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Messianic Passover Haggadah

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wanted me on the ground in tears! Being a lay leader in his Conservative synagogue, he made it perfectly clear that he was not "fooled by this *meshugas*" (craziness) about the Passover prefiguring the Messiah. I offered him my usual invitation: "Why don't we meet for an hour this week and study the Torah to see if these things are so?" Energised by the prospect of proving me wrong, he eagerly accepted the invitation.

In the ensuing weeks and months, that "hour" grew to dozens of hours of kitchen table Torah study in his home. While there are many privileges associated with the work of a Chosen People Ministries staff member, the most profound is that of watching God lift the veil that lies on Jewish hearts (2 Cor. 3:15-16). The fire of God's living Word steadily melted away M.'s scepticism until that glorious day when he surrendered his life to the Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus). At a *Yom ha'Atzmaut* (Israel Independence Day) service at our Messianic congregation, during the singing of Israel's national anthem, *Hatikvah* ("The Hope"), tears streamed down M.'s face as he privately encountered the Hope of Israel, Jesus. On the day of the celebration of Israel's independence, M. was set free.

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New Life as Messiah's Man

It was on that Sunday that I saw the Passover seder as I had never seen it before. I saw how the Cup of Redemption and the broken middle matzah—hidden and later brought back to life for all—represented Jesus. I was rocked to the very core of my soul. God had grabbed my attention and I would never be the same.

Afterwards, Scott met with me to discuss all the issues that God had raised in my heart. My intent was to prove Scott and his message wrong, but as we studied the Hebrew Scriptures together and explored the idea of Jesus as Messiah, the evidence became overwhelming. Six weeks later, during the celebration of Israel's rebirth as a nation, I was reborn as a child of God and a believer in Yeshua (Jesus).

Scott disciplined me for many years after I came to faith. He encouraged me to go on Chosen People Ministries' Summer Training and Evangelism Program (STEP), where God called me into ministry. As my ministry developed, Scott was always there to go to for advice and counsel, and we remain close friends to this day. My eternal thanks go to this man and to Chosen People Ministries for saving me from death through Messiah's message of eternal life.

M.K. and his family, who must remain anonymous, recently "made *aliyah*" (immigrated to Israel), where they have joined the growing staff of Chosen People Ministries in the Land of Promise.

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Shalom from Golders Green, and thank you for your concern for the Gospel and for the Jewish people. It is thanks to the prayers and support of people like you that so many Jewish people like me are believers in Yeshua (Jesus) today. I only need to look at the stories of my father at the University of Exeter and my mother while training at St Mary's, Paddington, to see how God has used the loving witness of Gentile believers. Both of my parents came to faith through other believers who cared enough to introduce them to the Messiah of Israel. Now it is my privilege as the next generation to continue the work, with your help.

Very recently we celebrated the Jewish feast of Purim. This feast, instituted in Esther 9, celebrates the remarkable deliverance that God worked for the Jewish people in the Babylonian empire. Since then, it has become a symbol of all the times that God has delivered us from our implacable foes. Were it not for these deliverances, the Jewish people would have ceased to exist long ago. The famous author Mark Twain himself wondered, "What is the secret to his [the Jew's] immortality?" The secret is a God who still has a purpose for the people of Israel.



Daniel Nessim

I have been especially pleased in the last few weeks to see that not only Jewish believers in Yeshua have been attending the meetings we have held, but also those who do not believe. What a pleasure it is to interact with such friends as a representative of our Messiah. Even at a meeting recently held in a hotel, an Israeli man made a point of speaking with us before and after the meeting. During the meeting we were able to share how the Lord had opened our eyes to his Son, Yeshua. Our prayer is that this friend too will have his eyes opened, and we pray the same for all those with whom we interact.

At this point we are looking forward to the feast of Passover, which celebrates the greatest deliverance that the people of Israel have ever experienced. Having been redeemed through their sacrificial offerings of lambs, Israel came through the Red Sea and began a long journey to the Promised Land. Our heart's desire is that more and more Jewish people might experience the even greater deliverance wrought through the work of Yeshua. This year we will hold at least two Passover services, which will appeal to Jewish people whether or not they understand this truth. No doubt we will all enjoy the events, but most importantly, whatever our personal spiritual convictions, we will all come away with a greater appreciation of Yeshua, who came as the Passover Lamb, to "take away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Your prayers and support are much appreciated as always as we represent Him among His people Israel.

Yours in our Messiah,

Daniel
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Coffee Shop Ministry to Orthodox Man

Daniel and Deborah, who minister in the very Jewish neighbourhood of Golders Green, London, are making inroads slowly but surely as they become known in the area. When Daniel stopped at Starbucks to peruse his email, B. dropped by to say hello. He is a friendly Orthodox Jewish man who wears the traditional black coat, trousers, shoes, and hat. B. confided in Daniel some of the many problems he is facing in life. They talked for a good while, and Daniel was able to share just a little with him about God and about His Son Yeshua (Jesus). Daniel says, "Coffee shops in the neighbourhood are such a great way to meet people!" Pray that the seed that was planted takes root in B.'s soul.

"It Seemed that I Heard Music"

The Berlin Messianic Centre is rejoicing in several faith decisions in Messiah in the past month. One of them, a Jewish man, had experienced problems in his business. During this time, his wife, a new Jewish believer, was sharing the Gospel with him and the Berlin congregation was praying and treating him as a welcome friend. Finally, he came to Vladimir Pikman, our Germany director, for guidance. Vladimir urged him to receive Jesus the Messiah in wholehearted prayer. Three days later, the man returned to say he had prayed as Vladimir had suggested. "So, what happened?" Vladimir asked. He smiled happily and said, "Suddenly it seemed that I heard music." Pray for this brand-new Jewish believer as he grows in the Lord.

Faith on the Front Lines

Our staff member Victor writes from Jerusalem: "Our daughter just completed her first year in the army. This year has been extremely difficult for her and for us as her parents. Her job is to help wounded and sick soldiers. Her tank division lost 13 young soldiers in the last war with Lebanon, and there are still wounded soldiers from that war. She tries to bring them comfort and hope. Her closest friend grew up in our congregation. She sings with our worship team and is part of our children's ministry. A month ago, Anjelica was drafted to the Border Police. The Border Police serve on the forefront of the battle with terrorists. Only a few weeks ago, two border policemen were attacked in Jerusalem; a young man was killed instantly and a young lady was seriously wounded. Once again, we were reminded of the vital importance of prayers for the safety and lives of our soldiers.



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Messiah in the Passover: A Powerful Instrument of God's Saving Message



Scott Brown is in the process of relocating with his wife, Margie, and their family to New Zealand, where they hope to minister as Chosen People Ministries staff through hospitality and "servant evangelism" to the many tourists (including a significant number of Israelis) who travel there.

by Scott Brown

So subtle are the workings of the Holy Spirit that it may be foolish to suppose they can be measured. Nevertheless, in the course of twenty-five years of sharing Messiah with my Jewish brethren, no evangelistic instrument has yielded more astounding results than the "Messiah in the Passover" presentation. It seems to be one of the Lord's favourite tools for probing deep into the hearts of Jewish people.

I will never forget the day God powerfully stirred several Jewish hearts during a "Messiah in the Passover" demonstration just a few miles from my home. It was a Baptist church in the sleepy little village of Ashton, Maryland. In the preceding

weeks, the pastor had dutifully charged his congregants to "bring a Jewish friend" to this special service—and some did!

At the conclusion of the service, I noticed something unusual: a small crowd huddled in one of the aisles. Supposing this was a medical emergency, I rushed to see if I could assist in any way. While not a medical emergency, it turned out that Divine surgery was in progress as the Spirit of God penetrated deep into the heart of a Jewish businessman who was lying prostrate on the floor and weeping. Once again, God had used the Passover demonstration to unveil the saving grace of Messiah's sacrificial death, burial and resurrection. Another Jewish soul was coming home.

A Life-Changing Invitation

After praying with the gentleman and noting his name and address for follow-up, I headed out the door. Out of the corner of my eye, I observed a rather imposing figure moving hurriedly in my direction, as though in pursuit.

As it turned out, this was yet another Jewish businessman who had been invited to the service that day. But instead of lying on the ground weeping, he gave me the distinct impression that he

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Meeting Messiah in the Passover

A true story by M.K.

My life growing up was as ordinary as you could imagine. I attended suburban schools and went to synagogue regularly with my family. We weren't overly religious, but we were observant Jews and kept all of the holy days. My favourite was Passover.

My dad's family lived in South Africa but all of my mom's family was in the Washington area.

She had one sister and five brothers, and all of our relatives would get together for the Passover



seder—including six sets of aunts and uncles and thirteen cousins! We went through all of the seder rituals, ate a big meal and hardly ever made it to the end of the service. I guess you could say that we went through the motions without any real understanding.

After high school, I moved out of the house and also moved away from my Jewish upbringing. I was off to see the world and experience life, but I was looking for life in all of the wrong places.

Time marched on; I married and embarked on a very lucrative career. Three months after our second child was born, I received the most important phone call of my life. It was from a Christian business associate who invited me to his church. He said a Jewish man was coming to speak about Jesus and the Passover. I was intrigued and accepted his invitation, and on Palm Sunday in 1992, off I went to church with my wife and two young children.

Little did I know the effect that the speaker, Scott Brown, and his teaching, "Messiah in the Passover," would have on me.