

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S SIX-DAY WAR

Next week marks the 50th anniversary of Israel's miraculous Six-day War, in which the tiny nation defeated the military coalition of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq (with Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria contributing troops and arms). Israel was forced into the war by the belligerence of the Muslim nations who vowed to destroy her. Egypt's president Gamal Abdel Nasser, the leader of the coalition, said, "Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel" (Isi Leibler, *The Case For Israel*, 1972, p. 60). Israel's 275,000 troops faced 456,000 enemy troops on three fronts. The Arab alliance had three times the number of tanks and four times the number of combat aircraft. While America and France imposed an arms embargo on Israel, the Soviet Union flooded the Arabs with \$2 billion worth of war matériel. In spite of the odds, Israel defeated the combined enemy forces. The Arabs suffered around 18,000 casualties to Israel's 760. It was one of the most lopsided, decisive victories in military history, and many wonders occurred. For example, when Jordan tried to warn Egypt of Israel's imminent attack upon its air force, there was a mixup of secret codes and the warning was not understood. When Israeli forces entered the strategic town of Shechem, the Palestinians thought they were Iraqis and cheered. By the time they realized their mistake, it was too late. Israel captured the Sinai, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem, more than tripling the amount of territory she controlled. For the first time in 2,000 years, Israel gained control of Jerusalem. The military correspondent for the leftist newspaper *Haaretz* observed, "Even a non-



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BONO AND U2 AUDIENCE IN SO-CALLED "GOSPEL SONG"

In a memorial for the victims of an Islamic bombing at a rock concert in Manchester, England, Bono and the rock band U2 led a *Jimmy Kimmel Live* audience in the song "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For." Bono introduced it as "a gospel song with a restless spirit," and when toward the end he encouraged the audience to "take it to church now," the crowd stood up and "happily joined in on the gospel performance" ("U2 Turns Whole Audience into Gospel Choir," *Christian Post*, May 26, 2017). Bono is a certified evangelical hero in spite of the fact



U2 performing on Jimmy Kimmel Live Show

(or more likely because of the fact) that his profession of faith in Christ is a confused mess when measured biblically. His gospel is a social gospel and his life doesn't back up a Christian profession. Consider the song "I Still Haven't found What I'm Looking For." It says, "You broke the bonds and you loosed the chains, carried the cross of my shame," but it nowhere says who did that or what that means. The context of the song appears to be about romance rather than Calvary. It even includes vulgar lyrics about making love to a girl. Further, the main theme is "I still haven't found what I'm looking for," which is repeated eight times. That is *not* the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is anti-gospel. Bono's song is not a gospel

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religious person must admit this war was fought with help from heaven" ("Miracles in the Six-Day War: Eyewitness Accounts," *Arutz Sheva*, May 14, 2007). The modern state of Israel is not a righteous nation and is not a fulfillment of the kingdom prophecies. It has done wonders for the land through hard work and clever technology, but the desert blossoming as the rose in Isaiah 35 is not talking about drip irrigation and desalinization plants. The majority of Jews today are "secular," while a minority are various degrees of orthodox, meaning they follow the Talmud rather than the Scripture. Tel Aviv is world famous as a homosexual mecca. Israel is not back in the land in fulfillment of the kingdom prophecies; she is back in the land in fulfillment of the great prophecy of Ezekiel 37, which teaches that Israel will return from her worldwide dispersal, described in terms of a valley of death, in two stages, and in the first stage she will return in a spiritually dead condition (verses 7-10). Verse 8 says, "... lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: BUT THERE WAS NO BREATH IN THEM." This is exactly *what* Israel is today and *where* Israel is today prophetically. The current state of Israel is necessary to set the stage for the fulfillment of the last week of Daniel's 70 Week prophecy (Da. 9:24-27). She is preparing for the building of the third temple, and she is looking for a peace-making, temple-building Messiah, which is a perfect description of the Antichrist at the beginning of his reign. Israel today is not saved, and she will not be saved until she repents and acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah, and this will occur during the time of Jacob's trouble in the Tribulation (Jeremiah 30:7). Her repentance and conversion is described in Zechariah 12:9-14. Jehovah God says, "... they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." The One they pierced, of course, is none other than Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, God manifest in the flesh (Isaiah 7:14), the mighty God (Isaiah 9:6-7).

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song according the gospel Paul preached by divine inspiration in the epistle to the Romans. Bono's song says nothing about sin or God's holy wrath against sin or Christ dying and shedding His blood as an atonement for sin or the resurrection or repentance and saving faith. Those who find the biblical gospel do not continue to say, "I haven't found what I'm looking for." They *have* found what they were looking for and far, far more in the glorious Person of Christ. They have passed from death unto life, from darkness unto light. They have abandoned the broad way for the narrow path of truth and righteousness. They are no longer of the world even as Christ is no longer of the world. By all accounts, Bono has done none of that and doesn't understand what it means. His gospel is a merging of the sensual with the spiritual, and that is Antichrist. As recently as 2008 *Fox News* reported that Bono and rocker friend Simon Carmody partied with teenage girls on a yacht in St. Tropez. The report, which was accompanied by a photo of Bono holding two bikini-clad teenagers on his lap at a bar, said, "Bono, Carmody and the girls partied into the night on the yacht." In 2006, Bono said: "I recently read in one of St. Paul's letters where it describes all of the fruits of the spirit, and I had none of them" ("Enough Rope with Andrew Denton," March 13, 2006). In a lengthy interview with the filthy magazine *Rolling Stone*, Bono said that he dislikes the label "born again Christian" and doesn't go to church. He said, "I'm a very, very bad advertisement for God" (*U2: The Rolling Stone Files*). His gospel is a social justice gospel which aims for salvation of society (with taxpayer money, not his own money), but there is no salvation for the eternal soul. (For more on this see "The Rock Group U2" at www.wayoflife.org.)

MARK DRISCOLL SAYS MANY CATHOLICS “LOVE JESUS”

Mark Driscoll, former pastor of the Mars Hill Church in Seattle who is back in full-time ministry, says many Roman Catholics “love Jesus.” On May 23, in a weekly forum called “Ask Pastor Mark,” Driscoll posed the following question submitted by a viewer: “I recently had a Catholic friend ask me whose interpretation of Scripture is right? Is it the Lutheran pastor, the Baptist pastor, the Presbyterian pastor, or the Catholic church?” Driscoll replied as follows: “It’s important when it comes to Catholicism to understand that they believe in one God three Persons, Father, Son, and Spirit, the Trinity. They believe in the virgin birth, the sinless life, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. So a lot of the things I would call the closed-hand big issues, we agree as Protestants with the Catholics. I am a Protestant; there are other issues I would disagree with my Catholic friends on, but I don’t have time in this brief video to get into it. ... There are some Catholics that know and love Jesus. I wasn’t one of them growing up. It wasn’t the church’s fault, it was mine. I just wasn’t interested. My mom was a born again, Jesus loving practicing Catholic. I just want to state that clearly, because sometimes people will want

to take Catholics and put them over into some category like they are a cult or another religion, which I don’t believe is the case.” This is an extremely misguided, dangerous reply to a very important question. Driscoll gave zero warning about Rome’s wretched heresies that clearly identify her as a false religion: a sacramental gospel, church tradition equal in authority to Scripture, the blasphemy of the mass, mariolatry, papal supremacy, the saints, purgatory, etc. It is impossible to believe what Rome teaches in the Second Vatican Council proclamations and the *New Catholic Catechism* and be saved. If anyone has gotten saved in the Catholic church, it was in spite of her teaching and not because of it, and God’s Word forbids His people to yoke together with false Christians and unbelievers, so it would be impossible to stay in the Catholic church and be in God’s will. “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:5). “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14).



Mark Driscoll

SHRIMP-GOBY SYMBIOSIS

The snapping shrimp and a fish called the goby have an amazing symbiotic relationship. “The snapping shrimp has very poor eyesight, while the goby has excellent eyesight. Both share the same burrow, which is dug by the shrimp and guarded by the goby. The shrimp uses the goby as a blind person uses a Seeing Eye dog. Whenever the shrimp is outside its burrow, it always keeps one antenna on the goby. The shrimp stays hidden inside the burrow if the goby should temporarily swim away. When danger approaches, the goby signals and disappears inside the burrow. The shrimp is right behind him. Neither the goby nor the shrimp can survive without each other, so pairs are established for life when both goby and shrimp are very young. In order for this system to work, both goby and shrimp reproductive systems, which differ greatly, are synchronized so that shrimp and goby youngsters are ready to pair at the same time. The goby relies on the safety of the complex tunnel system the shrimp digs. The shrimp is well designed for digging. Once a tunnel is started, the shrimp can dig a burrow large enough for both itself and the goby within a few hours. Each of its five pairs of legs is specialized. The first pair of claws is designed for carrying sediment out of the burrow. The second pair of legs is designed to probe for and clean objects as

well as scratching sediment from walls. Pairs three, four and five are walking legs that also work well for scratching material from tunnel walls. On its abdomen, the shrimp has several appendages that allow it to move rapidly to protection. Other appendages can create water currents that shift sand back from the digging site. The snapping shrimp, which is less than two inches long, can dig a system of tunnels covering several square feet within a few days. The burrow will have several entrances, as much as four feet apart. All lead to a chamber at the deepest point of the system” (“Seeing Eye Fish” and “Digging Is A Snap,” *Creation Moments*, June 23 and June 24, 2011; from Y. Yanagisawa, “Strange Seabed Fellows,” *Natural History*, August 1990, p. 46).



snapping shrimp and goby

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