Israel’s Dual Reality

A soldier joins an Orthodox man at the Western Wall, a common scene as Israel must continually defend their nation’s right to exist.

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Here in the United States, when we see a colorful balloon floating by in a clear blue sky, we smile. We assume some child has let it go for the joy of watching it sail away. Sadly, for people living in southern Israel, the sight of a balloon triggers alarm, rather than smiles these days. For several years now, terrorist cells within Hamas in the Gaza Strip have taken to attaching incendiary bombs to helium balloons and releasing them when the winds are right to carry them into southern Israel.

These fire bombs are released in the hope that they will land on an Israeli home or business and burn it down or, at minimum, set an Israeli farmer’s field on fire. Many have done just that. A typical headline in Israel from a few months ago read, "Incendiary Balloons from Gaza Set Off Three Fires in Southern Israel Yesterday.”

Dear TBN Partner, Laurie and I believe it’s important that you know these attacks have become an almost-daily feature of life for the people of southern Israel—along with the periodic waves of rocket attacks that trigger air-raid sirens and send Israeli families with terrified children scrambling into bomb shelters. The range of those rockets has been increasing lately.

For example, in March of this year, a rocket fired from Gaza flew all the way north of Tel Aviv, striking and demolishing a home. Seven were injured in the blast—including two children and one baby—but, thank the Lord, no one was killed.

ENEMIES ALL AROUND

If you follow the news, you know that families living in Israel not only have to be on constant guard against attacks from the south, they have to keep their eyes to the north as well. Both Syria and Lebanon on Israel’s northern border are home to the terrorist army Hezbollah, a group heavily supported by the mullahs of Iran. Iran, in turn, is being backed by Russia. Laurie and I mention all of this to you now for several reasons.

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First and foremost, we care deeply about Israel and know that you do too. We know you understand how important this remarkable nation is to God and to His plans for redeeming the world through His Son, Jesus.

AN EXCITING MOVE OF GOD

Amid this turmoil, there is growing evidence of a Messianic revival quietly going on inside Israel. "Messianic" Believers are Jewish people who have come to realize that Jesus was and is the promised Messiah, and their numbers are increasing.

In fact, the number of Messianic congregations inside the country has been rising for decades. A 1989 survey found only 30 Messianic congregations in the entire country. By 1999, a study found that had grown to 81 fellowships. Fast-forward to 2017, where a study by the Texas-based organization "One for Israel" identified more than 300 Messianic congregations.

Please join TBN in praying for, encouraging, and supporting this historic and prophetically important move of God.

COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITISM

Lies, smears, and distortions about Israel fill many media channels. Day after day, we...
bombarded with negative news twisted to put the people and government of Israel in a bad light.

Where will people hear the truth? On TBN! Delivering the truth about Israel and the Jewish people to the world is something your partnership with TBN does 365 days each year. In some places in the world where TBN Networks are made available, you may be providing the only pro-Israel, pro-truth message some people will ever hear.

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES

When you strip away all the lies and find the deepest truths about Israel, the “Holy Land” will come alive. Countless people have visited Israel and emerged from their journey with a deeper faith than they’ve ever had before. Including Kathie Lee Gifford.

That’s why we’re sending a copy of her book The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi to every partner who supports TBN this month with any gift. Her journey into the heart of Scriptural faith and the Holy Land is fascinating and inspiring.

We’re praying for the peace of Jerusalem. We know you are too. 

Note: You can find out more about The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi, and other special resources available to our partners this month, on the back page of this newsletter.
New This Fall—Primetime on TBN!

Weeknights on TBN just got better! The most respected pastors, teachers, and spiritual and worship leaders make up the new fall primetime—only on TBN—each night with a different theme!

Monday Motivations

Start your week off right with powerful, Spirit-led teaching of the Word! Learn from favorites like Joel Osteen and Robert Morris, as well as inspiring teachers like Shawn Bolz and Wilfredo “Pastor Choco” De Jesus.

Girls’ Night In

Your favorite ladies of TBN light up Tuesday evenings with Joyce Meyer, Christine Caine, Beth Moore, and even a “Best of” episode of Better Together. These amazing women will lift up and encourage you!

Wednesday Night Worship

Tune in on Wednesday nights for a worship experience like no other, with classics like the Gaithers coupled with Music, Moments, and Memories, Gospel Worship Experience, a new show with Big Daddy Weave, and more!

Culture Changers & History Makers

One on One with Kirk Cameron sets the tone for an evening of culture and history from a Christian perspective. With new seasons of Drive Thru History, Jesus the Game Changer, and America’s Hidden History, you won’t want to miss a minute.

Roots and Revelation

This entire evening is dedicated to the Jewish roots of Christianity, Israel, and prophecy. Perry Stone and Erick Stakelbeck present current events and Biblical revelations. Sid Roth and Irvin Baxter explore the supernatural mysteries of the present and future.

Note: You can find out more about the Messianic Jewish Family Bible: Tree of Life Version, and other special resources available to our partners this month, on the back page of this newsletter.

The Messianic Jewish Family Bible is rich with powerful content, featuring:

- Messianic Illustrations
- Maps highlighting the journeys of Jesus and Paul
- A Hebrew glossary defining Jewish terms in the Bible
- Shabbat prayers
- The Lord’s Prayer
- A chart of Biblical feasts
- A page to record your own family tree!

The Tree of Life Version is the fruit of genuine Israel-lovers, embracing the connection between the Jewish and Christian worlds. Take a bite from the fruit of the Tree of Life. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

This month in 1565, Spanish settlers in St. Augustine, Florida, formed the first Roman Catholic Parish in the U.S.

This month in 1620, Puritans from England, seeking religious freedom, set sail for America—this month in 1620. They would later be known as Pilgrims.

The U.S. Congress amended the Constitution to prohibit the establishment of a state church—or governmental interference with the free exercise of religion—this month in 1789.

Imagin a diary kept by your family for thousands of years. The stories told, the heroes and villains, the grace of God preserving traditions and history. For the Jewish people, the Old Testament is this family diary.

For the Messianic Jewish people, those who have embraced Jesus as the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament, the New Testament is that family diary’s continuation.

A rabbi’s wife, Daniah Greenberg wondered what a Bible would look like if it reflected decidedly Jewish family-friendly hearts, heads, and hands—their family diary. So she and her husband, Rabbi Mark Greenberg, gathered a team of the world’s leading Messianic Jewish Bible scholars.

The Messianic Jewish Family Bible: Tree of Life Version (TLV) is the fruit of their labor. You will come to understand the early church’s own diary and testament as Luke testifies to the original Jews who became Christians and how Paul, a real rabbi, spread the faith to the Gentiles.

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The Rock (Jesus), the Road (Israel), and the Rabbi (God’s Word)

After a tour through Israel, led by Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel, Kathie Lee Gifford began to see the Gospel in a whole new light—one that merged her Christian faith with its Jewish roots. In her book *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi*, she tells the stories of her journey and how a better understanding of Greek and Hebrew strengthened her faith.

_Yours this month only, with a gift in support of TBN’s global outreach._

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See Scripture Come to Life

In addition to Kathie Lee Gifford’s book, this companion study guide and 6-lesson DVD were created to give readers and small groups a deeper look into God’s Word from the inspiration of the original Greek and Hebrew languages.

*With your gift of $70 or more, get this study set PLUS* The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi book.

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Explore the Jewish-Christian Connection Through Scripture

This fresh, yet faithful translation of both the Old and New Testaments has been put together by an extraordinary team of expert Messianic Jewish scholars. As you peek into this “Jewish family diary,” you will be introduced to the Hebraic roots and idioms of the original Scriptures and story of God’s people, all from a Jewish perspective.

_Yours this month only, with your gift of $240 *OR a NEW monthly recurring gift of $40 or more, PLUS* The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi and the companion study set._

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