

# THE HOPE

## THE REBIRTH OF ISRAEL

Starting July 20, 2015, on *The 700 Club*



### The Truth Changes Everything...

Virginia Beach, VA (July 6, 2015) – Beginning July 20, 2015, The Christian Broadcasting Network's new documentary, *The Hope: The Rebirth of Israel*, takes viewers on an extraordinary journey through the 50 years that preceded the founding of the modern State of Israel.

Combining archival footage with dramatic reenactments, this powerful docudrama gives viewers an inside look at some of the most significant—and unlikely—moments in modern history. Witness the struggles and victories of Israel's founders and visionaries as they worked to reestablish a Jewish homeland after nearly 2000 years in exile.

- **Theodor Herzl** – the founder of modern Zionism who dedicated his life to the dream of a Jewish state
- **Chaim Weizmann** – Zionism's international diplomat and the first President of Israel, who



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helped secure the Balfour Declaration of 1917

- **David Ben-Gurion** – Israel’s first Prime Minister, who led the Jewish people to independence. In an in-depth interview, his grandson, Alon Ben-Gurion, reveals the influences that shaped his grandfather’s life and work.
- **Eliezer Ben-Yehuda** – the man who revived Hebrew as a spoken language for the first time in more than 1800 years. Ben-Yehuda’s story features an interview with his grandson and namesake, Rabbi Eliezer Ben-Yehuda.
- **Golda Meir** – the iron-willed Labor leader (and later Prime Minister) who raised \$50 million to build the Jewish army and held secret diplomatic meetings with Jordan’s King Abdullah

Led by Emmy®-nominated writer and director Erin Zimmerman, the CBN team filmed the series in five different countries: Israel, Italy, the UK, Switzerland, and the US with reenactments featuring Israeli and American actors.

Gordon Robertson, the documentary’s host and executive producer, explains the significance of the series title: “*The Hope* (in Hebrew, *HaTikvah*) is Israel’s national anthem. The song is based on a poem written in the 1880s and sung at the very first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897. In the Nazi concentration camps of World War II, *HaTikvah* was a source of hope for survival that later became a song of triumph at Israel’s declaration of independence on May 14, 1948. Along with the Israeli flag, the song is a symbol of the resurrection of the Jewish people.”

*The Hope: The Rebirth of Israel* is the newest Israel-related production by CBN. In 2014, *Made in Israel*, another documentary hosted by Gordon Robertson, was nominated for three Daytime Emmy Awards. The five-part series highlights Israel’s innovation and ingenuity in agriculture, medicine and technology. Robertson is also the creator and executive producer of the Emmy-nominated animated program *Superbook*, whose mission is to bring the stories of the Bible to the children of the world.

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