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Dear Friends,

Passover is a festival celebrated world-wide by Jewish people. The "Last Supper" of Jesus and His disciples was, in fact, a Passover supper.

Many Christians have never seen a "Christ in the Passover" Seder. In our opinion it is a must-see, if at all possible.

On April 18, at our home church in Ocala, FL, Mark will be leading a "Christ in the Passover" seder. If you are in the Ocala area at this time and would like to attend there is information on page 2.

It would be our blessing to see you at this seder.

In Messiah's love,

Mark and Cheryl

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING TRIBULATION PERIOD

In early February, 2025 I wrote the following to a friend. In reading reports it seems that President Trump has made support of Israel unequivocal and with the commitment that Iran will not get a nuclear bomb. With the shipment of 2000 lb bunker buster bombs to Israel and his statement of unequivocal support Trump has given the green light to Israel to take out Iran's nuclear program. After what happened in the last year, Iran knows Israel has the capability. Trump has also reinstated maximum pressure on Iran as he did his first term. Only the incompetent, corrupt, compromised presidency of Biden rescued Iran. Iran is probably very, very concerned at this time.

So, what happens? Iran is not going anywhere as they are part of the Ezekiel 38 (vs. 5) invasion of Israel that I am convinced happens just prior to the middle of the Tribulation period. It is possible that Israel, or the U.S., does destroy Iran's nuclear capabilities making the entire middle east and especially Israel much safer. It is also possible that Iran, with Trump's pressure and presence, allows the dismantling of their nuclear capabilities, although this is less likely than Israel or the U.S., or jointly, destroying them. Regardless, Israel will be safer in the present.

Trump's desire to have the U.S.A. take over Gaza is interesting. Moving the Gazans out is common sense (isn't Trump governing on a common sense platform?). He is certainly in a land grab mode (Panama, Greenland, Canada which I don't think he is serious about, and now Gaza). This could very well happen. If it does? End result is Israel is much safer. The decimation of Hamas (and Hezbollah) has already made Israel safer. Israel is presently doing the same in Judea/Samaria – wiping out the terrorists.

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The late British diplomat Sir John Glubb wrote a book in 1977 called The Fate of Empires and Search For Survival. Glubb noted the average age of empires since the time of ancient Assyria (859-612 B.C.) is 250 years. Only the Mameluke Empire in Egypt and the Levant (1250-1517) made it as far as 267 years. America is 249 years old and is exhibiting signs of decline.

"All empires begin," writes Glubb, "with the age of pioneers, followed by ages of conquest, commerce, affluence, intellect and decadence." America appears to have reached the age of decadence, which Glubb defines as marked by "defensiveness, age of intellect (endless talking but no action), the intensification of internal political hatreds, influx of foreigners, pessimism, materialism, frivolity, national pride, the welfare state, and a weakening of religion."

"It is of interest to note that decadence is the disintegration of a system, not of its individual members... Neither is decadence physical... Decadence is a moral and spiritual disease, resulting from too long a period of wealth and power, producing cynicism, decline of religion, pessimism and frivolity."

"Perhaps, in fact, we may reach the conclusion that the successive rise and fall of great nations is inevitable and, indeed, a system divinely ordained."

# Life & Outreach in Ocala, FL

## CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER SEDER

If you live in the Ocala area, Mark will be leading a *Christ in the Passover Seder* on Friday, April 18 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church. Tickets are required for this evening and the dinner includes pot roast, vegetable, potato, salad, dessert and all the elements in the Seder. Also included in the \$16 price is the Passover Haggadah used for the Seder.

To purchase tickets go to the Friendship Baptist Church website:

<https://www.friendshipbaptistocalafl.org/online-giving/>

Click the **ONLINE GIVING LINK** and enter the information to purchase your ticket(s).

A credit card or bank draft can be used.

A Buddhist prayer hall, Cave 26 in the Ajanta Caves located in the state of Maharashtra, India. Photo by Uey.sanap

### Christ in the Passover Seder

Friday, April 18, 2025 | 5 to 8 p.m. | \$16 per person

Friendship Baptist Church will host a Christ in the Passover Seder led by the Jewish believer Rev. Mark Robinson. Join us for this edifying and challenging evening as we share in a Passover Seder. The order of this Seder will be the same as that in a traditional Jewish home, with explanations about the traditions and insights into the Messianic understanding of the Passover.

Ticket price includes the Passover Haggadah book, a delicious dinner including a salad, vegetable, pot roast, dessert, and all the elements used in the Passover Seder.

For tickets, please call 352-237-2640. Seating is limited.



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## MASTER THE POSSIBILITIES

Mark has one class scheduled, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on April 16, for the Spring 2025 semester on *"There Really Is A Difference: Understanding Dispensational and Covenant Theology."* Classes at *Master the Possibilities* are open to the general public. There is a small charge for all classes. Registration for my one day, 2 hour class can be made at:

<https://catalog.masterthepossibilities.org/mtp/Course/Course.aspx?c=7461>

### COVENANT THEOLOGY VS. DISPENSATIONALISM



**There Really is a Difference: An Examination of Covenant & Dispensational Theology**

There are two interpretive schemes in understanding the Bible in the Christian world. A basic knowledge of the differences between a Covenant and Dispensational hermeneutic (general biblical interpretation) will help in understanding why there are differences in understanding some biblical passages. Rev. Mark Robinson will analyze these interpretive schemes with more of an emphasis on dispensational theology.

**Wednesday**  
Date: April 16



**One of the books I have authored, and perhaps my most important one, is Israel: God's Key to World Evangelism. Dr. Robert Sumner, editor of *The Biblical Evangelist* wrote the following:**

"The author of this book has the strange idea that, in evangelism, the gospel should be given to the Jew first. The trouble is, he has Scripture to back up his thesis. For example, Paul said in Romans 1:14-16, 'I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; **to the Jew first**, and also to the Greek (emphasis added)'. That seems pretty plain, doesn't it?

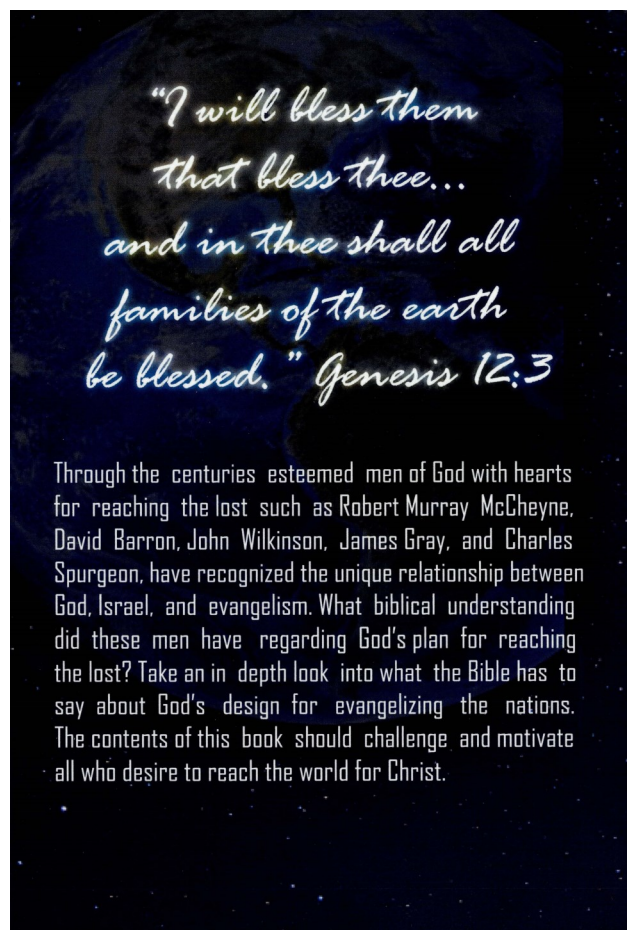
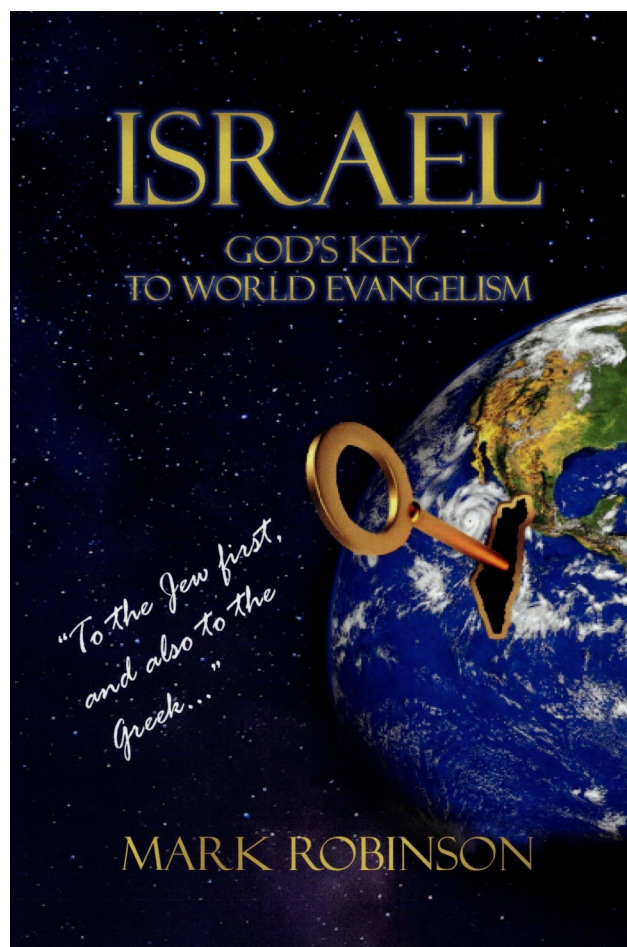
"But what about the argument that this priority was taken care of by early Christians and is no longer valid? Robinson shows, using Paul as an example, that the apostles never changed that priority and to the Jew first was as much in effect at the end of their ministry as at the start.

"We enjoyed reading about Hudson Taylor, the man whose ministry in China changed the modern Christian world's thinking about missions, both foreign and local (missions is another word for evangelism, of course). On January 1<sup>st</sup> every year he wrote a check to Mildmay Mission to the Jews, directed by John Wilkinson, noting on the check '*To the Jew first.*' Incidentally, Wilkinson would respond with a check to Mr. Taylor at the China Inland Mission, noting on his check, '*And also to the Greek.*' That pretty well sums it up, in our judgment.

"If you like to **think**, get this booklet! Robinson quotes many of the key spiritual leaders of the past and his work is well documented with 63 endnotes."

Dr. Robert Sumner, *The Biblical Evangelist*, May-June, 2005.

**Israel: God's Key to World Evangelism usually sells for \$10. If you order this 84 page book as a result of reading this the price is \$6.00 plus shipping cost of \$5.00. Checks only are accepted. Make payable to Mark Robinson and mail to 8457 SW 97 Circle Ocala, FL 34481.**



The end result is what the Bible says needs to happen prior to the seven-year Tribulation. Peace and safety (Ezekiel 38:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:3). Israel will also be making a 7 year peace agreement with her enemies (Daniel 9:27) so there needs to be a world leader that Israel trusts (someone who has shown complete support for Israel so they will go along with his plans) and this is happening in what is taking place.

It seems the King is getting ready to come for His bride!!!

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## **Is a massive US-Israeli attack coming soon on Iran's nuclear program?**

A growing number of signs suggest answer is yes

Joel C. Rosenberg

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TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

In early March, President Donald J. Trump secretly sent a letter to the leaders Iranian regime, inviting them to come to the table and negotiate a deal with American officials to end the Iran nuclear threat to the world once and for all.

On March 7, Trump told Fox News anchor Maria Bartiromo that he wants a diplomatic solution.

"The other alternative is you have to do something [militarily] because Iran can't have a nuclear weapon," Trump told Bartiromo.

A few days later, Trump told reporters, "We are down to final strokes with Iran. We are down to the final moments. We can't let them have a nuclear weapon. Something is going to happen very soon. I would rather have a peace deal than the other option, but the other option will solve the problem."

Indeed, as more details have leaked out, we're learning that the Trump letter was more than an invitation and an implied threat of U.S. and/or Israeli military force.

The letter also included a deadline.

"President Trump's letter to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei included a two-month deadline for reaching a new nuclear deal," one American official and two additional diplomatic sources told the Axios news service in a report published on March 19.

In the days since, there are growing signs suggesting American and Israeli forces are preparing for a massive military strike against Iran's nuclear forces.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth just extended the deployment of a U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the Middle East – USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group – and ordered another group, Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, to the Middle East.

Hegseth also reportedly ordered the deployment of additional fighter and bomber squadrons to the region.

What's more, it's now being reported in the region by a former Israeli fighter pilot that "at least six U.S. B-2 bombers are now stationed at Diego Garcia air base in the Indian Ocean. This is important because the B-2 is the only aircraft that can deliver the massive GBU-57, one of the only bombs that can destroy Iran's nuclear sites at Natanz and Fordow."

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