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Jacob's GENERATION

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God is raising up a new generation of young believers in Israel. I believe this generation has a very important role to prepare the way for the last harvest to come.

Most young people my age were born here; we have grown up in Israeli society, studied in Israeli schools and served in the IDF (Israeli Defense Force). We are part of the Israeli nation. We see what is happening with our fellow youth in Israel, how they are looking for truth in every direction that exists: whether it is drugs or clubs, New Age or some other place that they can find "some fun." My generation is seeking for answers.

Six months ago I finished my army service. I served for three years in the Israeli paratroopers. During my army service God drew me very close to Himself. He showed me the grace that He has for my life and how much He loves and cares for me. One day last year my unit received an order to

enter the city of Nablus (located in the West Bank and under the control of the Palestinian Authority) and operate against terrorist groups planning to launch attacks against Israeli cities.

We entered Nablus in three armored jeeps - most of the army jeeps have a thick armor around them but the roof isn't bullet proof. While we were driving, my officer spotted an armed terrorist trying to hide in a nearby alley close to our mission area. My officer decided to drive after him. We entered the alley with our vehicles and began taking heavy fire from five different locations on the rooftops. It was an ambush!

Our lead vehicle broke down, stopping our whole unit in the heart of the ambush while we were taking fire from the roofs. We tried to shoot back from our jeeps but we were trapped and pinned down by the heavy fire. The platoon leader decided to do the rescue mission under fire. The vehicle behind us began pushing us from the

alley trying not to flip us while we were shooting from the back doors of the jeep. By a miracle the jeep didn't flip, the engine restarted and we managed to get out of the ambush without any injured soldiers.

While we were taking fire I knew nothing would happen to me because God was with me - I felt Him. In spite of the fear and the adrenalin, I trusted Him. When we finished the operation and went back to our base we found bullets on the floor of the jeep and holes in the roof right above my head. A shiver went through my entire body when I saw those bullet holes.

I have asked myself, "Why me? How come I know Yeshua as my savior? How come I'm alive?" The only answer I have is that God poured out His grace and mercy on me because He has a plan for my life. So many other young believers in Israel have gone through similar experiences.

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A Generation That Seeks His Face

After I finished the army I asked myself, "What are you planning to do with your life?" I prayed that God would send me a vision for this time. God began speaking to me Psalms 24:6. **"This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face."** Around this time I heard a message about the "Jacob Generation." It touched me so much that I couldn't stop crying. I kept asking God to change my life and my character. I started receiving emails speaking about these verses, friends from Jerusalem and different places in Israel also told me that God had been speaking to them this same message about Jacob's generation. Every time I heard it I felt shivers all over my body. I believe that this message is something huge and powerful.



Eitan introducing Dima to our conference guests

When I consider Jacob's story I see that Jacob wasn't perfect. He made so many mistakes in his life but God blessed him. Jacob struggled all night to receive God's blessings in his life. He wanted God to change his character and to have His blessing upon him. I believe that God is raising up in Israel a generation that will seek God and "struggle" with Him to receive

more of His love, more of His spirit, a generation that will not be satisfied with anything else but God's heart.



Eitan laying hands of dedication on Dima

God opened a door for me to start a "young adult's" group in our congregation. God is doing something special in this group. Our last meeting was so wonderful; we spontaneously worshiped and prayed for two hours. Young people began to prophesy and God confirmed these words by other young people in the meeting. We have a unity in the Spirit that is amazing but it is only the beginning!

I believe that the closer we move towards revival breaking out in Israel the more we will see God's Spirit manifested upon the believers. In Acts 2, before the apostles started their outreach all over the world God sent His Spirit upon them. People saw "signs and wonders" but they also saw that the believers had godly character. The world is heading towards a critical time, natural and man made disasters are increasing. As God raises up people who will seek Him, the world will again see a generation filled with Yeshua's character - the difference will be huge, they will see hope, joy and love.

Preparing the Way

God has spoken to me through Noah's story about preparing for these last days. These are days of preparation - days for building an "ark." God told Noah to build an ark because He was going to send rain upon the earth. I believe this is what God is saying to us today: Prepare, because I'm going to send a rain of revival over you.

But what does it mean to build an ark? I believe that God wants us to build an "ark" in our hearts. He wants us to seek Him and to be "sold-out" for him like Jacob was. He wants our hearts to be set upon Him and not upon the "world." He is calling us to a radical lifestyle of obedience and dedication. He wants to build unity between us and to break the barrier between us and other generations.

God is doing something great in Israel, He's is raising a new generation that will seek Him and prepare the way for the great revival we expect to happen. I'm excited about the things that God has already done but I'm even more excited about what is coming. As we wait for the rain we are preparing our hearts to be an ark to carry His presence.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."
Joel 2:28, 29

God is raising up a new generation; "Jacob's Generation" in Israel! ☆

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Our Vision:

Tents of Mercy - to participate in today's historic exodus by assisting Israel's returning exiles.

No spectators in the Kingdom - to be a worshiping, sharing community based in homes, equipping each one for service.

Come back Yeshua - to welcome Yeshua home to Israel, by restoring the Jewish roots of New Covenant faith.

ANSWERING THE CALL

by MARTIN SHOUB

“I want to issue a bold, impassioned summons to those who love Israel and want to make a difference in her future. Come; take your place on the watchman’s wall. Now is the time to answer Esther’s call and impact history for the glory of God” (*Oasis Magazine, September 2006*). With these words Eitan Shishkoff invited believers from all over the world to join us for our “Esther’s Call” intercessor’s conference. Looking back after the conference we are amazed at how enthusiastically over 150 beautiful people answered this summons.

As we planned the itinerary we anticipated moments for participatory prayer and intercession. But we never imagined just how committed people were to intercede for Israel. We knew God had something special in store when from the opening meeting people spontaneously led us in prayer and exhortation (contrary to our posted schedule!), uniting all our hearts together to follow after the Jewish queen’s example.



Guy Cohen leading the dance on Akko’s walls (courtesy, Patrick Logan)

Intercession and prayer permeated our time together. As I walked through the lobby of our hotel I would see small groups of people huddled together in prayer. Our archeological tour of Akko’s

crusader ruins never quite finished because a prayer meeting broke out before our guide could complete his lecture. Didn’t these lovely folks know we had a prayer meeting scheduled after lunch?

The presence of the Holy Spirit marked all of our activities. My dear friend Avshalom kept remarking in bewilderment, “Somebody has been praying for this conference.” I don’t think I can recall Eitan more passionate (and that is saying a lot) than when he reflected on the Sermon on the Mount at the Mt. of Beatitudes outdoor theatre.



Eitan Shishkoff and David Silver blowing the silver trumpets to herald in the conference. (Courtesy, Rick Barker)

Asher Intrater shook us to our core with his call to the dual consecration of Esther and Mordachai. But more than the inspired preaching and teaching I will remember the simple heartfelt prayers of ordinary people moved deeply by our extraordinary God. I will savor the tears and the hugs and the hands raised in worship; the heartfelt gratitude of believers overjoyed to connect with the King’s own country and people.



Don Finto leading in intercession. The people respond with hands and voices lifted to Heaven. (Courtesy, Patrick Logan)



Akko Congregation’s Joseph Kim being lifted up in intercession



The Haifa congregation treated us to an incredible dance routine



The bond of gratitude to Yeshua. This dear sister received healing at Capernaum

We know that this land, given to our people through covenant, holds a special promise for all people – in the latter days the prophet tells us, many nations and peoples will come to the mountain of the God of Jacob (Isaiah 2:2,3). “Esther’s Call” stands out as a picture of the partnership between Jew and Gentile, between Israel and the nations.

During the tour a gentile friend of mine returned to Israel for a volunteer opportunity. She spoke to my wife from the taxi leaving Ben Gurion Airport exclaiming, “It is good to be back home.” I have heard this before from



Katya Morrison lifted up by ladies in prayer

that I love, for I love you too. Enter into the joy that makes my heart joyful.”

We are so grateful to God for His blessings. It is difficult for me to convey the power of His presence that flooded our time together. “Awesome” is perhaps used too casually to describe events, but I can think of no better word. “Esther’s Call” was truly awesome! We are also grateful for our extended family in the nations. We have been overwhelmed by how deeply and sincerely you entered into Esther’s call. ☆



Two Kasher Hams, Marty Shoub and Moshe Morrison shpieling it up during the Purim play (Courtesy of Patrick Logan)

visitors and truth be told, I was not too sympathetic: “Back home? Please. This is not your home, you are just visiting.” Dear readers please forgive my arrogance. As I witnessed the passion, sacrificial dedication and love from our “Esther’s Call” participants I came to a new realization: Israel belongs not just to us Jews but to all people. It is not trite to feel the connection – it is the Holy Spirit inside us affirming to our hearts, “You have a share in the people and the place