

MESSIANIC RESOURCES

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the Apostle Paul wrote to the beloved Gentiles to whom God had called him, that although they were once far off, they have been brought near by the blood of our Messiah (Ephesians 2:13). My Gentile brothers and sisters in the Lord have been brought into the household of faith to share in the same promises of Messiah in which I rejoice. I look ahead to the Marriage Banquet of the Lamb, which is the fulfilment of all earthly symbols. One day, all of reality—including ourselves—will be transformed in the final restoration of all things.

The Passover also reminds us of one more important truth: that redemption is incomplete without the coming of the Messiah. The Jewish people who are waiting for Him also understand this—and it is our task to show them that Jesus is the one for whom they have been waiting all along.

Thank you for your prayers and giving, which have enabled us to testify to the Lord in London! Be sure to pray for our Passover outreaches this month!

In the Messiah,


Daniel Nessim

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Prayer Points

Here are some highlights from Chosen People Ministries at home and around the world. Please pray that the Lord will build upon what He has already established!

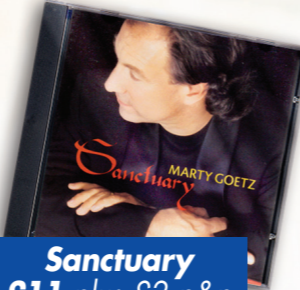
- Continued blessings on the ministry of the 'Tel Aviv Gospel Café' as it seeks to serve seekers and share the Gospel. ☺
- The growth of the Messianic fellowship in London and spiritual growth of its members. ☺
- Our summer outreach programmes as we prepare for special outreaches in Israel and New York. ☺
- The blessing of the Lord as He guides and directs His growing work, not only in Tel Aviv, but in all Israel and around the world. ☺
- Our new Messianic Centre in London, as we seek to reach more people, using it as a base. ☺
- Please pray as we make plans for a conference in October, encouraging believers to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people. ☺



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Passover this year will be Monday and Tuesday evenings, 29-30 March, and the week following.

Passover is a wonderful time for the Believer in Yeshua (Jesus) to enjoy and celebrate a most meaningful Biblical Feast. The Messianic Haggadah is a must for those who desire to conduct their own Messianic Passover Seder or to gain a deeper understanding of this important event. It has been prepared to show God's redemptive grace in the Passover through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Messiah, Jesus, and symbolises God's spiritual redemption of His people. 62 pages, soft cover. Buy one each for everyone at the table!



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MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

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Shalom from Golders Green! The Passover season is upon us, and I know you will almost certainly be celebrating our Lord's death and resurrection. As you celebrate and contemplate Him, I pray that this will be a great time of spiritual enrichment for you and your family.

Often at this time of year, I am asked if I still celebrate the Jewish holidays since I am a follower of Yeshua (Jesus). Since I grew up in a Messianic home (in Hammersmith and then Vancouver), this is a uniquely personal question for me, as it is for many Jewish believers in Yeshua.



DANIEL NESSIM

The answer is an unequivocal yes! Deborah and I continue to celebrate the Jewish festivals as fulfilled in Yeshua (Jesus) the Jewish Messiah. But beneath the question of our continued commemoration of the feasts of Israel, there is another underlying issue. It is the question of whether a Jewish person who receives Jesus is still Jewish—and if so, whether this makes a Jewish believer different from a Gentile believer.

Jewish Believers – A Special but Not Superior Heritage

In the first few verses of Romans chapter eleven, we read that Paul considers himself to be a Jewish believer in Yeshua (Jesus). In verse five, he recognises that he is not alone, as there are other Jewish people who believe in Yeshua as well. Paul identifies this minority as a remnant, the 7,000 who have remained faithful to God. This remnant today numbers about 100,000 out of the 13 million Jewish people in the world. These 100,000 who believe Yeshua is their personal Saviour are part of a growing minority who are slowly getting the grudging acknowledgement of the majority.

Messianic Jews find themselves in an interesting position. In a sense, we are part of two entities established by God in the Bible—Israel and the Church. This is a great privilege. On the one hand, Messianic Jews are born Jewish and are part of the Jewish people, and that does not change when we receive



Yeshua (Jesus) as our Messiah. On the other hand, because we have received Yeshua, we are also part of the Church, which is made up of people who love the Lord and is built upon the chief cornerstone, Jesus the Messiah.

In order for the Church to be the Church, there must be both Jews and Gentiles in the same Body. The Church is described as a mystery in Ephesians chapter five, and part of that mystery is that Jews and Gentiles are part of the same spiritual community, receiving the gift of life from the same Saviour and sharing in the common life of the Holy Spirit.

So as Messianic Jews we are part of the Jewish people—and therefore part of the remnant—and also part of the Church, which makes us one with our Gentile brothers and sisters. How we keep all this in balance throughout our lives is a great question! Where is the middle ground?

I believe that the ground is even at the foot of the Cross. In all of the Scriptures (such as Galatians 3:28) where we see Jews and Gentiles declared as one, we also learn that true spiritual unity is an even stronger and a more powerful testimony in light of our God-ordained diversity. If we handle our diversity with elitism or arrogance, then that is sin. But if we seek to live as the people God made us to be, we will find how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity (Psalm 133).

Passover – A Future Feast Celebrated in the Present

Will I be celebrating Passover this year? Of course—because as a believer in Yeshua (Jesus), the festivals are more meaningful to me than ever!

It is during the Feast of Unleavened Bread that I am reminded of His sinless nature. I will be reminded of His purity and innocence all week, as my family is Jewish and I will eat matzah and avoid leavened bread for seven days.

The Passover Seder (Service) itself will be magnificent, especially as we lift the shank bone of the Seder plate and remember Yeshua (Jesus), the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And as we eat the Bread of Affliction, a symbol of Messiah's suffering, and drink the third cup—the Cup of Redemption—we will remember His words to his disciples: "Drink . . . For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

As I share these special moments with my family and loved ones, I will remember that the Passover is also a time for the stranger to draw near to the presence of the Lord. I will remember, as

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SPOTLIGHT ON ISRAEL AND ISRAELIS

This month, since there is so much news from Israel and Israelis, we are featuring them in our News section:



TEL AVIV MINISTRY OFFERS HOPE AND NEW LIFE TO HOMELESS MAN

The street ministry that Brian S. operates in Tel Aviv confronts human tragedy on a daily basis. But the light of the Gospel banishes the darkness of sin, Brian wrote to tell us: 'A man named "Isaac", who is a Russian Jew, was helpless, hopeless, and homeless, looking for any park or bus bench to sleep on. Until he came to us, he had searched in vain for a bottle of vodka. However, he found real hope when he came to our soup kitchen in Tel Aviv, where he began to surrender his life, begging us to take him into our Bible-based rehabilitation centre. This is where he cleaned up his life, renewed his mind and within two weeks gave his life to the Lord. Please pray for "Isaac" as we continue to disciple him and four other men who are new in their faith.'

GOSPEL CAFÉ SPARKS INTEREST

Lisa, who has been serving in Israel, was strolling along a Tel Aviv street when a Jewish man asked her for directions. As they talked, he asked

where Lisa was going and she told him she was heading towards our recently opened Gospel Café. He told Lisa he did not believe in Yeshua (Jesus) but also said that he had been reading the New Testament. He agreed to join her for a cup of coffee at the café. As they opened the Scriptures, he asked Lisa to pray that God would reveal the truth to him. When they ended their visit, the man expressed a desire to join the weekly meeting at the Messianic Centre in Jerusalem.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS HEAR GOSPEL AT PIANO CONCERT

Henry N., who has led a Messianic congregation in Israel for the last ten years, is also a gifted classical pianist from a family of similarly gifted musicians. His whole family, including his children, gave several concerts for Holocaust survivors and other elderly people in Jerusalem. The listeners were 'very attentive,' Henry reports, 'not only to the music but also to the Gospel message that followed the programme. After these concerts it was much easier to present the Good News of salvation to them!'

MAXIM - SURPRISED BY PASSOVER

In 1996, Maxim became one of the many citizens of the former Soviet Union who made aliyah (immigrated) to Israel. He became a believer in Messiah in the city of Eilat in southern Israel in 2000. He has been a part of Chosen People Ministries for eight years, working in children's ministry as well as with young adults. He is also reaching out to Holocaust survivors.

'Back in Russia, I knew nothing about Passover. The first time I celebrated Passover was in a Messianic congregation in Eilat. I was surprised to understand the meaning of Passover for the Jewish people, the meaning of the sacrifices on behalf of Israel and the meaning of the Passover Lamb as a sign of the coming Messiah. For me, as a believer and a Jew, Passover gives me an insight into the sacrifice of Messiah. By learning the story of Exodus, I also understood a deeper meaning of this feast in my personal life. When I learned about Yeshua (Jesus) as the Passover Lamb, and compared His sacrifice with the sacrificial lamb of Passover, I was more assured that the Scriptures are God's Word and are trustworthy!'

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH
A Common Heritage and an Uncertain Future

Friday and Saturday, 8-9 October, 2010, on the campus of London School of Theology, held in conjunction with King's Evangelical Divinity School.

Don't miss this important conference, which will address issues related to the Church and Israel! Speakers from the UK and abroad will be addressing these vital topics. The programme will include a special banquet and a final concert by renowned Messianic singer **Marty Goetz**.

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