

NEWS AND PRAYER BRIEFS

ANOTHER MESSIANIC CENTRE OPENS

We have just received news that our US ministry has purchased an 11,000 square foot facility in Brooklyn that will serve as a home to the Feinberg Center, our training institute for people entering ministry among the Jewish people. In addition, the new facility has room for a worship centre and will also have room to house evangelists, students, interns and others who are going to help us reach the Jewish people there. Brooklyn houses one of the world's largest Jewish populations. It is where Chosen People Ministries was first established in 1894, so we suspect our founder, Rabbi Leopold Cohn, would be very pleased!

ISRAEL BRIEF

Many are not aware, but Tel Aviv is not just the gleaming city it appears to be. Sadly, Tel Aviv houses many very poor families. In Israel as a whole, one in three children lives below the poverty line. Over 21% of families in Tel Aviv have only one parent. 28% of Israelis as a whole live below the poverty line. In this situation, Chosen People Ministries is working to make a difference. As we help those in need, opportunities also arise to share regarding the hope that is within us — our Messiah Yeshua.

CANADA

Our Canadian ministry has been expanding, reaching more people every year. In Toronto the time has come for larger premises and Bob Seemar, our builder, is going there to refurbish the facility that the Lord has given us. It is a huge task, and Bob will need our prayers as he picks up the hammer and gets to work.

ARGENTINA

Rabbi Ricardo Chemi, who directs our work in Argentina, reports some disturbing events concerning the ministry there. The security situation in Argentina is declining. His own car was recently broken into, and in a separate incident some young men broke into our building, tied up our receptionist, and took money and three laptop computers. Thankfully our receptionist was unhurt. Please pray that the Lord will keep our Buenos Aires staff safe and prosper their ministry there.

LONDON

Our landlord has renewed our lease for another year. What a blessing to be where God has put us! Until the Lord provides for our own facility, we trust Him for each renewal. Our plans for outreach between 14-20 June are moving ahead and we are looking for volunteers. If you can help, call or email our office.

MOSCOW

Right after preaching an evangelistic sermon in Moscow, our Germany director Vladimir Pikman was told with great excitement that eight Jewish people had accepted Yeshua that evening. His subject was 'Messianic Apologetics', which means answering Jewish questions about Yeshua. Vladimir says, 'Speaking for several hours in defence of Yeshua encouraged not only the participants but me personally. And what a privilege it is to see the fruits of a sermon immediately after it is preached!'

THE MESSIAH FACTOR  
TONY PEARCE

The Messiah Factor  
£7 plus £2 p&p

BY TONY PEARCE

Christians know that Jesus was born into a Jewish family and that He was brought up with the teachings of the synagogue, but few of us know very much about the teachings of individual Rabbis through the ages. Tony Pearce has written this very readable book about the Jewish thought and writings on the Messiah factor to help us to a deeper understanding not just of background but of present-day thought too. He has lived and worked in Israel and now runs a Christian fellowship in the Golders Green area of London. He has read widely, talked to many, and tackles important issues such as, 'If Jesus is the Messiah why is there no peace in the world?' With its many Bible references, this is a useful book that we hope will be widely read.

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## DIRECTOR'S LETTER

**D**ear friend in the Messiah,  
*'They shall be My people and I will be their God; ... I will make an everlasting covenant with them'* (Jeremiah 32:38-40).

We are blessed to have a covenant-keeping God. For Jewish people, covenant is indispensable. For a religious Jew, every act of every day is subjected to the standard of what God's covenant with Israel requires. Washing hands, praying, avoiding impurity, reading Psalms, even eating – these are all acts that are done in accordance with what the community believes will please God. Jewish people know that God made a covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai and that God always keeps His word.

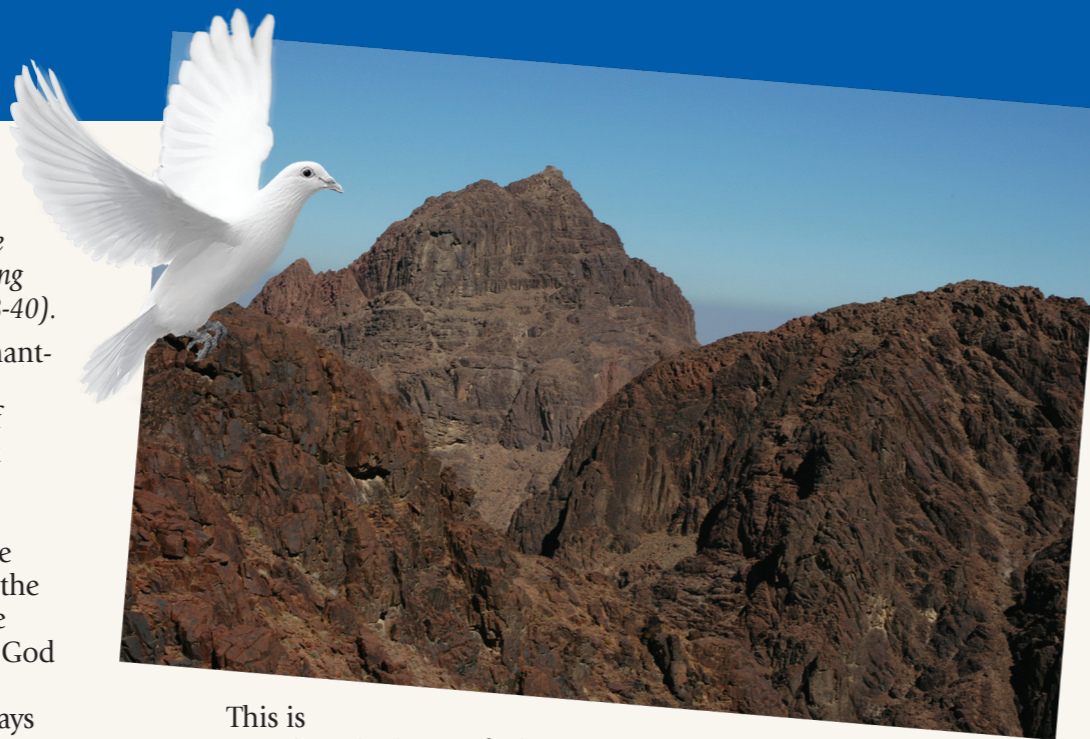


DANIEL NESSIM

What a blessing we have as believers in Yeshua, as we realise, not that God is unfaithful to His word, but that His word is fulfilled in Yeshua (Jesus). More than that, His covenant with Abraham has become a means of blessing to all the nations of the earth! As God said through Jeremiah the prophet, 'If the sky above can be measured and the foundations of the earth be fathomed, [only] then will I reject all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done' (Jeremiah 31:37). The Scriptures are unequivocal: God has not and will not reject the offspring of Israel (the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob).

What a wonderful assurance for us that no matter what our personal histories, no matter what the histories of our countries or even the Church, God is not the kind of God to rescind His covenants with us! And a wonderful covenant He has made. On the cross, and later on the day of Pentecost (Shavuot), God sealed a New Covenant with us by the blood of His Son and the fire of His Spirit. On that day, when the Good News of Yeshua was preached to Jews from all nations, the word began to go forth from Jerusalem. All the nations of the world were blessed by the invitation to join Israel in the worship of the one true God through the mediation of His Son, Yeshua.

Yeshua is the One who makes all the difference! Certainly God never breaks His word; never abrogates His covenants. What He has done is to 'sweeten the deal': now salvation is available not only to Israel, who will have His law written on their hearts (Jeremiah 31:33), but also to all who by faith acknowledge His Son. He has made a better way, a better covenant, as the writer to the Hebrews would say years later (Hebrews 7:22). God has not changed. Our way of finding Grace in His eyes has!



This is so much at the heart of what we do at Chosen People Ministries. We do not seek to destroy the law or the prophets, even as Yeshua did not seek to destroy it (Matthew 5:17). We come to point to Yeshua, just as the law and the prophets did, the prophets themselves longing to look into the wondrous things of God's plan for Israel and the world (1 Peter 1:10). It is through Him that eternal life has ever been available, and through Him and only Him that we can be reconciled to God.

The feast of Shavuot, to be celebrated this 19-20 May, is a celebration of God's faithfulness to His covenant and to His covenant people Israel. It was at this very time of year that the ancient Israelites, just weeks out of captivity in Egypt, came to the foot of the Mountain in the wilderness. Already shell-shocked by all that they had been through, and now finding themselves in the wilderness on a fearful and awesome adventure, they came face to face with the majesty of God. It was then that God made His covenant with them, on the basis that they were His. After all, He had just redeemed them from Egypt! Israel, in awe of God said, 'All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient' (Exodus 24:7).

On this festival of Shavuot it is God's faithfulness that we remember, not ours. It wasn't long before the people of Israel made a golden calf to worship, much to Moses' chagrin. Again and again Israel failed to be faithful, although at times showing great courage and dedication to the Lord. Thus it is fitting that it is during this festival of Shavuot that the story of Ruth the Moabitess is traditionally read.

Ruth's father-in-law had been wealthy and living an opportunistic lifestyle when he stepped away from God's will and left his people, land and family inheritance. It was a time of famine, but rather than endure it with his people, he chose the worldliness of Moab, an idolatrous nation that did not honour God. It was there that he and both of his sons died. In contrast his daughter-in-law Ruth, not even a

Jewess, was faithful to God in returning to her late husband's homeland. It was there in Bethlehem (House of Bread) that she met God's destiny for her. It was there that she met and married the wealthy kinsman Boaz, thereby becoming King David's great grandmother and an ancestor of the Messiah, Yeshua.

God is faithful! At Chosen People Ministries we are keenly aware of how faithful He is. During a very trying year, which has seen many charities struggle tremendously, we have seen God make a way for us, blessing and even expanding the ministry that He has given us to do. When in much need, God provided just the funds that were needed for us to be able to go on. We have been able to continue our support of our ministry in Israel, sign a second year's lease on our Messianic Centre, and continue our congregational and one-to-one ministry in London. Yet things are not easy, and there is much work to be done as we seek always to find and place new workers in the field and add to our outreach and discipleship programmes.

God has been faithful through people like you. And we are very grateful for you. I don't usually ask for funds in our newsletter, but at this point in the life of Chosen People Ministries your gift really would make a difference in our ability to reach out to Jewish people with the Good News of Yeshua, our Messiah, making disciples for Him as He commanded us to.

May the Lord bless you as you walk with Him,

*Daniel Nessim*

Daniel

## Celebrate LONDON Messiah

14-20 June, 2010, we are planning a London outreach celebration. Are you ready to serve the Lord? Want to learn what matzo ball, mitzvah and Messiah have in common?

This is a time of great opportunity for believers who have a heart for the Jewish people. Are you one of them? If so, then a short-term experience in Jewish outreach - including evangelism, discipleship, and hands-on training - is for you!

The Great Commission challenge, 'to the Jew first' (Romans 1:16), is just as true today as it ever was—and the opportunities to share the Gospel with Jewish people are greater than ever!

Do you wish you could use your work experience to serve the Lord? Do you have experience as a scheduling agent or at a call centre? You may be just the person we are looking for. If you meet these criteria, can work out of our office in Golders Green, and would like to be considered for this position, please submit your CV to [daniel@chosenpeople.org.uk](mailto:daniel@chosenpeople.org.uk).

# Is this you?

## 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**.

8-9 OCTOBER, 2010