

Christian Democratic Party Christian Worldview Forum  
Jubilee Room – NSW Parliament House

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Hosted by Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC

*“Israel – Where Heaven Meets Earth”*

By Judy Russell

*“For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14).*

Her cousin Mordecai spoke these above powerful and prophetic words to Queen Esther thousands of years ago, but they are as relevant today for God’s people (both Jew and Gentile) as if they were written specifically for 2009. God expects we Gentiles who have been grafted in to the Jewish Root, to pray and act to give relief and deliverance to His people (Read Isaiah 40:1). If we do not respond to this precious privilege, God will use someone else. What a tragedy for us should we reject the Lord’s invitation to stand with His chosen people!

Our own “Queen Esther” - also known as Grace Du Prie, delivered a powerful and moving presentation, skilfully taking us back to that royal palace in Susa where the dramatic events of a potential Jewish holocaust took place. Grace, via Esther’s eyes, led us through the events culminating in the evil anti Semitic Prime Minister, Haman, being executed on the gallows he had prepared for the Jewish people living in the land where they had been living in exile in those days.

Our special Guest Speakers, Pastor Greg and Mrs Judy Willis, then led the audience of 95 persons through an outstanding Bible-based, power-point study on Almighty God’s everlasting covenants and love for His people and His land – Israel, taking us into both the Old and New Testaments. We saw again God’s many miraculous interventions saving Israel time and time again from both individuals and nations who would harm his people. We were reminded of scores of battles, both ancient and modern, where God’s hand of protection saved, and will continue to save His people. We were reminded of the sin of replacement theology – the erroneous theology that because the Jews rejected Jesus, the Church has become the new Israel.

The challenge was put that we have a choice – to stand with Israel or stand against her. Should we choose the latter course, either personally or as a nation, we will be in dire peril, as we will encounter the wrath of Almighty God, the One who leaves us in no doubt as to His end time plans and purposes concerning Israel and the nations, culminating in the return to Jerusalem of our lovely Jewish Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We know that this second time Jesus will return as the Lion of Judah.

Prior to the above presentations Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC had welcomed all of those attending, giving a special welcome to three Jewish guests, all of whom afterwards expressed how deeply they had been moved by the love extended to them in our Christian gathering and the content of the function.

Pastor Peter Rahme, who led the Forum, also gave an excellent rendition of Psalm 122:6-9 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee" for which he had written the music.

Judy Russell presented to Greg and Judy Willis and to Grace Du Prie a beautifully illustrated publication outlining the history of the NSW Parliament, "*Australia's First Parliament*". When presenting "Queen Esther" with her copy, Judy advised that "Her Majesty" had been written up in the previous day's Sydney Morning Herald. Whilst we all enjoyed and smiled at the humorous side of the situation whereby the paper had questioned who the Royal Personage might be and citing the possibility of a Royal Windsor or perhaps Princess Mary, we also rejoiced in the fact that the Lord had used this article for very pleasing publicity for the Christian Democratic Party and the reason for the meeting – celebrating the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the State of Israel.

Grace Du Prie, as Queen Esther, cut a splendid cake, which had been prepared especially for the occasion, topped in blue and white icing with the Flag of Israel and the words

***1948 – 2009 Israel's 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration.***

All present enjoyed a slice of this cake with tea and coffee and enjoyed conversation with each other and with our guests. Applause of appreciation was extended to Rev Hon Fred Nile who continues to host these pro Israel forums. All present were reminded of the promise given to Abram by the Lord "*I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you*". Genesis 12:3. We intend to bless Israel as we wish our nation to be blessed.



Photo: (LtoR) Judy Russell, Grace Du Prie (Queen Esther), Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, Judy Willis, Pastor Greg Willis, Pastor Peter Rahme in the Jubilee Room.