



The Messenger

Messenger Project Newsletter

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Messenger Notes



Messenger performs at Community Bible Church

Messenger performed *Emmanuel* at **Community Bible Church** in Huntington Beach, California, on Sunday evening, December 12th, during their Christmas program. **Roger Swibold**, **Daryl Smith** and **Megan Sarich** sang solos. The adult and children choirs sang and the worship team joined in Christmas Carols with the congregation. It was a fun time for all!

Messenger Project embedded sound to its website on December 1, 2004, and will be rotating songs on a weekly basis.

Lionel and **Joie De Leon** performed bible songs at **Camp Munz** and **Mendenhall** on December 4th, for male juvenile offenders. They ended both shows with a hearty rendition of *Deck the Halls*, joined by the detainees (who seemed to enjoy the show).

Community Bible Church's **Worship Team** joined Lionel and Joie on *Nineveh is in Ruins* during the church offering on December 26th. The worship team will also be joining Lionel and Joie at their next youth ministry in Lancaster at **Camp Challenger** on January 29th. They will add worship and praise songs, along with personal testimonies.

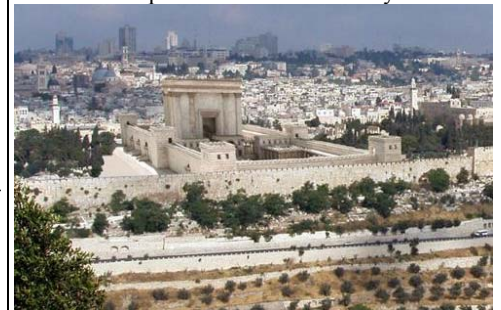
The Word Christian Rock Opera has been posted at **Simply Scripts** in their new script section. The script is available at: <http://www.simplyscripts.com/unpro.html>

Jerusalem Timeline

Below is a timeline of key dates that relate to Jerusalem's history, between King David and Israel's capture of the Holy City. Jerusalem will be center stage at the end of the age (when Jesus returns).

- 1004 B.C. King David captures Jerusalem.
- 960 B.C. King Solomon builds the First Temple.
- 597 B.C. Babylonians capture Jerusalem.
- 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar destroys First Temple.
- 539 B.C. Fall of Babylon.
- 515 B.C. Completion of the Second Temple.
- 332 B.C. Alexander the Great conquers Palestine.
- 320 B.C. Ptolemy I captures Jerusalem.
- 164 B.C. Judah Maccabee recaptures Jerusalem.
- 63 B.C. General Pompey conquers Jerusalem.
- 37 B.C. King Herod captures Jerusalem.
- 18 B.C. Herod commences rebuilding of Temple.
- 4 B.C. ? Birth of Jesus
- 30 ? Crucifixion of Jesus
- 36 Saul has Stephen martyred.
- 37 Saul is converted, renamed Paul.
- 44 James, brother of John, executed.
- 60 Paul imprisoned in Rome.
- 62 Paul martyred for treason in Rome.
- 67 Peter martyred, crucified upside down in Rome.
- 70 Destruction of Herod's Temple in Jerusalem.
- 135 Judea and Jerusalem renamed Palestine.
- 250 Rome steps up persecution of Christians.
- 306 ? Constantine the Great converted
- 311 Last persecution of Christians in Rome.
- 312 Constantine reunites Roman Empire.
- 313 Constantine establishes Christian toleration.
- 321 Sunday made Roman-Christian day of rest.
- 380 Christianity declared official state religion.
- 525 Dionysius Exiguus sets Christian calendar.
- 550 Crucifix becomes Christian icon.
- 611 Mohammed's reported vision.
- 614 Persians take Damascus and Jerusalem.
- 615 Earliest records of Mohammed's teachings.
- 622 First year in Muslim calendar, The Hegira.
- 624 Mohammed (at 53) marries 9 y.o. Aisha.
- 625 Mohammed begins dictation of Qur'an.
- 628 Mohammed captures Mecca.
- 629 Heraclius recovers Jerusalem from Persians.
- 632 Mohammed dies in Mecca.
- 637 Jerusalem captured by Islam.
- 691 Dome of the Rock is built.
- 715 Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem is built.
- 1054 Split of Eastern and Western churches.
- 1099 Crusaders capture Jerusalem.

- 1187 Kurdish Saladin captures Jerusalem.
- 1206 Rosary is reportedly given by Mary.
- 1229 Treaty returns Jerusalem to the Crusaders.
- 1244 Jerusalem again in Muslim hands.
- 1348 Black Death Plague hits Jerusalem.
- 1478 Catholic Inquisition established.
- 1517 Martin Luther posts 95 Theses.
- 1520 Luther excommunicated.
- 1530 Martin Luther founds Lutheran Church.
- 1534 Henry VIII breaks from Catholic Church.
- 1560 Scotch Presbyterian Church founded.
- 1609 Baptist Church founded.
- 1738 Methodist Church founded.
- 1799 Napoleon invades Palestine.
- 1827 Mormon Church founded.
- 1832 Church of Christ (Disciples) organized.
- 1870s Jehova's Witnesses organized.
- 1901 Pentecostal Church formed.
- 1948 State of Israel established.
- 1949 Discovery of Dead Sea scrolls.
- 1957 United Church of Christ founded.
- 1967 Israel captures Jerusalem in 6-day war.



The Future Temple viewed from the Mount of Olives.

A Jewish Temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt someday. The Arab-Israeli conflict, Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque all stand in the way. But impossible obstacles have already been overcome: Israel became a nation and survived a war against her neighbors. Israel captured Jerusalem in a six-day war. A red heifer, not seen since the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.(and needed for temple purification rites), was verified in 2002. The holy vessels and vestments needed for Temple rituals have been built by the Temple Institute in Jerusalem. The priestly Cohen tribe of Israel has a unique DNA signature, making it possible to verify that only descendants of Aaron serve in the Temple (according to Mosaic law). What is impossible for man is easy for God!