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Trip to the Holy Land with Oral Roberts and Other Testimonies

Oral Roberts

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TESTIMONY IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

VOICE: Now I say God is working to do this thing. He wants to take the gospel to everybody. When Bro. Armstrong and the other brethren here, Bro. Brown and others, were telling me about the work here in Australia, and how they're on the radio and the literature is going out and the tapes and these things, it just thrilled my soul. Bro. Armstrong here told me, he said, "This is something we couldn't do any other way. We couldn't do it by hand. It would take us forever to do it, to go on and to do this work. But by the radio and by the tapes and these other things, it's going out." And do you know now Bro. Roberts is on three television stations in Japan? And by these three television stations, we're covering the whole of Japan. And I was up there last Sunday, and Bro. Roberts comes on at 8:15 and talks in Japanese. Oh, it's wonderful. Now we've got the tapes in Mexico. We're covering Mexico, and Bro. Roberts is preaching in Spanish. And we're on 150 television stations in the United States, and 350 radio stations. I was up in...

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TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND WITH ORAL ROBERTS

MS: Welcome to the Holy Land with Brother Oral Roberts by Dr. Myron Sackett. One of the outstanding and rare privileges of my ministry was accompanying Brother Oral Roberts as traveling companion and guide on his trip to the Holy Land to visit the holy places...

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MS: And this was done for the inspiration and blessing of Brother Roberts' ministry. I am sure you will notice as you listen to this report that Evangelist Oral Roberts had just one thing in mind as we moved from place to place throughout the Holy Land. That is, Jesus of Nazareth and His miracle working power to bless and heal the people. Brother Roberts asked me to arrange his trip and itinerary to and through the Holy Land, which I was very happy to do. On December 5, Brother Roberts and I took to the air in an Air France Super Constellation.
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MS: ...Idlewild Airport in New York City, spanning what always seemed to me as the howling wilderness of the Atlantic Ocean. With our first touchdown at the airport in Paris, France. Having a few hours between planes in Paris, we visited a few of the world famous spots, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Arch de Triumph, and the House of Parliament. Then we boarded an Air India plane for Egypt, landing in Cairo, where we changed to an Air Jordan plane flying to the old city of Jerusalem over the route of the Children of Israel when they marched to the Promised Land under the leadership of Moses and Joshua, spending 40 years in route. We made it in two hours and 20 minutes. Upon landing in Jerusalem, we made our way to the American Colony hotel, and after getting settled and having our lunch, we went right to work on the purpose for which we had come. For Brother Roberts is a man of action, few words, and no lost motion. First, we went to Bethlehem where Jesus was born, visiting Rachel's tomb, the field of the shepherds, and other points of interest on the way. When we returned from Bethlehem, we visited the Garden of Gethsemane, and Brother Roberts asked and received permission to return after dark and pray. We spent about an hour praying in the Garden of Gethsemane that night, and prayed under the olive trees that Jesus prayed under 2,000 years ago. The
next day we spend in the old walled city. Mr. _, who is a Muslim, acted as our able guide. He said he had never had anyone like Brother Roberts in the last 31 years during which he had guided 70,000 people through the Holy Land. Upon requiring further of him just what he meant, he said that Brother Roberts was the first one so greatly interested in the ministry and miracles of Jesus that he enacted them on the spot, such as the miracle of Peter and John at the Gate Beautiful where they healed the lame man. When Brother Roberts asked our guide, whom we nicknamed Mack, to take us to the Gate Beautiful, he said, "Nobody ever goes there. They just look at it from a distance." But Brother Roberts said, "We're going." And so we did. He had Mack sit down at the Gate Beautiful, and taking him by the hand, he quoted the scripture saying, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Acts 3:6. He took him by the hand and raised him up. There was a peculiar look which came over Mack's face, and he explained to us that he had never experienced anything like this before. As perhaps you know, the Muslims do not believe in Jesus as the Savior. They believe He is a prophet as other prophets and not the Son of God. But after Brother Roberts prayed for him in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, he said he felt something he had never felt before, and there must be something to the miracles of Jesus. He said he did not want to leave us, and asked Brother Roberts to bring him, his wife and eight children back to the United States with him. We then visited the Place of the Skull called Golgotha, walking from Pilate's Judgment Hall to the top of Golgotha, following as nearly as possible the same route which Jesus took when He carried the cross for us. After prayer on top of Golgotha, where we could look down and see the open tomb where Jesus was buried, we then visited what is known as Gordon's Garden Tomb, spending three hours in and around the
tomb. Our guide was not permitted to take us through the Garden Tomb, as they have their own guides there. So Mack had to wait at the gate where we went in. But in that we stayed in the tomb so long, Mack came to see what had happened to us. We were praying. Brother Roberts lay in the tomb, right in the same spot where Jesus was lain. First on his back, and then on his face. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he prayed for a double portion of God's power for his ministry to help the people of his generation. Also, there in the tomb he prayed individually for each one of his 60 staff members whose names he had written on a slip of paper, and beseeched God's blessing upon everyone whom his ministry would touch through literature, tent revivals, radio, and television. Mr. S. J. Matter, the warden of the garden tomb who was guiding us through, had broken his leg a week before we came. He was hobbling around on two canes with his leg in a cast and was in great pain. When Brother Roberts came out of the tomb, he prayed for Mr. Matter. That evening while Brother Roberts and I were eating dinner at the hotel, we received a telephone call from Mr. Matter asking us to come to his home. He said that he had something very encouraging to tell us. Brother Roberts was not able to go, so I went to see what the encouraging news was. He told me that his leg was healed, the pain was all gone, and he had called the doctor to come and remove the cast. He asked me what Brother Roberts said in his prayer, and wanted to know word for word as he desired to know if he had prayed for the muscles, for the bones, and for the nerves as they had all quit hurting. I told him I could not tell him word for word what Brother Roberts had prayed, but praised the Lord with him that he was healed. And the testimony of this miracle spread throughout the city. As we left Trans-Jordan, or what is commonly known in the Holy Land as the Arab side, we came to No-Man's Land and the Mannabaum Gate. A sight to behold greeted us
There. The word about the miracle the day before when Mr. Matter, the warden
of the empty tomb, was healed of a broken leg when Brother Roberts prayed for
him, had spread like wildfire throughout the city. People came to the hotel
to be healed, and begged Brother Roberts to pray for them. One man said to
Brother Roberts, "Do you heal by the authority of the Lord Jesus?" Brother
Roberts answered, "I certainly do." Then this Arab man walked up close to him
and said, "Please put your hands on me and pray." Brother Roberts did and the
man was healed. We were compelled to leave, for time was slipping by and our
exit visas were stamped for us to cross the border and No-Man's Land over into
the new state of Israel. But the dear sick and suffering people following us
all the way to the border and No-Man's Land begging for Brother Roberts'
deliverance prayer, with soldiers of the Trans-Jordan army all around at the
border, Brother Roberts laid his hands on sick people and God performed
miracles. Mr. A. Y. Audish, the general manager of a travel bureau in
Jerusalem, had a severe pain in his side with which he had suffered for over a
year. He requested prayer and was healed. He was extremely stirred and told
Brother Roberts that someone in Wheaton, Illinois, has been sending him
America's healing magazine for one year. He sent his servant to bring a copy
to prove it. Mr. Audish said that although he had arranged our tour through
the Trans-Jordan side of the Holy Land, he did not connect the names Roberts
and Sackett on his list with the Brother Oral Roberts in the healing magazine
until he heard about the miracle of Mr. Matter's leg being healed at Jesus'
open tomb. Then he rushed out to find Brother Roberts, as he realized this is
the man I have been reading about in the healing magazine. He caught up with
us just as we came to the border to No-Man's Land, just before we crossed
over. When Brother Roberts prayed for him, he said to Brother Roberts, if you
will stay a few days longer, I will have thousands of sick people together for
you to pray for. Brother Roberts, with mixed emotions and tears in his eyes, promised those people that he will return, God willing, and in God's time. Then we crossed over No-Man's Land into Israel. The military and customs men were extremely friendly with us. They had heard of the miracle at the open tomb, and one of the men who checked our passports asked Brother Roberts to pray for him, and there was a big stir there. Among the people who gathered around with wide eyes and with many questions were two Roman Catholic priests. Israel is commonly known in the Holy Land as the Jewish side. We were now in the new part of the city of Jerusalem. After registering in the King David hotel, reading our mail, having our lunch, we engaged a guide with a car and immediately went to work visiting the holy places on the Israel side of No-Man's Land. We started with the Upper Room, where 120 people were gathered including Jesus' disciples and His mother Mary, waiting for the promise, power on that notable day, the Day of Pentecost. Our guide was Mr. Robert C________, a Jewish man. When we asked him to take us to the Upper Room, he looked at us with a queer expression on his face. We thought that perhaps he did not know where it was. But upon inquiring of him, he said, "Oh, yes, I know where it is. But no one ever asks to go there." He further stated, "I have been here as a guide in the Holy Land for over 20 years, and you are the first ones to ask me to go to this room." We learned that he was telling the truth, as they had to remove barbed wire to let us in. We asked these men to leave, as we wanted to be alone to pray in the Upper Room. As they left, they assured us, "You will not be disturbed, for no one ever comes up here." We spent about an hour in the Upper Room praying and waiting upon the Lord. We started to leave two or three times, and it seemed we were drawn back. We could hardly leave. Finally, Brother Roberts said to me, "Dr. Sackett, I feel like the disciples must have felt on the Day of Pentecost. I
feel," he said, "that I must go out into the streets of Jerusalem and tell someone about Jesus."

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MS: We then visited ________, in the hill country outside of Jerusalem where Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth before Jesus was born. The next morning early, we left for the Galilee country by car, a 125 miles away, stopping at important biblical spots along the way for Brother Roberts to record his on-the-spot impressions. He had taken with him a portable battery and spring-driven tape recorder. We passed through the country where Samson slew the Philistines and also the territory known today as the Israel Valley, very fertile with fruit and agriculture, but where it is claimed more battles have been fought and more blood spilled than any other spot in the world. This is where the Egyptians and Roman armies met. I could not keep the tears back when I saw the expression on Brother Roberts' face as we came to the brow of the hill in lower Galilee where we could look down over the golden harp Sea of Galilee where so much history has been made through the supernatural ministry of our Lord. We visited the Synagogue in Capernium where Jesus preached, and the spot where He fed the 5,000. We viewed Gadarene, where He cast out the legion of demons, and went to the spot where He prepared breakfast for the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. That evening, Brother Kao Savanto, who is a gospel minister in Israel, invited us to his home on the shore of Galilee, where his family and nurse from the hospital and some neighbors were gathered together. Brother Roberts preached to them and prayed with a very heavy anointing for each one present individually, including myself. I would like to testify right here that God healed me that night of a severe pain I had suffered with for several weeks in my foot. There were many tears shed and great consecrations were made there that
evening. The news of the meeting spread very fast throughout the Galilean region. Rev. Savanto took Brother Roberts and me out on the Sea of Galilee in his little motor boat early the next morning, near to the spot where Jesus walked on the water. When we returned, there were people waiting on the shore for Brother Roberts to pray for them, for they had heard about the meeting the night before. Then we journeyed on to Nazareth, where Brother Roberts recorded his impressions in the home where Jesus lived as a boy, the carpenter shop where Jesus worked as a young man, and in the synagogue where Jesus read that famous text in St. Luke 4:18,19 2,000 years ago. In Nazareth, we visited the Edinbrough Medical Mission Hospital, where they have a fine Christian medical doctor and surgeon in charge, namely Dr. W. Bathgate. Dr. Bathgate called his hospital staff of doctors and nurses together, most of whom are Christians, and Brother Roberts prayed for them individually. Some marvelous things happened. Consecrations were made. One of the nurses, a Muslim girl, took her open stand for Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in the presence of other Muslims, something which is very rare. After preaching to and praying for the staff, Dr. Bathgate took Brother Roberts from ward to ward as he prayed and laid hands on each one of the patients individually. Dr. Bathgate said that he felt that through miracles of healing, a revival will come to the Holy Land. From Nazareth we went to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah prayed fire down from heaven. Brother Roberts again recorded his impressions, and prayed for God to send some of that power on us again today for a world-wide revival. Then on Mt. Carmel we met Miss Lillian Reshner and Miss Else Churchner, who are distributing Hebrew Bibles and literature. They were very much encouraged by our call, and Brother Roberts prayed for them individually to receive power to do the work that God had called them to do. Now having finished our mission to the holy places, we started for the L_____ Airport by the way of
Tel Aviv, where we stopped for a few hours. As we traveled along, Brother Roberts explained to our Jewish guide, Mr. G________, the proofs in the Bible that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the Son of God, the Savior, and the Messiah. He was intensely interested and asked many questions. We presented him with a Hebrew Bible, both Old and New Testaments. He said he wanted to read all about the miracles of Jesus so he could tell about them to the tourists that he takes through. Mr. G________, our Jewish guide on the Israel side of No-Man's Land, told us practically the same thing that Mr. Kamesh, our Muslim guide on the Arab side of No-Man's Land, told us regarding our being interested in the miracles of Jesus and praying for and helping the people. He said that after he had been with us the first day, he would go home and lie awake at night thinking about what we said and did. When we arrived at the L______ airport hotel, there was a young lady, Ms. Rena Parrish, a nurse in a children's hospital in Jerusalem, seeking Brother Roberts' prayer for the healing of her ears. She said she missed us in Jerusalem. Then she went to Mt. Carmel and missed us there. Also, she just missed us when she went to Galilee. But finally, she caught up with us at the airport just before we left. She said that if she had missed us at the airport, she was contemplating saving her money and flying to the United States to be in one of Brother Roberts' meeting to be prayed for. When Brother Roberts prayed for her, God touched her. Her face lit up, and she was a changed girl. We boarded the plane, and as we took to the air leaving Israel, that little Jewish girl was waving good-bye to us with tears of joy streaming down her face. The ministry of Brother Roberts in the Holy Land reminded me of the record in the Bible of the ministry of Jesus as He traveled through the Holy Land preaching, teaching, and delivering the people. Although we were now on our way home on the Italian Airlines, LAI, on the

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first lap of our homeward journey from the L______ Airport in Tel Aviv to Rome, Italy, it would seem the work of an anointed man of God is never done. On the plane, we met a man, his wife and daughter who had heard of the ministry of Oral Roberts. The lady had severe trouble with the nerves and muscles in her face, having no feeling in the lower part of her face. She asked Brother Roberts to pray for her, which he did at the airport in Rome. I thank the Lord for the privilege of making this trip to the Holy Land with Brother Oral Roberts. At all times he displayed a humble and friendly spirit, with a deep consecration, sincere desire for God's miracle-working power, and a love for Jesus of Nazareth such as is found in few people. To me, Oral Roberts is tops. May God richly bless you, your truly, Dr. Myron Sackett.

TESTIMONY

VOICE: Our Brother Carpenter.

BC: I have been very thrilled to hear this wonderful report of Brother Oral Roberts and Dr. Sackett's trip through the Holy Land. It's been my keen desire all of my life to go and walk where Jesus walked, and to pray where Jesus prayed. And tonight I have heard the desire fulfilled in Dr. Oral Roberts' life and Dr. Sackett's life to be there. And especially to know that they prayed in the tomb where Jesus laid. I think of all the places I would rather have been would have been in the tomb where Jesus was raised from the dead. And I am thrilled tonight to have heard this report, and to know that these wonderful men of God have had their dreams realized, and now they come back and bring forth a report to the world of seeing the places—the Garden of Gethsemane and the tomb and the Upper Room—where 2,000 years ago so many
wonderful things happened. And tonight here in my home on Christmas night, we are praising God for the reality of sins forgiven and of knowing Christ as our own personal Savior. The greatest joy in all the world is to know Him whom to know aright is life eternal. May God bless you, Brother Sackett and Brother Roberts, in your wonderful work for him.

MS: Now we're gonna hear from Sister Carpenter. Sister Carpenter.

SC: It was a very wonderful report. I know you must have had a wonderful, wonderful time walking there where Jesus walked in a place where the gospel is needed so much. I can remember here in Los Angeles not too long ago how Brother Roberts' ministry meant so much to us. And if it meant so much to us here in America where we have the gospel all the time, how much more it must have meant over there where they receive so little of it. I want to praise the Lord tonight for how much He's done for me. Through Brother Roberts' ministry, Christ meant a great deal more. The Lord bless you.

MC: Thank you, Sister Carpenter. That was very fine. We're also very happy to have Sister A. A. Carpenter here, who is Brother Charles Carpenter's mother. I have known Sister Carpenter for a good many years. She's an evangelist, been preaching the gospel and opening churches and working for the Lord. And we're so glad that she can be here with us. And Sister Carpenter, I'd like for you to give us a report on this recording that you have listened to tonight. Sister Carpenter.

AAC: Well, I don't know when I've ever been so thrilled as I have hearing this report of Dr. Sackett and the trip of Dr. Sackett and Brother Roberts to the Holy Land. I'm just thrilled beyond explanation. I couldn't tell you how marvelous it's been. And I'm praying, Brother Sackett, that very, very soon your dreams, Brother Roberts' dreams and longing to carry the message of Jesus Christ and Jesus the great divine healer back to those countries. Our hearts
are thrilled that you're going back very soon and tell about our wonderful Christ, our wonderful Savior, our marvelous, great, divine healer. Oh, that the world might know Him. I've known Him for a good many, many years, and He means everything in the world to me. And my great thrill has been throughout the years to tell of the great love of the Christ to people who didn't know Him. God bless you richly, Brother Sackett, as you return to Europe and carry this great message. We're praying that very soon all the necessary finances will come in that you may soon leave. God bless you.

MS: Thank you, Sister A. A. Carpenter. That's very encouraging. And I'm glad to know that you are praying for our work. And I know that God will give us a great revival when we preach the gospel and heal the sick as Jesus said.

REST OF TAPE IS IN GERMAN