

This Inspiring Speech Put Yeshua Into the Mind of an Orthodox Jew

An amazing thing happened the other day!

We were filming the fourth episode of a series on the Six-Day War for #OutofZion, when I began to read a powerful and long quote from Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who gave an amazing speech as Israeli soldiers took Jerusalem and the Temple Mount in 1967.

Suddenly, I felt God's presence in a powerful way. Deep emotion welled up and I spoke with passion. We were in the Western Wall Plaza, and a small crowd formed around us. While we had already filmed three episodes, this was clearly different.

When I finished speaking, I noticed an Orthodox family. The father told me how powerful the message was and asked me if I would come give sermons at his Orthodox synagogue. He said that the congregation had been looking for someone to bring messages.

He hung around while we finished a small video clip. After I finished, I thanked him for his encouragement but told him, "You might not want to invite me to share sermons, as I am a Messianic Jew. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah."

He responded, "You just lost a job." And then added I could still do *t'shiva*—repentance and become orthodox. I told him I repented when I found Yeshua and added that it was nice to meet him.

The point is that he and his family felt the presence of God, but his bias against Yeshua quickly closed him off. Of course that is why I wrote *Identity Theft*—so people like him can see

that believing in Yeshua is perfectly Jewish.

Yigal, one of our cameramen, said it reminded him of when the people said of Yeshua, "He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." Of course, it wasn't me, but any New Testament communicator under the anointing would have been just as effective. It is the presence of God.

Please pray for him and his family.

Here is the quote I was reading as the first Jewish soldiers entered the Western Wall Plaza toward the end of the Six-Day War:

"I am speaking to you from the plaza of the Western Wall, the remnant of our Holy Temple. 'Comfort my people, comfort them, says the Lord your God.' This is the day we have hoped for, let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. The vision of all generations is being realized before our eyes: The city of God, the site of the Temple, the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, the symbol of the nation's redemption, have been redeemed today by you, heroes of the Israel Defense Forces. By doing so you have fulfilled the oath of generations, 'If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its cunning.' Indeed, we have not forgotten you, Jerusalem, our holy city, our glory. In the name of the entire Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora, I hereby recite with supreme joy, Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us in life, who has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this day. This year in Jerusalem—rebuilt!" {eo}

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