

Ps 24:7: SHIP – Shaping History into Place

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We were very blessed with the 24/7 conference we hosted at the Sydney Opera House 21-24 July and a detailed report will be out on that soon. DVDs are available. Please email us for an order form. There is a considerable financial shortfall from this conference because of the high costs of the strategic venue and because we didn't put as much lead time into Sydney as we normally would with a conference because of the Bethany Gate APPA one being so huge and so close with nearly 2,000 attending including those who came and went at night meetings. So if anyone can help, we would much appreciate it. Our bank details are – Centre for International Reconciliation and Peace conference account, Commonwealth Bank, Westcourt Cairns - BSB 064825, account no 10227461. Please put your name beside the deposit so we can receipt you and thank you. Otherwise you may send a cheque to our postal address above.



However, a few of the highlights of Sydney are:

- We had a rather dramatic opening with a ship called “Tribal Warrior” coming in at the man o war steps beside the Sydney Opera House as part of the opening. It is an ex pearling lugger from the Torres Strait Islands, now used as a maritime training ship for indigenous people. On it were some of the key indigenous elders of Sydney, Norman and I (Barbara) holding a banner of the Ark of the Covenant, Norman’s mother and grandmother and Peter Walker. It was awesome sailing under the Sydney Harbour Bridge and over to the Opera House. A boat passed between us and the Opera House and it was called “Sirius” which is the name of a supply ship that came in with the 1st fleet in 1788. I believe this is a sign from God that He will meet the costs of this strategic conference as we stepped out in faith to put it on. We prayed for the gates of Sydney and Australia to open to the King of Kings as we came in on the ship. As the indigenous elders got off the boat, they were welcomed by non-indigenous men who cleared their path with branches and strewed wattles. An indigenous elder stayed on shore to give a welcome to country.
- You might ask why we did this? In 1998, the British Prayer Movement came to Australia, hosted by the Australian Prayer Network, and spent 6-7 weeks travelling through the land saying “**sorry**” to indigenous and non-indigenous people for the sins associated with settlement. In 1999, the Australian Prayer Network (APN) led a team through England for 2 weeks saying “**we forgive you**”. Brian Pickering, Norman and I, Peter Walker, Hiliary Moroney, Helen Evans, Trish Janze and Deborah Williams who attended the Sydney conference were part of that team. Part of the vision for the Sydney conference that Norman had was that the ship he and leaders of the APN, Brian Pickering and Ps Ben Gray, sent out to Australia from England in 1999 needed to be received. Norman did a prophetic act conceived in Whitby, where Captain Cook left from for Australia, and carried out at the World Prayer Centre in Birmingham. He put the Australian, English and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags together and formed a ship from them. He sent the ship out to Australia in right relation-ship and friend-ship after the Australian team had

forgiven the British. While in Sydney arranging logistics for the conference, Norman realized it was 7 years, a time of completion. We didn't know if a ship would be received prophetically or actually. Also we thought one of the ships called "Captain Cook Cruises" might be appropriate. However, in prayer, the Lord showed us that as Norman, an Aboriginal had sent it out from England, we could have a ship come in manned by an Aboriginal rather than an English crew.

- Brian Pickering spoke at the Sydney 24/7 conference and took us on a journey of the Australian Prayer Network working with the British Prayer Movement in bring healing between the nations and challenged us afresh.
- There is a group of non-indigenous and indigenous Christians who are working on further healing of the wounds of first settlement through an Act of Recognition and some of them were available to be on a panel to share about this – Rev Lindsay McDowell, Ps Peter Walker, Ps Ossie Cruise and Brendon Johnstone. They have researched the log books of the ships of Captain Cook and the first fleet which describe the force with which Australia was taken.
- Norman and I believe that because repentance occurred at the Bethany Gate All Pacific Prayer Assembly for the deaths of Aborigines and the Dutch that occurred at **first contact** in this nation in 1606 at Cape Keerweer, Aurukun, then there is more of an opening now to deal with the issues of **first settlement**. The Sydney 24/7 conference and the Act of Recognition team will have more of an impact now that prior business has been dealt with in the spirit.
- I shared a number of visions and a dream I had around Australia Day 2001 which led Norman and I to go on a prayer journey to Sydney where we were joined by local intercessors and spent 5-6 hours praying on Sydney Harbour Bridge. I had seen an ear of corn over the Opera House and the Lord said He was going to bring a revival to Australia which would be of a similar anointing to the one in Guatemala. This was also part of the inspiration for the location of the conference. On New Years Eve, the rainbow serpent had been flashed over the bridge in fireworks so the Lord sent us down on assignment to reverse the effect of this. The timing the Lord gave us was the same day of the mardi gras march to pre-empt them and that night the Australian Prayer Movement was having their first Sydney Belongs to Jesus to come in the opposite spirit to the mardi gras and we joined them.
- As well as a Jeremiah 1:10 strategy to uproot and tear down foundations that are not of God and to build and plant foundations that are of God, we wanted to deal with not only the foundations of this nation but also the foundations of the Christian faith in recognizing its Jewish roots. We were very blessed by Bishop Dominiquae Bierman from Israel and Rev Willem Glashouwer from Holland on this topic as well as Australian speakers Ps Noel Mann and Dianne Taylor. Issues of replacement theology were thoroughly taught on. Dominiquae used overheads on church fathers and how their statements were used to create anti-Semitism. She showed how Martin Luther's statements re Jews eg were used by Hitler to justify the Holocaust.
- Rev Glashouwer is head of Christians for Israel worldwide and he was hosted by Leo and Jonda Geluk, CFI Australia. He spoke to the Jewish Board of Deputies in Sydney before the conference and was well received and his teaching at our conference was excellent.
- Ps Noel taught from his wealth of experience on end time issues, the Queen of Heaven and the need for intercessors to be accountable and not presumptuous and to be wary of coming under the influence of Jezebel.

- The theme of the Sons of Zion v the Sons of Greece (Zechariah 9:13) was a major one and Ps Noel and Dianne both shared on it with fresh insights. Dianne used the banner the Lord gave her of the Sydney Harbour Bridge with the menorah and cross on it as an arrow. Ten people (Dianne had planned for 9) struck the ground with the banner (arrow) against ungodly influences similar to how Elisha told Joash in 2 Ki 13:18. (Much better than 3 times). She then lit a candle for each arrow.

*I will bend Judah as I bend my bow
And fill it with Ephraim.
I will rouse your sons, O Zion
Against your sons, O Greece,
And make you like a warrior's sword. (Zechariah 9:13)*

- It was 50 years since the Olympic torch was taken from its starting point in Cairns to the Melbourne Olympics. We believed we needed to retrace its steps and come in the opposite spirit. So we lighted a 9 candle menorah in our church in Cairns on the Sunday before the conference and prayed to reverse the worship of Zeus, sport and the hold of Greek thinking over the church and society. The menorah is the light used in the temple. When the Greeks and Syrians ruled over Israel, they desecrated the temple with pig's fat. The Maccabees rose up and led Israel against them and were victorious. There was only enough pure oil left in the temple for one day but the candle miraculously burned for 9 days until pure oil could be made again, hence the story of Hannukah and the hannukiah or 9 candle menorah (usually 7 candles). Thus the 9 candle menorah was a fitting substitute for the Olympic torch to come in the opposite spirit. We took the menorah to Sydney and after I spoke at the conference, I told the story, lit the menorah and we prayed over it again. We then gave it to David and Carole Jack to take to Melbourne with them to complete the journey.
- Another important theme was that Ruth is a type of the church and Naomi is a type of Israel and we need to have the heart of Ruth to say to Jewish people –

*"Entreat me not to leave you or turn back
From following after you:
For wherever you go, I will go:
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge:
Your people shall be my people.
And your God my God. Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried
The Lord do so to me and more also
If anything but death parts you and me. (Ruth 1:16-17)*

Bishop Dominiquae prayed over my (Barbara) and my son's tallit or prayer shawl and declared that I was married to the land of Israel. Later, Ps Noel prayed over Dominiquae and myself and put an Australian flag around both our shoulders and declared that Dominiquae was married to Australia. This is a picture of Naomi and Ruth. Colleen Burfitt had some wedding rings ready to symbolize the occasion.

- We visited the Jewish Museum as a conference Sunday afternoon and they were very touched by our support and interest. A holocaust survivor told her story. Jewish people came out on the first fleet as convicts and in the early days as free settlers, many becoming influential.
- Because of the war in Lebanon, the Jewish community was organising a special, large event at the Great Synagogue Sunday night 23/7/06. As we'd been to the Jewish Board of Deputies meeting earlier in the week, we knew about it and rang our contacts later to see if we could take the whole conference there. They were happy to have us and we postponed the conference for one hour Sunday night so we could join them. Many living

in Sydney had not been to the Great Synagogue or the Jewish Museum before so it was a very special day for them as well as those from out of town.

- The Lord gave me a prophetic song in worship Sunday morning and when I spoke Monday (24/7), He told me to expand on it. Basically as I was singing, I got the impression that the Lord had arrived on a white horse and was giving out a call to mount up on our white horses and follow Him. It was as if He had launched a battle and it is interesting that we were at the Opera House and beside us were the man o war steps from which Australia has sent its battleships out to war over the years. But before I saw this, the Lord had me singing about Him wanting to set up His altar in our hearts and in Sydney and in Australia, about purity and intimacy. Then He had me singing about Him pulling down the false altars and false worship including the false 5 fold ministries – false apostles, false prophets, false shepherds, false teachers and false evangelists. I was singing this very day, this very hour, this very place. I then started singing about the Lord setting up His throne in our hearts, in Sydney and in Australia and about Him pulling down false thrones this very day, this very hour in this place. I saw the enemy's teeth pulled out, mouth gagged, hands and feet bound and then cut in the middle. When I gave my message the next day, I taught on Rev 18, 19 and 20 and we rejoiced with many hallelujahs!!! And prophetic declarations. I had had a meeting with Ps Peter and Susan Dunn earlier in the week as they offered to share the prayer history of Sydney with me and one of the things they mentioned was a horse which I hadn't thought of again till after the vision/song came through. Later, intercessors from Adelaide said that before they left to come to the conference, they had seen horses, nostrils flaring, chaffing at the bit for action.
- Attendees remarked on the high level of the conference. Many remarked that they will never be the same again, changed forever. Some had their eyes opened to the Jewish roots of the Christian faith and others to indigenous ministry and the history of their nation. Many just enjoyed the wonderful praise and worship, the excellent teaching, the prophetic acts, the fellowship and the sense that this was a very strategic conference shifting the nation. Many sensed that the gates of Sydney and the nation had indeed been opened to the King of Glory (Ps 24:7) and stones removed from the highway so people can receive the gospel better (Isaiah 62:10). Something was birthed. Can a nation be born again in a day? (Isaiah 66:7-9). Yes it can!!
- While many intercessors have prayed over many years for Sydney in strategic locations, this conference generated a flurry of activity re prayer and spiritual mapping in preparation for it and this was a real blessing and contributed to the success of the conference. We were blessed by a spiritual mapping panel convened by Carole Koroknay as part of the conference. We want to honour Rev Robyn Peebles and Rev Jim Nightingale for a re-enactment done about 10 years ago to bring repentance and healing to part of our history where the women who came ashore from the 1st fleet were raped en masse by drunken men.
- Ps Noel Mann prayed to impart a double portion of his mantle over Norman and Barbara including a headship anointing and said they needed to realize that they were heading up a movement that is important in God's purposes for this nation and that they needed to train intercessors.
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