



## The Report Of The Lord

There were two men in the Bible who pleased God because of what they believed, their names Joshua and Caleb. Moses sent out twelve men to spy out the land of Canaan. God had already promised to give this land to His people, all they needed to do was to go in and take possession of it. Ten of the spies came back with a bad report of the land, they said that the people were giants, the cities were fortified and there was no way they could overcome. Caleb and Joshua went on the same mission, they saw the same things as the ten, yet they chose to believe what God had said. They came back with the same report of giants and fortified cities but instead they said that God was on their side and they were well able to overcome. They believed the report of the Lord. Unfortunately for God's people they chose to believe the bad report and stayed forty years wandering in the wilderness. Imagine what would have happened if they had believed what God said and gone into take possession of the land.

Holding to the Word of the Lord is not always popular, some people, even Christians, don't always understand or agree. The people wanted to stone Caleb and Joshua to death for their stand for God's Word. As it happened do you know who the only two men out of that whole generation actually entered the promised land, you guessed it Joshua and Caleb.

In the New Testament there was a young girl who chose to believe the report of the Lord, her name was Mary. An angel of God came to tell her that she would conceive and bring forth a son, Jesus, the Son of God, Saviour of the World. Luke 1.45 says, "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those

things which were told her from the Lord". Those who hear the report of the Lord and believe it will always see a fulfillment. There has to be a fulfillment for His Word cannot fail.

How many people laughed at Noah while he was building the ark, yet He believed the report of the Lord and his family were saved.

God asks in Isaiah 53.1, "Who hath believed our report, and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed". Those who choose to believe the report of the Lord will see the arm of the Lord revealed in their lives and situations. The arm of the Lord is symbolic of His power, His might, His miraculous deeds, and His blessing toward His children. God goes to work on behalf of those who believe His report.

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Paul writes to the Philippian church (Phil 4.8) that we are to meditate on the things that are of good report, we are not to even consider a bad report. There are too many bad reports about, doctor's give them every day, telling people that there is no hope, to expect the worse. Other reports abound that put fear in the heart of man. The world system tells us that the economy is down, our own spirits give us bad reports that tell us we can't do something or we'll never amount to anything.

Whose report are we going to believe? - man's, the doctor's, the world's, the devil's or God's. Will we listen to what our circumstances, situations or feelings tell us or what God says.

God's Word cannot fail, so let me encourage you to believe the report of the Lord. As a family, we've had many opportunities this last year to listen to bad reports, but we have chosen to believe what God says and have seen his power at work in us to bring us into the fulfillment of that Word. **Word**



Milestone: 200 Containers, 20 million books

# MOUNTAINS & MILESTONES

2004 has been a great year as the Book Aid ministry grows. Mountains of second-hand books have been pouring into our depots in London and Ranskill for sorting ready for overseas. We sent seventeen containers of books in 2004 to Zimbabwe, South Africa, Uganda, Liberia, Zambia, Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Ghana (2), India (2),

Nigeria, Sierra Leone (2), Barbados and one which was sent on behalf of CWR for OM Ships. These brought the total number up to 200 and meant that on average we had sent one container every 31 days.

We also helped out *HIMS* of Sheffield with nine pallets of books, who were using them in their work in Sierra Leone.

There was one special day in July when we finally able to get a container loaded for Nigeria. You may remember that shipments to Nigeria had suspended at the end of 2002 as the authorities there were making it extremely difficult for us to clear customs.

We rejoiced when we finally shipped this container, a mountain of obstruction and difficulty moved! - the books had been packed and palletised ready to go for eight months.

We praise God for His intervention for the Spring Harvest Convention. For many years Book Aid had enjoyed the co-operation of haulage company TNT, for moving the mountain of books from the Butlin's sites at Minehead and Skegness. At the last minute we learned that they were unable to help us; but God intervened. We thank Him for the help that the Butlin's security staff gave us,

storing the books and helping us load the Book Aid van.

At the end of November we reached a milestone in the Book Aid ministry, the sending of the 200th container, this one was bound for Barbados. Book Aid have now shipped over 20 million books & Bibles to book famine areas.

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Rejoicing as container No.200 leaves Ranskill for Barbados

## Ministry Dates

07th January:  
Container Loading at Book Aid,  
**Ranskill, Notts**

09th January:  
5pm - Full Gospel Fellowship,  
**Wisbech, Cambs**

11th January:  
4pm - Prayer Meeting at Book Aid,  
**Ranskill, Notts**

12th January:  
2pm - Pentecostal Church, Empire  
Street, **Mansfield, Notts**

22nd January:  
International Gospel Outreach Ministers  
Fraternal, **Lincoln**

01st February:  
4pm - Prayer Meeting at Book Aid,  
**Ranskill, Notts**

25th-27th February:  
International Gospel Outreach Missions  
Conference, **Northallerton**

05th April:  
4pm - Prayer Meeting at Book Aid,  
**Ranskill, Notts**

21st April:  
2.30pm - Grove Street Methodist  
Church, **Retford**

# Reviews



## A DIARY OF REVIVAL (DVD)



- DVD
- 62 Minutes
- £ 14.99

Available from CWR  
[www.cwr.org.uk](http://www.cwr.org.uk)

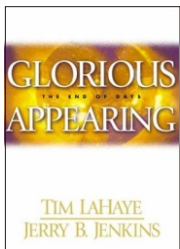
2004 was the centenary year of the Welsh Revival, and this Special Centenary Edition DVD examines the outbreak and the beginnings of the 1904 revival, through the eyes and thoughts of the 26 year old revivalist, Evan Roberts.

Ken Adams has done a great job researching the revival and using contemporary letters, interviews and photographs tells the story.

This is a must see DVD for those interested in revival and will leave you crying out 'Do it again Lord'.

Also available in video.  
Score : 8/10

## GLORIOUS APPEARING



- Hardback
- 398 pages
- £ 15.99

Published : 2004 by  
Tyndale

I've never been a fond lover of fiction, but I have been thoroughly gripped by the 'Left Behind' series of books. Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins have written an excellent series of books on what could happen once the church has been raptured. I found the key events in the books to be accurate according to Bible prophecy. Their use of Scripture throughout the series is excellent, and the gospel is clearly portrayed. No one can read these books without being touched, or realising that Jesus is Lord. 'Glorious Appearing' is the 12th and final book in the series and deals with the last events leading up to the coming of Jesus and the Millennial reign.

Also available in paperback.  
Score : 9/10

# 2005 - Year of INCREASE

The Lord spoke to me at the beginning of last year saying,

I WILL DO WHAT I SAY AND MORE IN 2004


God is a God whose nature is more - The Bible says He does exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think (Ephesians 3.20). Can you imagine God doing something for you that is more than you can ever think or dream. Well that's just what He does - and He's going to continue doing that throughout this year, as He has declared it to be the Year of Increase and Overflow.

Way back in the wilderness, Moses spoke to the people of God, "The Lord your God has **multiplied** you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord God of your fathers make you **a thousand times more** numerous than you are, and **bless** you as He has promised you" Deuteronomy 1.10-11 (emphasis ours)

Notice those words that carry the idea of increase - multiplied, thousand times more and bless. Our God is a God of increase. He deals in measures of multiplication, he multiplies love and grace to us, salvation and blessing, in fact everything He gives us is 'exceedingly abundantly above' because that is His nature.

As I was waiting on the Lord recently, He reminded me of a message that I studied and preached several years ago, so I dug it out and meditated on it.

In Isaiah 54.2-3 we read words of increase.

ENLARGE - STRETCH - LENGTHEN - STRENGTHEN and EXPAND. As we move into 2005, the year of increase lets walk in that increase. Let us ENLARGE our boundaries of faith, not just by a little bit but to STRETCHING point. God uses a stretch measure. Let us LENGTHEN our days by being obedient to Gods Word and keeping His commands. We can STRENGTHEN our walk with Him by staying close to Him and fellowshiping with Him. Then we will EXPAND or break forth in every area - bursting at the seams. This is the YEAR OF INCREASE and OVERFLOW. 

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# When The Wave Rolls In

**December 26<sup>th</sup> 2004 will be remembered for many years to come as the day the sea came crashing in on to the unsuspecting people of the Indonesian islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other regions of South Asia.**

The Asian Tsunami brought devastation to millions and cost the lives of hundreds of thousands of people from across the world. It all began at 0759 (0059 GMT) with an earthquake on the seabed of the Indian Ocean, which has already been dubbed the worst in 200 years, measuring over 9.2 on the Richter scale, causing the earth to shift on its axis, triggering a series of giant waves that fanned out across the Indian Ocean at tremendous speed wreaking havoc as they hit the shores. Within minutes lives were changed, homes and businesses gone, towns, cities and villages completely destroyed. People in those towns were grieved as their loved ones were washed out to sea or killed by moving debris in the surging torrents.

When anything like this happens it almost always brings a barrage of questions from people searching for answers. As I waited on the Lord in the immediate aftermath of this disaster, I was reminded that God was at work through it all. We serve a God who is abundant in mercy, and one whom the Bible tells us

*'is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance'*  
2 Peter 3.9 (NKJV)

God's one main desire is that people all over the world come to Him as Saviour, to repent of their sins and receive Him as the Lord of their lives. It is the reason He came at Christmas. He was born to die for the sins of the world. His sacrifice on the cross meant that His creation could once again be reconciled to the Creator.

I was also reminded that God brought His people out of Egypt in great power with signs and wonders. It says in the Old Testament,

*"Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him"*  
Deuteronomy 4. 34-35 (NKJV)

He brought them out with a mighty hand, with great signs, so that they might know that the Lord Himself is God. Not only did they know that He is God, but so did the rest of Egypt. God declared to all, every person in the land from Pharaoh to the humble slave that He was God.

We are living in the last days before the coming of the Lord Jesus to catch away His church. I firmly believe that God is going to bring His children out of the world with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm as He did for His people in Egypt. He sent those signs and wonders so that they would know that He was God and there was none other beside Him. He will show signs and wonders to the world that they

might know that He is God and there is still none other beside Him. There is only one way to God and that is through His Son Jesus Christ. Acts 4.10-12 tells us

*"Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (NKJV)

Salvation is not found in Mohammed, Buddha or through any other god or belief system. Jesus is the only way; Jesus Himself said,

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*  
John 14.6 (NKJV)

The Bible tells us that there will be certain signs that precede the coming of the Lord.

*"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."*  
Luke 21. 25-28 (NKJV)

When we see things taking place we are told that our redemption draws near, He's coming to get us, to bring us out. When you read through that list of signs and wonders, don't you recognize that some of these things are happening across the world today: distress, fear and perplexity. When God comes to town, He comes with great power, so that men may know that He is God and besides Him there is none other. He wants people to turn their hearts to Him.

When the Tsunami hit South Asia it destroyed everything in its path. When the wave of God's power and glory rolls in it will destroy everything that is of the flesh, so that man's trust is not in his possessions, his security or even his life but in the One True Living God besides Him there is none other. **Word**