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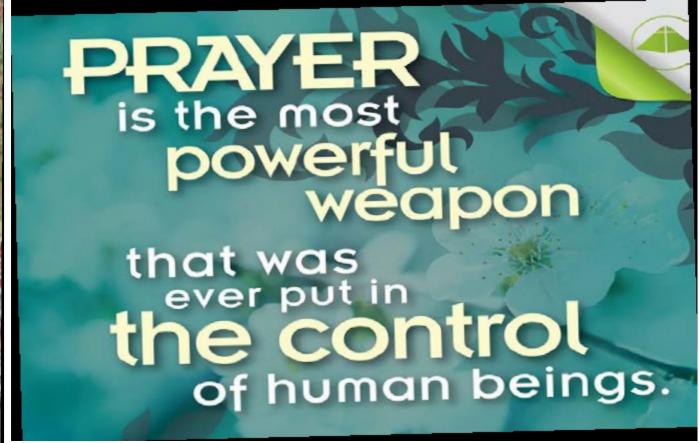
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Quote for the month:



William Branham.

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Vietnam. The Body Working as One.



Greetings saints in the name of the Lord

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. (Acts 4:33-35 KJV)

God is shaking Vietnam and doing a great work, He is raising up local ministry throughout the land. As we shared last month, the work is a great work and Vietnam is not a small place, neither is it easy to navigate. There are challenges at every front. Especially logistics. Moving around this nation is both taxing on time and resources. Each trip costs us around \$10,000 USD. This covers the entire nation.

Only by the help of the international body can we conquer



these challenges. We covet your earnest prayers and also any support the Lord calls you to give. Not everyone can enter the frontline, some fight this battle with us on their knees, they pray through a supernatural vision, then we walk into the vision that was prayed in the prayer closet.

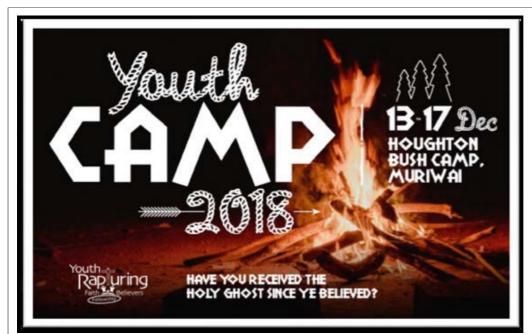
The next support is finding the coin in the mouth of the fish, there are ministries of giving that are annointed by the Lord and blessed to find that coin which supports the Divine Work in building the Temple of Living Stones. God calls and God places each part of the body and together we all work as one unit to acomplish what is impossible as an individual, as a joint effort, with the grace of God, every challenge can be met.

If you feel on your heart to support the work in Vietnam please do so through Brother Adrian as you feel led of the Lord.









That was the theme of every apostle. That was, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Repent, every one of you, and be baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive this gift of the Holy Ghost, for it's a Token, amen, that you've passed from death unto Life.

Greetings in Jesus Name,

Our youth from RFBF, are excited to announce that we are hosting a Summer Youth Camp in December 2018!

And YOU are warmly invited!

Our theme is based on the above quote from Bro. William Branham.

Unfortunately, we can only host a limited number of youth, thus it will be on 'first come basis'.

Further information will be provided soon – including all the Program Details and Activities.

We look forward to seeing you there AND having a blessed and Holy Ghost filled time with our fellow Youth and Soldiers of the Cross, from all over Oceania!

Or to register, please click here <u>https://www.rfbf.cf/youth-camp-2018</u> On the page at the top, click the button: "Click To Register" Scroll down and complete the form. Confirmation of registration will be automatically sent.

COME JOIN US FOR A TIME OF HOLY GHOST REFRESHING!

COST: \$250 PER PERSON

(ACCOMODATION + ALL MEALS + ACTIVITIES)

CHECK IN: THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

CHECK OUT: MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

PSALM 133: BEHOLD, HOW GOOD & PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHEREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.

If you are interested, please contact one of the Brothers listed below:

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Update on printing works - Pictures tell all...



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God and History Evidence of the Resurrection.

Claim - The disciples of Jesus stole his body.

The claim is made that the disciples of Jesus, stole his body from the tomb, while Roman soldiers on guard duty slept. [Matthew 28:13]

How likely is this claim?

For a Roman soldier, to be asleep on duty the penalty was death.

For a squad of Roman soldiers to be all asleep, would be very improbable.

The fact that no soldiers were charged for failing their duty, shows that there was a cover up of the facts. Both the soldiers and the governor were bribed by the religious leaders.

The seal on the tomb.

The seal consisted of metal rods that were inserted into holes in the rock of the tomb wall next to the stone, covering the entrance. These then had molten lead poured into the hole, which when cooled, set the rods fast. An engineer has estimated that the metal rod would stand a shear force of 60-80 tons. Other rods connected to these, formed straps across the front of the stone covering the doorway.

The disciples would then need to break this seal that had been placed on the tomb. [Lead and iron evidence of this seal has been found at the garden tomb today.]

The stone.

The stone in front of the tomb was over 4 meters in diameter and 60 cm thick. It has been estimated to be 13.8 tons in weight and although it rested in a channel and could be rolled, it was stationary.

Moving it from a dead stop, to shear the metal rod is considered humanly impossible. The disciples would need to roll away this stone.

The folded grave clothes.

They would then unwrap the body of Jesus, neatly fold the grave clothes, and leave these in the tomb before stealing the naked body of Jesus away.

[It would have been a lot easier to carry his body away wrapped.]

The disciples would have to do all this without waking a Roman soldier.

[We can see quite quickly that this claim is nonsense.]

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. Matthew 28:2

The Evidence.

The Witnesses.

The witnesses to the empty tomb on the Sunday morning were women. If you were the disciples and planning the operation to steal the body of Jesus away, you would not have the initial witnesses to be women. Women were considered to be unreliable witnesses, so you would pick someone like Nicodemus or Joseph of Arimathaea.

Disciples doubted the resurrection.

When the women came from the tomb to tell the disciples Jesus was raised, the disciples did not believe them.

Luke 24:11, And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

If you had planned this operation [stealing Jesus body] you would "get the story straight" from the beginning - there would have been no expressions of doubt.

Multiple accounts of the resurrection.

Because we have multiple accounts of the resurrection, from different authors, as a fact of History, this becomes more reliable than any other fact from this time period.

Multiple appearances of Jesus.

There are multiple appearances of Jesus after his resurrection.

- 1. to men and women,
- 2. in the city and the country, in Judea and Galilee.
- 3. to different numbers of people. (1 500)
- 4. indoors and outdoors.

(walking, sitting and standing.)

5. morning and evening.

This discounts the possibility of "mass hallucination".

Conclusions.

The person of Jesus.

If the resurrection from the dead happened to some random person, that would be an amazing happening. But it happened to this ONE person, whose life fulfilled many prophecies written in the Old Testament, and He had told of his resurrection before His arrest.

Because we have both multiple accounts of the resurrection, and multiple appearances of Jesus after it, the conclusion that must be reached, is that He is exactly as He had said He was, the Messiah, the Lamb of God.

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:24.

Some Prophecies fulfilled.

These are some of the prophecies fulfilled at the crucifixion/resurrection:

- Psalm 22:16 they pierced my hands and my feet.
- Psalm 22:18 They part my garments among them,
- Psalm 22:18 and cast lots upon my vesture.
- Psalm 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;...
- Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked,
- Isaiah 53:9 and with the rich in his death;

Israel Tour 14-25 Oct 2018



An amazing tour that everyone should have done at least once in their life!! Why not join us this year to the Holy Land, with Pastor George J. Martin as a guide. As our Prophet William Marrion Branham says, it makes the Bible a new Book. While walking the streets of Israel, it brings so many Scriptures to life and nothing compares to the experience. As our Pastor says, "I have read, but now I see".

The tour departs from South Africa. Believers from abroad fly in from their country to meet in Israel. The journey begins through the old city of Jaffa, Tel Aviv, and on to Galilee, Tel Dan, Golan Heights, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Jericho and the Dead Sea to name a few.

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Pray for Vietnam Next trip Nov 2018

Israel: The Shabbat of Vision

Greetings once again in Jesus name.



Saturday evening, July 21st marked the beginning of the 9th day in the month of Av on the Jewish calendar. *Tisha B'av* as it is known in Hebrew, is a date indelibly seared into the conscience and psyche of every Jew. It is regarded as the darkest and saddest day of the entire year for Jews. It was on this day in 586 BC and again on 70 CE, that the Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed. In an eerie foreboding, this is also

remembered as the day that 10 of the 12 spies who returned from the promised land - gave their evil report.

Leading up to it were three weeks of fasting and mourning. The **Shabbat** immediately preceding is often referred to as the **Black Sabbath**. Those who attend Synagogue sit in remorse on the floor as portions of Lamentations are read. This great loss is also commemorated in every Jewish wedding. In the midst of a couple's greatest joy, the groom graphically illustrates their immense loss and sorrow as he stomps on a glass to shatter it in remembrance of the destruction of the Temples.



However, Jews also realize that every tragedy and trial has a deeper spiritual significance. Their faith is firmly anchored in the Lord's unfailing promises of restoration through repentance. In mourning, one remembers the past and the loss that is suffered. But mourning can also serve as an inspiration to rectify the loss and turn the future into joy! Rabbi Richman explains;

"The mourning of **Tisha B'av** is not meant as an occasion to wallow in grief, but rather to sharpen our yearning for the Temple and for a rebuilt and peaceful Jerusalem."

An important scripture read during that Shabbat before *Tisha B'av* is Isaiah 1:1-27 which begins with the words; *"The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz..."*. It is this future prophetic vision that captivates the hearts of many in Israel at this time. For this reason it is more commonly referred to as the Shabbat of Vision, or *Shabbat Chazon*.

Rabbi Richman explains; "This particular Shabbat Chazon is the Sabbath of Vision, or prophecy, and despite the fact that Isaiah's vision in this reading is his vision of the looming destruction of the Holy Temple and exile from Jerusalem, an understanding has arisen that Shabbat Chazon provides for us today a unique portal through which we are able to see our own vision of the rebuilt Holy Temple, and a world filled with the light of G-d's renewed Presence."

It is this future **vision** that has captivated the hearts and souls of many elect in Israel as evidenced in the many songs, articles and actions expressed by fervent Jews today. Many Rabbi's like Rabbi Richman realize that the Temple building is only a **means** to an end. That a building in and of itself - no matter how holy – can never change a man's heart within. Only His presence will, as Rabbi Richman describes;

"It's not about the building, but about what the building represents – which is the Shekinah where eternal life is flowing! Which is the source of eternal life, the Divine presence. It's about a different level of reality, it's about a different relationship that we

could be having with Him all the time. There is no real relationship with HaShem without it!"

God commanded that a place be built where He chose to put His name which would be the embodiment of His presence.ⁱ Rebuilding the Temple then is regarded as the precursor and essential means by which Israel's relationship with God can only be rectified. Since this can **only** happen when their former worship is restored, this is the **vision** that is captivating the hearts and souls of more and more Jews. But this requires complete Jewish sovereignty. And therein lies the great dilemma and challenge. Only as a sovereign nation can Israel act to restore the right to pray and worship God as He instructed them. This move of sovereignty is the revival or new **Zionism** spreading in Israel.

This past **Tisha B'av** was the most significant in nearly 2,000 years since the last Temple was destroyed. The annual marchⁱⁱ of Jews around the Old City of Jerusalem on the eve of **Tisha B'av** was the largest ever. (*Poster at right*) Government Ministers, Knesset Members, public figures and Rabbis participated.





Watch and listen as hundreds join their voices in moving expression of worship and praise before the Temple Mount in the Western Wall Plaza.ⁱⁱⁱ

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In commemoration of *Tisha B'av* this year, the Temple Institute has again released another video, the 8th in a series. This video is unique and different from previous releases by its title and content. Moving on from the previous plot of how the "*Children are Ready*", this latest presentation is entitled; "*The People Are Ready*". Watch it at this link; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vRkEyF-DBY&feature=youtu.be

We read in Zechariah 13 of the promised restoration of Israel after the judgment.^{iv} Seventy years ago in 1948 the nation of Israel was restored. This year marks 1,949 years ago since the 2nd Temple was destroyed. More and more Jews in Israel are waiting for the future promise of the *fountain in the House of David* that will pour forth the cleansing for *sin and uncleanness* and bring about the restoration of His presence in Israel. Can we too pray and join these fervent Jews in their *vision* of restoration?

May the Lord bless you, Brother Tony Abma

ⁱ Deut 12:11

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^{iv} Zech 13:1 A fountain will be opened...