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Interview with Stan Johnson

Stan Johnson, CEO of Prophetic Oil Inc., talks with the Opportunist's *Managing Editor Leslie Stone about his quest to explore for oil in Israel and why he believes it is his divine calling.*

Stan Johnson grew up in the middle of the West Texas oil boom, where practically everybody he knew worked in the "oil bidness" and the townspeople proudly displayed bumper stickers that read: "Oil feeds my family and pays my taxes," but he never wanted anything to do with it. As a child, the pump jack across the street lulled him to sleep each night—and he remembers seeing hundreds of rigs, drilling for oil, lighting up the mesquite prairie as far his eyes could see. "You could be a roughneck and make pretty good money, but people got hurt working on rigs," he explains. "I lost one of my high school friends to [the poisonous gas] H2S."

Johnson chose sales instead—selling heat and smoke detectors door to door, which earned him the distinction of five-time national sales champion. "I was No. 1 in the nation five times and No. 2 in the nation my first year in the business," he says. Then one day a customer challenged him: "I'll listen to your presentation if you'll listen to mine." "I thought *that's fine, bub, you don't know a selling machine just stepped through your door and you're probably going to buy.* [Laughs] He didn't buy but afterwards he talked about Jesus and Bible prophecy and gave me a tape by Pastor Jack Hyles of First Baptist Church in Hammond, Ind., titled 'The Buzzards are Coming,' about the battle of Armageddon. I was raised in the church, but I thought *Wow, you mean the Bible foretells the future?* I was hooked."

Consumed with finding what the Bible had to say about the future, Johnson started writing about what he learned and, as his spirituality and faith grew, he found himself holding Bible prophecy studies and ministering to others. He was eventually introduced to pastors Dumitru Duduman, who believes he was shown that America is the Mystery Babylon of Revelation 18, Jeremiah 50- 51, and Isaiah 13, 21 and 47, and Henry Gruver, who claims to have received a vision of the Russians bombing America.

Meanwhile, in 1984, Johnson started selling and teaching courses in public speaking, sales and management training. In 1993, a radio station asked him to produce a program on Bible prophecy in Topeka, Kansas. "I was already teaching at the church so it was a small step to do this on-air," he explains. "The radio program kept growing and growing, and by 2000 the Prophecy Club was on 80 radio stations and 25 TV stations. It was the No. 2 prophecy ministry in America. I never wanted to be in the ministry, though. I wanted to be a businessman and make a million dollars by the time I was 30 [Laughs], but God had other plans."

Opportunist: Why did you join the vision to find oil in Israel?

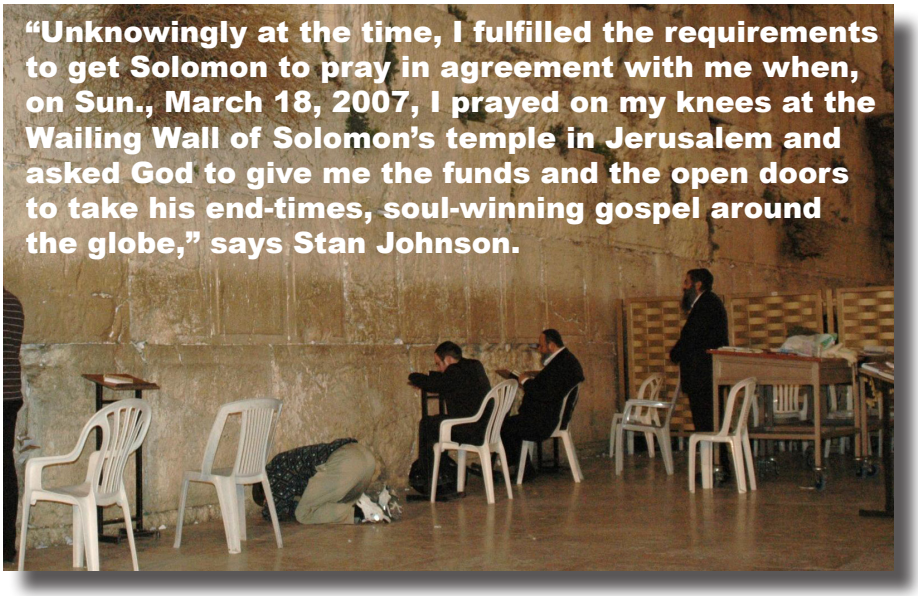
Johnson: In 1998, I invited Hayseed Stephens, a pastor out of Willow Park, Texas, to speak on our 10-city tour. He had found 17 Bible verses (Deuteronomy 33:24) indicating massive amounts of oil would be discovered in Israel in the last days. That speaking tour blew life and finances into his vision to find oil in Israel.

Looking back, God had been preparing me for my journey in oil because my wife, Leslie Johnson, was given a dream on Oct. 26, 2001, in which she was shown on the map where the river of oil flows underneath Israel. At the time we didn't know why this was revealed to us and not Hayseed; he was the man in the oil business, not us.

Then we were given motivation when, on Dec. 16, 2002, as I was praying and drifting off to sleep, I heard the audible voice of God say: 'I'm giving you part of the harvest of the seeds sown by [the Rev.] Billy Graham.' In my dream, a two-edged sword appeared in my hands, representing The Word of God, and a 2-foot by 2-foot piece of paper appeared. I swung and cut off about one-third of the paper, while thinking, *God is going to give me about one-third the number of souls he gave Billy Graham.* This confirmed a prophecy I received on Dec. 7, 1987, that said: 'You are a soul-winner, a fisher of men and you will save thousands upon thousands.' I started praying and asking God how He was going to give me money to win so many souls. On May 6, 2003, I got my answer.

Opportunist: What was it?

Johnson: Just as in Job 33:15: 'In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; and verse 16:'Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,' I was given a dream wherein I was standing on a 55-gallon oil drum with a one-gallon paint bucket with a gas nozzle coming out the top of it—like those you see at gas stations—and speaking to a group of people on Bible prophecy. I kept kicking the paint bucket around as I spoke because it was in my way. Finally, I stopped and asked if anybody could help drill a hole into the drum so I could attach the spigot and get the oil out and continue speaking. When I awoke I realized



God had answered my question. *The financial foundation I will stand on, which allows me to take Bible prophecy to the world and to tell America she is the Mystery Babylon is oil!* Oil will finance the gospel reaching the world. God had already told my wife, Leslie, that one day The Prophecy Club will be the No. 1 prophecy ministry in the world; now we knew the foundation to make it happen would be oil. I was excited and took my dream to mean that Hayseed would find oil and give us the money to spread the gospel, so I called his wife and made an appointment to see him upon his return from Israel. He was doing well gathering funding, but I never had the chance to see him because he dropped dead on May 15, 2003. His son took over and, unfortunately, things didn't go as planned.

Opportunist: How so?

Johnson: On the evening of Hayseed's funeral, I had another prophetic dream wherein I was driving around a desert in an SUV with Hayseed's son in the passenger seat, looking for another place to drill another oil well. In my lap was a huge steak. In my right hand were the steering wheel and a knife, and in my left hand a fork. As we drove, I would cut off a piece of steak from time to time and eat it. My interpretation is: I brought the finances and was in the decision making position. Sitting in the back seat was an intercessor for our church with her hands on our backs intently praying.

I still didn't get it. I did not see God was suggesting that I would be involved with oil in Israel! As a small investor in the vision, I was frustrated with the lack of progress under the new leadership and considered selling my stock and washing my hands of it. I put God to the test. I had never been on a drilling rig in my life, so I prayed: 'God, if you want me to stay involved, show me what it's like to be at an oil well when it comes in.' Sure enough, that night I dreamed I was standing on a drilling rig floor looking at a tree of pipes when somebody shouted: 'Thar she blows,' like in the movie 'Moby Dick,' and I felt the ground shake. Under tremendous pressure air began screaming out of the top of the pipe, then pressure dropped to nothing, the ground shook and a fountain of oil the color of brown sugar shot up. I took this to mean God wanted me to stay involved with the vision, but I still didn't see what was coming.

Opportunist: How did you become involved with Prophetic Oil?

Johnson: The other company had ground to a near halt, and on Nov. 27, 2007, Hayseed's former attorney called and asked if I would be willing to start a new company to continue the vision to find oil in Israel. I told him 'thanks, but no thanks,' that I grew up in the oil business and wanted nothing to do with it. I promised to pray about it but insisted it was unlikely I'd change my mind.

Opportunist: So what changed your mind?

Johnson: In an effort to get *out* of this invitation I prayed, 'Lord, You know I don't have an extra $5,000 lying around to give that attorney to start some new oil company. If you want me to do this, you have to send the money, in Jesus Name.' I thought, there you go; I got out of that pretty easy and scarcely gave it a thought until a woman called the Prophecy Club the next day, asking me to return her call about oil in Israel. I thought, *great, why are these people calling me?* and about that time somebody said, 'She's been a $50 a month supporter of the ministry for over 10 years; you ought to call her back.' Of course I was going to call her anyway, but that erased all doubt. When I spoke with her she said, 'Two days ago God woke me in the middle of the night and told me to give you $30,000 to continue the vision to find oil in Israel!' She couldn't have known of my prayer the night before. Impossible! No way! I had to take this as an answer to my prayer, an arrangement by God to continue the vision to find oil in Israel. And so, on Jan. 1, 2007 we started Prophetic Oil, Inc.

Opportunist: That might convince some people, but what else did you have to go on?

Johnson: Hayseed was a pastor, whereas I am a Bible prophecy teacher and soul-winner. So, I dedicated myself to my own Bible study

and found over 30 scriptures confirming in the last days massive amounts of oil will be discovered in Israel. I believe it will build up Israel's military because the Bible says Israel will be victorious and get back its land from the Euphrates to the Nile—probably including all of Saudi Arabia. I discovered the Bible—in Genesis 49:25; Deuteronomy 33:13; Isaiah 45:3—says the oil will be yellow, deep and double the amount given to the Arabs.

Opportunist: If there is so much oil in Israel why hasn't it been found?

Johnson: Since 1953 over 500 holes have been drilled in Israel, To date, only seven are producing crude oil—a dismal failure—and the simple reason is either drilling was done in the wrong place or not deep enough. I believe Psalm 81: 13-16 holds the answer: 'Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways … I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries … and should have fed them … with honey out of the rock.'

Opportunist: Why do you believe you were chosen?

Johnson: Let me say right up front, I am nothing special … just another vine dresser in the vineyard. This is about increasing the number of souls in the Kingdom of God and giving Israel her greatest financial blessing as Genesis 27:28; Jeremiah 33:7, 9 and 14; Deuteronomy 32:13, prophesied to Jacob, Moses and the house of Israel and Judah.

In the book of 1 Kings 8:41-43, it says, 'Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; 42 … when he shall come and pray toward this house … 43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee….' Unknowingly at the time, I fulfilled the requirements to get Solomon to pray in agreement with me when, on Sun., March 18, 2007, I prayed on my knees at the Wailing Wall of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem and asked God to give me the funds and the open doors to take his end-times, soul-winning gospel around the globe. I believe my prayer fulfilled the requirements of 1 Kings 8:41's stranger not from Israel because I came from a faraway country for his name's sake to pray at the Western Wall, asking to take his name around the globe. Solomon's prayer was asking God to give me what I need to accomplish my request: money and open doors! Eight months later, I was asked to start Prophetic Oil.

Opportunist: Will you relocate to Israel?

Johnson: No. We will hire people to supervise it. A man has already called me, and we both believe it is a divine connection. He will serve as the middleman and supervise the oil operation. I am just a vehicle through which the mission will be put into place. My objective is to win thousands upon thousands of souls like God has promised me on probably four occasions. This will be a soul-well to fund soul winning.

What I would like to do is purchase three rigs capable of drilling down to 40,000 feet and move them into three different locations based upon the dreams and the scriptures, and be prepared to drill to 40,000 feet for each rig.

Opportunist: Do you worry that you may not find oil in Israel?

Johnson: No. I didn't call the attorney and ask him to start me an oil company. I didn't decide to do this for me. God called me to do this for Him.

Legally, I can't guarantee I will be the first to find oil, or that I will find it at all, but it seems likely given the dreams. We look at it like this: If God does not want oil to be found there is no way it will be found, but since God has told us He will give us the $50M necessary to drill for oil in Israel, we figure He will see it through. After all, it is His project, His money, His well, His souls for His glory!

Opportunist: Do you ever encounter naysayers?

Johnson: The response has generally been good—especially among people who believe in the scriptures. The typical secular person probably thinks I have a hole in my head, [Laughs] and will ask, 'Hey, have you done seismic studies, do you have your rig arranged, is your plot of land reserved?' The person who invests by faith does it a little differently.

Opportunist: What about the Israelis? What do they make of this?

Johnson: When Hayseed Stephens went over there the Israelis told him they thought it was wonderful and asked him where he would like to drill. They welcome people to come and bring their rigs and their expertise and help them find oil.

Opportunist: Where can people find out more about Prophetic Oil?

Johnson: I have made three DVDs that explain more, and my website, www.prophecyclub.com, also provides more information.



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