



Next to Our Restaurant Flowed This Refreshing Stream from Nearby Mt. Hermon



Worship Leader Yonah C. Black



From Left, Exploits Ministry UK Trustee Barbara Dingle; Former Acting Israeli President Majallie Whbee, Christine & Peter Darg in Nazareth



God's Medicine Bottle

[continued from page 3] doesn't agree with what we think God should have said. God is a lot bigger than our limited understandings, and a lot bigger than all of our prejudices. Incline your ear and let Him teach you how much He's willing to do for you! The Lord IS a willing healer. Do you recall in the Gospels how a man with leprosy came to Jesus and begged him on his knees, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." And Jesus was indignant at the man's uncertainty of whether or not the Lord was willing. Jesus reached out and touched the man, saying "I am willing! Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." This text is concise, but comprehensive, and it's the key verse of the little epistle 3 John. In this verse we learn it's Ok, it's proper, to pray for temporal blessings. Without good health and prosperity, we're unable to labor effectively for God. But this prayer, while it's concerned about prosperity in this lifetime, nevertheless contains a proportional thought — that physical prosperity and health may be in proportion to the prosperity of a person's soul. Bible scholars infer that St. John regarded the transitory matters of prosperity and health as of great importance. For our own sake, for the sake of our families, and for the sake of the Gospel, prosperity in life is desirable. Health, especially divine health, is one of the Lord's best gifts to us. The wording of the apostle seems to indicate that he was praying for his friend's physical health to be as strong as his spiritual health.

Many people in the churches don't really think God wants us to be in health. But John said it was a top priority in prayer for his beloved friend. Commentaries on 3 John 2 say that an ascetic, austere person, such as a hermit or a monk, would be surprised that one of the greatest Apostles should emphasize physical healing. But the better a person's health, the more thoroughly he can serve God. The Lord sometimes allows sickness to discipline a rebel's heart, but a believer whose faith is firm and whose character is established, should

appreciate and advocate the blessing of a sound body and a robust constitution. Sickness and infirmities lessen the capacity for clear thinking, strong resolve, and activity to accomplish exploits. While the health of the soul was surely important in the Apostle John's mind, nevertheless he also prayed for bodily health to support a person's soul and spirit.

Why can't we take this verse to heart? Derek Prince's healing testimony as a grown man was very edifying. Being in hospital for a year, Derek had plenty of time to study God's Word concerning healing; his skin had broken down, and he read promises in his Bible about healing and prosperity yet he couldn't receive the promises. His attitude was conditioned by his religious upbringing to reject the plain teaching of the Bible concerning the good news of divine health. He was brought up in so-called "churchianity" to be a joyless, miserable person. Now he found himself languishing in the hospital and wondering about his future. God will use such extremities to get our attention. At that time Derek discovered **God's Medicine Bottle** in the marvellous instructions of Proverbs chapter 4:

"My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh." That last part, "health to all their flesh," caught his attention! God was promising healing, but could he believe it? Could he receive it? As he read the healing promises about health and strength, long life and prosperity, he shook his head rather than inclining his ear to God's word. The verses seemed too good to be true for a Cambridge-educated philosopher. He also tried to meditate upon one of my favourite verses in Psalm 103, which declares that God forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. He responded to this straightforward verse by thinking, "That's just impossible," but God broke through and spoke to Derek almost audibly that he must incline his ear and be a pupil and let God be the teacher. On his hospital bed, Derek got the revelation that he was refusing to let the Holy Spirit be his teacher. He was

still clinging to his own preconceptions. He had to be willing to give up his prejudices against God's Word. And he learned an important principle that I'd like to pass on to you, because it's so very important to me, that God's Word will work for us only insofar as we will receive it. If we don't receive God's Word like medicine to all our flesh, it simply can't do us any good. You see... the Word of God can save your soul; it can heal your body and bring you many untold blessings, but only if you're willing to receive it with meekness.

Derek, whom I always considered to be a sophisticated man, next received a rhema word, a living word, from James. I've never known anybody else to teach on this particular verse, but in James 1:21 God told this sophisticated man to be meek and not to be naughty! It says, *"Therefore get rid of all moral filth and superfluous naughtiness and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."* God was rebuking Derek for being naughty! Well, what is naughtiness? Of course, we associate naughtiness with the behaviour of an ill-mannered child, especially a wilful brat, such as a naughty child in a grocery store sassing and arguing with its mother because it's not getting its own way. A naughty child talks back. But God was demanding, "Pay attention to my words; receive my word-- don't answer back with your wilful contrary thoughts. When I tell you something, don't say 'it can't be true.' Don't say, 'This word can't possibly mean what it says' and so forth. Let the Holy Spirit be your teacher. Don't answer back with your own opinion!"

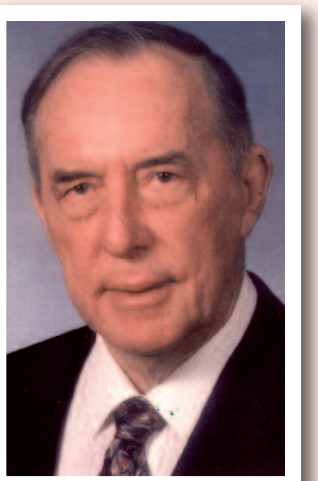
We have to face the fact that many of us have mental and religious barriers when we read the Bible. Or, to put it another way, we read the Bible through cultural filters. Therefore we have to humble ourselves and say, "Holy Spirit teach me what your Word really says!"

Derek began an interesting practice during his recovery process. He began to bow his head over the Bible three times a day after meals, because that's how people normally take medicine, with their meals. Derek said, "Lord, these words of Yours are supposed to be medicine to my flesh, and so I'm taking them now as my medicine, in the name of Jesus." Within a few months, God's medicine bottle achieved the promised result; Derek was totally restored to health in every area of his body. And He was healed of

eczema. He said, "I could go on being wise in the world and stay sick, or I could do something that was foolish in the eyes of the world and get healed." Many churches teach that the age of miracles has long past. But that's a lie. God says, "I change not." Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus the Messiah the same yesterday today and forever!" There's absolutely no indication anywhere in the Scriptures that miracles have ceased—in fact it's just the opposite in the Bible that miracles are available for those who **believe**-- yet people insist on teaching cessationism. And then when we come under the influence of a preacher who says the day of miracles is gone, we develop a prejudice to the Bible and run the risk of forfeiting its wonderful promises. May God deliver us from ill-conceived prejudices and heresies! Let's become teachable and believe everything the Bible says. Let's not quibble with God. The right and proper attitude toward God's Word is to receive it with meekness and not with naughtiness. If you reject God's word, you're being naughty like a stubborn child! Attending to God's word produces hearing and then hearing produces faith. And without faith it's impossible to please God!

If you have any problem today, it can be solved by the Word of God, but you will have to search the Book to find the words of life that can help. Many people write to me with healing requests; many want the healing but they don't want to invest the time in attending to God's Word. Many just want what I call "a touch and Go— lay hands on me, let me get healed." And that's all they seek. They don't really seek a life close to Jesus day by day. But the Lord wants a relationship with us.

Some people try to make deals with God. God doesn't make deals. He's written his deal in the Bible: "I will forgive you and bring you into my kingdom." Receive the Healer, Jesus the Lord, who died for you and gave himself for you. Amen!



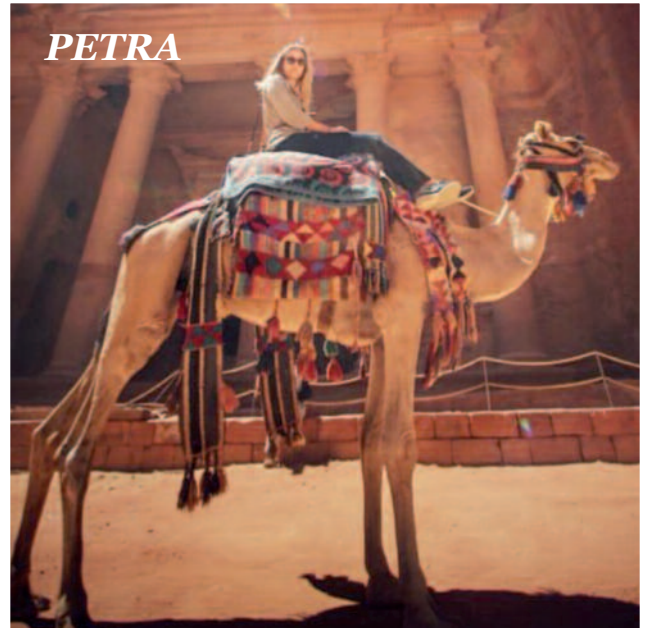
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Psalm 122: 2

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