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e're living in a remarkable time. Can you feel it? Right now, as I write these words, it seems we're all standing on the threshold of something historic and significant.

One of the great privileges and blessings of our call to lead TBN is seeing firsthand how God is moving all over the world. And He is! But nowhere is His activity more apparent right now than in Israel, and in Jerusalem in particular. In recent months we have seen an extraordinary merging of events.

We've known for some time that May 14, 2018, will mark the 70th anniversary of Israel's founding as

a nation. What we didn't know until last December's White House announcement was that President Trump would follow through on his campaign promise to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's true capital, along with plans to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem sometime in 2019.

The announcement sent shockwaves around the world. The enemies of Israel condemned it in the harshest possible terms. Many Believers and other friends of Israel celebrated the announcement.

Then in February, the world was stunned once more when the White House announced that the relocation

of the embassy was being moved up to coincide with the 70th anniversary observances in Israel. This was huge and unexpected news!

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Of course, these moves have been criticized and condemned around the world. In many places, anti-Israel sentiment has never been higher. It is clear to us that God is moving Israel to the forefront of the world's attention. And that key individuals in the U.S. government understand why Israel is special.

The Bible is very clear that the nation of Israel is the Promised Land, an inheritance for the Jewish people given to them by God. In the book of Genesis, God told Abraham, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever" (13:14–15). And in 1948, when the nation-state of Israel was established, we saw God's faithfulness to His word.

# We feel a deep and powerful connection to that amazing city.

We know that as Believers in Jesus, we have a special part to play in supporting Israel and seeing the Jewish people come to know their Messiah. From TBN's very beginning, my mom and dad, and now Laurie and I, along with all the staff at TBN have encouraged our viewers and partners to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We feel a deep and powerful connection to that amazing city. It's why we have a permanent studio presence there.

Because that place is so special to God and to His plan of redemption for the world, it shouldn't surprise us to learn that God's enemy >>>



Laurie hugs a dear TBN Partner who had been baptized in the Jordan river, just as Jesus was baptized during His time on earth.



Matt and Laurie broadcast from the Southern Steps in Jerusalem, part of the Second Temple construction near the Temple Mount.



Matt and Laurie meet with Jay Sekulow, author of Jerusalem: A Biblical and Historical Case for the Jewish Capital.

Sending the hope and grace of Jesus to the world!

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hates it and her people with a powerful hatred. Satan has attempted to destroy the Jewish people numerous times throughout history, but has never succeeded. And ever since the miraculous founding of the nation of Israel 70 years ago this month, he has clearly been hoping to destroy Israel.

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Not surprisingly, the secular news media in most countries of the world present a consistently negative and biased view of Israel. This makes TBN's expanding global presence that much more important right now. In many parts of the world, even Christians are confused or misinformed about Israel's special role in God's plans and purposes. But because of TBN's faithful partners and their loving support, we can broadcast the truth across the globe!

Speaking of declaring the truth about Israel, our good friend Jay Sekulow has a timely, brand-new book that makes an overwhelmingly powerful case for why Jerusalem is special to God and the Jewish people's unique connection to that city and the land. It's called, appropriately, Jerusalem: A Biblical and Historical Case for the Jewish Capital.

As you may know, Jay is an attorney who argues cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and the World Court at The Hague—so he knows how to present a case. And, wow, is this book powerful! In it he lays out the biblical, historical, archaeological, and legal evidence for

the Jewish people's claim on the land of Israel and their right to view Jerusalem as their eternal capital.

That's why TBN's new book-publishing division, Trilogy Christian Publishing, is thrilled to be partnering with Jay to bring this important book to the world. And it's why we're equally excited to send it to you in thanks for partnering with TBN this month. (See the back page of this newsletter for details.)

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There's a reason why Israel matters to God and why Israel needs to matter to us as the people of God. The more we understand about this topic, both biblically and historically, the better equipped we will be. We want to have a heavenly perspective as important events continue to unfold in our world, specifically in the Middle East. These are exciting times!

God's Word holds some wonderful promises for those who support Israel and the Jewish people.

God's Word holds some wonderful promises for those who support Israel and the Jewish people. Through your support of TBN, you're doing just that. Thank you! Stay connected to TBN for more news from Israel as we approach all these historic events and milestones.



Take a look at some of the highlights from our 2018 Hope and Grace Israel Tour!



Matt & Laurie with Joseph Prince and Joel & Victoria Osteen onstage at the Sea of Galilee.



TBN Partners celebrate as they are baptized in the Jordan River.



Laurie prays over a precious TBN Partner after she is baptized.



Matt & Laurie proclaim truth at the Sea of Galilee.



Partners worship and pray outside the Garden Tomb.



Matt sits down for an extraordinary interview with U.S. Ambassador David Friedman in Israel.





#### ... AND YOUR GIFTS HELP TO REACH PEOPLE LIKE JANET ON EVERY CONTINENT.

I needed to know deep down, despite everything I had been through, that God was a good father. My picture of what a "father" was supposed to be was anything but good. My earthly father was abusive in just about every way you can imagine. The first time he molested me, I was too young to protect myself.

I didn't know how to cope with the pain of what my father was doing to me behind closed doors. I became rebellious and angry. My father abused my mother, as well. She had what I would later find out is called "battered wife syndrome."

Despite all the darkness I experienced, a light shone in our home. My loving mother would often watch TBN. I remember being young and seeing Billy Graham, James and Betty Robison, and others communicate about the love of Jesus through our living room television.

Because of the abuse I suffered, it would be many years before those seeds would take root and bloom. The years that followed me leaving home were filled with poor choices. I self-medicated my pain through

addictions. I had two abortions during this time, got married and divorced, and my life was in shambles.

The wounds left by my father drove me to choose a man who abused and left me, just as my father had abused my mother. And right after both of my parents passed away, the man I was living with abandoned me with my two teenagers. At the lowest point in my life, I cried out to God. I asked Him to show me if He was real. I asked to know His love.

At 42 years old, I was like the woman at the well in John chapter 4. Jesus was offering me living water that would take away the unquenchable thirst I had for love and acceptance. For many years I had searched in the wrong places, drinking from polluted wells. But now, I had found the answer.

I am amazed to share that my life was completely turned around in an instant. I began attending church and studying the Bible. I learned that I was now a Messianic Jew, because my mother was Jewish. I began watching TBN, revisiting the ministry that had first sown those seeds of faith into my life as a child.

Now TBN keeps me fed, and I've grown tremendously in my relationship with Christ. Since God healed me, I have married a godly man and become a grandmother. Jesus makes all things new! TBN has been a vital part of my healing, and I am forever grateful for the programs and

Through TBN and a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ, I now understand that I have a good heavenly Father. I know that I am valued and I am loved. I can hold my head up high. Thank you, TBN, for helping me on my journey!

—TBN Partner, Janet

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RELIEF FOR

## **KARAMOJA**

Lighthouse TV *supports* benefit concert for education

NATIVE UGANDAN, LEVIXONE—one of the country's premier musicians—knows all too well the devastation this region has seen. War-stricken for twenty years, Karamoja is a northern part of Uganda desperately needing the light of the Gospel. Now, as the region struggles to rebuild, Levixone is using his musical platform to make a difference.

Levixone's childhood and teen years in Uganda were difficult. It was only the support of a generous benefactor that enabled him to complete school and flourish as a musician. Now giving back to his country is the driving force behind the positive messages in his music. And TBN's Uganda partner station—Lighthouse TV—fully supports his efforts. Most recently, Lighthouse TV sponsored Levixone's charity concert to help build a school for children in Karamoja.

TBN is thankful for its stations around the world that are making an effort to reach local communities with the Good News. And we are thankful for your support that makes reaching others possible.







David & Nicole Binion host internationally-acclaimed musical guests Travis Greene, Jonathan McReynolds, and Da'dra Greathouse.



Three-time Grammy winner Michael W. Smith meets with Matt & Laurie Crouch at his farm in Nashville, Tennessee.



The Crouches host well-respected evangelist Reinhard Bonnke at TBN's Southern California studio, where he shares about the importance of the Holy Spirit in the church today.



Matt & Laurie and Joel & Victoria Osteen visit actor and producer Tyler Perry in his studio in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss his book Higher Is Waiting.

#### Watch Praise

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:00pm ET / 8:00pm PT **ON YOUR TBN!** 

This may be the MOST POWERFUL, INSPIRING

BOOK about ISRAEL YOU'LL EVER READ.

In Jerusalem: A Biblical and Historical Case for the Jewish Capital, Jay Sekulow lays out the evidence for the Jewish people's claim on the land of Israel and their right to view Jerusalem as their eternal capital. You'll want to share this book with anyone who needs a better understanding of why Christians should and do support Israel.

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