



THE SOUNDS OF

WAR

War drums in Syria threaten a key project in Jerusalem.



With war looming in the Middle East (again) and the window of opportunity for filming in peacetime Israel narrowing, it seemed to me that at the risk of being redundant we needed bring the focus of our newsletters around to Islam again.

Let's recap. After watching Senators **Kerry** and **McCain** debating the Iraq War on *Meet The Press* in September of 2007, I came away with the following convictions:

- ✓ Neither man had a clue how to stop this war.
- ✓ If it ended, it would be because the ideological front was won by Christianity.



McCain & Kerry

THE STARTING POINT

I felt then that the war could be stopped and millions of Moslems and non-Moslems converted to Christianity if they could be brought to see the contrast between the Bible's pin-point accuracy and the Quoran's absolute impotence vis-à-vis the prophetic gift. With that in mind I begged God to help me prove it and set out in December 2011 for Israel.

The purpose of our visit? To seek a suitable location from which we could, at a subsequent time, film God's astounding challenge as found in Isaiah 41:23 – "show the things that are to come hereafter that we might know that ye are gods." We might not have had the money to film in 2011, but like Nehemiah (2:12, 13) we could at least scout out Jerusalem for ourselves.

You know the story. I wanted to film at the *Dome of the Rock*, but the owner of the Israeli production company with which we were negotiating told us we could be stoned if we uttered the name "**Jesus**" in front of either the *Dome* or the *Wailing Wall*. What they suggested was a roof that afforded strict privacy and was close to the *Dome*. After a few days of searching we found our roof and returned to America knowing precisely where to set up our cameras – and the cost. Minimum: \$30,000.

It's been two years now and though few seem to believe Islam can be successfully challenged and millions won to Christianity, I still believe it – with all my heart too! So why haven't the funds for this project come in? Three thoughts recently hit me.

- 1) In stressing the idea of "**challenging**" Islam, we might not have drawn enough attention to the **content** of that challenge. People might have gotten hung up on the **notion** of the challenge as opposed to the tastiness, the scrumptiousness of the word of God being presented – and its raw nuclear power!
- 2) Maybe we've been far too passive in our fundraising, subconsciously thinking, perhaps, that manna would fall from heaven in answer to our prayers, having forgotten the lesson of Elijah who had to really plead (the Bible says he fervently prayed) for rain – even **after** God had promised him rain!

- 3) And then there was this – we'd put together a pretty detailed sermon, but as I went back and looked at it I realized it was *nauseatingly* long. If it was going to be uploaded to YouTube it needed to be short. Few people have the time or inclination to watch long, drawn out presentations on the internet.

So last week, with war drums in Syria sounding in our ears, we spent precious days re-working our material. What emerged were [seven short sermons](#), each short enough to be watched in minutes.

As for drawing Islam's attention to these sermons? I still believe it's a piece of cake. I still believe the location chosen for our video (the *Dome of the Rock*) plus the marketing strategy employed (i.e., posters on New York City's subways) will create a magnet with herculean pull – an irresistibly powerful magnet, if I may say so myself – a magnet that will draw millions of Moslems and non-Moslems to those seven sermons.

"MAGIC WORDS"

It was advertising magnate **Leo Burnett** who once said:

"Somebody finally has to get out an ad, often after hours. Somebody has to stare at a blank piece of paper. Probably nothing was ever more bleak. This is probably the very height of lonesomeness. He is one person and he is alone – all by himself – alone. Out of the recesses of his mind must come words which interest, words which persuade, words which inspire, words which sell. Magic words."

Well we did. We stared at that blank piece of paper for months, tinkered, prayed, wrote, re-wrote and edited. In the end I believe it was God who

gave us what Burnett and the advertising industry refer to as “magic words.”

“Ask A Moslem, Any Moslem: So what exactly did Prophet Mohammed predict?”

I may have had two or three big ideas in my lifetime and I’m **SURE** this poster is one of them. There are no questions here. The only questions in my mind are about those seven sermons.

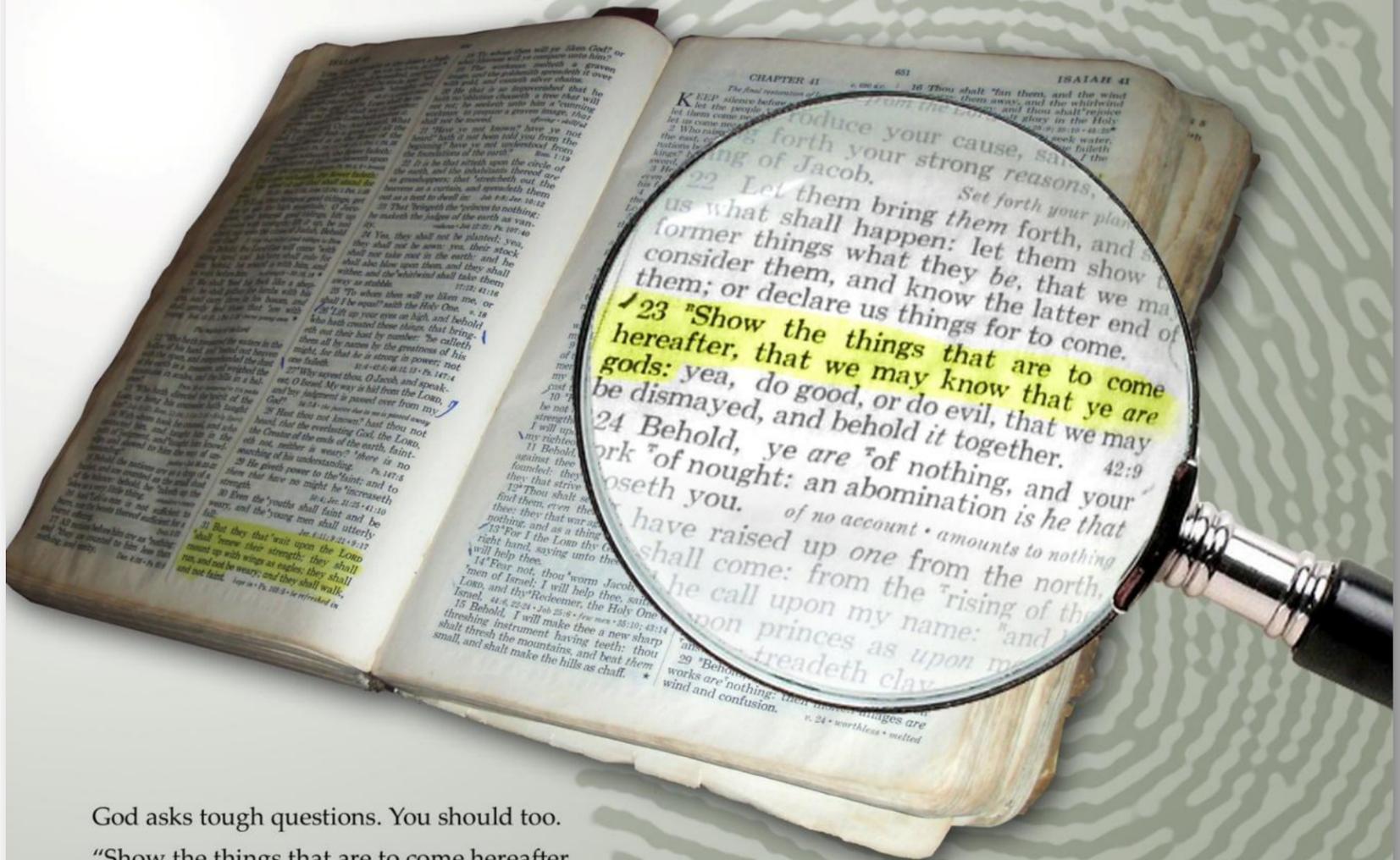
• Do they rivet attention?

- Do they persuade?
- Do they breathe the Holy Ghost?
- Do they present Jesus in a manner that would make a Jew, Moslem, Hindu or atheist fall in love with Him?

ASK A MOSLEM

any Moslem....

“So what exactly did Prophet Mohammed predict?”



God asks tough questions. You should too.

“Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods...”

Isaiah 41:23. That’s God’s challenge.

Ask a Muslim to answer it.

www.askamoslem.org

Those so-called “magic words?” Our poster’s got them – I’m sure of it!

Two of those sermons (i.e., the first two, entitled: *An On-Time God* and *The Three Decrees*) cover a subject that's tailor-made for Jews and Moslems, a subject so awesome, so stupendous in its implications, so breathtaking in its scope, and yet so relatively unknown, that I marveled when I first encountered it in *The Great Controversy* some 40 years ago. I'm referring to Daniel 9:24 & 25 – the great 70 week prophecy predicting the very year Messiah would come the first time!

To me, the correct interpretation of this prophecy is what I call “*the great Seventh-day Adventist secret*,” for in my 41 years in this Church I’ve nev-

er heard it preached by anyone but a Seventh-day Adventist. That’s right! I’ve never heard one Sunday preacher on television touch it, and that, I suspect, is because they just don’t have what we have – i.e., the Spirit of Prophecy. Every time I’ve gone back to it, every time I’ve read it, digested it, pondered it, I’ve come away thinking: Oh, if only the Jews could see this! If only we could find a way to present it to them, surely the walls of prejudice and unbelief would come tumbling down. Surely Israel could be won to her Messiah!

“*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be*

wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.”

TRAGEDY

The following illustrates what I mean by “walls of prejudice and unbelief.” In *The Great Controversy* we’re introduced to a Jew by the name of **Joseph Wolff**. See if you can catch the underlying tragedy in these paragraphs on pages 357 & 358.

Joseph Wolff, Missionary

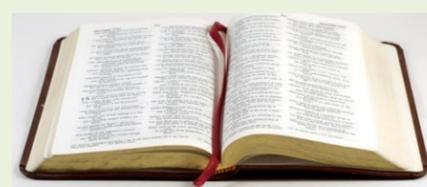
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“In 1821, three years after Miller had arrived at his exposition of the prophecies pointing to the time of the judgment, Dr. Joseph Wolff, “the missionary to the world,” began to proclaim the Lord’s soon coming. Wolff was born in Germany, of Hebrew parentage, his father being a Jewish rabbi. While very young he was convinced of the truth of the Christian religion. Of an active, inquiring mind, he had been an eager listener to the conversations that took place in his father’s house as devout Hebrews daily assembled to recount the hopes and anticipations of their people, the glory of the coming Messiah, and the restoration of Israel. One day hearing Jesus of Nazareth mentioned, the boy inquired who He was. “A Jew of the greatest talent,” was the answer; “but as He pretended to be the Messiah, the Jewish tribunal sentenced Him to death.” “Why,” rejoined the questioner, “is Jerusalem destroyed, and why are we in captivity?” “Alas, alas!” answered his father, “because the Jews murdered the prophets.” The thought was at once suggested to the child: “Perhaps Jesus was also a prophet, and the Jews killed Him when He was innocent.”—*Travels and Adventures of the Rev. Joseph Wolff*, vol. 1, p. 6. So strong was this feeling that, though forbidden to enter a Christian church, he would often linger outside to listen to the preaching.

“When only seven years old he was boasting to an aged Christian neighbor of the future triumph of Israel at the advent of the Messiah, when the old man said kindly: “Dear boy, I will tell you who the real Messiah was: He was Jesus of Nazareth, ... whom your ancestors have crucified, as they did the prophets of old. Go home and read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, and you will be convinced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”—*Ibid.*, vol. 1, p. 7. Conviction at once fastened upon him. He went home and read the scripture, wondering to see how perfectly it had been fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. Were the words of the Christian true? **The boy asked of his father an explanation of the prophecy, but was met with a silence so stern that he never again dared to refer to the subject.** This, however, only increased his desire to know more of the Christian religion.

“**The knowledge he sought was studiously kept from him in his Jewish home;** but, when only eleven years old, he left his father’s house and went out into the world to gain for himself an education, to choose his religion and his lifework.” *The Great Controversy*, pages 357, 358.



So where's the tragedy? I'm referring to the cumulative silence of the Rabbis and teachers of Israel who to this day refuse to acknowledge the accuracy of Isaiah 53 and Daniel 9:24, 25! Almost 2,000 years of denial – Wow! To be fair to the Jews, however, we should acknowledge at least two factors behind this continuing denial.

1. The [barbarity](#) unleashed upon them for over 1,000 years by the Roman Catholic Church hardly provides an incentive for mass conversions to Christianity.
2. Truth be known, the Rabbis might not even know the correct interpretation of Daniel 9:24 and 25. Not many people do.

With this in mind we happily and deliberately discuss these verses in our sermons (Daniel 9 shows up in the first two sermons and Isaiah 53 shows up in Sermon #3: *The Baptism Of Suffering*). Coming as they do as part of a public challenge to Islam, I believe they'll grab the attention of millions. Because of the headline on that poster, Moslems will watch the videos – you can put your life on that! They'll know they're being targeted, however, and will therefore be quite defensive as they watch. But not so the Jew, who, at the outset, will see our campaign as a challenge to Islam and will probably start watching out of sheer curiosity, if not amusement.

Because the mere mention of Islam produces such a visceral reaction in most, virtually every one of the over 5,000,000 people who ride New York City's subways on a daily basis will click on that website. Commuters with their smart phones will take pictures of that poster and forward it to friends – *around the world* – in seconds, thus multiplying our initial advertising investment 1,000 fold! Asia will get it. Africa will get it. Australia will get it. Europe and South America will get it. The islands of the sea will get it. And so will Islam.

I'm sure of it.

Did not God send planet earth the printing press in preparation for the Reformation? Yes He did! He's doing the same again as we prepare for the loud cry – only this time it's the internet and smart phones! In anticipation of this, have we not directed commuters to the most benign sounding of websites: www.askamoslem.com?

Once there, the very first scene viewers will see will be of yours truly standing in front of a pulpit on a roof. Looming large behind me will be the clearest live shot one could want of both the *Dome of the Rock* and the *Wailing Wall*.

As that jib turns away from the pulpit and rises into the sky, it'll stretch out to take in Jerusalem's historic skyline with its Mount of Olives. As it dips below the roof it'll sweep over the wide pavement and teeming masses before the wall. The hustle, the bustle, the noise below, the tourists, the donning of the yar-



The Orthodox with their nodding prayers – they'll be there.



mulke, the ritual washing of hands, the Orthodox with their nodding prayers – they'll all be there, providing a tapestry of blazing authenticity as we film. It's a setting from which our audience simply will not be able to turn away.

Moslems will continue watching because of the *Dome*; Jews because of the *Wall*. Within two minutes both will be introduced to Daniel 9. Within ten both will see the pin-point accuracy with which Gabriel's prophecy was fulfilled. The Moslem will be challenged, for sure, but the Jew will swiftly realize that these sermons are challenging not just Islam, but his own theological assumptions!

Two birds with one stone – nay, 1,000 birds with one stone – for thanks to the well nigh universal execration with which Islam is viewed, everybody on those trains, be they Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem, Christian, Jew, Rastafarian or atheist, they'll all click on that ad! Curiosity alone will do it.

- That's the power of what God has given me.
- If this isn't a latter-rain inspired strategy,



then I don't know what is!

Well let's stop here. What have we said today? Let's summarize.

I believe our entire marketing strategy is not just sound, but *inspired!* I also believe these seven sermons are compelling, but I'd like *your* opinion. As you read them, remember this entire undertaking – i.e., the challenge, the sermons, the posters, the magnifying glass, the open Bible and the fingerprint – have been designed to do three things:

- (1) Point the world (particularly Moslems and Jews) to Jesus.
- (2) Demonstrate the pin-point accuracy of Bible prophecy.
- (3) Introduce the world to *The (New, Illustrated) Great Controversy*.

This last goal of introducing planet earth to *The (New, Illustrated) Great Controversy* is not as simple as it may sound. Because of the hatred that's been poured out upon Mrs. White on the internet and elsewhere, even though I do read from this priceless volume repeatedly during these sermons (and showcase the pictures at the end) we'll need to provide some tool to our audience that ably defends her.

That's why, hand in hand with our desire to return to Jerusalem to film these sermons – yea, hand in hand with our desire to introduce Moslems and Jews to Christ and His testimony – is our determination to prepare a first-class DVD defending God's prophet. This project would be incomplete without it. In short, that DVD must show up at www.askmoslem.com too.

There, I've said it all. These are the sacred tasks spread out before our ministry. I'd appreciate your prayerful feedback as you [read the script for these sermons](#) – and yes, we do welcome donations.

Q. When do I want to return to Jerusalem?

A. With war on the horizon, I'd go to Israel *tomorrow* if I could.

Those sermons are ready. As for me? The itch to preach them is so bad I simply don't have words to describe it. Maybe it was that stint in Nassau last month that opened up my appetite for preaching again. Whatever it is, this itch is killing me (spiritual eczema maybe?). 😊

“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” 1 Cor. 9:16.

• **DAVID MOULD**