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'For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

Here we learn that this Child is to be the Prince of Peace. We know that He is able to bring peace in individual hearts and minds, and that the day is coming when He will establish peace in the Middle East and throughout the world.

In our ministry in London, we are pleased to note the Lord's blessing in various ways. One event that marks a significant milestone is the start of monthly services geared towards the needs of Jewish people in Golders Green. This is the most significant Jewish community in the UK, and we have high hopes that the Lord will bless this outreach to both Jewish believers and unbelievers. It has often been our experience in the past that Jewish people who would never enter a church are quite open to meeting in a neutral setting with other Jewish people. In that setting, they can see for themselves that Jewish people can and do believe that Yeshua is the Messiah. In that setting, the Spirit of God can work in hearts that were previously closed.

That is the greatest miracle of all—to see hearts changed as they come face to face with the Jewish Messiah. He is the same one born in Bethlehem of Judah, in the Land of Israel, so long ago. Please pray with us as we seek to make Him known.

Yours in Messiah Yeshua,

Daniel
Daniel Nessim



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Greetings in our Messiah's Name

Holiday decorations, events, and nativity scenes are all a part of this time of year. What a joy it is that our Messiah was born to live among us all those years ago. How few Jewish people realize that this Child that was born is our Messiah. Helping our people to see this is so important to our ministry.

This is a time of year when miracles are celebrated. About the same time that believers in Jesus (Yeshua, in Hebrew) are celebrating the miracle of the Saviour's birth, Jews too are celebrating a miracle called Hanukkah. Much more recently, we are celebrating the dedication of our latest Messianic Centre—in Berlin! This is the very city where so much hate culminated in the so-called 'final solution,' meaning the eradication by mass murder of the Jewish people. Now it is the home of a thriving Jewish community, many who are immigrants from the Former Soviet Union. Our new Messianic Centre is large, versatile, and under the direction of a vibrant team of believers who are effectively winning many to the Lord. By a miracle in itself, the majority of the purchase cost has already been paid by the generosity of God's people.

That generosity has made a difference in Israel and in every country where Chosen People Ministries reaches out to the Jewish people. In fact, it has enabled us to continue to deliver aid to Israelis who have been terribly affected by the war with Hezbollah last summer. Because of your generosity, we have been able to show that believers in the Land of Israel are true Israelis, and that Christians abroad care for the Jewish people.

Long ago, the prophet Isaiah wrote a wonderful description of the Messiah, describing Him through His names.

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Prayer & Praise from Around the World

✧ Flexible Servant of Messiah

At the age of 23, Solomon,* who lives in Australia and is a part of Celebrate Messiah, is still young enough to keep up with the Russian immigrant children he was working with in Israel when the war started. He stayed on to play a pivotal role in the Chosen People Ministries team headed by Maxim K. and Rachel G. as they organized supplies and shelter for as many of the displaced people as they could. His words describe their collective efforts well:

Maxim headed up the relief projects, serving as the 'go to' person and coordinating the acquisition and distribution of food supplies. Latrun, a small village outside of Jerusalem, served as a refugee camp for people fleeing from Haifa and other places in the North. We cared for a children's camp there that had as many as sixty kids aged 6-17. Rachel was quite involved in the food purchase and distribution. She also poured her gifts and loving spirit into forging relationships with the children at Latrun, and organizing field trips to the Jerusalem Messianic Center for showers and a night's sleep in a decent bed. I worked mainly in a support role—running errands and helping the leaders. I also wrote up reports about what we were doing in the form of a newsletter that the Lord used to help raise funds in Australia for the relief effort.

*Name has been changed

Bethlehem

Cradle of Messiah



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Herodian, near the town of Bethlehem

all the infant boys of Bethlehem. This was an attempt by the worldly power of the day to stop God's Messiah from claiming His rightful throne. This fortress would later become a refuge for zealot fighters, in their revolt against

Roman oppression of the Jews.

Sadly, Bethlehem declined greatly in the aftermath of 'the Jewish wars.' These were the days of the early Jewish church in the Land. With or without their consent, the Roman emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, built the church of the nativity in the city. Rebuilt in the sixth century, its earlier foundations can be seen to this day.

Sadly, the royal city has continued to suffer. The home of Arab Christians for almost a millennium, rapidly changing demographics under the Palestinian authority have made it a difficult place for the ancient Christian community to live. That population has dropped from 80% to 20% of the town's population in the last decade. Even their ancient church was recently used in 2002 as a holdout by Palestinian gunmen, who were confident Israeli troops would do everything they could not to fire at them and damage the structure.

However, as the prophecies and promises of Scripture are fulfilled, we can rest

assured in the knowledge that humble Bethlehem, 'little among the thousands of Judah' will rejoice in its Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

God has a history of delivering His people. Through Yeshua He has provided deliverance from sin. Over a century before Yeshua, he delivered the Jews from godless overlords who were enforcing idol worship and banning worship of the One true God. The miraculous delivery of the Jewish people on that occasion occasioned the invention of Hanukkah, a feast commemorating the purification and rededication of the Temple that has been celebrated ever since.

As part of our ministry to the Jewish people we serve we will hold a special Hanukkah outreach celebration. In that



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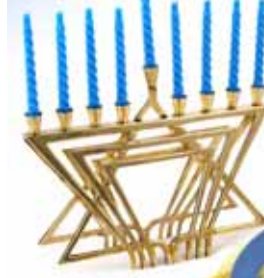
way, maybe some will come to realize the nature of the greatest Miracle of all—Yeshua.

- Light the menorah and reflect upon Messiah's faithfulness to those who keep His Word
- Give gifts to loved ones – and do something special for someone in need
- Eat *latkes* (potato pancakes cooked in oil) and remember the miracle of Hanukkah
- Sing Hanukkah songs and praise the Lord
- Eat *sufganiyot* (sugar doughnuts) just for the fun of it
- Pray for the salvation of the Jewish People and for Chosen People Ministries' staff members around the world
- Send your Jewish friend a Hanukkah Card
- Give thanks for the Lord's miracles today...

The Lord is indeed working miracles of transformation as His Gospel takes root in the souls He has prepared, particularly in Israel. Michael V., one of our faithful outreach workers, sent along this encouraging report:

Recently, we attended an annual meeting with many of the fellowships from the region of the Galilee, in northern Israel. Hundreds came, both Jews and Arabs, and all were believers in Yeshua. We had a great time of corporate worship and afterwards, we all partook of the food everybody brought to share. One of the best parts was seeing the youth, a mixture of Jewish and Arab believers in Yeshua (Jesus), standing together before God, hand in hand, praying for the peace of the upcoming generation.

This is a modern miracle indeed—made possible only through the Lord's power to transform hearts and lives.



We Do **Things to Make Hanukkah Special**

