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CALLED TO THE STAGE!

Suddenly some of the folks in our ministry have become theatre people. It seems that the Lord wants us to do a musical play and so we are busily mastering the skills of this new undertaking.

We will be presenting "Beloved Thief — a Musical Love Story" as a new series beginning in April. The play tells the elegant story of the Israeli wedding of the Messiah's time and how it compares to the coming of the Lord for His bride, the Church. There will be 14 songs in this musical show and very authentic first-century Israel sets and costumes. This should make for a rich viewing experience and a very compelling Bible lesson.

Our Lord seems to think we can do anything in this ministry. We have had to become computer operators, mail order experts, travel agents, musicians, book publishers and, of course, television producers in our time, but until now He has never called us to the stage! Naturally, the Lord has brought along the necessary people with the required talents and knowledge, but most surprisingly, He has enabled the most inexperienced among us to become very good at what we have to do. In the manner that He made spiritual giants out of Galilean tradesmen, He has equipped us with the most extraordinary skills to carry out his instructions. Zechariah tells us that in the end times the soldiers of the Israeli army will each be like King David, a formidable captain in the field, and I get the feeling that they are well on their way. On our particular home front we're having quite a complex battle of our own.

Almost every day this week I have been in the recording studio, rather than the office, since we have been putting the vocal lines on Charlie's orchestrations. He had gone to London in January,

where we record the instruments, and brought the tracks back. Our next step will be to select actors and start practicing the play. Ken has arranged for our use of a sophisticated state-of-the-art television sound stage in order to bring you a totally professional production, and the Lord is keeping it all on schedule, at least so far.

In a sense, this new undertaking will present all sides of what we can do simultaneously; it will make simply great television for believers and unbelievers alike; it will present new music to go with our previously recorded albums; it will entertain and, most importantly, it will teach the Scriptures. Those of you who have read our Passover or Christian Love Story booklets can readily see the lovely possibilities in this very beautiful biblical presentation. In my speaking ministry I believe I have seen more people come to the Lord as a result of fully understanding our position as His bride-to-be than with any other subject that I teach.

We plan to air the musical in three programs beginning April 5 in Dallas, continuing on CBN April 18 and on throughout the nation. I hesitate on this one project to fix an exact date due to the complexity of the thing, but it all goes reasonably well we'll be ready on those dates.

Tell your Minister of Music at your church to watch. We'll make the script and music available for local church performances. We'll also release the programs on VHS video cassettes so that you can own your own home copy. Albums and audio cassettes will be available as well. Believe me when I tell you, you've never seen anything quite like "Beloved Thief — A Musical Love Story".



The Man Born Blind gives his testimony of how the Messiah healed him.



The rousing chorus "We Are the Chosen" starts off the show.



The Bride of Cana tells of a miracle at a 1st-Century Hebrew-Christian service.

Beloved Thief

A Musical Love Story

During the taping of *Beloved Thief*, our new musical production, cast members were busy with their cameras.



The prospective bride is not aware that a young man in the crowd is watching her.

PENTECOST TOUR

We love it when the day of Pentecost falls late enough on the calendar that we can celebrate it in Israel. Each June we take a tour of the Holy Land and once in a while the birthday of the Church falls within our time in Jerusalem.

This year will be rather special since we will debark on the actual Sunday of Pentecost and we will be in the Holy City for the festival week. Like those who came out of “every nation under heaven” in Acts 2, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in the perfectly appropriate place.

The tour dates will be June 7-16 and the price will be \$1899 from New York, all inclusive. The itinerary we will use will be the same as those of our very successful tours of years past but we are learning as we go, and each tour is better than the last. We have particularly been able to get excellent hotels in Israel, comparable to the finest American hotels, and still stay within the competitive market price. I think if you will look at any brochure and add up the “extras” often excluded, you will conclude that our tours present the best value available to Israel. And of course, this is our tour department’s main emphasis and major work, and we know exactly what we’re doing.

We are particularly proud that we have built up a following so that we now have people coming back for second, third, and fourth tours with us. Our guide has come to faith in the Lord and presents a particularly spiritual series of very biblically oriented messages concerning the various sites. In addition, Zola will personally lead this tour and give the benefit of his insights in daily scriptural studies in our meeting.

Israel has made quite a comeback as a tourist attraction and we urge you to make your plans as soon as possible. We’ve had some problems with adequate airplane reservations and the like. We’ve never had to turn anyone down but it makes our job a lot easier if our folks sign up well in advance. This article is to announce that our brochures are being prepared and our reservations are made. You may send your deposit of \$200 at this time or write for a brochure. Your deposit as always is refundable if you can’t go.

Good News For A Far Country

Once in a while our ministry has an opportunity to be of service in some far away place. Such is the miracle of television that we can instruct people the world over in the subjects we teach.

Presently we have the opportunity to supply video tapes to a new TBN affiliated station in South Africa. This broadcast would be exposed to an extremely large audience in a place where the Gospel will really do some good. The requirements of this network are similar to those of the Armed Forces Network; we would have to edit our book offers and so forth out of each program, but the meat of the teaching would still be there.

On the occasion when we had the opportunity to go on the Armed Forces Network, we asked our donors if anyone would sponsor the expense of the editing process in order to prepare special tapes for that network. Some of our donors chipped in and we were able to edit our tapes appropriately. They are now showing to American service people around the world. Of course, the ministry does not receive donations or orders for merchandise from these far-flung outlets but we are glad to have the opportunity to minister.

If anyone feels the call, the amount we would need is \$600 and we could edit our tapes for the South African network. Send up a prayer and we’ll be glad to do our part.

Thanks.

TEST THE SPIRITS

We have been hearing quite a lot about the New Age Movement as believers everywhere are becoming very adept at identifying the oncoming society of the Antichrist. We are perfectly right to be watchful, and pointing out the activities of cults, including the oncoming worldwide cult of the Antichrist, is part of being an enlightened Christian today. One of the central pillars of witnessing for Christ since even the apostolic times has been the simple warning of the end. We are the children of light and are not to be surprised by the approach of the end of the age, as Paul points out in I Thess. 5. The children of darkness must be warned that free salvation has a very real time limit and the signs of the end, and of the Lord's return, are to be taken very seriously. If we use our knowledge as a witnessing tool then we are using it correctly.

But I sense an almost gleeful rejoicing among some believers about the sad state that the world is in at this moment. It has almost become a popular sport among prophecy teachers to vie for the most sensational announcement of the latest discovery of what is supposed to be impending doom. There sometimes is a confusion of good works with bad. Every attempt at peacemaking, for example, is certainly not evil, and the various kinds of suggestions for world unity are not always inspired by Satan.

We must be most discerning on this point and truly utilize the mind of Christ. Everyone in the world can see the pain all around us and it is only human nature to come up with treatments and solutions for it. But I have already heard of groups who are working on the myriad problems of world hunger being indicted by Christians for promoting the Antichrist's false solutions to our dilemmas. Groups that advocate closer relationships between the nations are accused of promoting an evil one-world government.

Believers should be the first to discern that things are not always what they seem. In the same manner that someone that we thought was a great saint will badly disappoint us, someone who seems unspiritual through and through may surprise us with something really fine. The Scriptures constantly attest that the motives of the heart are the important things and not the surface actions.

There are cries for unity all around us in this difficult time. The kind of unity that stops the production of nuclear weapons or feeds hungry people should be welcomed by the believers because this is basic Christianity. The Lord said on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers." And on the other hand, the kind of unity that says all doctrines are right and everyone is saved is plainly of the devil.

There has been quite a disturbance about computers because it is apparent that the Antichrist will utilize these powerful machines to control his global society. I am not arguing with the concept that this is what the Antichrist will do, but only asking that we remember that computers are not good or evil, programmers are. The Antichrist will make a peace treaty with Israel and it will turn out to be evil, but we should not generalize that all peacemaking is evil. The Antichrist will cause people to buy and sell by number but we cannot conclude that all credit cards and all numbered systems are evil.

As a new age dawns, those aware of its approach have to be especially intelligent about what is around them and have to test the spirits most precisely. Don't be swept away in sensational movements that end up condemning simple good works. Religion in general has too long a history of enforcing misunderstanding on the just and the unjust alike.

"THE DISEASES OF EGYPT"

I think I should say something about AIDS. Since the Lord specified the coming of "pestilences" as a sign of the end (Matt. 24:7) the appearance of this remarkable plague is of real interest to Bible students. Along with the other prophetic signs of the times — the famines, the powder keg in the Middle East, the betrayals, the hatred of Israel — this latest scourge seems unsolvable other than by the coming of the King.

I'd like to say a word for the patient God of Israel, whose preventive measures for sexually transmitted diseases — abstention and monogamy — have recently been rediscovered by government officials. If everyone lived by the Ten Commandments we would never have heard of AIDS. Ancient Egypt and mighty Babylon suffered with and finally died of such epidemics, principally through lack of knowledge of nature — or more simply, lack of appreciation of God's laws.

The Surgeon General of the United States and the Secretary of Health Education and Welfare are, for the moment, recommending a biblical way of life for all, something believers have been doing for over 19 centuries. Modern society everywhere has delayed marriage and promoted what used to be called "free love." The results are catastrophic.

Our Lord said it best:

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Matt. 24:22).

Bad News from a Far Country

When there's no bad news about Israel some has to be manufactured by somebody. Lately there have been several television "documentaries" purporting to show rough times in the occupied West Bank of the Holy Land. One went so far as to use the expression "the bloody streets of Jerusalem."

All of that is hogwash.

The last time the streets of Jerusalem were bloody was in the 1967 Six-Day War in which the Chosen People at last regained their capital and established the first lasting peace in that city in modern times. But still there is some sort of compulsion to report something awful about Israel on a constant basis and I'm interested in just why that has to be.

When I returned from our Pentecost Tour on June 16, I chanced to meet Tom Brokaw, the NBC news anchorman at Kennedy Airport. We nodded to each other though I doubt if he knew me. He had just gotten off an EL AL 747 surrounded by Israelis and American Jews, and having in his mind to spread dissension about the Promised Land. But that's a subjective judgment. Let's look at the facts.

Fact one, on a spiritual level, God has an enemy in this world and he's anti-Semitic, if he's anything evil. It is part of the spiritual battle between the principalities and powers for Israel to fail or at least to win a grudging and difficult victory. There is no question that the devil would be well served if the last Jew would be killed out in this world.

Secondly, bad news sells, and bad news about Israel seems to sell particularly well. Why is this? I think that Americans personally identify with Israel, our sister democracy in the Middle East and a pioneer nation, as we were not so very long ago. It becomes especially poignant to relive our own early struggles vicariously through Israel's troubles. Thirdly, there is a perverse desire in all of us to see good people fail, and thus be assuaged concerning our own shortcomings. "If the Israelis with all their toughness have such rough times, no wonder life doesn't go very well for the rest of us good people," we say in our hearts. Then again, we are very suspicious of our own government and we are a nation of critics of our leadership. Whether or not that is justified we are secretly pleased to see failure on a governmental level. News about trouble in Israel merely shows that our foreign aid is being wasted on incompetents. Also on the governmental level, it wouldn't be surprising to find that the Arabs are behind all these bad news documentaries. I can well imagine them complaining about the record tourist season that Israel is having

this summer. Our Pentecost Tour had 120 people, 2 to 3 times as many as we expected, and Americans are going back to the Holy Land again in huge numbers. This helps finance Israel and obviously makes the country operate a lot better. Perhaps our Arab-pleasing officials have told the oil suppliers that they would speak to their friends in the media about the situation and hence we are made to watch bad tidings.

There's also the ongoing implication, of course, that if only the Israelis were out of the West Bank and a Palestinian state were created there, the world would have unbroken peace. We are supposed to believe that consolidating the territory of those who now perpetrate the cowardly hijackings and kidnappings and murders in schoolyards, and providing them comfort in their own government, will somehow better the political situation. In the upside down world of anti-Israeli thinking, terrorists will lay down their guns when they get land and cash, and the Jewish people don't deserve to live anywhere.

The real truth of matters in Israel is that there is nothing new going on. The occupied territories have certainly never been completely comfortable, as they are not anywhere else. But there are various Palestinian views on life under Israeli administration. We deal with Palestinian people in Bethlehem all the time, and many of the artifacts that this ministry distributes from Israel are made by Palestinian West Bank craftsmen. We get good service and fair prices from secure and satisfied business people. That talks a lot louder than religious philosophies as far as we are concerned.

The fact is, Arabs live better in Israel than anywhere else in the Arab lands. It doesn't matter how rich some shiek in Saudi Arabia may be; if he doesn't have clean water, adequate medical care and an education for his children, he's poor. I would be safe in saying that the life expectancy of a West Bank Arab is probably twice that of the average Arab in the Moslem lands. Although Israel and Egypt are at peace and the Israelis frequently take tours of their former enemy's country to see the pyramids and so forth, the Egyptian government doesn't allow its people to tour Israel. The answer to that is simple. The government of Egypt doesn't want its deprived citizens to see how well Arabs live in the West Bank of Israel. That would cause a revolution in Cairo.

Our 120 pilgrims saw no terrorism, no bloody streets, no police action of any kind in Israel, as usual. I sleep beautifully in the Promised Land and I look

forward to my 24th tour September 19-28. I don't expect to see anything more serious than a kite caught in a tree.

Bad news comes out of Israel because Israel is a democracy and supports a free press. (We don't have much bad news out of South Africa these days because that government clamps down on that sort of thing. But the Israelis are open to scrutiny). A free press can occasionally be abusive and promote what I think of as the "War Correspondent effect" — the tendency of reporters to go to the worst part of an area and film the most extreme actions they can find, however long it takes to find them, and then run those scenes back-to-back to create the impression of jungle warfare in the streets. It makes the media look heroic indeed but it doesn't report the truth.

I remain very suspicious of networks who suddenly bring on new programs in June and July when the audiences are small and the other programming is off-season. Something fishy is behind all this. Bible readers know that the Antichrist will require a situation of major strife to take over in Israel (II Thess. 2:3,4).

Perhaps we are seeing the beginning of the end.

"LIVING WATER"

I promised in our past letter that I would reveal a new prophecy development that I learned during our Pentecost Tour in June. I don't know how to evaluate what I'm going to report so I'll just tell you the facts and you can be the judge.

A friend of mine, an Orthodox Jew in Jerusalem whom I trust, informed me of a peculiar situation taking place in the depths of Mount Moriah below the sites of the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock. Since the archeologists dug out the area a few years ago, both the Jews and the Moslems have an interest in being as close as possible to their respective sacred shrines. Those who have been to Jerusalem realize that the Wall and the Dome lie in very close proximity at the northern end of the exposed Western Wall.

The Rabbis started a "Yeshiva" sometime ago in order to train the future priesthood in the rituals of sacrifice. The Yeshiva was very disturbed recently to discover moisture on their books and scrolls and they went to the police. They declared that apparently the Moslems who have similar encampments just to the east, beneath the Dome, have surreptitiously brought water into the subterranean enclosure and were trying to damage the study materials of their adversaries.

At the same time, the Moslems also came to the police complaining that they found moisture in their own enclave and they accused the Jews of piping in water to weaken the foundation of the huge Dome of the Rock temple overhead. Both sides had an apparently good case, since there is no source of water in Mount Moriah, and there never was.

At this date I have no further information about the legal situation but both accusations are wrong since engineers brought to the Mount have discovered a new water source, evidently never there before, which has inundated both enclosures from within the mountain. It is very clear that Mount Moriah provided no water in the past since the builders of King Herod, and even those 3,000 years ago of King Solomon, had to arrange for enormous amounts of water to be carried up the mountain for their Temple construction crews. (It should be appreciated that Solomon had 150,000 laborers at work for seven years to build the Temple of God in his time. Herod's was at least as great in magnitude.) One would think that the talented builders of mighty Solomon and of the Roman Caesar, arguably the best architects, engineers and construction crews the world has ever known, could have found water if it were there. The perplexing problem is, where does it come from and why does it appear right now?

Consulting the Scriptures we realize that Messiah will return to a spot very near Mount Moriah, at the summit of the Mt. of Olives — "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south" (Zech. 14:4). It seems that the Mount of Olives will cleave in two at the time of His coming.

It is water that cleaves mountains and we are provoked to look at verse 8: "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea (the Dead Sea), and half of them toward the hinder sea (the Mediterranean): in summer and in winter shall it be."

Could it be that God is making ready a new and powerful spring of water to come out of Mount Moriah and crash through the neighboring Mount of Olives in order to prepare the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

"Look up for your redemption draweth nigh."

THE GOOD NEWS

The Lord would have us report to you in a time of struggle for us that The Ruff House, the house operated by George and Alice Ruff, where they take care of retarded children and other unfortunates, has greatly prospered by your kind giving. Our friend, Rich Thomas, who assists the Ruff House in administrative and legal capacities, has filed the following report in gratitude for your support:

THE RUFF HOUSE OF LOVE

For those of you who saw our Ruff House of Love special — and responded so generously with your contributions — let me bring you up to date with the following:

The chapel has been completed — and often-times doubles as the nursery

City water has finally been connected

A frame gift-house now serves as the mess hall, complete with modern kitchen

Upwards of 200 people can now be accommodated in surplus army barracks, house-trailers, etc.

The Ruff House Ministries, Inc. has been organized as a non-profit corporation and granted tax exempt status

The ministry remains the same — George and Alice Ruff still provide a loving, caring, Christian home for the homeless, retarded and abused of all ages, without regard to race or sex

At the time our special program first aired — January 1985 — you may recall that there were about 25 people living at the Ruff House. Some are still there, such as Vincent — blind, deaf, terribly abused and ultimately abandoned; such as Manny — cerebral palsied and epileptic; such as Albert — 86, bed-ridden and with no known family; and such as Michelle — helpful, good disposition, etc., but with an almost insurmountable learning disability.

Others have taken the places of those who have moved on, and swelled the ranks to over 200 at times — mostly in the dead of winter and the blistering heat of summer. There seems to be an ever increasing need for the ministry being offered by the Ruff House of Love — more abused kids, more unwed mothers, and more abandoned and homeless of all descriptions.

At any rate, please know that through your contributions, you have enabled George and Alice to provide a Christian home atmosphere — albeit temporary — to literally hundreds of society's outcasts. And on behalf of the Ruffs, we at our ministry thank you.

The Mystery of Persia

Today one of my co-workers asked me to explain the attitude and behavior of Iran.

After all, here is a sovereign nation, somewhat backward but organized enough to function in international commerce and trade, doing its utmost to alienate the rest of the world. At this point it seems that the Iranians will fire on any ship of any flag, blowing men and goods out of the water willy-nilly. The nations who have taken tragic losses in the Persian Gulf would make a long list indeed. Iran has almost no friends left. She is condemned even by the most radical Moslem states in the Middle East.

But when I use the expression "almost no friends left" I am thinking of the one nation upon which Persia has not fired. That nation is Russia.

I can only think that Iran's atrocious behavior of the moment is taking her to her rightful place for the calamitous endtimes events, most emphatically, the coming Russian invasion of Israel.

Persia (Iran) and Magog (Russia) are to be allies in that fateful satanic enterprise (Ezek. 38:2,5). Historically, inexplicable maneuvering on the part of a nation within the biblical theatre of operations could be explained by consulting the prophets. Hence, when Babylon took Judah into captivity, one could only have looked at the Book of Jeremiah and seen her real motivation. When Cyrus later released the captives, one could see in Isaiah that Cyrus was merely carrying out God's will.

Nations move according to political and economic reasons, but more pointedly they always move in accordance with God's plans. Iran has a destiny. It is to be allied with Russia in a maniacal attempt to wipe out Israel. Since the present day Iranians are adverse to communism, some extraordinary series of events has to drive them to overcome that aversion. I think we are seeing those events right now in the Persian Gulf.

In a word, Iran is making herself so obnoxious to so many nations that in the end, only Russia, for reasons of her own, will be available as an ally. We are seeing the early formation of this alliance in the fact that the Russian shipping has been undisturbed by Iran throughout all of the Gulf hostilities.

Look for some remarkable transition in Iran or Russia that will drive the two closer together.

And "Look up, your redemption draweth nigh."

“God Only Knows”

It's very difficult to comment on the Persian Gulf situation. Things are happening so fast that a newsletter is much too leisurely a medium for intelligent analysis. We are all watching the news and fearing the worst these days and with good reason.

In our last personal letter I outlined the remarkable situation with the Russian tankers. The fact that they are being escorted by Iranian mine-sweepers fits very well into Ezekiel's prophecy of the invasion of Gog and Magog (Ez. 38, 39). A relationship between Russia and Iran (Magog and Persia in Ezekiel's terms) is a necessary precursor to this disastrous upcoming event. We are now seeing this relationship taking form.

I had remarked that it seems a friendship of necessity for now but the Russians and the Iranians will find that they have several other things in common, most notably an aversion to everything Israeli. The Russians want Israel out of the Middle East because they can't stand democracies and the Iranians want Israel to disappear because they want their Dome of the Rock Shrine and the city of Jerusalem. It's true that in Ezekiel's time Israel was a vassal state of a vast Persian empire. It wouldn't take much to inspire today's Iranians to try to reclaim that territory.

As we go to press, the news is that Libya is offering to trade state of the art, non-detectable mines to Iran for chemical weapons. Obviously, Libya doesn't need sea mines for its desert warfare with Chad. Iran is involved in a largely naval battle with Iraq. Less obviously, these two powers, so antagonistic to Israel, need to establish military relations in order to function as allies in the invasion of Israel (*Ezek. 38:5.*)

But I can't adequately explain the entire prophecy in this space. More commentary will come as the news develops. The most compelling proof I have that people really do suppose that this is the beginning of the Russian invasion of Israel is simply seen in my royalty state-

ments from Moody Press, the original publishers of "The Coming Russian Invasion of Israel," by Dr. McCall and myself. The royalty statement we received today is triple what would be expected for the period and it merely indicates that people are buying more copies of a book that has become suddenly relevant. The bookstore customer looks at thousands of titles and he votes with his dollars for what he thinks he ought to read. A statement of increased sales argues very favorably for the truth of a given prophetic theory.

By the time you read this I guess ships will sink and missiles will be fired and mines will explode and God only knows (and that's for sure) how soon the end will be. Suffice it to say here that there's never been a better time to make peace with God and be ready for the Kingdom.

The Scripture says, "Today is the day of salvation."

The Longest Day

Oct. 2, 1987
Jerusalem

10 Tisheri 5748
Yerushalayim

Today is the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). It began, according to page one of the Oct. 2 Jerusalem Post, at 4:47 p.m. in Jerusalem and 5:06 p.m. in Tel Aviv, which lies slightly to the west and further down range of the sunset. It will end tomorrow evening at 5:59 p.m. in Jerusalem and sometime later in Tel Aviv. Candles have to be lit at these exact moments to start the festival. Emergency ambulance and police service numbers are given in the article. An appeal is made to the public "not to interfere with the movement of ambulances and other vehicles called to answer emergency calls." Ultra religious factions in Israel have been known to stone the vehicles of those compelled to drive on the High Holy Days or even on common Sabbaths for that matter. This society truly shuts down for a day of rest every week and it ceases virtually all secular operations on the sacred Day of Atonement. No one eats anything or drinks anything for 24 hours solid.

The Day of Atonement is given in Leviticus 23:27 as a day of confession when all Israelites are called to afflict their souls before God. It is thought of as a "catching up" with God annually, a way of keeping one's redemption up to date and in good order against the appearance of the Messiah, who will look back at all accounts (Rom. 3:25).

I can only say that I'm glad that my atonement has already been done and that in my accepting the Messiah, my sins of a lifetime are forgiven. Which of us could accurately remember his sins of a week, let alone a year, but in the New Covenant God says "I will remember their sins no more" (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12).

The precision of such as candlelighting ceremonies in Israel reflect a people wary of Almighty God. It also speaks of a religiosity as nitpicking as it is triumphant. If we have no intercessor with God, our candlelighting had better be correct to the minute and computed on the advice of the most accurate rabbi. Such is life in the Old Covenant and it always was.

The Day of Atonement always speaks to me of the liberty we have in Christ. When I think of the fasting and prayer I did uncomprehendingly as a child, I can weep for the freedom I have now. Indeed all Israel will weep on that future greatest Day of Atonement when the Lord returns:

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zech. 12:10).

It is significant that all this confession and all this heartfelt affliction of souls ends at exactly 5:59 p.m. with a tremendous blast of the trumpet!

But personally, God has arranged that the location crew of ZOLA LEVITT PRESENTS is having a day of rest rather than a day of atonement. We have done our work this week as the "Note From Zola" details. You will see the results when the new programs are ready in December.

In the meanwhile, pray for the people who are atoning on this day that they will come to Him in whom all sins are forgiven. Pray for the convicted and the unconvicted.

And pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



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The people above are employed by the Lord and by you. They are extraordinarily talented at what they do, and while each one of them will be credited in heaven for reaching a huge nation by television, all but one of them are never seen on your screen.

So in keeping with the spirit of the season, please meet your staff who operate this ministry on your behalf. They have maintained a warm family atmosphere among themselves and they feel very close to many of you out there who they have come to know through the mail. They really care about you and sincerely pray for a safe and most blessed Christmas season to each and every one of you.

Good News from 7-11

A few weeks ago I bought one of the tabloid newspapers found at the convenience stores because it had a tempting headline. In order to sell more papers the headline read, "Top Preachers Reveal Joyful New Bible Prophecies". And a kicker to the headline said, "No More Death! No More Taxes! Always Summer!"

As is usual with these sort of mass produced grocery counter specials, the information inside was really nothing new. But I was happy to see that it was all accurate. Top preachers indeed were quoted throughout the article and what they related was Kingdom prophecy we have all read in the Bible before. Indeed, in the Kingdom to come taxes will be abolished, death will be rare and unusual, and as far as summer goes, it's nearly always summer in Israel where the Kingdom

will have its home. The major preacher quoted said that we could expect big changes before the end of the 1980's and I could only quibble about our providing God a date for fulfilling what is entirely His work.

During 1987 we made a step of our own to bring out the details of prophecy, and biblical knowledge in general, with our founding of the Institute for Jewish and Christian Studies. As I read last year's Christmas letter, I saw that we were just announcing it at that time and that we were working on the materials. I can tell you now that it has been a huge success, with a student body close to 1500 and a number of people who have finished their course work and received their diplomas already!

I am personally so pleased that people are taking this kind of study seriously and I know that these people are equipped to be powerful witnesses as we approach what the Bible calls, "The Day of the Lord".