

A voice of one crying in the wilderness

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

The "Great Commission" needed to be completed first. The gospel has gone out from Jerusalem and has been preached in the whole world. At the beginning of this millennium, God showed us that an era has been completed. The end of the times of the Gentiles is near (Luke 21:24). We had to get ready to return to Jerusalem, back to the origin of the message....

There God has shown us His love for the Land and in particular for the place which He has chosen for His name (Deut.12:11). Several times, together with the Papuans, we brought gold, gifts, and jewelry to the Temple Institute, as a fulfillment of the verses from Isaiah 60:5 and Zechariah 6:15.



Dear friends,

The word harbinger has been frequently used in these past days, especially regarding America and Israel. Harbinger doesn't just mean warning; it also means forerunner or someone who needs to announce a message. This is what this newsletter is all about. Since we moved to the desert, we have become even more a voice calling out in the wilderness. The Father called us out to meet Him in the desert. He told us, "Once more I will prepare a way in the wilderness."

We know He is on His way from His dwelling place among the nations to the place He has chosen for His name. He too longs to make "alayah", just like so many Jewish people have already done. He is longing to come home and would like to be accompanied by His people.

Who His people are is still being revealed, as the mystery of "All Israel" mentioned by Paul unfolds (Rom. 11:25-26).

What recently happened in our lives is a sign of the fulfilling of what God announced when He aligned our lives with His purposes. Years ago God spoke to Iris and said, "You will see the end coming and will see that Israel will play a major role in the end times." Since 1990 His words have been focusing on the end. It started with a vision Iris had of Yeshua rising from the throne...., a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit began to blow...., times of refreshing came UNTIL, as the Father said, "My son will raise His voice in heaven awesome things will begin to happen on earth."

As harbingers we would like to share with you the signs we have witnessed over the past years and would like to ask you to pray for the prophetic journey, which we still have to continue since our trip to the four corners of the earth....



Rabbi Glick on the Temple Mount



Yeshiva students

THE TEMPLE MOUNT

On the Temple Mount we often meet the same Rabbi who received the gold. When he met us there the last time, he said to the Yeshiva students he was leading, "We have waited 2,000 years for them." An under the vigilant eye of the police, he asked us to share a message with the people of Israel.

His visits have caused great resistance of the Muslim brothers (and sisters) who, like Rabbi Glick, also meet in groups on the Temple Mount. Every time when he comes up, they cry "Allah Akhbar" or sometimes even pelt him with stones.

In spite of all this resistance, Rabbi Glick continues to visit the Temple Mount, because he knows, like us, that this is the place God has chosen for His name!

Prayers are not permitted on the Temple Mount. Officially, you can even be arrested for it. However, Rabbi Glick encourages his Yeshiva students to stand, one by one, in front of the wall of the ancient eastern gate, to take a few minutes to pray softly. As long as they do not move back and forth (davaning) and it doesn't "look" like praying, the police can't arrest them.

Therefore, it is a joy when they come off the Temple Mount, to openly worship and praise the Lord



AN ETROG

The Lord showed Iris that Rabbi Glick is like an "etrog", because he influences other Jewish people, just as is represented in the use of the Lulav and Etrog during the Feast of Tabernacles (Succot). The etrog is a picture of a righteous Jew who is a testimony or example to other Jews (the Lulav). To encourage Rabbi Glick, the Lord said to Iris "Give him an etrog and tell him what you have observed." This was one of the very special meetings we had with Judah during the Feast of Tabernacles.

The role of the nations in the plan of God

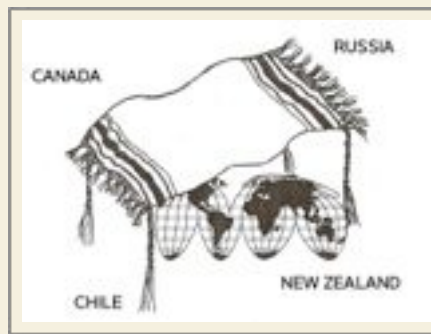
After 9 years of living in Jerusalem, God called us to the desert to make clear to us that He is longing to return to His permanent dwelling place. He has dwelt for almost 2000 years in tents (temples) of the Holy Spirit among the nations. His Name has been proclaimed to all nations, and the people to whom His name has been proclaimed, have come to faith. Different nations have played a roll in His plan. In the last century, America has played a very important roll, but it looks like that will be changing.

Three years ago, God announced that He was about to remove His name from America. Maybe you remember Ronald and Rebecca, who came to Israel with the plaque of wood with God's name on it?



They received the command to take the “name of God” back to Israel. They received this amazing command after they had tried to sell a piece of land they had developed in Jerusalem Township, Maine. They had called it “God’s Acres”. They invested in the construction of a road they named “Zion Way”. The sale of the land would pave their way back to “Zion” (Israel) where they desired to live among the People of God and bless them. However everything they tried was unsuccessful. The investor, who had helped them build the road, tried in every way to take the land away from them. Interestingly, his name is Mr. Jordan, so just as the people of Israel, Ronald & Rebecca had to “cross over the Jordan” to be able to return to the Promised Land. There was so much persecution from the people around them that the wooden sign “God’s Acres” was sawed down and nearby a sign was erected “Hell’s Hill”. Then God spoke to them and told them to saw His name out of the wooden sign and take it to Israel, because He was removing His name from America. In obedience, Ronald & Rebecca took the last of the money they had and bought a ticket and took the piece of wood with the word “God’s” on it to Israel. The plaque with God’s name on it made a long journey, just as the Ark of the Covenant that was brought eventually by David to Jerusalem, where God made it clear to him, which the place is that He had chosen for His Name to dwell. (Deuteronomy 12:11)

Rebecca and Ronald returned to America with the hope and expectation that eventually their land would be sold.



The four corners of the earth

In the meantime, since December of 2010, Ronald and Rebecca returned to America, and went through a period of refining. In this time the Lord called us to go to the Four Corners of the Earth.

On each corner of the earth, we confirmed that the Good News has indeed been preached to the whole world. In each place the Lord gave us more insight into what has been written in the Bible concerning the end times:

- In Canada He spoke to us about how darkness will cover the whole earth. However, in the darkness we will see who He is. He created darkness (Isaiah 45:7) to reveal Himself, because in light you cannot see light.
- In New Zealand He confirmed to us that He is bringing His sheep together into the sheepfold. The earthquake in Christchurch was a picture of the shaking of the Church, which causes the sheep to look for the sheepfold.
- In Chili the Lord made it clear to us that it is Friday, which is usually a busy time of preparation before the Sabbath. His Sabbath is coming quickly. We need to be prepared!
- In Russia we were not only shown that the seventh day begins with darkness, but also that 12-12 in many ways is a picture of the end. It is the last month in God's calendar, the 12th in the month of Adar. The 12th is one day before the day they tried to destroy the Jewish people in the time of Esther. One more time, God said, the nations will try to annihilate God's people. However, we will celebrate Purim once again in victory over the adversary!

“One more time”, the Lord said, “I will cross my arms over the earth.” This means that His arms of blessing are still outstretched over the earth to gather those out of Ephraim and Manasseh into His house. There is a great ingathering among the nations of people who are beginning to understand God's Plan for Israel, but there are also many ignorant people who have become like Manasseh, and forgot their father's house (Genesis 41:51). However, there is still an opportunity for them to be part of the great ingathering (Ephraim), even out of the nations where God has already removed His name.

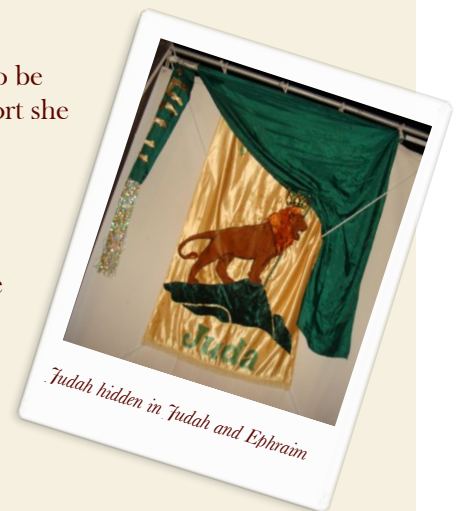


Within the nations there are still descendants from the twelve tribes that are joined to Judah, and from the twelve tribes that are joined to Ephraim (Ezekiel 37:16-22). The Lord made this clear to us in such an amazing way, through bringing twelve flags from America and twelve banners from the Netherlands with the names of the tribes of Israel on them. To us, this is a confirmation of His purposes for Judah and Ephraim. This is not something we could have ever come up with on our own. God chose to reveal this to us. Through this, it became very clear that there are also descendants from Judah (and Benjamin and Levi) that belong to Ephraim. More than we can imagine. They are included in the harvest as part of the first born of the New Covenant through Yeshua, who Himself was from the tribe of Judah. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of Ephraim as being the firstborn of that Covenant, then he continues to speak about Judah and finally he describes how both houses will have a part in the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:7-34).

A word for the hidden ones of the house of Judah

At this moment there are many people seeking their Hebrew roots and they long to be identified with Judah. Iris has often been told that she must be Jewish. At the airport she is often asked if she is Jewish because her first and last names could be of Jewish ancestry. Our landlords in Israel would very much like us to belong to the family. They suggested that we should convert to Judaism. They compare it to getting a driver's license. Once you have it, you can go wherever you like! Sometimes the desire to belong to Judah is so great that people hide their belief in Yeshua and live as Orthodox Jews so that they can live among them. Another option is a DNA test. Iris almost decided to do this until the Father said to her "Are you turning to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to confirm that you belong to Israel? Are you not of the seed of Abraham through Yeshua and belong to the firstborn of Ephraim and therefore belong to the whole house of Israel?"

(Gal.3:29; Rom.9:6-8 & 24-26 & Ez.37:16)



One more time

After the first "one more time", the Lord said, "one more time" I will prepare a way in the wilderness. That is one of the reasons we moved to the desert and are now living between Bozrah and Tamar. Both places have a significant Biblical meaning, but we are not able to live in either one of them. We now live in Hatzeva, which means quarry. This is the place where God reminds us of the words of Isaiah:

Listen to me, you people who pursue what is right and seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were dug (51:1). We are hewn stones, which have to be put in the right place in the house God is building for Himself. How important this is, He began to show to us in Tamar.

Tamar became a place for us to seek the Lord and to see what He would speak to us. Several people, who visited us there, received words from the Lord. We were reminded of Rabbi Simcha Pearlmutter who began as a Pioneer in Tamar, which is called Ir Ovot today. He had an early revelation of God's purposes for Judah and Ephraim. He foresaw that there would be a time coming when Japheth would seek to live in the tents of Shem. He saw Ruth as a Harbinger of Ephraim who would come out of the church and declare: "Your people shall be my people and your God, my God."

On the walls of ancient Tamar, the Lord spoke about another "One more time". He said to us, as He did to Habakkuk: *"Look among the nations and watch. Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you. For ONE MORE TIME (He added) I am raising up the Chaldeans, a bitter and hasty nation (Hab.1:5 & 6). The Chaldeans shall be as demons in the last battle. The Hebrew word for "Chaldeans" is Kasdim and can be compared with the word "K'sedin", which means "like demons".*

Tamar is an example of the many conquests that took place and was brought to destruction through people that set themselves up against Israel. That it would become an example of what God is doing in this time, was something we were not expecting. Because of what God spoke through Habakkuk, and applied to our time, we are utterly astounded



*I will stand at my guard post. I will station myself on the wall.
I will watch to see what he will say to me*



At first we were just a little bit astounded. During a very intense and powerful time of prayer with a group from the Netherlands, we suddenly heard a very loud bang and falling stones

We soon found out what had happened: a tree was uprooted and stones from a wall had fallen to the ground.

Our first thought was, "A tree that does not bear fruit shall be cut down".

Were we shown something of the situation in Tamar? We asked the Lord if there was still hope for Tamar, or is it just a place of ancient ruins whose history is past and the old trees can no longer bear fruit?

The Lord reminded us of the tree we planted with Darick and Kate, the managers of Tamar. They brought much fruit to Tamar, also in their family. In honor of the birth of their daughter Chava, we planted a pomegranate tree. Chava (Eve) is a picture of the first woman who took the fruit from the tree. Years ago the Lord spoke to Iris through a dream. She had a fruit in her hand. Yeshua took it from her and hung it back up on the tree. The Lord spoke to her and said, "Just as the first woman took the fruit from the tree, so I will use you to restore the fruit to the tree." She could not understand how God would actually use her in His plan of the restoration of all things. However, as a confirmation of this, she had to plant a pomegranate tree in the place, where Yeshua will return. Little Chava has become a picture of the "last Eve" (Chava) who will emerge in the unfolding of God's mystery as the bride that shall be joined to the last Adam.

The pomegranate, according to the Jewish people, is believed to have 613 seeds, which represent the 613 laws in the Torah. However, the "blood" that streams out of the fruit when it is broken open, reminds us of Yeshua who bore the punishment for our transgressions upon Himself. He is therefore the only one who can restore the fruit to the tree.



The so-called "Chava tree" has become a symbol for us of the hope of restoration, not only for Tamar, but also for the whole of Israel. This tree is actually also in the place of Yeshua's return, near Bozrah, from where He, who is mighty to save will come and lead the redeemed on the way to Jerusalem, where His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives.

(cf. Isaiah 34:1-8, 35:8-10 & 63:1-6).



Darick and Kate are in America at the moment and that is the reason the Lord has sent us there. We did not understand at the time He called us to go to America, what His purpose would be. We became even more astounded ...

We began to wonder if there was another reason for our visit to America. We asked the question: "How are Ronald and Rebecca, today? We learned that after three years of traveling through America, they were finally able to sell a piece of their land and have now returned to Israel. (We were able to spend a few days with them before our journey began to the Netherlands and on to the United States.)

When we heard about their returning to Israel, the Lord said, "What I announced three years ago, that I would remove my name from America, is now going to transpire. You must confirm that. You must make your houses in the wilderness and your car available to Ronald & Rebecca so that they can hear My voice in the wilderness." When they heard that word, the Lord confirmed it to them with a word out of Jeremiah 31:2

"The people escaping the sword have found favor in the desert. I have brought Israel to its rest."



Ronald & Rebecca shut the door behind them when they left America.

We asked the Lord, "What do you want us to do to confirm your word?" His answer was "Go to Capitol Hill and take the picture of the plaque with My name on it and tear the 's off. America is no longer mine."



To our utter astonishment, the Lord began to unfold to us what has transpired since 9/11 in America. Why would we have to go to Capitol Hill? Because right there on the day after 9/11, on the 12 of September 2001, in the Senate at Capitol Hill, the following words were spoken:

*"The bricks have fallen,
but we will rebuild with hewn stone.
The sycamores have been cut down,
but we will replace them with cedars."
(Isaiah 9:10)*

This is the text that Senator Tom Daschle cited and he added: "This we will do. We will rebuild"

What is so amazing about this word in Isaiah? It is a word that was sent by the prophet to Jacob and befell Israel. All the people would know it. Who are those people? In the time of Israel, it was Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom. A leader in America cited these words without knowing that he was taking the same stance and attitude as Ephraim, "in pride and arrogance" (vs.9). Bricks and trees have indeed fallen, even in Tamar, and that makes the connection so amazing. This attitude in America became known when a Messianic Rabbi, Jonathan Cahn, with the help of God, was able to connect the dots.

(He lays this out in his book "The Harbinger"
and on
the DVD "The Harbinger Decoded")

See also:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyZZmhE66k>

The warning from God has been ignored. America has started to rebuild and has followed ancient Israel in pride and arrogance. Would the DNA of the seed of Ephraim, also in this manner, work among the people? If the seed of His promise, which through Ephraim was scattered among the nations, is not fertilized by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the gospel, and there is no repentance, we will build our own kingdoms in pride and arrogance.





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The foundation of America is not God, or belief in God, but the determination to rebuild, to become stronger and bigger..... and even more....

To our utter amazement, we have seen that America is literally following in the footsteps of ancient Israel! The fallen bricks have been exchanged with hewn stone. As a symbol of this, a large stone was brought to Ground Zero and placed there as the first "Harbinger". This was a sign that God's warning has been ignored.

But that was not all. Later, in place of the stone, an immense tower was built, taller than the Twin Towers! The foundation of America, dedicated to God, has been exchanged for the cornerstone of perseverance and building in their own strength (without God).



Not far from Ground Zero is Federal Hall, where George Washington dedicated America to God.

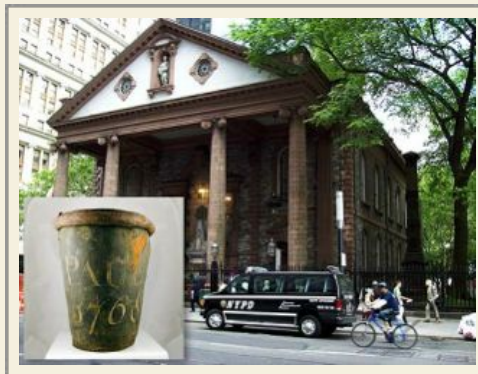


Het ondertekenen van de Buttonwood Agreement

Three years after the inauguration of George Washington, the foundation was laid for the economic development of America. In 1792, the so-called "Buttonwood Agreement" was signed. This was done under a "buttonwood" tree in Wall Street in front of a building that would later become the New York Stock Exchange.

The prophesy of Isaiah seems to have been fulfilled either consciously or unconsciously in further detail. In some translations it says, "the sycamores have been cut down". In Hebrew it is "sakam". The English word "sycamore" comes from this word. The "buttonwood" tree was also a type of "sycamore".

In front of St. Paul's Chapel, where the first government and the first president of America (George Washington) were inaugurated, there was also a sycamore tree. This tree was uprooted during the attack on the Twin Towers, but miraculously protected this historic church.



The roots of this tree were preserved and cast into bronze. It was given a place at the corner of Wall Street, not far from where the "Buttonwood Agreement" was signed.

The tree became a symbol of the financial markets that were also affected by the destruction of the trade center in New York. Again the warning of God was defied.



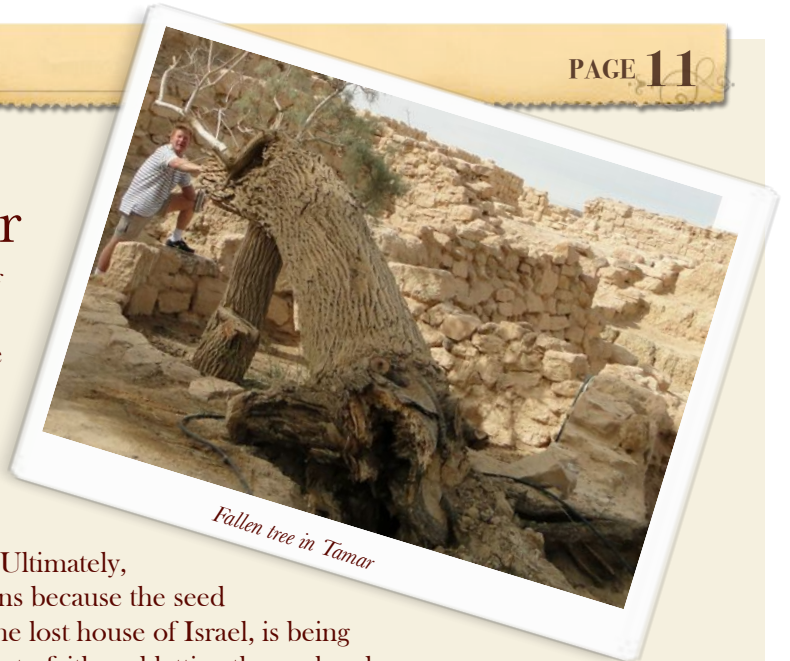
Three years after 9/11 a cedar tree was planted in place of the sycamore at the corner of Ground Zero as a fulfillment of what was said in arrogance and defiance against God by Israel

"Sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars."

Connection with Tamar

The fallen bricks and the fallen trees are a picture of God's judgment. He let us see the same symbol in Tamar, where an American organization is in charge of the archeological park.

His judgment will come over America, even as it did over the house of Israel, Ephraim. They didn't repent. They were arrogant and proud, believing that their "kingdom" would be preserved. But God sent the Assyrians to take them into exile. Ultimately, the exile of Ephraim became a blessing for the nations because the seed of God's promise, that He will bring back together the lost house of Israel, is being fulfilled through those of the nations who are coming to faith and letting themselves be grafted back into the cultivated olive tree, and therefore become part of Israel and join in the victory and eventual restoration of God's kingdom on earth.



However first, there must be a judgment on the nations. "When God's judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isaiah 26:9) Therefore, in the places where the "harbingers" have occurred, we are going to take God's name away from America, just as He said He would, three years ago. We will be doing this by tearing the 's off of His name. America, that once belonged to God, belongs to Him no longer. That is why we are going to New York and will complete our journey at Capitol Hill in Washington DC.



We did not plant a cedar tree in place of the fallen tree in Tamar, because the Lord led us to plant the "Chava" tree there, a picture of restoration and not judgment. Yeshua will restore the fruit to the tree. He is God's mercy, when the Father pours out His wrath on the nations. When the time for the restoration of all things breaks forth, it will be as if the fruit was never removed from the tree. Perhaps the earth is now groaning in the pangs of childbirth, but soon we will experience the true freedom and glory of being God's children. (Acts 3:21 and Romans 8:21)



Yeshua



Our program in America

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| 22 December - 17 January | San Diego (CA)
<i>Darrick & Kate</i> |
| 17 - 26 January | Colorado Springs
<i>Roger & Gayle Perry</i> |
| 26 January - 2 February | New York
<i>Prophetic Commission</i> |
| 2 - 5 February | Washington DC
<i>Prophetic Commission</i> |

*In a time the world has
been celebrating her
feasts, we are preparing
for the fulfillment of the
Feasts of Yahweh
and
the New Year
in His calendar.
**Peace on earth and
good will toward
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***Blessings and Shalom,
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Dear Intercessors:

*Pray for the personal meetings we will be
having in San Diego and Colorado
Springs, that His love and revelation may
work through us.*

*Pray especially for us as we carry out the
Prophetic commission in New York and
Washington DC, in the places where the
"harbingers" have occurred.*

*Pray for mercy for the people of America,
now that God is going to take away His
name.*

*Pray for the consequences for the rest of
the world, especially for Israel.*

*Pray also for us, that the Lord will
protect us and give us strength!*