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DISCERNING THE ⇒ ↪ SIGNS ⇐ ↴ OF ↓ THE TIMES

“You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.” (Matthew 16:3, boldface added)

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No doubt, you have heard and read news reports of the revolution in Egypt. Although so far from us, its effects are far-reaching. Yemen, Libya, Tunisia and other countries are experiencing the ripples of the unrest and are staging protests of their own. The vision of our ministry has been affected by the civil strife in these countries, but we are believing the truth of the Lord as revealed in Romans 8:28: *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* The signs of the times are obvious, but we are allowing God to work them for our good and His glory. Here’s our direction from him:

STRAIGHT AHEAD IN ISRAEL

As Israel prepares for the worst, Congregation Burning Bush feels the impact. It is a congregation that I founded while living in Israel. Because of your support of HIIM, we are able to be a blessing to them. Burning Bush is still active in outreach, in preaching the Good News, and in making and discipling converts.

TAKING A DETOUR IN ETHIOPIA

Several months ago, we had been given the clearance by Ethiopian authorities to hold a summer revival conference in soccer stadiums of Addis Ababa and Bahar Dar. Because Egypt’s unrest (*pictured right*), we are no longer allowed to hold a mass gathering to the size that we had envisioned. However, we have discerned the signs of times and know that this is the season to tear down strongholds in the four realms according to Ephesians 6: 12: *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”* Strongholds of religion must come down! When a door is closed, God opens another one. The



authorities are now allowing us to hold revival conferences in local churches in both cities that can accommodate at least 1,000 souls.

I know that you see the signs of the times because you have been praying, supporting, and standing with us as we work the vision. You know my great desire to see my country come to salvation! The enemy tried to silence the voice of revival by making louder the voices of violence and protest. Even the adversary knows the miracles that will happen in the Name of Yeshua. He knows the signs and wonders that will follow those who believe. He knows those who will call upon the only Name that brings salvation! The signs of the times are clear . . . so the set time of God’s favor is now. ✧

BENE (B'NAI) ISRAEL

The Bene Israel (Sons of Israel) claim that their ancestors arrived 2,100 years ago after a shipwreck stranded seven Jewish families from Judea at Navagaon near Alibag, just south of Mumbai. They were nicknamed the *shantvār telī* ("Saturday oil-pressers") by the local population as they abstained from work on Saturdays. *Bene Israel* communities and synagogues are situated in Pen, Mumbai, Alibag, Pune and Ahmedabad with smaller



communities scattered around India. Mumbai had a thriving *Bene Israel* community until the 1950s to 1960s when many families from the community emigrated to Israel.

The *Bene Israel* community has risen to many positions of prominence in Israel. In India itself the *Bene Israel* community has shrunk considerably, with many of the old Synagogues falling into disuse. In Mala, Thrissur District, there is a Jewish cemetery. ✧

(Pictured, Bene Israel) Last month we featured the Cochin Jews. Next month we will feature the third sect of Jews in India: Baghdadi Jews. Article taken from http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bene_Israel

PROCEEDING WITH CAUTION IN INDIA

There is yet another praise report. In past newsletters we have shared with you what we believe is God's heart to locate and minister to the Jews of India who have assimilated into the Hindu culture and religion. Because of your support, Morris Ruddick, a great friend and patron of HIIM, and I will set foot in Mumbai, India on a ten-day fact-finding trip. When our feet hit Indian soil, you will be with us. Every step in India will be one that you take as well. Every village that we enter, you will enter also. And when we sit down to talk with an Indian Jew, you will be the fulfillment of the Word of God: *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* (Matthew 24:14) Yes, you will help to preach the Gospel to some that you will never meet. What an exciting time in which we live and partner with Adonai!

YOU ARE AT THE CROSSROADS

What we are doing is just the "tip of



Morris Ruddick, right, eating Ethiopian food the iceberg" as we say in Ethiopia. We need your help to do more. PLEASE...

- Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem.
- Keep praying that we have great success in Israel, that the Burning Bush Congregation becomes even more effective in its outreach to Ethiopian Jews and nonJews, and that signs and wonders will be abundant.

- Pray that the revival fires burn

deeply and widely in Ethiopia. Pray for a great anointing upon me as I preach the message of salvation. Pray for protection, open doors, and help from unexpected sources. Pray for a great harvest.

• Pray for the Jews of India, that the Ruach Elohim (Spirit of God) will soften their hearts so that they can receive the engrafted word that is able of save their souls! Pray for supernatural favor with God and man, open doors, and divine intervention.

- We have a financial goal of \$10,000 in order to see our vision realized. Pray about how much the Lord would have you give to support us in this great work to see the Name of the Lord magnified and glorified from the Holy Land of Israel to the ancient cities of Ethiopia ... all the way to the nations.

May Adonai bless you mightily! Shalom & Hallelujah, ✧

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DROP US A LINE:

As you are led to fill out the pledge card enclosed, use the back to drop us a prayer, a word of encouragement, or a Scripture that Adonai would give you to bless us -- even if you write that you are standing with us in prayer. Also, let us know how the ministry of HIIM or the personal ministry of Rabbi Kokeb Gedamu has blessed you. We look forward to hearing from you. Until then, Shalom. ✧

