



Merry Christmas in your heart, everyone!

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting."

"Riding On A Donkey" Zechariah 9-10 12/18/22

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Riding On A Donkey" in Zechariah 9-10.

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available.*

Q1. In 9:9-10, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion *shall be* 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth," what do these verses mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 10:4, "From him comes the cornerstone, From him the tent peg, From him the battle bow, From him every ruler together," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 10:6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, And I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back, Because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I had not cast them aside; For I *am* the LORD their God, And I will hear them," what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

When Persia conquered Babylon in 536 BC, Cyrus king allowed Jews to return to Judah and to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. So, Zerubbabel (Governor) & Joshua (Priest) returned in the 1st return with about 5,000 to rebuild the temple, but they were ceased for 14 years (from 534 BC to 520 BC) by adversaries. As of 520 BC, Haggai & Zechariah the prophets encouraged them to finish the rebuilding it, putting God 1st or best before any others. Zechariah's 1st prophecy was delivered in the two (2) months after Haggai's 1st prophecy.

(Zechariah 1:1) "In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,"

In the 2nd year of Darius, people were awakened spiritually to rebuild the temple. The prophecy in Chapter 7 came in the 4th year of Darius. The temple was being finished in the 6th year of Darius. So it took 4 years to have finished rebuilding the temple

In the last time, Zechariah 8:23, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard *that God is with you*,'" today, a few Jews believers, but then many Jews

believers and the Gentiles believers, 10 times more than Jews believers, with whom God is --- salvation through Jesus the Jew, will come to Jerusalem *John 4:22; Gen 12:3.*

After the temple was completed, Zechariah prophesied about Israel's future, which describes the 1st and 2nd comings of Jesus Christ from this chapter 9 to the last chapter 14. Some prophecies were fulfilled before the Messiah came about 500 years later, likely by Alexander the Great.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

<p>9 <u>1</u> The <u>burden of the word of the LORD</u> <u>Against the land of Hadrach,</u> <u>And Damascus its resting place</u> <u>(For the eyes of men</u> <u>And all the tribes of Israel</u> <u>Are on the LORD);</u> <u>2</u> Also <u>against Hamath, which borders on it,</u> <u>And against Tyre and Sidon, though they are</u> <u>very wise.</u> <u>3</u> For <u>Tyre built herself a tower,</u> <u>Heaped up silver like the dust,</u> <u>And gold like the mire of the streets.</u> <u>4</u> Behold, the Lord will <u>cast her out;</u> <u>He will destroy her power in the sea,</u> <u>And she will be devoured by fire.</u> <u>5</u> <u>Ashkelon shall see it and fear;</u> <u>Gaza also shall be very sorrowful;</u> <u>And Ekron, for He dried up her expectation.</u> <u>The king shall perish from Gaza,</u> <u>And Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.</u> <u>6</u> "A mixed race shall settle in <u>Ashdod,</u> <u>And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.</u> <u>7</u> I will take away <u>the blood from his mouth,</u> <u>And the abominations from between his teeth.</u> <u>But he who remains, even he shall be for our</u> <u>God,</u> <u>And shall be like a leader in Judah,</u> <u>And Ekron like a Jebusite.</u> <u>8</u> <u>I will camp around My house</u> <u>Because of the army,</u> <u>Because of him who passes by and him who</u> <u>returns.</u> <u>No more shall an oppressor pass through them,</u> <u>For now I have seen with My eyes.</u></p>	<p>9 1= ... burden of the word of the LORD Against Hadrach..... Damascus its resting place....For men...all the tribes of Israel (burden or message of the word of the Lord against Hadrach, which was once a city near Damascus, and Damascus for Israelites & others) 2 =against Hamath....against Tyre and Sidonthough ...very wise (They had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, even if they were very wise) 3=For Tyre...herself a tower....silver like the dust...gold like the mire of the streets (Tyer was a wealthy and strong city, but) 4=cast her out;...destroy her power in the sea...she will be devoured by fire (the people in Tyre moved to an island 1 mile/1.6 km away in the Babylon's invasion, but she was completely destroyed by Alexander the Great; as prophesied on the chapter 12 for details) 5-6= Ashkelon....Gaza....Ekron.....Ashdod... cut off the pride of the Philistines (the 4 key cities in Philistines would be destroyed by Alexander the great, who passed on through Egypt and through the area of the coast & the Philistines but respected Jerusalem the holy city in 331 BC) 7= the blood from his mouth...abominations But he who remains....like a leader in Judah...Ekron like a Jebusite (because of Philistines' abominations including eating blood, the cities would be destroyed, but those remnants in the land would be absorbed into Judah, like the remnant Jebusites in the Jerusalem conquered by David 2 <i>Sam 5:6-7</i>¹ 8= I will camp around My house....Because of the army....of him who passes by ...returns No more shall an oppressor...now I have seen with My eyes (Alexander for a while respected the temple in Jerusalem but Antiochus IV Epiphanes desecrated the temple in 168 BC. The day when no more an oppressor shall</p>
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¹ 2 *Sam 5:6-7* And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you," thinking, "David cannot come in here." ⁷ Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

<p>⁹ <u>“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!</u> <u>Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!</u> <u>Behold, your King is coming to you;</u> <u>He is just and having salvation,</u> <u>Lowly and riding on a donkey,</u> <u>A colt, the foal of a donkey.</u></p> <p>¹⁰ <u>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim</u> <u>And the horse from Jerusalem;</u> <u>The battle bow shall be cut off.</u> <u>He shall speak peace to the nations;</u> <u>His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea,</u> <u>And from the River to the ends of the earth.’</u></p> <p>¹¹ <u>“As for you also, Because of the blood of your</u> <u>covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the</u> <u>waterless pit.</u></p>	<p>pass through the temple will come ultimately throughout the millennium kingdom and new Jerusalem <i>Joel 3:17²</i>)</p> <p>9=Q1 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion... your King is coming to you... having salvation... Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt.... (500 years later after this prophecy, it was fulfilled by the 1st coming Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem on 4/6/32 AD the Palm Sunday – 173,880 days after Artaxerxes’ commandment to keep on rebuilding the temple <i>Mat 21:8-9; Psalm 118:25-26; Dan 9:25-26³</i>)</p> <p>10=Q1... cut off the chariot from Ephraim... the horse from Jerusalem... He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion... from sea to sea... from the River to ends of the earth (After Solomon’s death, the united Israel was divided in two kingdoms in 931 BC-- Ephraim was the leading tribe of Israel the Northern kingdom, also called as the house of Joseph in 10:6. Jerusalem was the capital city of Judah the southern nation. So no more war is in the united Israel to be. This verse refers to His 2nd coming on the earth when all the nations are subject to Him who rules all the earth, as God allows the fully obedient Jesus who died on the cross at His first coming in verse 9 <i>Phil 2:8-10⁴</i>)</p> <p>11= ...Because of the blood of your covenantyour prisoners free from the waterless pit (First it’d apply to Israel and then to all believers. The old covenant between God and His people was based upon the blood of animals sacrifice, while the new covenant is based upon Jesus’ blood. God saves them from the waterless pit or bottomless pit at His millennium kingdom)</p>
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² *Joel 3:17* So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again

³ *Mat 21:8-9* And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!; *Psalm 118:25-26* Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. ²⁶ Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD; *Dan 9:25-26* Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. ²⁶ “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

⁴ *Phil 2:8-10* And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point* of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

12 Return to the stronghold,
You prisoners of hope.
Even today I declare
That I will restore double to you.
 13 For I have bent Judah, My bow,
Fitted the bow with Ephraim,
And raised up your sons, O Zion,
Against your sons, O Greece,
And made you like the sword of a mighty man.”
 14 Then the LORD will be seen over them,
 And His arrow will go forth like lightning.
 The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,
 And go with whirlwinds from the south.
 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them;
 They shall devour and subdue with slingstones.
They shall drink and roar as if with wine;
They shall be filled with blood like basins,
Like the corners of the altar.
 16 The LORD their God will save them in that day,
 As the flock of His people.
 For they *shall be* like the jewels of a crown,
 Lifted like a banner over His land—
 17 For how great is its goodness
 And how great its beauty!
 Grain shall make the young men thrive,
 And new wine the young women.

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1 Ask the LORD for rain
 In the time of the latter rain.
 The LORD will make flashing clouds;
 He will give them showers of rain,
Grass in the field for everyone.
 2 For the idols speak delusion;
 The diviners envision lies,
 And tell false dreams;
 They comfort in vain.
 Therefore *the people* wend their way like sheep;
 They are in trouble because *there is* no
shepherd.

12-17 (God talks about the united Israel to be strong – the “bow” is a symbol of strength, against Greece – in 165 BC the dedication of the temple or Hanukkah on 12/25 occurred against Seleucid kingdom the Greek by Judas Maccabees the son of Mattathias the priest; the Lord specially protects the remnant Israelites through Armageddon war, gets victory on the war with His power – like arrow, lightning, the trumpet, or slingstones. And they rejoice with bloody wine in basins like animals sacrifice at the corner of the altar. The Lord saves His people – the remnant Jews & beheaded believers – and crowns every believer including raptured believers during His millennium kingdom; What a beauty/goodness! The youth are prosperous)

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1= ...latter rain...showers of rain...Grass in the field...(The Lord allows the spring rain to make grass in the field to grow during Passover season)

2= ..idols...diviners...false dreams...comfort in vain ...wend their way like sheep...in trouble ...no shepherd (People are seeking after guidance for their lives from idols, diviners, and false dreams, being comforted. But it is in vain, in troubled way like sheep without shepherd; Often we create idols of money, power, glory, or success for happiness and security, but are comforted for a while or ultimately in vain. We are comforted truly only upon the faith in His promises, for happiness/ joy and security)

³ “My anger is kindled against the shepherds,
And I will punish the goatherds.
For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock,
The house of Judah,
And will make them as His royal horse in the
battle.

⁴ From him comes the cornerstone,
From him the tent peg,
From him the battle bow,
From him every ruler together.

⁵ They shall be like mighty men,
Who tread down their enemies
In the mire of the streets in the battle.
They shall fight because the LORD is with them,
And the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

⁶ “I will strengthen the house of Judah,
And I will save the house of Joseph.
I will bring them back,
Because I have mercy on them.
They shall be as though I had not cast them
aside; For I am the LORD their God,
And I will hear them.

3= My anger....against the shepherds....
punish the goatherds.....His flock, the house of
Judah....as His royal horse (the Lord takes
care of Judah as His royal horse, against the
false shepherds and their followers or goats;
how? the next verse 4)

4=Q2 From him...the cornerstone...the tent
peg...the tent peg...the battle bow...every
ruler (Jesus Christ came from Judah through
David at Bethlehem. He is a precious
cornerstone, was nailed – “peg” – and hanged
on the cross in His full obedience to God the
Father, got the victory –“the battle bow”-- from
the death by resurrection, and is the Ruler
from everlasting *Isaiah 28:16; Isaiah 22:23-
24; Gen 49:10; Micah 5:2*)

5= They...like mighty men...tread down their
enemies...fight because the Lord is with
them...their riders on horses...put to shame
(because He is with them, they will win over
their enemies including the riders on horses)

6=Q3...strengthen the house of Judah...save
the house of Joseph...bring them
back...mercy on them...as though I had not
cast them aside...I am the Lord their
God...hear them (Judah by Babylon and Israel
by Assyria, due to prodigal living against God,
were scattered on the earth, but the mourners
for Him are brought back mercifully as if God
had not scattered them away because He
hears them and He is their God; that's God's
grace like the father's accepting the prodigal
son with best robe, ring, and sandals *Jer
31:10; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 15:13,21-22*)

⁵ *Isaiah 28:16* Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily; *Isaiah 22:23-24* I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place, And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house. ²⁴ They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers; *Gen 49:10* The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people; *Micah 5:2* But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.

⁶ *Jer 31:10* Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd *does* his flock; *Zechariah 12:10* And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn; *Luke 15:13,21-22* ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.

⁷ Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,
And their heart shall rejoice as if with wine.
Yes, their children shall see it and be glad;
Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

⁸ I will whistle for them and gather them,
For I will redeem them; And they shall increase
as they once increased.

⁹ "I will sow them among the peoples,
And they shall remember Me in far countries;
They shall live, together with their children,
And they shall return.

¹⁰ I will also bring them back from the land of
Egypt, And gather them from Assyria.
I will bring them into the land of Gilead and
Lebanon,

Until no more room is found for them.

¹¹ He shall pass through the sea with affliction,
And strike the waves of the sea:
All the depths of the River shall dry up.

Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
And the scepter of Egypt shall depart.

¹² "So I will strengthen them in the LORD,
And they shall walk up and down in His name,"
Says the LORD.

7 = (God also takes care of Israel – "Those of Ephraim"—makes them strong, glad, and joyful)

8= (God whistles or calls constantly them to turn from the path of destruction to the path of life. He redeems the returners or mourners who increase)

9= (they together with their children return from far countries)

10= (many people return to the promised land – new Jerusalem – from Egypt, Assyria, and other countries -- and into Gilead and Lebanon land. They are overcrowded)

11= (they see the Lord's victory like crossing over the red sea, shaming Assyria, and weakening Egypt's royal power)

12= (the Lord strengthens them who live in the Lord and in His name. God promises to strengthen His people when we live in Him. On the other hand, when we stray away from Him, we experience His judgment for punishment)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

Pray for suffering victims and Christians at Afghanistan and Burma.

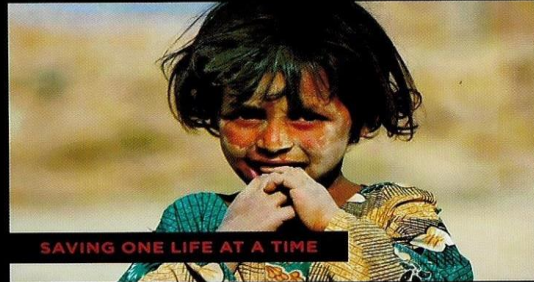
condition and last week her doctor said if she did not get treatment she would surely die. FRM's team on the ground took her safely to the hospital and ensured she was given treatment that saved her life. Sohaila's husband and mine fell together on the battlefield in 2001, so it is a unique honor for me to partner with FRM in her rescue in 2022.

Despite the suffering of Afghans fading from the 24-hour news cycle, our small team has remained committed to providing, food, shelter, medicine and hope while we continue to work toward resettling these precious families - Christian and Muslim alike - in a new home where they will be safe and free. Your support of FRM saves lives like Sohaila and Shabnam's on a daily basis. You prove to these precious people that they are seen and heard and not forgotten. El Roi has always been my favorite of God's names, recorded in Scripture when Hagar discovers in a desert that she is not alone. El Roi, "the God who sees me." Many times in walking through the valley of the shadow of Mike's death with his three children I have trusted that God sees us in our distress. Your continued support of our mission helps many others to trust Him as "the God who sees me" even when the eyes of the world around us have moved on to other things.

Thank you for continuing to fight with us for the lives of our Afghan friends,

Shannon Spann

Our work in assisting with Afghan rescue continues. We have successfully rescued 1,200 Afghans thus far, but success has come with a steep financial cost. It takes a considerable amount of money to keep families alive in Afghanistan, procure legal documents, and transport them safely to new destinations where we assist them in rebuilding their lives. Our resources for continued operations are almost depleted once again. While the world has largely forgotten about the Afghans, we know that Jesus has not. His heart aches over the 9-year-old girls that right now are being forced into marriage with 40-year-old Taliban men. He weeps over the forgotten widows and orphans who are crying for help. He is the God who sees. FRM is committed to completing the mission the Lord tasked us with back in September 2021. Your generosity has allowed us to get this far, and with your help we can finish the mission to rescue the remaining Afghans on our list.



SAVING ONE LIFE AT A TIME

We are committed to completing our mission to rescue and relocate as many remaining fleeing Christians as possible over the next 12-16 months. The costs to rescue, feed, hide in a network of safe houses, and secure legal paperwork (passport, visas) to get them into a safe country are down to \$4,500 per person. Our goal: 700 remaining Christians to rescue. In addition, you can sponsor a rescued Afghan family with food for \$100 monthly. Our goal: 1,000 families.

UNRECORDED GENOCIDE BURMA



We wanted to update you about the war in Burma, but many other things have recently been taking priority. We have much to share, and we want to let you know that we have not forgotten about these suffering people. To date, we have spent \$320,000 feeding and ministering to the people in Burma. The funds we have sent came at just the right time, as the team in Burma told us that the ministry bank accounts were about zero. Every penny we have received for this ministry has been sent to ease the suffering of so many. We want to thank you for your prayers and generosity while the world refuses to record a great genocide.

Pray for Calvary Chapel Missions Conference 2023

OPEN DOOR (January 4-7, 2023)

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“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name” (Rev 3:8).

Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to the 2023 Calvary Chapel Missions Conference on the campus of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa.

This year, things will look a little different, as we will be kicking off the conference on Wednesday afternoon, January 4, and concluding on Saturday afternoon, January 7.

Our theme is an Open Door, taken from the letter of Jesus to the church in ancient Philadelphia. To them he said, “Behold I set before you an open door that no one can shut.” As we look around at our troubled world, we see the devastation of war, the psychological effects of a worldwide pandemic, political unrest, economic instability, and a whole set of other things that have unsettled the lives of many. This unsettling has sadly led to much anxiety, but it has also produced a new openness to spiritual things in people all over the world.

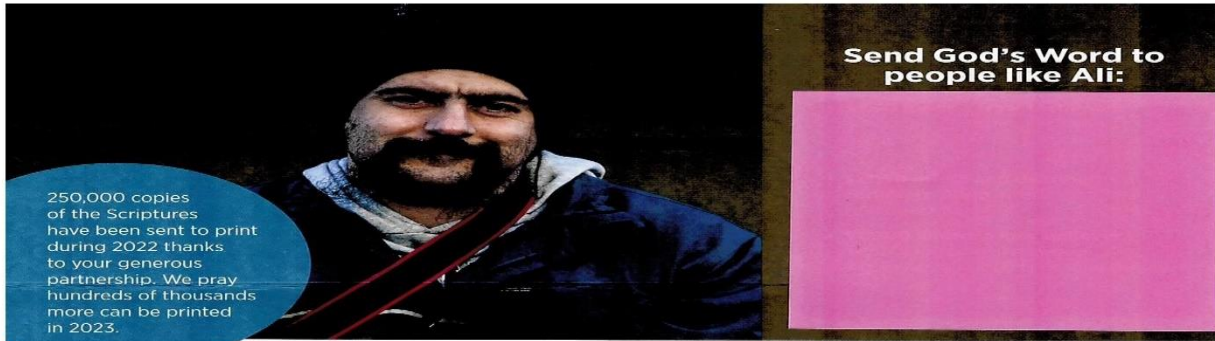
We have been hearing story after story of how God is at work in places that we would never have dreamed of just a short time ago. It seems the Lord is truly opening doors no one can shut. Once again, we will gather with this threefold purpose:

- Strengthening those who are presently doing the work in fields far and wide,
- Encouraging supporters who remain at home to continue their support, and
- Inspiring a new generation of men and women who will, in faith, step through the doors the Lord has opened.

Looking forward to all the Lord will do among us as we gather to seek his will and wisdom for the days ahead.

Blessings,
Brian Brodersen
Senior Pastor, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa.

Pray for Christians in Iran, to be sanctified in Christ



FREEDOM: 20 years of addiction; now Ali is leading others to freedom

Ali lived a lifestyle of crime and addiction for two decades. Then he met Jesus and his life was transformed. Ali has led more than thirty fellow Iranians to freedom in Christ.

Ali suffered with poor mental health from childhood. By the time he was an adolescent, the psychiatrists who were in charge of his care had all but given up hope of helping him.

Unable to engage with education, Ali fell in with the wrong crowd among whom he soon became addicted to drugs. For 20 years, Ali lived with this addiction and his lifestyle became marked by fist fights and knife crime. He had no hope that he would find freedom from the darkness in his life.

One day, Ali's felonies caught up with him and he was arrested. After completing a prison sentence, Ali's family insisted he attend a Narcotics Anonymous (NA) treatment camp. It was there that Ali became free from addiction, though his mental health

remained poor.

Ali continued to attend regular NA meetings where he made a new friend, Behnam – a Christian. Over time, Behnam shared the Gospel and gave Ali a Bible. Deeply convicted by what he read in God's Word, as well as by the testimony of Behnam's life, Ali put his trust in Jesus.

"Since I believed in Jesus Christ, I have been healed spiritually and psychologically by the grace of Christ," reports Ali.

Ali soon showed himself to be a natural evangelist. Just four months after becoming a Christian, Ali started to share the Gospel with others. Since then, he has led more than 30 people to faith, many of whom also have a history of addiction.

Ali has grown in his faith through

a two-week discipleship course and is part of a house church which uses Elam's Weekly Fellowship resource to shape their meetings.

Ali is trusting God with the political uncertainty in Iran at this time: "I leave it in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ," he says. Whatever the future holds, Ali is committed to serving those struggling with addiction so that they too may find true freedom.

Ali's story is remarkable but it is not unique: we hear many testimonies of people finding freedom from long-carried burdens when they surrender to Jesus. Please pray for Ali's continued growth in Christ and his ministry. Pray for many others trapped in addiction to find freedom in Christ. ☩

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On FAQ, Q 14."We are not customary Christians – the church set up by customs – but the Spirit Led Church in the whole counsel of God – wherever the Spirit leads us, CCAH is doing actively according to His word.".....

Everyone is exhorted to go to a local church unless she is against "the principles of the doctrine of Christ" (Hebrews 6:1) because she is the body of Christ (Eph 1:22-23). Please pray for CCAH the Global Church to grow continually as the Spirit Led Church including all on-line Bible study Sheep in the Whole Counsel of God on the earth.

Pray for needy Christians and people, especially women, children and the elderly, who suffer in Russia, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Moldova, Georgia, and Ukraine after 2/24/22 Russia's invading Ukraine, in order to be exhorted in Christ through missionaries (Wes Bentley)

WHEN I WAS HUNGRY

Last January, while in Russia, I had this unsettling feeling that something bigger, increasing in intensity and frequency, was already in motion. Future events would begin falling, like dominos, one right after another. I told Vicky that something had changed when I was in Russia, and I felt if the Lord told me I would not be returning. But I also believe He is in control. For years, I have been preparing my staff for the increasingly chaotic times that we will see in the last days.



This year started like every other year. I was with my team in Russia for our annual Christmas outreach, but this year it was different. An urgency had been building over the last few years to get as much done in Russia as we could before the doors for us to minister would slam shut again. In January, as we were still in the middle of the Afghanistan crisis—getting Christians out of the country before the Taliban could arrest and kill any more believers—we were in Russia with multiple churches that we support, celebrating Russian Christmas (January 7).

We were delivering winter food to hundreds of the elderly poor that we support through our Potatoes for Grandmother feeding program. We visited Calvary Chapels and churches across the region, strengthening them up for the spiritual and physical battles that would soon come to Eastern Europe. We had an outreach for Christian high school students from across Russia. The

last night of the outreach, you could feel the moving of the Holy Spirit, and when the invitation was given, every high school student responded to the call for a life of radical commitment. Everyone in the room came forward, dropped to their knees, tears streamed down their faces, and said yes to live a completely sold-out life for Christ. Even with all the work being done, I could not shake the uneasy sense that something was about to happen. On February 24, Russia invaded Ukraine with the full power of its military.

As believers, it is always caring for people because it was Jesus who died for the people and showed us by His example that we are called to care for those who are suffering, lost, hopeless, and in need. Large amounts of Ukrainian civilians—predominantly women, children, and the elderly—are being targeted and killed by Russian forces. Russian troops are committing unthinkable atrocities against humanity. They are pulling mothers and daughters out of their homes and raping them, then killing them and leaving their motionless bodies on the street. We are

speaking from firsthand accounts having been in Ukraine, seeing the bodies of those who were raped, and killed, with their hands bound behind their backs. I know these things are very hard things to read, and they are even harder to write about. I have to take all that I know and condense it down significantly.

When Russia attacked Ukraine, women and children of all ages fled to the borders of Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Moldova, and Georgia. Their husbands and sons remained to fight the Russians and to defend their homeland against the invaders. In all of this, the most needy and neglected group have been the elderly widows.

Potatoes for Grandmothers Ukraine is an extension of the food and housing support Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has provided to the elderly in Russia for many