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# The Key to Healing

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Since the first contact in the 1600s, the relationship between aboriginal peoples and other Canadians has been painful and tense. The native populations of our country have been exploited and abused, causing lasting, grievous wounds.

Much injustice came through the native residential schools. From the mid-nineteenth century until the last school closed in 1996, about 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis children were taken from their families to the schools and forced to reject their own language, culture and religion. Tens of thousands of them died of illness, neglect or abuse.

With this in mind, Prime Minister Harper stood up in the House of Commons June 11, 2008 and apologized to an assembly of aboriginal delegates for historic wrongs and for the abuses that took place in Indian residential schools. The Canadian government provided a \$1.9 billion compensation package to the surviving

students of the schools and their communities.

Two years later, a National Summit of the First Peoples of Canada convened to formally respond. In Ottawa on June 12, 2010, representatives from First Nations, Inuit and Métis from across the country met with Chuck Strahl, Minister



Canadian pastors and leaders

of Indian Affairs and other government officials. The native leaders offered forgiveness to the government officials for the suffering that their peoples have endured at the hand of their fellow Canadians.

I believe this forgiveness is a new start for the healing and freedom of our nation. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to continue the restoration of the Canadian people.

At the National Forgiven Summit, Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl is presented with a Charter of Forgiveness by Chief Kenny Blacksmith, National First Nation's Leader, along with James Ariak, National Inuit Pastor and Leader, and Louise Blacksmith.



PAT ROBERTSON

# Be Strong!

A vow to stand with Israel



Pat Robertson on one of his many trips to Israel.

On Christmas Day in 1974, I had the privilege of interviewing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Israel for *The 700 Club*. Rabin lamented the fact that after Israeli military victories, the nation had been stopped from achieving a peace treaty.

That was many years ago. Israel seemed as isolated and alone then as it does today. As I concluded my interview, I asked Prime Minister Rabin a final question: "What would you want the United States to do now for Israel?"

He replied without hesitation: "Be strong! Be strong!"

That evening, I had dinner with a group of several hundred people who had accompanied me from America. We were meeting in the large dining room of the InterContinental Hotel on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Its floor-to-ceiling windows gave a stunning view of the illuminated Temple Mount.

As I related to the group the substance of my meeting, I began to recall the feeling of sadness which had come from the prime minister — the sense of the isolation of his nation. That evening, I made a solemn vow to God that, despite whatever might happen in the future, I and the organizations I headed would stand in support of Israel and the Jewish people. I am proud to say that I have kept that vow since 1974.

Today, I would deliver the same message that Yitzhak Rabin gave, for we are living witnesses that the promises of the Sovereign Lord are true. "Be strong! Be strong!" God bless you.

Excerpted from Pat Robertson's address to the Herzliya Conference, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, in 2003.



# The Biblical Meaning of Rosh Hashanah

Blow the trumpet in Zion . . . For the day of the LORD is coming. ~ JOEL 2:1

by GORDON ROBERTSON, Chief Executive Officer of The Christian Broadcasting Network

The Jewish feasts of the Old Testament have great significance for us as

Christians. The Feast of Passover was fulfilled through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the Feast of Pentecost was fulfilled with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But one feast in the Jewish calendar that has not yet been fulfilled is Rosh Hashanah, or the Feast of Trumpets.

During the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, a ram's horn, or *shofar*, is blown as a reminder of the day when the Messiah will come back with the sound of a trumpet, the dead in Christ will rise, and we will all be judged. As the first day in the Jewish New Year, it's a day for people to examine themselves for sin. The

traditional Jewish greeting says, "May you be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year." Rosh Hashanah also begins the ten "Days of Awe" that end with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

For Jews and Christians alike, Rosh Hashanah is a reminder to examine our hearts to see if we are right with God, and to commit ourselves to staying pure and following God's rules. In the Bible, Daniel's unwavering dedication to purity serves as a great example for us today.

When the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem, they took Daniel captive to serve in the court of the Babylonian king. The palace attendants offered Daniel all kinds of non-kosher food, the delicacies of the king, but Daniel

purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested . . . that he might not defile himself (Daniel 1:8). No matter what temptations came his way, Daniel remained pure, and because of his obedience, God blessed him.

This Rosh Hashanah, let us be like Daniel and purpose in our hearts to stay pure. Then, when temptations arise, we'll have already decided that we will obey God's law and stay true to Him. God has written His law on our hearts, and when we seek His righteousness through Jesus, we have the assurance that we are "written and sealed" in the Book of Life.

Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.



Every year, our staff gathers to rejoice in God's faithfulness and to pray for partners.

unemployed for 16 months, and the couple contacted *The 700 Club* for prayer. God provided him with a job!

This year, we celebrate Seven Days Ablaze September 9–15. Watch for a special mailing with a prayer card. And be sure to send in your prayer request — so we can believe for your miracle!

SEVEN DAYS ABLAZE

## Celebrating the Harvest

Believing God for your miracle!

In biblical times, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was ordered by God to celebrate the harvest — and herald a new year. It was a time of consecration to prepare for a new season.

But the Feast of Tabernacles also foreshadows the return of Christ and the final harvest of souls. And in 1976, that was the inspiration behind CBN's annual Seven Days Ablaze, which begins on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Launched at sunset with the blowing of the *shofar*, it's

a colourful night of worship, costumed dancers, and songs of praise. The lighting of a bonfire invites the Holy Spirit to purify our hearts for God's work. For the next week, our staff gathers daily for an hour of worship, teaching, and to lift up the urgent prayer needs of our partners.

For instance, when Mae was diagnosed with an enlarged heart, she asked us to pray for her healing. Soon after, she went to a specialist — and her condition was gone! Gwen's husband had been



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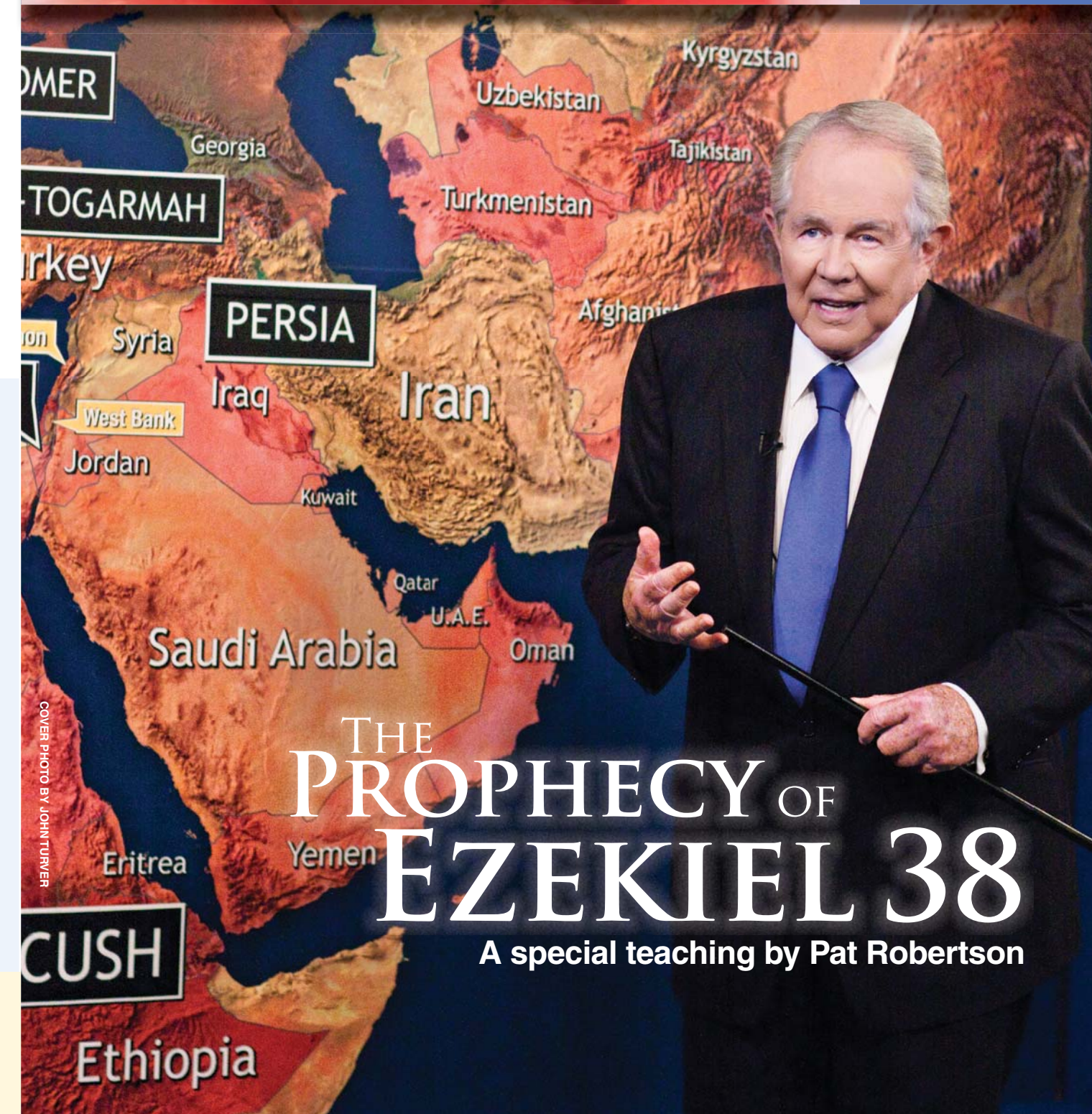
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## The Greatest Mission

by MICHAEL LITTLE  
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Imagine that we are with Jesus on the Mount of Olives when He says, "You will receive power from the Holy Spirit, and you will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Then He is taken up to heaven and angels tell us He will return the same way, referring to the prophecy in Zechariah 14:4,9: *On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives . . . The LORD will be king over the whole earth.*

If we saw all this, would we think, "Let's go back to our fishing nets"? No; we would say, "Let's receive the power of His Spirit and do His work until He returns."

CBA's mission is to prepare Canada for the coming of Jesus and the establishment of His kingdom on earth. You are helping to accomplish this great mission through evangelistic television programs, Web sites, humanitarian outreaches, and other powerful methods.

Together, we are reaching millions with God's love. *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven . . . And so we will be with the Lord forever* (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). God bless you!

Scripture is quoted from the NIV.

Michael D. Little

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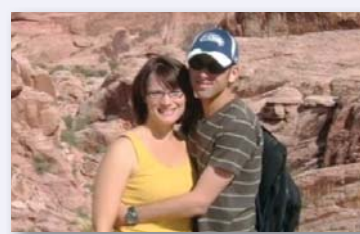


### Ethan's struggle to survive

With aggressive leukemia attacking his tiny body, newborn Ethan would likely succumb to either the disease or the chemotherapy. But then something totally unexpected happened.

### On the brink of ruin

Newlyweds Scott and Brandi faced an intimidating stack of unpaid bills — and then a sudden job loss. Discover how a wise decision kept them from financial ruin.



### Facing the ultimate test

Lang and Carla were excited about their upcoming marriage, but they never imagined that their love would be put to a life-or-death test.



## A special teaching by Pat Robertson

According to a CBN News report by Jerusalem Bureau Chief Chris Mitchell, some Israeli rabbis believe the ancient prophecies of Ezekiel 38 are unfolding in today's headlines.

When Israel contended that it recently stopped a Turkish flotilla to keep weapons out of Hamas-controlled Gaza, that didn't stop an international rush to judgment. The U.N. Security Council issued a statement condemning Israel and called for an investigation. Sweden, Ireland, and other nations planned boycotts against the Jewish state.

The incident also revealed Turkey as a major, new player in the Middle East. Turkey's Prime Minister Erdogan vehemently attacked Israel — shifting his allegiance toward Iran, Syria, and their axis of power.

This represented a major realignment in the Middle East. Turkey, once a close ally of Israel and the West, is now openly courting the likes of Iranian President Ahmadinejad, Syrian President al-Assad, and, ultimately, Russia's Vladimir Putin.

So what does this shift of power and increasing isolation of Israel mean? Some in Israel, and around the world, believe it reflects biblical prophecy.

Following the flotilla incident, the Rabbinical

Council of Judea and Samaria issued a statement saying the aftermath seemed to "place us at the beginning of the Gog and Magog process where the world is against us, but which ends with the third and final redemption."

Gog and Magog is a biblical reference found in Chapters 38 and 39 of the book of Ezekiel, when a coalition of nations attacks the land of Israel.

Whether or not this will happen soon, many believe war in the Middle East is looming. Recently, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates warned that Iran could launch an attack against Europe with "scores or hundreds of missiles."

Let me explain how the specific lineup of nations in Ezekiel 38 corresponds to our 21st century map.

In the 38th Chapter of Ezekiel, there is an amazing prophecy about an attack on Israel by a combined group of nations.

### Ezekiel 38:1-9 NASB

*And the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, 'Thus says the LORD GOD, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.*



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*"I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords; Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops — many peoples with you.*

*"Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.*

*"After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.*

*"You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."*

It's going to be in the latter days — this means the end of things. The nation of Israel will be regathered into the land and living in peace. And coming against Israel will be the nations of Rosh, Meshech, Tubal, Magog, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, Persia and Put.

What are those ancient lands called today? Put is most likely Libya, and Cush is Sudan. Both are Muslim. Persia is Iran. It used to be an ally of Israel, but it's now in the hands of radicals who want to destroy her.

Iran has publicly declared its desire to see Israel annihilated. Iran would have to cross Iraq and perhaps come down through Syria on its way to the border of Israel. Just as Ezekiel has prophesied, these nations will gather together against the chosen people of God.

Beth-togarmah may be Turkey, which has suddenly turned against Israel. Gomer is most

likely in the region of the Caucasus, which is primarily Muslim. Meshech and Tubal are up in the Russian Federation. And Rosh seems clearly to be talking about Russia. So this band of nations will come against Israel in the latter days.

It will be when Israel is regathered from the nations, living at peace in the land. Suddenly this confederation will come against her, and God Himself said, "I am going to deal against Gog and Magog. I'm going to bring judgment on them and I will destroy them, in the latter days."

Some of the rabbis in modern-day Judea and Samaria say this could be the beginning of Gog and Magog. Is it going to happen? I think it's shaping up before our eyes: Russia allies with Iran, Iran is allying with the enemies of Israel — Libya and Sudan in the Muslim camp, the Muslim people in the region of the Caucasus — and now Turkey. It's all getting ready to happen.

As we begin to see the lineup of nations conforming to the prophecies of the Bible, we can be very sure of the outcome: God has promised that He will destroy the enemies of Israel and bring glory to Himself.

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