



THE 700 CLUB IN CANADA

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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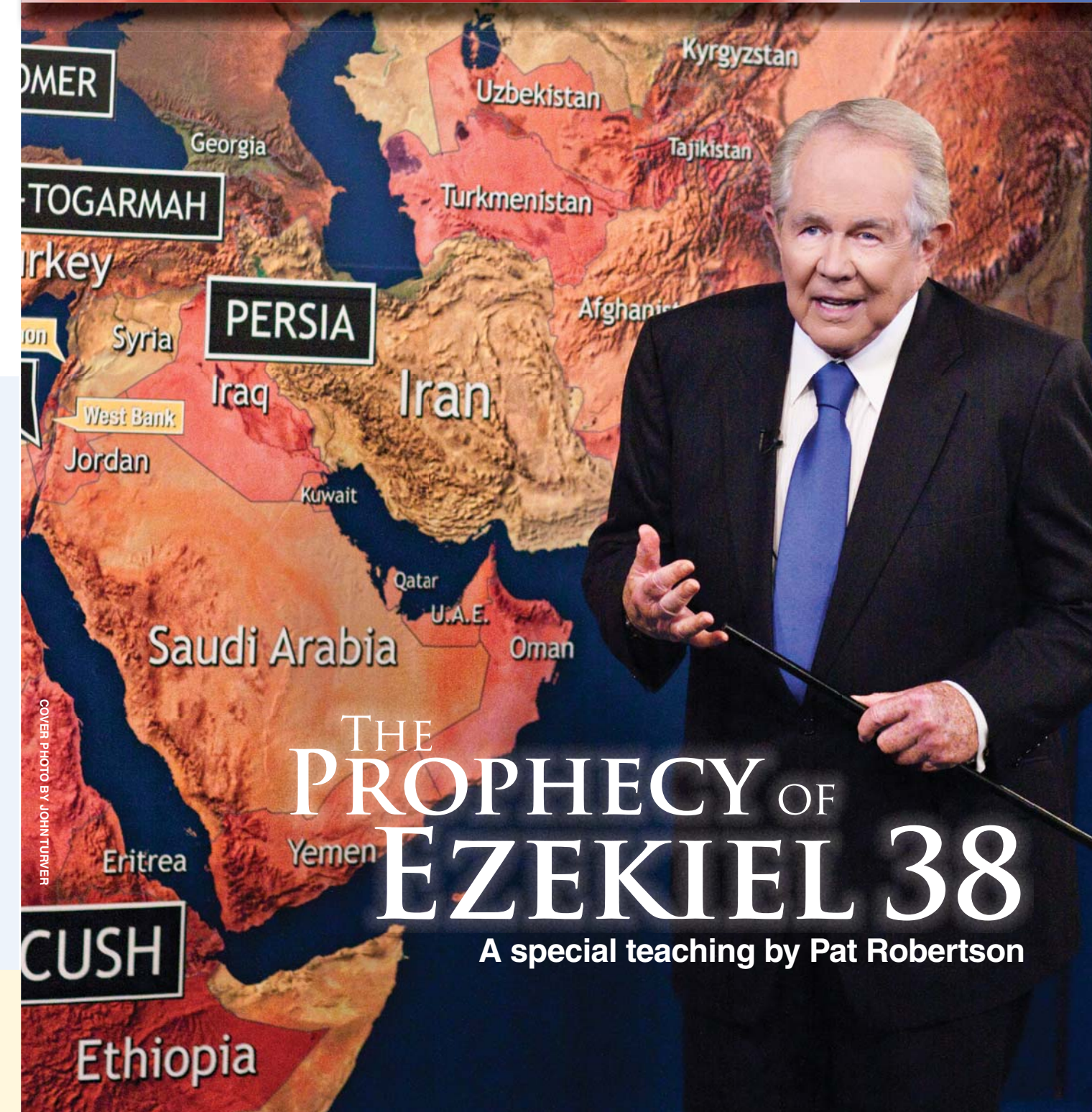
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