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CELEBRATING THE PROPHETIC BIBLICAL FEASTS

PREPARING FOR THE MESSIAH'S RETURN

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom... Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, '**Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him**'...Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour". Matt 25:1, 5-6, 13 NASB



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USING THIS PRAYER FOCUS

We encourage you to keep a prayer diary for these 22 days, then fill out and return the feedback section at the back of the booklet. This enables us to form an overview of what the Lord is showing the intercessors. We value your input for next year.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all our new and regular participants to the twelfth annual Jewish Prayer Focus. During our tour to Israel in October 2012, we were able to meet six of the 2012 JPF contributors and others from previous years. Pastors and leaders always go out of their way to connect with us and are so grateful for the support we are able to provide, both in prayer and financially. While we were in Israel, 2,000 believers from all over the country gathered to pray in the forest. It is encouraging to see how much the believers in the Land care about the spiritually lost and poor in their midst. The body of Christ tends to be stronger because of persecution which continues for many believers across the country.

The 'Arab Spring' has turned into a miserable winter of dashed hope for many, not the least the believers in Christ in the Middle East. Israel faces the continual threat of attack from the surrounding countries, especially Syria and Iran, so our prayers for the peace of Jerusalem are always needed (Ps 122:6). Israel must put her trust in the Lord, not look to human wisdom or the assistance of other nations to protect her (Ps 20:5-8). She is called to be a "light to the nations" (Is 42:6), and we who are grafted into the olive tree (Rom 11:17) share in the same calling, and must stand with her until "He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth" (Is 62:7) – when the Bridegroom returns to the city He calls His own (Matt 5:35).

The Feast Calendar and Timing

The appointed times given by God in Leviticus 23 prophetically show us God's grand redemptive plan for all humanity. The first four feasts occur in the springtime and Jesus fulfilled the first three festivals at Passover (I Cor 5:7) and the fourth at Pentecost (Acts 2), all on the EXACT DAY in this biblical calendar. This indicates the importance of this calendar. For further explanation of these early feast days, see our website articles at www.jewishprayerfocus.org.

The Jewish Prayer Focus prayer time is aligned with the last three feasts which occur in the autumn/fall season. These have not yet been fulfilled, but prophetically speak of the Messiah's return in the end times: to gather His church, to judge the nations, to save Israel and to dwell amongst us as the Prince of Peace. These feasts lead us through repentance and reconciliation, personally and nationally, to thankfulness for His provision, and rejoicing in His presence. We, the prayer warriors in the nations, stand together with Israel in prayer as Jew and Gentile, one in Messiah (Eph 2:14-16), celebrating His festivals together.

Note: In the Bible, days begin and end at sunset. The dates used in this prayer manual denote the day that begins that evening: eg Wednesday Sept 4, means that Rosh HaShanah begins at sunset on Wed Sept 4. Rabbinic dating will say Thursday Sept 5.

ANCIENT HEBREW BETROTHAL AND MARRIAGE CUSTOMS AND THE FALL FEASTS – Jill Curry

An understanding of the betrothal and marriage customs in biblical times sheds amazing light on Jesus' wedding parables and end-time teachings, and also on the book of Revelation. The Bible culminates in the marriage feast of the Lamb for which the Bride has made herself ready (Rev 19:7), and a place that the Groom has prepared for her – the New Jerusalem, where they will receive their inheritance (the nations of the earth) and the Lamb will reign from the throne of God as the King of kings.

In biblical times, the father of the groom arranged the marriage for his son, although the bride and groom did have a say in the matter. When the son was old enough, the father and son went to the house of the bride and knocked. *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me"* (Rev 3:20). If the bride was willing to open the door, they entered in, and the negotiations for the bride price and terms of the marriage were worked out over a meal. When they were finalised, a scribe was



called in and the contract was written onto a scroll in a document called a 'ketubah'. This was signed (or sealed, considering most people could not write) with seven signatures – the bride, the groom, the two fathers, the scribe (or later, rabbi) and two witnesses (Rev 11). Once it was sealed, only the groom had the right to open the seals (Rev 5:5). The bride and groom drank a final cup of wine to seal their agreement, and this cup was kept aside and not used again until the wedding ceremony, which could be a year or more away. From the sealing of the ketubah, the bride was considered 'm'kudeshet', meaning consecrated or holy, because she had been set apart for her husband-to-be.

The bridegroom paid the bride price (at least 30 shekels of silver - Lev 27:4) and then went away to prepare a place for His bride, which was normally an addition to his father's house. *"In my Father's house are many dwelling places...I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again and receive you to me, that where I am, you may be also"* (Jn 14:2-3). The bride's responsibility was then to make herself ready for her wedding. The groom sent his betrothed gifts, as the means by which she could prepare herself. Paul says, *"You were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise as a pledge [down payment] of our inheritance"* (Eph 1:13-14).

At this point, the friends and relatives were informed that there would be a wedding and they had to express their intention to come, even without knowing the exact date. Only the father could decide when the house was ready to receive the bride, so if the groom were asked the wedding date, he would reply, *"But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone"* (Mk 13:32). However, the Feast of Trumpets was known as the feast of which no man knew the day or the hour, since it is the only festival to fall on a new

moon. It relied on two priests in Jerusalem to witness the crescent moon and announce the holiday. This could happen within a 2-3 day period, and could also be affected by cloud cover. While Israel was in exile, smoke signals were sent via the hilltops all the way to Babylon to announce the arrival of the holy day. This also took time, and one had to be watching to see it, and be ready to celebrate.

When the new house was nearly ready, the groom would let word out that the time was near, so that the bridesmaids could buy enough oil for at least two weeks to watch for the groom's arrival. The second invitation was sent out for the wedding guests. *Jesus spoke to them..., saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come" (Matt 22:1-3).* Since the invited guests were too busy to come, he then sent his servants to the highways and byways so his wedding quota would be full.

The bridesmaids had to light the way for the groom. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish virgins in Matt 25:1-13 vividly teaches the need for them to be prepared with sufficient oil in their lamps to fulfil their responsibility: v13 *"Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour"*. The bridegroom could arrive any time from 6pm to midnight.



The groom was accompanied to the bride's house by his groomsmen, who were male virgin friends (Rev 7:4-8, 14:1-5). They were to guard him and announce his coming with shofars (Rev 8-11). Here we see the prophetic meaning of the Feast of Trumpets. When they arrived, they would snatch her away (or she would be 'caught up'). *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thess 4:16-17).*

Before dawn on the wedding day, the bridesmaids would take the bride to a mikvah (ritual bath), where she would wash herself and then be anointed with fragrant oil. This ancient custom, which continued into Christianity as baptism, represents a separation from the old life as a single woman to a new one as a married woman. It also symbolizes a change of authority from that of her father to that of her husband.

On this day, the guests and relatives would all arrive. The groom was dressed in white with a wreath of fresh myrtle and roses including thorns on his head – a crown of thorns. The bride was also dressed in white and adorned with a crown of flowers or a circlet (tiara) of gold, shaped into a silhouette of the city of Jerusalem, on her head. On Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement), it is also traditional to wear white to symbolise purity and remember God's promise to make our sins white as snow (Is 1:18).

As the groom entered, he was greeted with “Baruch haba b’shem Adonai” – Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Matt 23:39). Jesus said He will return to Jerusalem when this greeting is said! *“For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”* Matt 23:39. This Messianic welcome is also said at the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) in the synagogues.



The couple stood under a red-domed chuppah (canopy) – the blood covering (Heb *kippur*). The groom pronounced the bride pure and holy and set apart for him alone. This is Yom Kippur – the Day of Atonement (Zech 12:10) – when Israel looks upon Him who was pierced for her transgressions.

The couple spoke seven blessings over one another and vowed eternal love and faithfulness. Only the bride and groom drank the cup which had been kept from the betrothal celebration. They then smashed it underfoot, so no one else could ever drink from this covenant cup again. At the end of the ceremony, the groom wrapped his bride in his tallit and covered her under his wings under God’s name. They were considered king and queen for a week of celebrations.

All the Feasts of the Lord are rehearsals for the fulfillment of God’s purposes to redeem humankind and restore what was lost in the Garden of Eden. The autumn Feasts are dressed in ancient wedding garments and customs, which beautifully describe God’s ultimate purpose to restore His Bride to holiness and cleanse the earth for King Yeshua’s return to live and reign in partnership with His bride in the New Jerusalem and receive His inheritance as King of all the nations.

References: See Resources – Page 39

A teaching DVD with most of this material called, ‘Passover and the Biblical Betrothal and Marriage Customs’, is available from www.giftsfortheKing.com.au

Synagogue Readings

The synagogue readings for these special Feast days can be found on our website at www.jewishprayerfocus.org

Note: Giving names, photos or place names can put people in danger, especially on the web. For this reason, some writers use a pseudonym and omit personal details or photos. We respect their decision. Some articles use G_d and L_rd (or Adonai) in the Jewish tradition of not writing or speaking the holy name of God.

THE 10 DAYS OF AWE

From the Feast of Trumpets to the Day of Atonement

10 Days of Repentance and Reconciliation



“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct,” declares the Lord GOD. “Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you. Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord GOD. “Therefore, repent and live” Ezek 18:30-32.

**Joel 2:15-19, Matt 3:1-12, 5:23-26, James 2:14-17,
Mal 3:1-18, Acts 3:17-21, Dan 12:1-3, Rev 20:11-15**

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

Yom HaTru'ah

Rosh HaShanah: Jewish New Year

Announcing the Coming of the King



New Year Symbols – Shofar (gathering/alarm), apples (harvest fruit) and honey (sweetness), and pomegranates (prosperity)

“Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob” (Ps 81:3-4).

Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Messiah; And He will reign forever and ever” (Rev 11:15).

**Ex 19:16-20, Lev 23: 24, Num 10:1-10, Ps 47, Ps 81:1-4,
I Cor 15:51-58, I Thess 4:15-5:6, Rev 11:15-19**

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

The Feast of Trumpets, (literally, Memorial of Blasting), occurs as the first sliver of the moon appears after the darkest night of the lunar cycle. One of the Hebrew words for feasts is *mikrah*, meaning a rehearsal. Whereas the spring feasts symbolise past fulfillments, the fall feasts are rehearsals for future events. The Feast of Trumpets foreshadows the Lord's return.

Trumpets were blown for assembling the tribes, setting out or breaking camp (Num 10:1-7), for sacred assemblies and New Moon celebrations (Num 10:10, Lev 23:24), to gain victory in battle, to muster the army for war or sound an alarm (Num 10:9, Jud 3:27, 7:22, Neh 4:20, Ezek 33:3) and to install a new king (1 Kg 1:34, 2 Kg 11:14). All these functions remind us of the return of the King.

The prophets say that the Day of the Lord is a day of wrath, darkness, and anguish (Amos 5: 18-20, Zeph 1:15-16, Joel 2:1-2). Peter says it will come suddenly, be cataclysmic for the earth and a dreadful day for the unprepared (2 Pet 3:10,12, 1 Pet 4:18). The trumpet blast on this day is a wake-up call to repent and return to the Lord before it is too late. In current Jewish practise the Feast of Trumpets begins ten days of reflection and reconciliation with God and man before the Book of Life is closed on Yom Kippur.



His coming will be announced by trumpets: *"They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds...with power and great glory. He will send his angels with a loud trumpet call and they will gather His elect from the four winds"* (Matt 24:30-31). We must be wise virgins with sufficient oil to keep our lamps burning (Matt 25:6-10). When the bridegroom appears, will He find His bride ready for the wedding of the Lamb, or will we find ourselves outside when the door is closed? (Matt 24:43-44).

The trumpet was also sounded before going to war, to call God to arise on our behalf, scatter our enemies and bring the victory. When God hears the trumpet, He remembers us in the day of trouble.

Let us rehearse by preparing our hearts, and doing the Master's will in this season of His coming. *"Behold I come quickly"* (Rev 22:20). As the traditional greeting for Rosh HaShanah says, *"May your name be inscribed and sealed in the Lamb's Book of Life"*!

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- Lord, search our hearts and bring us to repentance (Ps 51:1-17)
- For the bride to make herself ready (Rev 19:7b)
- Call on the Lord in the day of trouble (Joel 2:32, Rom 10:13)

THE DAYS OF AWE: A MESSIANIC PERSPECTIVE

In modern Judaism it is thought that the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are very special – Days of Awe. Jews are encouraged to take this time for introspection concerning their sins from the past year. It is believed that God has books in which he writes “our names in it; writing down who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year.”

(<http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday3.htm>)

According to Jewish tradition, God writes in these books on Rosh Hashanah, but you can change your fate through your actions during these ten days by doing four works: Giving Charity, Repenting, Good Deeds, or Prayer. However, there is a problem. While the Torah does speak of the Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) and The Day of Atonement, it says that we cannot redeem ourselves. At Passover, a spotless lamb had to die for each family to be protected from judgment.

Leviticus 17:11 *“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”*

Shaul (Paul) speaks in Romans 10 about his orthodox Jewish brothers’ intention to

make atonement for oneself, saying, *“They did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own”* (v 3).

The idea that good deeds blot out bad ones is as misguided as a thief explaining to the judge how many houses *he didn’t rob*. That would not justify his crime. Good deeds are good BUT they cannot atone for sin, which is why the angel explained to Cornelius that Peter would come to show him the way of salvation (Acts 10:1-5, 38-43).

So, how should we treat these days? As lovers of Israel and of Yeshua we should take these ten days to pray and fast for the Jewish people. While it is true that they are seeking a false righteousness, they *are* seeking God. This is the time to pray for dreams, visions and supernatural revelation that Yeshua is their only atonement – just like with the Gentile, Cornelius. As God heard the prayers of Simeon and Anna in the Temple and sent the Messiah, He will hear your prayers and open the eyes of the Jewish people.



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<http://messiahsmandate.org/rons-story/>.

He is also the author of the historical novel ‘Identity Theft’ (IDTheftBook.com).

- For revival in Israel and the success of Jewish outreach ministries worldwide (Ps 85:1-7)
- For the Orthodox Jews of Jerusalem to recognize Yeshua (Matt 23:37-39)
- Give a gift to Jewish Ministry or reach out with an act of kindness to a Jewish person (Rom 15:27)

PAUL WILBUR

The world's opera stages were Paul Wilbur's ambition, with another Jew, revered operatic icon Richard Tucker, as his hero. A passion for the arts, music, and teaching took him to study in Milan, Italy. However, an encounter with a young man from West Texas who had love and passion for God changed Paul's life forever. Jerry did not sing *about* God, rather he sang *to* Him. Paul says, "It was as if he actually knew the God I sang about at the Temple but never knew personally."



Being raised by a Jewish father and a Baptist mother, Paul grew up attending a variety of churches, and while in college he sang in the sanctuary choir. But now, he was being impacted for the first time by the manifest presence of God. This experience drew him, along with powerful Scripture teaching, and he became hungry to learn about the God of the Bible.

One Sunday Paul signed up for the offer of a free meal with a church family. When he arrived at the house, he was amazed to see the young man whose music had touched him so deeply several months earlier! On March 26, 1977, Jerry introduced Paul to his Messiah. Together with Ed Kerr they formed the Christian group, HARVEST, travelling and ministering together for over four years, recording several albums. However, the call to bring the Gospel back to the Jewish community grew in his heart. After nearly five years Paul moved to the Washington

DC area and Beth Messiah Messianic congregation. Two years later the Lord brought together three Jewish musicians and called them ISRAEL'S HOPE. They travelled and ministered together for more than eight years.

Paul took a pastoral position with his friend Robb Thompson in Chicago and for five years served as worship pastor, single adult pastor, and anything else needed in a thriving 3,500-member church.

Today Paul's ministry is as worldwide as his music. "God's grace is truly amazing, as we have ministered in more than 80 nations, recorded in 4 languages, and travelled millions of miles to share the love and power of God."

Paul is committed to the marriage of music, ministry, and acts of mercy. "As we travel to third world nations we seek to bring a larger expression of the kingdom of God in a practical way. Dr. Paul Williams staffs free medical clinics to minister to the needs of the poor; Paul Cuny brings Market Place Ministry to the business community; Messiah Dance Company shares the beauty of movement in worship; Feeding the Nations provides much needed food and nourishment, while praise and worship stirs the hearts to follow Yeshua."
<http://www.wilburministries.com>

Several of Paul's recordings are available from our website.
<http://giftsfortheeking.com.au>

- For the mercy ministries to flourish (Is 58:6-8)
- For bridges of reconciliation to be built between Jews and Gentiles (Ps 133)
- For the future expansion of German, Hebrew, Spanish, and Portuguese worship recordings (Amos 9:11)

CHOICE OR VICTIMISATION?

Since the nineties Israel has become one of the main destinations for trafficking in women. Only 9% of prostitutes report having a background of prostitution before coming to Israel, 29% were unemployed, and those who worked averaged \$38 a month.

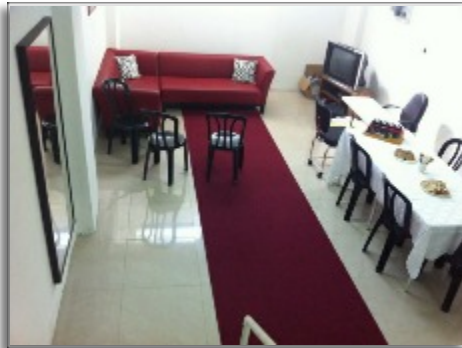
Anya told us that ten years ago she met an intelligent, very impressive woman who offered her a job in Israel as a caretaker for \$1000 dollars a month. Anya walked with a friend for six days from Egypt to Israel. On the way they were beaten and severely humiliated by the Bedouins. At the border they were picked up in a van, their eyes were covered and they were forced to lie on the floor, then transported on side roads and over open sandy tracks. They arrived in Rishon LeTzion, bruised and battered, where they were imprisoned in an apartment with other girls. Some of the girls had to present themselves naked to pimps. In Israel the price for a woman is between \$4,000 and \$10,000, according to appearance, age, skin imperfections, number of births, and previous experience in prostitution. After many days of forced prostitution for the girls, the police caught the men who traded them. By that time the girls' passports had already been taken away, leaving them with no identity, dignity or human rights. Many years later, Anya is

still fighting legal matters to live with dignity in the country where she has been so horribly abused.

The Red Carpet Nail Centre opened in 2011 to minister love and help via pedicures and manicures. During the treatment, we have opportunity to listen, offer advice, evangelise and pray with clients, and help in whatever way we can. Some women return voluntarily for a talk, a prayer or a hot meal. Most are drug addicts and all are in prostitution. Transgender people and one homosexual man have also come.

Jesus said: "...the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you"

(Matt 21:31). If Jesus came to Israel today, he would meet the Samaritan woman and Mary Magdalene at the old Central Bus Station area in Tel Aviv. They are here waiting for the hope that only He can give. We are to be His hands and feet.



Anat and Ishay Brenner began "Abundant Life" to protect the child in the mother's womb, and promote the safety and well being of women. In 2007 the organisation began assisting women in prostitution (specifically victims of human trafficking for prostitution). They have seen prostitutes who kept their babies rather than aborting them, women break out of the drug cycle and start rehabilitation, and have also seen women saved.

- For Anya to be granted justice (Is 54:11-15)
- For a stop to this dreadful human trafficking (Joel 3:1-3)
- For salvation & hope for those trapped in prostitution (Lk 1:76-79)
- For provision & encouragement for the team in 'Abundant Life' (Num 6:23-27)

YESHUA MINISTRIES

Simcha and Bella Davidov are called to reach the lost sheep of the House of Israel with the 'Good News' of Yeshua (Salvation), saying: *"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons; freely you have received, freely give"* (Matt 10:6-8).

Simcha and Bella have a special calling to the Hebrew-speaking Israelis as both of them grew up in Israel and are familiar with the culture and way of life. They are mature believers with a heart to see the lost come to



salvation. They share the gospel with strangers by the spoken word as well as with literature that is given free of charge. They also witness in "Friendship Evangelism" as they build relationships with family and friends, and allow the love of God to touch people.

Simcha was born in Israel in a Kibbutz as a secular atheist. After years of searching for the true meaning of life, he went to live in the United States where he lived for 25 years. During that time he was witnessed to by co-workers, and after searching the Hebrew Scriptures, he realised that as a

sinner he needed God's salvation. He accepted the Lord in 1978 and after graduating from Bible College, he answered God's call to full-time ministry, to evangelise the Jews and teach Gentile believers the roots of their faith in Yeshua - the Jewish Messiah. In 1999 the Lord called Simcha to go back to Israel for outreach work and ministry to His people.

Bella was born to Holocaust survivors in a refugee camp in Germany after WWII. In 1948, as a one-year-old, Bella came to Israel. She too was an atheist searching for happiness and love. In her twenties she left for California where she lived for 30 years. Not finding true contentment in life, she turned to the God of Israel for answers and found forgiveness and salvation in

Yeshua in 1984. She joined an outreach to Israelis in Los Angeles, and in 1996 the Lord called her back to live in Israel where she worked for a ministry for 6 years.

Currently, Simcha and Bella are part of the congregation Ahavat Yeshua in Jerusalem, but they are seeking the Lord's direction in regard to setting up a 'Prayer Place' in the city of Ashdod – a place for praise, worship and intercession. The spiritual foundations for the body of Messiah were laid in Ashdod during 2007 and 2008, as Simcha and Bella 'prayer walked' seven times around each of the 16 sections of the city.

- For God's provision of the site for the Prayer House (Is 56:7)
- For the Lord to touch the hearts of the Jews who have been witnessed to and given literature, and convict them of sin and bring them to salvation (Ezek 36:26)
- For the Lord to confirm the preaching of His word with signs and wonders (Mk 16:17)

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Our large Jewish family lived in Kiev, Ukraine, until 1941. When WWII began, fathers went to war, and the families were evacuated thousands of miles across Russia. The relationship between members of a large family was almost lost. Our family ended up in a small town in central Russia, detached from any Jewish community, without the cultural and religious support so important in the life of every Jew. Due to strong anti-Semitism and fear, many Jewish families concealed their nationality, so for many years I did not even know that I was Jewish. In addition, the news I heard on the radio about Israel was always negative, convincing me that Israel was a militaristic country of invaders who terrorised the world.

I grew up in a communist, atheistic society where no one spoke of God, and I strongly believed that He did not exist. Because of the spiritual darkness, our society was totally immoral – alcohol and gangsters flourished amidst beautiful communist slogans. I also fell deeply into sin. Eventually, great changes occurred in the Soviet countries and it became possible to speak and preach openly. In the early 1990s I heard my first sermon about God, and a bright candle-light penetrated into my dark life.



At age 26 God revealed my Jewish identity to me, which gave me a sense of belonging. My eyes were opened to see the plan of God for me and my people. This changed my life completely. It was like a second birth! With the Bible in my hands for the first time, I saw the history of the relationship between Israel, God and my roots. I was moved to tears as I felt attached to the roots of the tree of God, and discovered that the Savior Yeshua came from my people and was a Jew in the flesh!

God has called me to come to Israel and join my people. Considering my previous attitude towards Israel, it is amazing how God miraculously healed me from hatred and instilled in me a great love for this country. I continually thank the Lord for the privilege of living in Israel and participating in the expansion of His kingdom in this land.

I would never have believed that I would find myself living here, with a beautiful wife, five children and serving as a pastor in a Messianic community in Netanya. Great is the Lord and how inscrutable are His ways!

Lev Guler is a pastor at Beit Asaph congregation in Netanya, where he ministers especially amongst the Russian-speaking community. He leads several home groups, teaches and preaches in the congregation, visits the elderly and Holocaust survivors, and assists the new immigrants in coping with the difficulties of life in a new country.

- For wisdom in ministering in a multi-lingual, multi-cultural community (Prov 3:1-18)
- For spiritual growth and maturity in the home groups (Eph 4:11-13)
- For new immigrants to settle in quickly (Is 43:1-7)

REACHING THE YOUNG GENERATION

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Rom 1:16)

Israel is one of the most advanced technological countries in the world, which is a technological miracle considering her short 65-year history. Israelis are ranked the number one country in the world for the highest average amount of time spent online in general, and also on social networks (Facebook, etc.). Israelis glean a lot of information from the Internet and are very connected through computers, tablets and smartphones.



There are many social and historical challenges with sharing the gospel in Israel. It does not take a deep understanding to realise that the gospel is a real stumbling block for Jewish people (1 Cor 1:22-23), even more so today after 2000 years of persecution in the name of Yeshua.

These two facts create a unique opportunity to reach Israelis with the gospel through the internet and media. We are grasping this opportunity for Yeshua! We launched a network of websites that share the gospel in various ways to different populations in Israel (secular, religious etc.) along with

creating video content, internet radio and more. By doing this, many of the social pressures and stereotypes concerning the gospel are bypassed, allowing people to search, ask and read freely. Our sites are merely a means to meet the masses online, with the goal being to create conversation and personal contact via phone, email and encounters. Since we are limited geographically, we connect our seekers with local believers in their area once they are ready. Many people have visited our sites and we know of a number of people who have given their lives to Messiah and are in fellowship in congregations throughout the land. Praise the Lord! We are continuing to see great growth in our website traffic and are expectant for how the Lord is going to continue using these websites to bring His people home spiritually!

Stefan was born in New Zealand and immigrated to Israel with his family as a young boy in 1992. Keren was born and raised in Jerusalem. They married in 2008 and have one daughter, Abigail, born in 2011. Together they serve the body of Messiah through evangelism, counselling and in their local congregation through teaching the word (Stefan) and worship leading (Keren). They are in full time ministry with Cru International and the Israel College of the Bible.
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- For the misconceptions towards the gospel to be broken and a hunger for the Messiah to be placed in the hearts of Israelis (Zech 12:10)
- For Israelis seeking truth on the web to find our websites (Matt 7:7-11)
- That the anti-Messianic websites that tell lies about Messianic Jews and our faith would not stand (Is 54:17)

SIGN AND EXAMPLE

Orna is a sabra (one born in Israel). In 1983, after her army service, she travelled to South Africa, where she gave her heart to the Lord. A year later she returned to Israel, taught in a Messianic study centre, and later established a publishing business. She leads 'Ot OoMofet' (A Sign and an Example), an indigenous Israeli ministry founded in 2003.

Five years later, through a series of wrong choices, she became pregnant outside of wedlock. Never having married the child's father, a non-believer, she is herself a single mother. Her own struggle and bitter experiences have taught her to draw from God and rely on Him as her Husband, in depths she never knew before.



As she saw other believers struggle and sought the Lord's plan for them, He revealed His tender heart for the broken women and the fatherless. He sees them as a unique opportunity to become a 'Sign and Example' to His amazing ability to restore. "I realised how deep God's heart beats for widows and orphans when I understood that in His eyes, taking care of them is actually an act of worship" (James 1:27). In biblical times the word 'widow' had a wider meaning than we ascribe to it today. It referred not only to a woman whose

husband had died, but to any woman who was forsaken and desolate, with no one to manage her. The Old Testament also refers to Israel and Jerusalem as a widow (e.g. Lam 1:1; Is 54:4), not because her Husband died, but because she was forsaken by Him and in ruins.

One of the team's annual projects is a 5-6-month-long workshop for Messianic women. These workshops are ministered around a half-scaled model of the Tabernacle of Moses. "We teach them how the priests officiated at each place and how they can apply these principles today. The aim is to leave behind their passivity, and actively pursue a closer walk with the Lord from the gate representing salvation, to the goal of reaching God's presence in the Holy of Holies. Only there will His glory take away their shame, emotional and spiritual emptiness, and bring order into their

financial struggles, marriage issues, etc. Only there will they find true rest and joy."

The team also holds seminars and conferences in churches around the world, teaching the Gentiles how to combine their prayers for the peace of the widow Jerusalem with the restoration of broken hearts in Yeshua's body.

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- For Israel to desire her Husband, see His face, and allow Him to manage her ruins and desolation (Is 61:1-4)
- For discernment for the team and an intimate relationship to receive fresh manna for the women and their suffering children (Rev 3:18)
- For the women to let go of their shame, sin and guilt, and embrace the life of Yeshua (Is 54:4-8)
- For the restoration of the pure, undefiled worship of James 1:27 by Yeshua's Body

THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN ISRAEL

"...man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord." Deut. 8:3 (NASB)

The heart of The Bible Society in Israel is proclaiming and providing God's Word to the people in Israel. We are the primary supplier of Bibles and outreach materials to congregations, organisations and ministries in Israel, distributing in both Hebrew and Arabic. In addition, every week a BSI team goes out to the streets to engage people in one-on-one conversations about the faith and to offer them Bibles, New Testaments, gospels and other scripture-related materials. Recently we've noticed a greater openness to the message of Jesus.

Our brand new Hebrew-Arabic Bible is a powerful tool for promoting unity in the body of Christ, and for cross-cultural fellowship and outreach. Included in this version is an article on the reliability of the Scriptures, which is especially important for Muslims who are taught that the Bible has been corrupted. Some believers in Egypt contacted us desiring to have these Bibles for their Hebrew studies. With the original Hebrew text alongside the Arabic, this Bible is also serving as an invaluable reference tool for the dramatised audio recordings of the Bible in Arabic.

Until two years ago there was no Hebrew Cross-reference Bible. Now Hebrew-speaking

believers and seekers can study the Scriptures with this new tool. This Bible is quickly becoming one of the most popular complete Bibles in Israel for equipping the still young, but growing, local body of believers to grow stronger and deeper in the faith. We recently hand-delivered a copy to the mayor of Jerusalem and we have donated hundreds of copies to congregations, libraries and individuals all around the country, and continue doing so. BSI also recently donated dozens of Hebrew Bibles, including children's Bibles, to the Samaritans near Nablus.



Many of the immigrants and refugees living in Israel do not have Bibles, including the many Arabic-speaking Muslims from Sudan. Once a week, we reach out to them, first serving them a hot meal, then showing them the Jesus film and afterwards giving each of them a complete Arabic Bible. For most of them, it is the first Bible they've ever had.

One of our current and main projects is the development of a Hebrew website and topical index for the study of Scriptures, and to help the many seekers find answers to their questions from God's Word.

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- For financial partners to underwrite the production of materials for outreach and equipping the local body. It costs \$18 to distribute a Bible in Israel (Ex 17:12)
- For God's wisdom, anointing and protection of staff as they reach out to unbelievers (Zech 2:5)
- For the Hebrew Scripture study website to be established quickly (Deut 28:2-6)

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Yom Kippur

The Scapegoat that Bears All Sins Eternally



“Aaron shall...confess over it [the live goat] all the iniquities of the sons of Israel...he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness” (Lev 16:21).

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest...*He entered*...not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption” (Heb 9:11-12).

**Lev 16:1-34, 17:11, 23:26-32, Isaiah 58, Matt 6:16-18
Zech 12:10, Heb 5:1-10, 7:23-28, 9:11-14, 10:1-25**

DAY OF ATONEMENT

"In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and you shall not do any work ... For on that day he shall provide atonement for you to cleanse you from all your sins before the Lord" (Lev 16:29-30).

Yom Kippur is the most important holiday of the Jewish calendar. Many Jews who do not observe any other Jewish feast, festival or custom will refrain from work, fast and attend synagogue services on this day. It is a complete Sabbath and no work can be performed. Jewish people are supposed to refrain from eating and drinking as it is a complete fast, beginning at sunset on the eve of Yom Kippur and ending at sunset at the end of the day.

Yom Kippur means 'Day of Atonement'. It is a day set aside to 'afflict the soul' to atone for the sins of the past year. Jewish people believe that on Rosh Hashanah the destiny of all mankind is recorded by God in the Book of Life and on Yom Kippur, the judgment entered in there is sealed. Yom Kippur is essentially the last appeal; the last chance to change the judgment by demonstrating repentance and making amends.

Most of Yom Kippur is spent in the synagogue in prayer. In the course of the

day, five prayer services are held. The 'Ma'ariv' (evening service), with its solemn 'Kol Nidrei' (all vows) prayer, is held on the eve of Yom Kippur. The day begins with 'Shacharit' (morning service), then 'Musaf', 'Minchah', and finally the 'Concluding Service', known as 'Ne'ilah'. 'Ne'ilah' is a service unique to the day. It is about one hour long, and the ark (cabinet where the Torah scrolls are kept) remains open throughout this service. There is a tone of desperation in the prayers of this service, which is referred to as the 'Closing of the Gates' service. This is the last chance to get in a good word before Yom Kippur ends.

Sadly, no amount of prayer, petitioning, penance or fasting will grant Jewish people forgiveness of sin and everlasting life in heaven. Only through the Jewish Messiah, Jesus, is this possible.



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- For the Jewish people to receive a revelation of Jesus as their Messiah and come to salvation (2 Cor 3:14-18)
- That the Lord will thrust out workers into the Jewish harvest field (Matt 9:37)
- That the church will take up its mandate to "provoke the Jewish people to jealousy so that they (the Jewish people) may be saved" (Rom 11:11-12)

CELEBRATE MESSIAH

Beit HaMashiach (Hebrew - House of Messiah) was planted by Celebrate Messiah in 1998 in the heart of the largest Jewish community in Australia, in the Melbourne suburb of Caulfield. Within a 10 minute drive around this Messianic congregation, are 45 synagogues with an approximate Jewish population of about 70,000. That is why this area is affectionately called 'the Holy Land of Australia.' As a beacon of light for Messiah, Beit HaMashiach seeks to share the Good News of Yeshua.

God is doing some amazing things in our midst and we are trusting the Lord to pour out His Spirit on the Jewish people of Caulfield. We believe that there will be a move of God amongst our Jewish people and that houses in this area will be ablaze with the zeal of the Lord for Messiah Yeshua. This 'revival' will result in Messianic Jewish 'shlechim' (sent out ones) going out from Melbourne with the Gospel of Yeshua

the Messiah to other parts of Australia, New Zealand, Russia, and especially to Israel.

The Gospel is being powerfully demonstrated each week when Beit HaMashiach meets together on Shabbat with around 130 in attendance. There are about 25 different ethnic groups represented, with approximately one third being Jewish. We have a special outreach to Russian-speaking Jews from the former Soviet Union on a regular basis.



Most of the 80 or so people who attend these events are Holocaust Survivors. It is a privilege to minister to these beautiful people, many of whom have come to faith in Yeshua.

But what is especially amazing is that in the last 15 months we have baptised 19 former Muslims, mostly from Iran! Can you imagine - Jews, Muslim-background believers, and many other nations worshipping Yeshua the Messiah together each Shabbat? I'm not sure what our Jewish neighbours think as people pour into the building weekly, some still wearing head-coverings. What a testimony of how Yeshua has made Jew and Gentile one in Him through His death on the Cross (Eph. 2:11-22).

We believe God has called us to build the first custom-made Messianic Synagogue and Community Centre in the Southern Hemisphere. This Caulfield Messianic Centre is going to be a unique and dynamic testimony for Messiah to the surrounding Jewish community. We are sending out a call to all modern day "Centurions"

who love the God of Israel and the Jewish people to help us build this Messianic Synagogue (cf. Luke 7).

For more information see:

www.caulfieldmessianiccentre.org.au.

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- For strength for those coming to faith from Jewish and Muslim backgrounds (Acts 2:39)
- For Beit HaMashiach's effective witness to the Jewish community in Caulfield (Is 43:8-13)
- For the Lord to be glorified through the Centurion's Legacy – the Caulfield Messianic Centre Project (Jn 12:32)

PALESTINIAN SNIPER NOW SAVING JEWS

Taysir (Tass) Saada was born in a tent in a refugee camp in Gaza in 1951 and grew up in Saudi Arabia, where his family was unwelcome in the strict Islamic culture practised there. The climate of intimidation turned Tass into an angry, resentful, violent child. His family started a car-repair business serving King Saud and later the Prince of Doha in Qatar. Shortly after the Arab humiliation in the 6-day war in Israel in 1967, Tass decided to run away and join Arafat's forces. His chief motivation was to destroy Israel and liberate Palestine. At age 17 he became Arafat's driver and a sniper in the Fatah movement sent on assignments to kill Jews. He trained up young 9-13 year-old boys in Fatah training camps.



After being coerced back home to Qatar, his bad attitude and violence caused his family so much grief that they agreed for him to travel to USA. In order to get permanent residency, he married an American. He became a workaholic in the restaurant business, hardly seeing his children and blowing much money on women and nightclubs.

At a desperate time in his life, his friend Charlie Sharpe told him of a Jew who was God's Son! To a Muslim, this was blasphemy,

but when Charlie read John 1:1, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God"*, Tass fell to his knees as a light filled the room and a voice said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"*. He blurted out, "Jesus, come into my life. Forgive me and be my Lord and Saviour". Peace filled his heart and God's presence was tangible.

Tass's changed lifestyle, now loving for the first time, eventually brought his wife to the Lord. He also found a love for God's chosen people – the Jews. God taught him great

lessons in humility and servanthood and made him face some former giants before he led him and Karen into ministry. They founded 'Hope for Ishmael' which aims to reconcile Jews and Arabs to the Father, then to one another. God also opened the

door for Tass to preach the gospel to Arafat.

After 10 years of being cast out of his family for his conversion, and threatened with an honour killing by his brother, Tass's father finally blessed him. He and Karen moved to Gaza and set up 'Seeds of Hope', which provides education, economic development, cultural exchange and humanitarian aid to children and families in Gaza, Jericho and the Middle East, bringing hope, reconciliation and the gospel of peace.

www.seedsofhope.org

- For Jews and Arabs to recognise that God has a plan for both peoples (Jer 29:11-14, Gen 17:20)
- For both peoples to acknowledge their feelings of rejection and accept the Father's love (Rom 8:1-4, Gen 27:34)
- For God's favour on Tass's projects (Mk 4:8,20)

THESSALONIKI

Paul and Silas came to Thessaloniki (Acts 17:1) where there was a Jewish synagogue called Etz ha-Haim (Tree of Life). A significant community of Jews had settled in the capital of Macedonia even before the time of Christ. The first Thessalonian believer was Jason who hosted the apostles in his home (Acts 17:5-9) as they taught, prayed, and released the Gospel *"in power, in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance"* (1 Thess 1:5). The community grew through the centuries as Sephardic Jews (from Spain) found refuge here also. By August 1917, there was a vibrant Jewish community of 80,000 in a city of 150,000. Under the Ottoman Turkish Empire, Thessaloniki had gained fame as the Jerusalem of the Balkans, the Mother of Israel. It truly was a type of the 'Tree of Life'. Unfortunately in 1917, a devastating fire destroyed the thriving Jewish city leaving 56,000 Jews homeless.



World War II brought the ultimate destruction of the haven of Jewish life, culture and spirit. The Nazi army occupied the city on April 9, 1941. On March 15, 1943, all the city's Jews began being deported from the ghettos, and 95 percent of the city's Jewish population was sent to the death camps – a total of 43,850 Jews. Out of 77,377 Jews in Greece, only 10,000 survived the Holocaust, and there were only 1,783 survivors from Thessaloniki. According to a list in the Bank

of Greece, the Germans sold 1,800 Jewish homes during the war and many refused to give them back to their original owners afterwards.

Currently, there are approximately 1,200 Jews living in Thessaloniki, who are mostly assimilated into Greek society. The community is served by three synagogues, a school, a nursing home and cultural centre. The influence and the blessing of the Jewish sector have largely been lost. Some of the old Jewish villas have been converted into museums. Spiritually, a small percentage of the Thessaloniki Jews practise their faith, and a Messianic congregation has yet to be birthed.

On a positive note, city officials are beginning to recognise the loss. Also, evangelical pastors and leaders are starting to take initiatives to bless the few Jews still calling Thessaloniki home. We are praying and interceding for healing in the relationship between Greece and Israel. Thessaloniki has a great Jewish heritage that has yet to be released to restore a bond of favour between Thessaloniki and Jerusalem.

In April, Mike Long launched 'Jason's House of Prayer' to generate prayerful worship from all the nations to restore what has been lost in Thessaloniki and usher in an end-time move of God. It has a prayer room, food bank, and guest hostel.

Photo - Holocaust memorial, Thessaloniki.

- For a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit once again (1 Thess 1:5, 2:13)
- For a true and visible repentance from Greek intercessors towards the Jews, so God can restore His blessings to Greece (Gen 12:3)
- For Jason's house to flourish (1 Thess 5:16-20)

REACHING OUT TO JEWS IN FRANCE

The witness to the Jewish people in France began many generations ago. One of the oldest ministries is 'Shepherd of Israel', an initiative birthed from the vision of an American Messianic Jewish organisation (*American Board of Mission to the Jews*, today known as *Chosen People Ministries*), and Pastor Henri Vincent, who in 1936 provided the Jewish refugees from Europe and the East with both material aid and the gospel message. The Jews quickly came to faith and gathered in Paris until the beginning of the war. The ministry was interrupted for 5 years, but resumed essentially in the form of the publication of a Messianic Jewish magazine, 'Shepherd of Israel' which still exists today, 77 years after its first edition. Other organisations followed and joined in the challenge to proclaim the good news of Messiah Yeshua to the French-speaking Jews. *Chosen People Ministries*, and also *The Messianic Testimony*, *Christian Witness to Israel*, *Jews for Jesus* and *Life in Messiah* are the principal organisations currently working in France.

However, although the French Jewish population is the third most important in the world, with 650,000 to 700,000 individuals (mainly Sephardic Jews), the largest number of people serving in France for the salvation of the Jews remains well below ten. The resources remain limited but not hindered by the development of ministries

consisting mainly of publications, teaching, conferences, outreach campaigns, websites, etc. Several Messianic groups function here and there, and three Messianic congregations exist in Belgium, Marseille and Paris.

The main difficulties are a rather marginal support from the churches with a weak recognition of the Messianic ministries, and a deeply-rooted anti-Semitism, sometimes violent, which is becoming increasingly aggressive. We have worked for several years to strengthen the bonds between the Lord's servants and the Jewish people in France, Belgium and French-speaking Switzerland. This has been a great encouragement, in spite of the distance that separates us and the limitations which we face. The publications multiply and the opportunities to witness come with this. There remains still much to do and the most critical need is for men and women ready to come and witness for Messiah Yeshua to the French Jews. The overwhelming challenge is understandable and perhaps, reasonable, but our conviction is that the Lord still wants to save many Jews in our country.



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- For more workers in the ministry to the Jewish People in France (Jn 4 :34-38)
- For the largest communities of Jews in Paris and Marseille, as well as the central business centres in Belgium, Geneva and Strasbourg (Ps 118 :26-27)
- For the unity of the Lord's servants working in France, and a greater cooperation between the ministries and organisational leaders (Jn 17 :20-23)

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Sukkot

Camping Out to Remember God's Provision



Photo: Courtesy André Rosenberg

“On...the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops...you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days... Now on the first day you shall take... the foliage [*products, fruits*] of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God... You shall live in booths for seven days... so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God” (Lev 23:39-40,42-43).

Lev 23:33-44, Deut 16:13-17, Zech 14, John ch 7-9, Rev 21:1-7

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The Feast of Tabernacles is the most joyous of all the feasts of the Lord! God commanded the Israelites to live in temporary booths, or sukkas, for seven days to remember His amazing provision during the 40 years in the wilderness.

Another name for the Feast of Tabernacles is the Feast of Ingathering. It was celebrated after the harvest of all the fruit and crops. Not only were the Israelites to remember God's faithfulness in their redemption from Egypt, but also to thank him for their inheritance of the land of Israel. Camping out tends to remind you of the luxuries and blessings in life!

The Feast of Tabernacles was one of the three pilgrim Feasts when each Jewish male was to go up to the Temple. Jerusalem and the surrounding hills were covered with thousands of sukkas as people came to sacrifice. During this Feast, a tradition was incorporated into the Temple service, which anticipated the coming rains falling upon the sown fields, after the 6-month dry season from late April till October. Each morning a sacrificial water-pouring was offered to the Lord as a visual way of praying for rain. The High Priest would fill up his golden pitcher at the pool of

Siloam. Crowds would follow him in joyous procession while others would go and cut down branches and they would meet together at the water gate. As the high priest carried the water back up to the temple, the crowds would sing psalms waving their palm branches. They would proclaim Isaiah 12:3 *"Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."* The High Priest would circle the altar, before pouring the water into a silver basin at the base of the altar. On the seventh day, the final day of the feast, this ritual would reach a climax.



We read in John 7:37-39: *"Yeshua stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, "out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive."*

What a proclamation! Yeshua was, and still is, offering a spiritual outpouring upon all who come to Him. During this Feast, while we remember God's faithful physical provision for this last year, let us not forget the wonderful gift of His Holy Spirit.

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- For empowerment and guidance by the Holy Spirit and an openness and spiritual hunger as we reach out to the younger generation of Australian Jews (Acts 1:8)
- That the Messianic believers may be united in love as a testimony to the wider Jewish Community (Jn 13:34-35)
- For guidance as a family as we continue to seek out God's call for our lives (Ps 43:3-4)

ATTACKS IN ASHDOD AND KIRYAT GATH

Living under persecution is not easy, but history has shown that in these times, the church tends to flourish. Intimidating tactics are used in Israel by ultra-orthodox groups to try to discourage people from attending Messianic congregations. These include demonstrations outside congregations with placards, often with hundreds of people, yelling abuse or threatening those coming to church, and posters stuck up in prominent places around the city with pictures and names of 'dangerous missionaries,' including home addresses. If this does not work, the attacks can worsen.

Israel Pochtar and his network of congregations and house churches in Ashdod and surrounding areas have been particular targets of recent times. Ps Israel has had to call the police numerous times and file complaint after complaint. Police are often reluctant to get involved in these disputes, even though many are blatantly breaking Israeli law. However, Ps Israel reports that they now sometimes take the matter seriously. The perpetrators have also been targeting their humanitarian aid centre where one night the windows were broken just to cause damage and vandalise their store. One brother came to install security cameras at the centre and while he was working, his car windshield was broken. From security camera footage it seems that the perpetrators were young orthodox teens who were sent to do this



and who, though guilty, will not receive full punishment because they are still minors. Such cowardly tactics often characterise these types of persecution.

One night last December, after a service at their congregation in Kiryat Gat, someone threw a gasoline bomb (Molotov cocktail) through a window and everything caught fire. The presence of believers in the city is disturbing to some, and they tried to stop God's work by an illegal arson attack. It is the only congregation in the city, has a big vision for the future, and is involved in helping many people. The damage was not only to the building itself. All the music equipment inside was also destroyed, and the congregation was left without a place to meet and worship. The landlord, a good friend, will cover the cost of building repairs but they face an \$11,000 repair bill.

Ps Israel says, "Through the difficulties, we thank God that He has taught us not only how to withstand, but also how to grow, expand, and influence even on a national scale, while seeing His victory even in the midst of trials".

You can assist them directly or we can pass on your gift. "Beit Hallel Congregation" Bank Hapoalim B.M.- 12, Address: 14 Shevet Levi St. Ashdod, 77676. Israel, Branch: Ashdod Yam - 438 Account number 9967, SWIFT CODE: POALILIT, IBAN: IL50-0124-3800-0000-0009-967. Mention that your donation is for Kiryat Gath.

- Thank God that no one was injured (Ps 91:1-10)
- Pray for God's protection (Ps 91:11-16)
- For courage and boldness in the face of persecution (Ps 23:4-6)
- For justice to be done (Ps 54)

THE MEANING OF SHABBAT

"Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death" (Ex 35:2). Given the other offences in the Torah calling for a death penalty, and considering God's passion for mercy, this apparently disproportionately severe judgment is actually pointing us to a principle of eternal significance.

"...the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished... On the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work ... Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made" (Gen 2:1-3).

This passage raises a few questions concerning the specific nature of God's work. Does the rest spoken of refer primarily to energy expenditure, motive, or both? Is it about a day in time or an eternal reality? I believe we will find some answers in the letter to the Hebrews.

"Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it...." "For we who have believed do enter that rest...." "...the works were finished from the foundation of the world...." "For he who has

entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest...." (Heb.4:1, 3, 10, 11)

The death penalty for breaking the Shabbat foreshadows what was written to the Hebrews. God's resting results from His work being completed. Can we say we belong to Him and have given Him our lives if we cannot, according to His commandment, set aside one day when we are not working to provide for ourselves? If we, unlike little children, continue to carry 100% of the responsibility to watch over our physical lives, we express the absence of both faith and humility, testifying that we do not know the Father. Yeshua touches this in Matthew 18:3 saying, *"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become*

as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Those born again by the Spirit of God are called to rest not just one day a week, but to walk in His finished work every day. 'Shabbat Shalom' is more than just a greeting; it expresses the heart of our inheritance.



Arni and Yonit Klein serve under the covering of Emmaus Way and are dedicated to preparing a resting place for the Presence of the Lord. Their prayer is that worshippers from Israel and the nations would come together in Israel for the sake of His glory and prepare the way for Yeshua's return.

- Take this Shabbat to enter His Sabbath rest (Heb 4:8-9)
- Pray for Israel to be reliant on God alone (Ps 52:7-9)
- Pray for the church to realise the value of following God's example to stop and rest (Gen 2:2-3)

RETZON HA'EL

My name is Zechariah Arni. I was born in Ethiopia in 1977. I am married to a beautiful woman, Almaz Arni, and have three children. I am one of four children, and have an Orthodox Jewish background. My grandfather (Sabba) was a known Rabbi (Rav), but he died while he was in Ethiopia. I grew up in a very conservative Jewish home and came to the Holy Land in 1990. I studied at my local religious Hebrew School (yeshiva) here in Israel for three years and completed my studies when I was seventeen.



I had many questions about life that bothered me. I was always looking for answers and often asked, "Why are there so many religions?" Since I had no answers and was not satisfied with the complicated rational replies from others, I became dependent on alcohol. In my mind, I also had many questions concerning the God of my fathers. Was He still alive and working? I questioned whether this life is all that there is, and wondered what happened when it is over. I also became very careless and arrogant. However, the Bible says, *"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (Jn 8:32). In 1997 I heard about Yeshua the Messiah (Jn 5:25). I accepted Him as my Messiah and Savior

and began to serve Him in the year 2000. Presently, almost 80 percent of my family members are believers and ministers. Praise the Lord.

I am currently pastoring the Ethiopian Messianic Jewish Kehilah (Church) called Retzon Ha'El (God's will) in Haifa, Israel. Retzon Ha'El proclaims the good news to all the Jewish people, but especially to the Ethiopian Jewish community which consists of about 50-60 committed Messianic believers. The main worship languages are Hebrew and Amharic (the Ethiopian language). Today there are more than 120,000 Ethiopian Jewish citizens in Israel and there are at least five Ethiopian Messianic congregations in the land. The number of believers is increasing all the time.

We now understand that we did not come to this land without a divine purpose. It was already prepared in the mind of Christ before we left Ethiopia. He brought us here to proclaim the name of Yeshua and to tell the Jewish people that Jesus Christ is our Messiah.

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- Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to reach out to our Ethiopian Jewish community and others with Gospel (Jn 14:16-18)
- For God to provide for me to serve Him as a full-time minister, and also for another 3 full-time workers for the Kingdom (Matt 6:31-34)
- For God to give us our own place for prayer and worship meetings (Lk 7:5)
- For our young generation who have many problems (Eccl 12:1, 13-14)

NORTHERN ISRAEL

Our Messianic congregation began 13 years ago when we began praying and seeking HaShem's (the Lord's) directions. Initially, we worked with Campus Crusade, which was a wonderful time for us. The congregation grew from this work and now Adonai is leading us to a new stage of our lives focusing on the congregational ministry. We have Bible study at our home groups, weekly prayer meetings, and congregational services.

We are always looking for opportunities to share the true word of Torah (the Bible) with non-believers in our city. As part of our outreach, we take people on organised excursions to see the places where Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Messiah) walked. As we visit the places, we make sure they all hear the Good News of Torah. Many new people have joined these outings and God is blessing this project.



Our Kehilah (congregation) has started a new course for unbelievers. We already have about 15 new people attending this course and it has now been going for 4 months. We gather each fortnight and people testify that there is a good atmosphere and they are happy to attend

the discussions with great pleasure. Four of them have already joined our Shabbat service.

However, it is not easy to speak about Yeshua HaMashiach with people in Israel. Anti-missionary groups warn everyone to stay away from people like us. Also we are generally not welcome to bring the Brit Chadasha/ New Testament and share the good news of salvation. Nevertheless, we keep pressing on with our projects.

Despite these difficulties, there is a wonderful strength and power in our Adonai in whom we believe. He is the One who is at work and continues to do miracles, delivering our people from sin and rescuing us from our enemies and those who turn against us. Isaiah 59:1 says, *"Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear."* Adonai is able to save us all from our problems.

Psalm 27:14 says, *"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart."* These words are for

everyone today. Nothing is impossible for Hashem. Now in this world, we may have difficult times but it is great to rest assured we can trust Adonai with our whole future.

Pastor M'nasheh leads this congregation in Northern Israel. He is currently studying an electrical re-training course. His wife remains at home with their two children.

- For Adonai's blessings on the outreach projects, and for the people to find salvation, especially those doing the Torah course (Is 55:6-7)
- For Adonai to raise up a desire amongst the believers to evangelise, and a strong leadership team for the congregation (Jer 31:1-7, I Pet 5:1-4)
- For the financial support needed for Ps M'nasheh to be able to work full-time in ministry (2 Cor 9:8-15)

SHEMEN SASSON

Shemen Sasson congregation (Hebrew for "Oil of Gladness" based on Isaiah 61) was founded 20 years ago. From its very beginning and continuing to the present day, *Shemen Sasson's* family atmosphere has been full of life, attracting many young people and families. Located in the heart of the city centre of Jerusalem, this Jewish Messianic fellowship has a special focus and calling from the Lord toward local Israelis.



Our congregation focuses on five aspects of ministry. The **evangelism** programme reaches out to all the people of Jerusalem with the good news of the Messiah. We are faced with the daily challenge of finding bold, creative, and relevant ways of sharing the love of Yeshua (Jesus) with the unbelievers around us. One innovative project we have undertaken is to install a new sports outreach centre in our facility which is in the heart of Jerusalem. We consider evangelism to be one of our highest and most joyful responsibilities.

We teach and develop our young believers in the Lord through **discipleship**. As a congregation, we have taken it upon ourselves to continue growing together in

the knowledge and love of the Lord. *Shemen Sasson* has several Bible studies and small groups that meet throughout the week to facilitate spiritual growth and discipleship.

We aim to cultivate deep and real relationships through **fellowship**. Within Middle Eastern culture, true, deep relationship begins around the dinner table, and grows from there. Our main fellowship meetings are every Friday afternoon, but we are continually seeking out and creating opportunities for more meaningful fellowship.

Our **worship** exalts the name of our Messiah Yeshua in every aspect of our lives. The music at *Shemen Sasson* is really something special. The Lord has blessed us with several gifted Israeli songwriters and talented musicians - as evidenced by our new album release, 'Yigdal Adonai' (Great is the Lord) (<http://shemensasson.bandcamp.com>).

We have also learned as a fellowship, that although worship begins with the music, it extends into every aspect and action of our lives in the Lord.

Through our ministry of **helps**, we are being Yeshua's hands and feet in Jerusalem, serving those in need. Sometimes showing the love of Yeshua happens in very practical and down-to-earth ways. At *Shemen Sasson*, we love to see practical help bringing the "Oil of Gladness" in Yeshua's name.

Yoni M. is the Outreach Co-ordinator for Shemen Sasson. For further information see www.ShemenSasson.com or email office@shemensasson.com

- For the Lord to give us boldness and sensitivity to effectively communicate His heart to our fellow Israelis (Acts 4:19-20, 29-31)
- For breakthrough as we share the gospel with many unbelieving Israelis, especially through the new sports outreach centre (1 Chron 14:11)
- For growth to maturity for the young college and career-aged Israelis in the new home for discipleship that we have established (Matt 28:19-20)

MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP

The Morning Star Fellowship in Tiberias began upon a word that Claude Ezagouri received from the Lord in 1990. Soon after that, the Fellowship was born from evangelism, and the meetings have taken place in Hebrew, with English and Russian translation on headsets in the facilities of the Church of Scotland.

Tiberias is located in the rift valley that extends from Metula at the Lebanese border along the Jordan Valley to Eilat in the South. We believe that it is strategically important to plant local Messianic Centres in this valley, which has remained without any local Messianic fellowship for the last 2000 years. In biblical history, this whole valley was the scene of crucial and extraordinary events that have had a major influence on Israel and the rest of the world to this day. However, it seems that the 'Holy Sites' are the only reminders of what used to be a flourishing garden of true Messianic faith. However, God is not only the God of the hills but also of the valleys (1 Kings 20:28)! Today we stand with the same mandate to seek and save the lost sheep of the House of Israel, and our Lord still has a plan of salvation for this region which He cherishes.

A few years ago the Lord put on our hearts to acquire a building in Tiberias for a

Messianic Centre for the fellowship. This has been a huge project, but God has been with us and has shown us signs and wonders through it. We have almost finished the refurbishments and are in the process to receive the last permits before moving in. Strategically located in the very centre of the city, these new facilities will be a base to bless our community, and demonstrate the love of Yeshua for the Jews today in a very practical way, through several projects which God has put on our hearts. After 2000 years of Christian anti-Semitism it is important to show this love through our deeds, and not only in words.

The building will also serve as a prayer and worship tower in the Galilee. We truly believe that worship and intercession can melt the spiritual forces of darkness over our city. This is already being done jointly with worship ministries from other fellowships in the Galilee, and we intend to develop the worship sessions by God's grace. Also we want to use the new building to allow our Christian brothers and sisters from the nations to come and worship with us as the one new man of Ephesians 2:11-22.

Claude Ezagouri is the pastor of the Morning Star Fellowship. Originally from Algeria, he immigrated to Israel 27 years ago as an orthodox Jew and found His Messiah in Israel.



- For the last permits to come through quickly (Prov 16:3)
- For the prayer tower to be a powerhouse to break the spiritual forces over Tiberias and the Galilee (Eph 6:12)

8th DAY OF SUKKOT

Simchat Torah – Rejoicing in the Word

A Nation Founded on God's Word



Photo: Courtesy André Rosenberg

"I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23: 12).

"Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever" (Deut 5:29).

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love" (Jn 15:10).

**Lev 23:36,39, Num 29:35-38, Deut 31:10-13, II Chron 7:1-16, Neh 8:13-18
Ps 119:97-112, John 1:1-18, Heb 4:12**

YOUR WORD IS TRUTH

The final day of Sukkot is known today as Simchat Torah, meaning 'Rejoicing in the Torah' (God's instructions). It is the end of the synagogue readings of Deuteronomy and the beginning of the next year's cycle of Genesis. Why is the Torah important today?

When Jesus was on trial before Pilate, he said, *"The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth"* (Jn 18:37). Pilate asked, *"What is truth?"* (v 38).

The belt (of truth) was the first item of military armour a Roman soldier put on (Eph 6:14). The second was the breastplate (of righteousness) which was attached to this. Righteousness and justice are dependent on truth to hold them in place. Without truth, a just society cannot exist. Every nation needs a legal system and laws that prevent chaos, define social order and create security for its citizens. The unique thing about the nation of Israel is that its constitution was given directly by God at Mt Sinai! No wonder that today, on Simchat Torah, the Jewish people dance in the streets carrying His precious Word with them and treasuring his Law in their hearts.

Truth produces honesty and trust, which guard against corruption and exploitation.



Yeshua prayed for His disciples, *"Sanctify them by your truth. Your Word is truth"* (Jn 17:17). When we know the truth, it liberates us – not only as individuals (Jn 8:32) but also corporately as nations. Truth transforms society and this foundational value of the Western nations has accounted for their progress and success.

Paul explained that the Law is the tutor to lead us to Christ so that we may be justified by faith (Gal 3:24). Many Christians have discarded the tutor and wonder why the world does not recognise its sin! Freedom

is not licence to do what we please; it is knowing right from wrong and choosing freely to do right. The Law teaches us what is right and what pleases the Father, so we can live in relationship with our Creator and walk in His blessings. To reject the Bible is to dig the grave for Western society. We must teach it to our nations unashamedly.

We have every reason today to 'rejoice in the law' for it gives hope for all mankind. It shows a lost humanity its sin and need for a Saviour, and the way to be restored to a loving God, who is waiting to heal and deliver us and our nations from sin, corruption and death. Truth is ultimately a person – Yeshua HaMashiach (Jn 14:6). He is the living Word made flesh dwelling amongst us... full of grace AND TRUTH (Jn 1:14-15).

- Thank God for His Word (Ps 119:105)
- Pray for the restoration of the 10 commandments in every classroom and law court (Deut 6:4-9)
- For Israel to read and obey God's Word (not the rabbis' teachings), and be a light to all the nations (Is 42:6)

CONTINUE PRAYING FOR ISRAEL

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM OCTOBER 6

Begun in 2002, this annual prayer initiative, held on the first Sunday in October, has quickly become the largest Israel-focused prayer movement in history, with hundreds of millions of believers in over 175 nations uniting to storm heaven on behalf of His Jewish people and their troubled land. The aim is to raise global awareness and intercession for G-d's purposes in Israel, knowing that this hour in history is critical and our authority in prayer is great as we stand upon G-d's promises written in His eternal word.

I encourage you to join in this special day. You can organise a special event at your church or gather a group together to pray. There are many resources available from their website <http://www.daytopray.com/>. Be sure to sign the resolution to pray for Israel on the website.



ISRAEL 24/7 PRAYER WALL ONGOING PRAYER

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD take no rest for yourselves; And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth" (Is 62:6-7).

Are you willing to commit to regularly pray for Israel? If so, consider joining our Israel 24/7 Prayer Wall. We still have gaps that need filling. Watchmen (Isaiah 62) designate at least one hour of their choice per week to pray for Israel and the Jewish people. There is a separate prayer letter which will be emailed to you with prayer points. People in all countries are encouraged to join as the different time zones help us to cover more hours.

To join, just fill out the Feedback Sheet on Page 40 and return to us with your chosen time, or email watchmen777@optusnet.com.au. If you are in Australia and do not have email, we can post the prayer points. If you are overseas, contact your local representative to receive the prayer points.

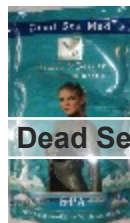
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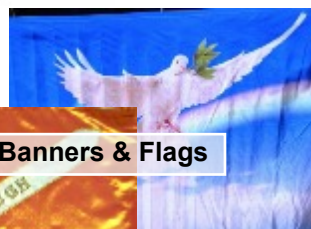
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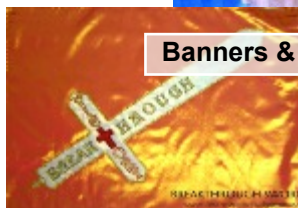
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- Intercessors for the Restoration of Israel: Website: www.out-of-zion.com, kiwi@netvision.net.il
- International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. Website: www.icej.org
- Jerusalem House of Prayer for All Nations. Email: ancj@jhopfan.org
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DVD

- *Jerusalem, the Covenant City*. A documentary by Hugh Kitson. www.hatikvah.co.uk

TELEVISION

- The God TV channel also has much on Israel. www.god.tv
- www.sidroth.org has TV programs and other materials

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What did the Lord show you while you were praying? _____

Do you have any suggestions, recommendations of Messianic leaders (please attach contact details), or comments for next year?

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ENDORSEMENTS

The Jewish Prayer Focus is a fantastic resource for those who wish to pray for the salvation of Jewish people worldwide during the awesome High Holy Days. It is also full of great teaching and timely information from those who are practitioners in the field of Jewish ministry worldwide. I heartily endorse Jill Curry's effort.

*Lawrence Hirsch, Executive Director of Celebrate Messiah Australia,
President of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Australia.*

Please join with me in earnest prayer for the Jewish people. Jesus wept over His people and we who are His, must continue to express His heart.

John Dawson, President, Youth With A Mission

Aliya (Ps 102:16) and the blossoming of the fig tree (Israel – Lk 21:29) are needed to see the fulfillment of God's eternal covenant with Abraham. Your prayers towards this end are essential to prepare the way for the King of Glory (Ps 24:7-11) to take up His throne in Jerusalem and bring shalom to Israel and all nations.

Tom Hess, Jerusalem House of Prayer for all Nations Convocation Jerusalem

As the Lord continues to raise up intercession for His purposes for Israel, He is establishing seasoned "watchmen on the wall" to be points of contact, information, and equipping for His Body.

Jill Curry is one of these strategic vessels the Lord is using in this hour.

Robert Stearns, Director, Eagles' Wings & Co-chairman, International Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem

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