

GUNFIGHT AT THE OK CORRAL

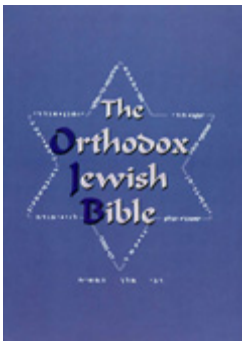


In 1975 there were no messianic congregations in Florida. Satan, that destructive gunslinger, was determined to keep it that way. Immediately, when I arrived, I was hit with such depression and trouble it looked as if I would have to leave before I even started the congregation planting work. (This would have been a colossal mistake because today there are more messianic congregations in Florida than any other state in the U.S. and G-d was going to give me three of them in less than two years.) So, partner, it was “Gunfight at the OK Corral” time.

Remember our Messiah? Remember his fight with the devil? He hadn't even had time to dry off from his Jordan River immersion when IMMEDIATELY the devil tried to trash his whole ministry before it even began. But the Word of G-d is a bullet that can make Satan flee. So on the mountain of temptation the Messiah and Satan faced off, and, like bullets, the Word of G-d started flying. That's what happened on Collins Avenue in Miami Beach in the summer of 1975, that fateful day when, with the help of G-d and His mercy and grace, I somehow managed to do the spiritual warfare necessary to resist Satan, overcome the temptation to quit, and moreover to endure hardship, doing the work of a congregation planter (2Ti 4:5). And that's what happened on Times Square in November of 2006. Times Square, New York City, became my Miami Beach Collins Ave "Tombstone, Arizona Gunfight At The

OK Corral.” Like Doc Holiday and one of the fallen cowboys in the shootout, I had terrible difficulty breathing during that time in November 2006. Helping to give out over 100,000 tracts, I got sicker and sicker with what seemed like Doc Holiday’s tubercular cough. But in my mind was a bullet of Scripture that created a fire-wall of protection and strengthened me in the battle. Please pray for me and for our people because a showdown is coming and a great break-through victory. The Word of G-d is the only thing with which you can resist the devil. Don’t let your mind rest on idle. Lu 11:24-26 says you must fill the void. Otherwise, with an empty house, an evil spirit can go and get seven more and return. There must be an ongoing response to the Grace of G-d and a vigilance and watchfulness in prayer. The Bible is not a book for casual reading but a gun closet that must be used as an arsenal for gunfights with the devil. I am absolutely sure that in

November of 2006 I had my 1975 Collins Ave Gunfight all over again. I was not only fighting the devil, I was wrestling with the L-rd for deliverance and strength for the Great Fight coming between here and eternity. And so when the terrible coughing caused me to pass out and to pull a groin muscle, I rejoiced like Jacob in Genesis 32, for it is better to LIMP toward victory in the L-rd and finish well, going on to Glory, than to stumble without the Word of G-d.



This is the year for you and I to be Nehemiah-sober. In our Post 9/11 climate, anything but sobriety is inappropriate. For we are like unfaithful Judah in the days of the Babylonian Exile. At that time, Jerusalem's walls looked like New York's Ground Zero. And g-dly people in

unwalled, unprotected Jerusalem knew that G-d's judgment had fallen. Who could be in a laughing mood when G-d's judgment has fallen? Why then are Americans, even while the war continues in Iraq, in such a laughing mood? Has the dire 9/11 divine warning from G-d fallen on deaf ears? Can we not discern the signs of the times? Is it actually true that the pseudo Islamic-terrorist barbarians are actually at the gate and at such a dire time we still think it is our national prerogative to "eat, drink and be merry" (Ecc 8:15)?

Like Joseph, Nehemiah had been given favor from the Persian "Pharaoh" and had "come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." Thank G-d that Nehemiah was a sober, G-d-fearing man. His tears in Nehemiah 1:4 attest to this. But the Governor is always sober when the death row execution clock is ticking, when time is running out for any life saving reprieve. So

in Neh 2:1-8 Daniel's prophetic clock of the 70 Weeks begins ticking with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:24-26).

Therefore, this is the year that we must give careful attention to G-d's Word (Ezra 8:1) so that we will be quick to do His will. *We have been given a "great work"* (Neh 6:3). *What is a greater work than getting the Word of G-d to the Jewish People in the last days?* And G-d is sobering us up. I am a more sober man in my Post 11/06 illness attitude than I was before the illness befell me. I am as sober as a judge. So too must be you and all associated in any way with this ministry. Pray that G-d will raise up the needed \$14,000 to reprint the OJB.