

Praise the Lord SPECIAL MOMENTS

Renowned former professional baseball player with the New York Mets and New York Yankees **Darryl Strawberry**, along with his wife, **Tracy**, spoke with host **Dewey Friedel** about how Jesus has wonderfully saved and delivered them from drug and alcohol addiction.



Christian recording artist **Russ Taff** ministered at Trinity Music City. A five time Grammy Award winner, Russ was the lead singer for the Imperials and a former member of the Gaither Vocal Band before going on to become a solo artist.



Comedian, syndicated radio talk show host, author, and star of TV and film **Steve Harvey** shared his humor and candid spiritual insights with host **Donnie McClurkin** from TBN's Manhattan, NY studio



From TBN's Irving, TX studio came a special "Cowboy Night" Praise program hosted by **Dwight Thompson** with guests (left to right): **David Hinton**, founder of Outreach for America ministries; **Scott Mendes**, pastor of Western Harvest Ministries in Springtown, TX; **Mike Fletcher**, pastor of Spur On Ministry in Mineola, TX; and gospel musician, preacher and professional cowboy **Lawrence Bishop, II**.



For decades, American entertainment icons **Gavin MacLeod** and **Pat Boone** have been delighting audiences worldwide with their work on stage, TV and film. It was a joy to hear these two "ambassadors for Christ" discuss how serving Jesus has influenced their lives and careers.



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Jan and the Holy Land Experience cast joined actor, writer, minister, and Christian recording artist **Carman** in a joyful time of worship.



Violin virtuoso **Armand Melnbardis'** beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" was a prelude to the dramatic performance of "Behold the Lamb."



"Behold the Lamb" is the Holy Land Experience's longest running and most powerful presentation depicting Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Cast member **Les Cheveldayoff's** realistic portrayal of Jesus is a reminder of the great price that was paid for our salvation.



Jesus' resurrection brought the audience to its feet in praise! "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death!"



The angels celebrate the Lamb of God... "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:13).

"As surely as I live," says the LORD, "every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will confess and give praise to God." The grand finale gloriously depicted Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords ruling and reigning in heaven forever!



For more information about the Holy Land Experience, go to www.holylandexperience.com

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THE YOKE — IS BROKEN!

"FOR THOU HAST BROKEN THE YOKE OF HIS BURDEN, AND... THE ROD OF HIS OPPRESSOR, AS IN THE DAY OF MIDIAN." ISA. 9:4

The setting is a dark one in the land of Israel, seven hundred years before the birth of Christ. The king of Syria and the king of Israel have joined in an unholy alliance to invade Judah and Jerusalem. The civil war between the ten northern tribes of Israel and the two southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin is reaching a most ominous peak. The very line and seed of King David is threatened. Yes, *the very line* that was promised to produce a Savior and the Messiah.

King Ahab, wickedest of all the kings of Judah, fears for his life because the word was out that he was to be killed and a puppet king placed upon the throne of David. The prophet Isaiah describes the chilling conditions of the land of Judah: violence, murder, sacrifices to pagan gods, sexual perversion, and witchcraft! *Sounds familiar somehow, doesn't it?* Everything that King Ahab did was going wrong. The Syrians and Israelites were invading from the north. The Philistines invaded from the west. The Edomites and Egyptians invaded from the south, and instead of turning to God, King Ahab turned to the king of Assyria who took many of the treasures of the Temple of God and gave no help.

Things haven't been going real well for America lately, either: wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that seem to have no end in sight, with threats of war from Iran and North Korea. The specter of terrorism fills hearts with fear and dread. The BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, where an estimated 185 million gallons of crude oil leaked

into the Gulf, making it the worst environmental disaster in U.S., if not world, history. The national unemployment rate hovering around 9.6 percent — with some states at double digit unemployment levels. Millions of homes foreclosed, and an economy that simply won't come out of what is being called the "Great Recession" — *WHY?*

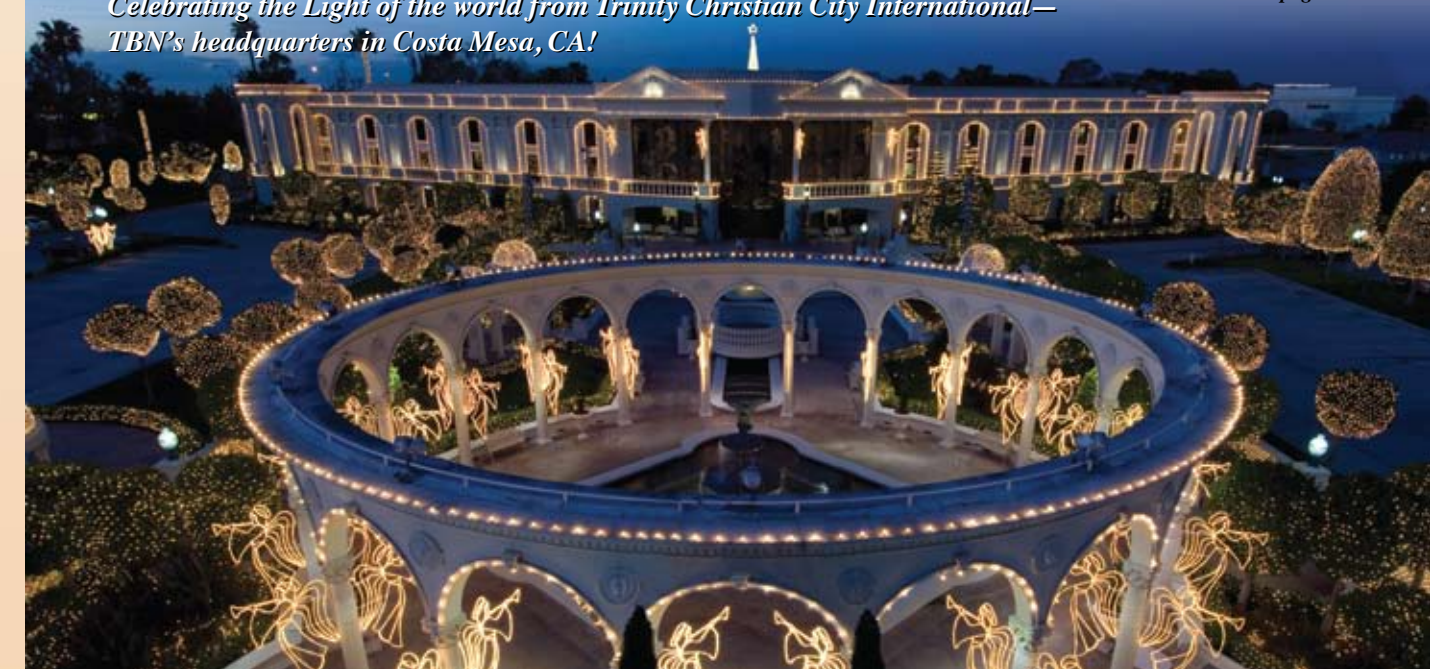
The answer is the same as in Ahab's day. The king is calling on the *wrong god*. "The Church has not wept between the porch and the altar," and the people of the land have not set their hearts to wholly follow the Lord. So, are we finished? Are we through? Is God's judgment here? Let's look at the Scriptures. What did God do in Isaiah's day?

"The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [meaning 'God with us']!" Isa. 7:14

God is saying to His people, even to King Ahab, *"Even though you are wicked, even though you have called upon pagan gods, even though I should destroy you, I HAVE A PLAN!"* Oh, praise the Lord! Even though kings and world leaders fail, even though it seems all is lost, even though hope seems gone — **GOD'S GREAT PLAN OF THE AGES SHALL SUCCEED. IT SHALL COME TO PASS!** The kingly line of David was not broken. Judah, though severely punished, was spared. Even King Ahab was spared — all because God had a plan! That plan is further revealed by the prophet

Celebrating the Light of the world from Trinity Christian City International— TBN's headquarters in Costa Mesa, CA!

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in chapter nine:

“For unto us a child is born....” Isa. 9:6

Glory to God! That plan became gloriously apparent as a Jewish virgin gave birth in the little town of Bethlehem.

“Unto us a son is given....” Isa. 9:6

That plan unfolded through the growing up years in Nazareth and as he reached manhood and went all the way to the cross:

“And the government shall be upon his shoulder....”

Isa. 9:6

His righteous government and Kingdom have been growing and expanding now for nearly two thousand years. You are a part and I am a part — TBN is a part! Yes, God has a special plan just for you, just for me and just for TBN! Praise God, our **“Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace....” (Isa. 9:6)** will bring it to pass for us, too! Even though we have failed Him many times, even though we have blown it again and again, even though we are tempted to give up all hope — glory to be God — **HE HAS A PLAN!** And though demons and devils rant and rage against it, **HE WILL BRING IT TO PASS!** Praise the Lord! The promise is secured as the prophet concludes:

“Of the increase of his government and peace there

shall be no end...from henceforth even forever.”

Isa. 9:7

And just to make sure there is no doubt about it, God’s final word on the subject is:

“The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Isa. 9:7

Beloved partners, Jan and I know that every one of you is facing impossible situations — we all are! In the natural, it would seem that all is lost — all hope gone. But we have been on the banks of the “Red Sea” before, have we not? We have seen the hand of our God part the waters, move the mountains and calm the troubled seas!

Yes, God’s great plan for your TBN is now apparent — it is a MIGHTY VOICE crying in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3).

Dear partner, Jan and I are your prayer partners, agreeing with you for God’s great plan for you and your loved ones. It will come to pass just as Israel’s did — just as TBN’s has! You angel partners are already a part of TBN’s great plan.

So, for the 37th time, Jan and I wish you and yours the most blessed Christmas season ever — we’ll be looking for your letter. We love you more with each passing year.

Paul

CELEBRATE JESUS

THIS *Christmas Season* WITH YOUR TBN FAMILY!



Enjoy spectacular Christmas lights, powerful dramatic and musical presentations, the breathtaking Crystal Living Waters—and all that the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL has to offer! For information, please go to www.holylandexperience.com.



Christmas displays, the Virtual Reality Theater and Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh gift shop are all waiting for you at TBN’s Miami, FL station. Bring your friends and family to visit YOUR TBN!



Paul and Jan in front of “The Coming King” statue at TBN’s Irving, TX station. Yes, “Joy to the world the Lord has come”...and He’s coming again in glory and power!



Christmas lights brighten the sky at Trinity Music City in Hendersonville, TN. Come and visit—it’s all about Jesus and it’s for you to enjoy! For more information please call: 615-826-9191, or go to www.tbn.org.



TBN’s Atlanta, GA station welcomes the Christmas season with lights and decorations. The glory and majesty of Christmas comes alive at your TBN as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the world!



Christmas greetings from TBN’s beautiful Manhattan studio located in the heart of the “Big Apple”—New York City.

Our Love Gift to You for December...

FLIGHT TO EGYPT – framed reproduction print

Once again, in an old antique shop, my eye spied what I imagined to be a priceless, original antique painting! Well, it was not priceless, but oh what a priceless story it tells! Our precious Baby—our Savior and Lord—fleeing into Egypt with King Herod hot on his trail to kill Him (Matthew 2:13-14).

This smaller high quality reproduction will add a wonderful Christmas touch—yes, a touch into our hearts.

Your special Christmas love gift will bring this treasured picture to you with Jan’s and my, “Merry, Merry Christmas!” May our 37th year be the best!

Send your love gift today to TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711, or give online at: www.tbn.org.

Paul & Jan



Stand included

Call TBN’s Prayer and/or Pledge Line: 1-888-731-1000 (toll free in U.S. and Canada) International: +1-714-731-1000 To make or renew your Praise-a-Thon pledge, or for more information about TBN, please go to www.tbn.org

A limited quantity of love gifts is ordered each month. If we run out of the gift, a substitute will be sent in its place. The love gifts offered are not for sale. Please do not ask for more than one love gift. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. NO PHONE ORDERS, PLEASE. Keep the lines open for Salvation, Prayer and Pledge Calls ONLY. God bless you!

Love Letters from Around the World

From India: “I used to feel that I am one of a few lone believers from non-Christian backgrounds, now TBN is exposing to me so many things so many people are doing as they walk with the Lord. So many speakers on TBN have kept me from despair.... TBN has been instrumental in helping me see Jesus in a fresh, new light of grace & truth.” —SV

From China: “Thank you so much for the wonderful programme to feed Christian’s soul for the Kingdom. Many thanks.” —YS

From Puerto Rico: “TBN [is] such a blessing to me. I can’t put in words what God has done through TBN & the Church channel. There is always a word for me “day or nite.” Praise the Lord! —LM

From the U.S. (prisoner): “I’m 38 years old, serving 25 to life for murder.... We get TBN on our TV. I’ve rededicated my life to Jesus Christ. Watching TBN brought me back. I don’t have a mighty testimony, I’m just a...sinner who by the glory of God I’m saved.” —JC

Merry Christmas
FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS... WE LOVE YOU!

Go to www.tbn.org for a full schedule of beautiful Christmas programs...just for YOU!