

Lord, I Want to See You

To catch a glimpse of the eternal God so impacts us that we are lifted from the mundane affairs of this temporal life and transported into the reality of the kingdom of God. We must ask God to heighten our ability to see into the heavenly realm. We desire this, first of all, because we have a desperate need for Him. Secondly, we need revelation, in order to see with our hearts the conditions of people to whom we are called as His servants.

Read 2 Kings 6:15-17, Is. 6:1-13, Matt. 5:8, Luke 10:21-24, Luke 17:20-24, 2 Cor. 4:17-18

Meeting God at the Winepress

In biblical times, a winepress represented joy, singing and rejoicing. Farmers would harvest their grapes, place them in a pit hewed from a rock called a winepress, and crush the fruit to get the juice. They would use the grape juice to make wine and serve it at weddings, dinner and other gatherings. But according to Isaiah, the winepress is also symbolic of God's wrath. To learn more about the ancient winepress, click below to watch the video.

Israeli Basketball Player Selected in NBA Draft

The Sacramento Kings selected forward Omri Casspi at the 23rd pick of the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft held in New York City's Madison Square Garden last week. The 6-foot-9-inch 21-year-old is the first Israeli ever to be drafted by an NBA team in the first round of the selection process.

Casspi watched the draft from his home in Yavne so he could share the experience with his family.

Poll Shows Israelis Losing Trust in Obama

The latest poll of Israeli public opinion shows that a mere 6 percent of the Jewish population consider President Barack Obama to be a friend of Israel, down from 31 percent a few weeks ago.

According to the Smith Research poll conducted for *The Jerusalem Post*, exactly half the people surveyed believe Obama's administration is more pro-Palestinian than pro-Israeli, and 36 percent said the policies were neutral.

A View From the Top

Standing atop Mount Olive, I got a panoramic view of Jerusalem and the Old City during my pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I could see the Temple Mount, the City of David, and the “pinnacle” or the place where the Bible says Satan told Jesus: “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you’” (Luke 4: 9-10, NKJV). To see the Holy City, click below to watch the video.

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Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

Considered the lowest surface area on earth, the Dead Sea lies 410 meters below sea level. Located northwest of its shores is one of Israel's most spectacular, ancient sites—the Qumran

caves. Qumran was home to a sect of Jewish zealots who penned what has come to be known today as the Dead Scrolls. The members buried their precious scrolls deep in the crevices of the caves, where they remained until they were discovered thousands of years later. To see the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, click below to watch two videos.

Why Israel Still Matters

The fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 shook international Jewry and greatly influenced the thinking of the Christian world. The Jews had resisted the power of Rome for years, but the Romans ultimately responded with unprecedented slaughter and cruelty, carrying out what was described by the early historian Josephus as a terrible holocaust.

The gentile church fathers interpreted this devastation as an indication of God's rejection of the Jewish people—in spite of the statement in Romans 11:28 that Israel was elect or chosen because of the patriarchs. Some church fathers still believed in Israel's final conversion at the end of this age, but the general thrust in Christian theology at that time was toward "replacement"—the idea that, under the new covenant, the church is the replacement for Israel.

The Trip of a Lifetime

One of the most rewarding and exciting places I've ever traveled to is Israel. I'd always wanted to take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land but didn't think the opportunity would ever present itself. I was wrong.

In March I boarded a 747 bound for the Middle East, and what I discovered there was indeed a dream come true—and more. When I crossed the threshold of Jerusalem, God placed in me a passion for Israel and compassion for the people He calls the “apple of His eye.”

I crisscrossed the country and saw everything from Old City Jaffa, where the Bible says Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, to the site of the Holy Sepulcher, where Jesus was buried for three days before He got up from the grave with all power in His hands. You would have had to have been there to feel what I felt as I relived thousands of years of biblical history.