

BACK TO JERUSALEM-GOD'S PLAN

During the last few days of our China trip in November 2004 and the first week at home, I was thinking over what we had learned in China; namely, that the Chinese Christian “house church” network is sending a minimum of 100,000 workers to take the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus westward back to Jerusalem along the Silk Road of Asia. (The gospel of the Kingdom is the demonstration of the power of Jesus over that of the devil.) The Chinese Christians have a vision that they have been given the privilege of winning the Muslim states west of China to Christ, and they are learning Turkish and Arabic in order to carry out this task.

As I meditated on this vision, wondering why we were spending so much time and effort in Burma rather than along the Silk Road, the Lord revealed to me that we were laboring along the South Asian Road, and that there were **four** great roads to bring the gospel of the Kingdom back to Jerusalem. Those four are the Silk Road, the South Asian Road, the African Road, and the European Road. The destination for all these roads is Jerusalem. When I asked why the gospel of the Kingdom is being brought back to Jerusalem along these roads, the Lord replied that it had started in Jerusalem, and He was bringing it back to its origin after completely encircling the earth. He added that then conditions would be right for Jesus to return.

THE FOUR ROADS

The accompanying map shows the four roads going back to Jerusalem. The yellow dots show the main cities of the **Silk Road** as far westward as Jerusalem. They are joined by purple lines. The final line is that from Antioch in Syria southwards toward Jerusalem. The black line shows the **South Asian Road**. It begins in Australia, passes through Indonesia, up into Malaysia, Thailand, across into Burma, north India, Pakistan, south Afghanistan, south Iran, south Iraq, Jordan, and finally, Jerusalem. The blue lines of the **African Road** show how the gospel has progressed from the south to the north, currently invading Chad, where the blue arrows meet. The arrow coming from the west represents West Africa and Northwest Africa. Notice how the final push will be through Egypt and Sinai, and northwards to Jerusalem. The pink line is the **European Road**. It begins in Britain and travels generally southeastward, crossing into Asia at Istanbul, Turkey. It traverses Turkey, turns southward into Syria, passes through Damascus and ends at Jerusalem.

Friends, by looking at the progress of the gospel along these four roads, we can assess the nearness of the return of the Lord Jesus. We can safely say that although His return is near, it is not immediate. Although there is a great acceleration of events in the world, we still have time to focus on pursuing our calling and on bringing the ethnic groups into the Kingdom of God before His return.

You might be asking, “What about the nations of the Western Hemisphere?” When I asked the Lord about this, He replied that the nations of Latin America have a special relationship with the nations of southern Europe, and that this would be their field to work. Canada and the U.S. were originally populated by immigrants from northern Europe, and this would be their field to labor in.

Since Europe is largely under a post-Christian culture, the New World has a real challenge to win back the Old World. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into all these fields.

