

September—October 2022 / ELUL 5782—CHESHVAN 5783

Volume 19 • Issue 4 • INTERNATIONAL EDITION



The Chosen People

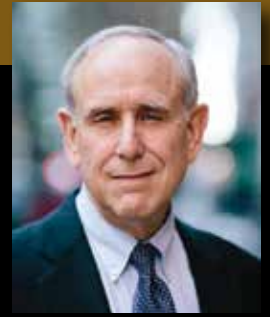
SERVING THE JEWISH PEOPLE SINCE 1894



THE TABERNACLE

| THE TABERNACLE: A PORTRAIT OF REDEMPTION |
| UK MISSIONARY NEWS | INTERNATIONAL NEWS |

Dr. Mitch Glaser
International
Director
Chosen People
Ministries



THE TABERNACLE:

A PORTRAIT OF REDEMPTION

Dear Friend in the Messiah,
Shalom in His grace.

Let me tell you how excited I am about a new Bible teaching project we have been working on these past several months! We are partnering with a wonderful Christian production company to create a **virtual three-dimensional model and tour of the Tabernacle**, which was the “portable Temple” where God dwelt during the Israelites’ journeys on the way to the promised land. The Hebrew for “tabernacle” is *mishkan*, which means dwelling place.

In Exodus 25:1–27:19, Moses outlined the plan for the Tabernacle, which God revealed to him on Mount Sinai. In many ways, the Tabernacle is a biblical type that points to the person and work of Messiah Jesus. That is one reason why I believe it is crucial that we understand the Tabernacle! Within this incredible structure, we find the “spiritual essentials” we need to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Once done, we hope our 3D model will help you experience the Tabernacle in a fresh and deeper way. You will find several images of the model in this newsletter.

Now, allow me to give you a “sneak peek” by examining the Tabernacle’s components and showing why they are important for anyone who wants to live for the Lord.

THE ALTAR (מִזְבֵּיחַ)—*mizbeiach*

One of the major roles of the priests was to offer sacrifices to God on the altar (Exodus 27:1–8) in the Tabernacle (and eventually the Temple). One cannot underestimate the importance of the required sacrifices for atonement. We read in Leviticus 17:11, *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.”*

Yeshua was the lamb of God who offered Himself as a sacrifice, and His death atoned for the sins of Israel and the entire world (John 1:29). We are grateful for God's sacrifice of His Son for our salvation. As followers of the Messiah, we also offer ourselves in sacrificial service, which is our spiritual duty (Romans 12:1-2).

THE LAVER (כַּיִּיֹר)—*kiyor*

The priests were commanded to cleanse themselves in the laver, or basin, before offering sacrifices (Exodus 30:17-20). This law teaches us a key lesson, as there must be **purity before we are able to worship**. The laver teaches us the importance of purity and cleansing in our spiritual lives. In fact, the cleansing that Israel and the world needs is not produced by bathing in water, but rather we are washed and purified through the blood of Jesus. The laver points to the perfect cleansing we experience by faith through His sacrifice for our sins.

I believe the Lord had the death of the Messiah Jesus in mind when the prophet wrote, *"In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity"* (Zechariah 13:1).

This end-time cleansing will take place when the Jewish people turn to Him who was pierced (Zechariah 12:10). For those of us who already know the Lord, we understand God forgives and cleanses us each day as we confess our sins and re-experience the full power of His atoning blood (1 John 1:9).

THE LAMPSTAND (מְנוֹרָה)—*menorah*

God instructed Israel to make a lampstand with six branches (Exodus 25:31-40). Light is an integral theme in the Bible and a key element of our walk with God. His light guides us. His word is a lamp to our feet and a light that keeps us from stumbling (Psalm 119:105). The Lord chose Israel to be a light to the nations, yet His Son Yeshua, Himself an Israelite, shines this light more brightly than any individual or nation.

He is the light of the world, as John wrote, *"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life"* (John 8:12).

THE ETERNAL LIGHT (נֵר תָּמִיד)—*ner tamid*

God told Israel to burn a lamp continually in the Tabernacle (Exodus 27:20-21). This eternal light points to God's eternal, glorious, and holy character. God is unchanging in His attributes and nature. The ever-present light reminds us that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob exists from everlasting to everlasting and that His Son shares the same nature. Therefore, Micah wrote that the Messiah's *"goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity"* (Mic 5:2).



THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE

(לֶחֶם פָּנִים)—*lechem panim*

In the ancient Middle East and even today, a meal is the ultimate expression of intimacy and friendship between individuals. The bread of the Presence refers to a meal we can share with God that speaks of this potential depth of intimacy and friendship with the King of kings. Israel was to always have bread on a table in the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:23–30; Leviticus 24:5–6).

Yeshua has made a way for us to enter into and enjoy this relationship with the Lord. We are *forgiven friends of the almighty and holy God of the universe through the sacrifice of Yeshua* (John 15:15). In Him, we are free to fellowship with God like friends sharing a meal. We also joyfully await the marriage supper of the Lamb when the Messiah will dine with His bride (Revelation 19:9).

The laver and the altar prepare our hearts for the beauty of this eternal fellowship with the Lord and Creator of all things.



THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

(מִזְבֵּחַ הַקְּטֹרֶת)—*mizbach ha-ketoret*

Prayers of intercession were another special responsibility of the priests. God instructed them to continually burn incense in the Tabernacle (Exodus 30:1–10) to symbolize their prayers wafting between earth and heaven.

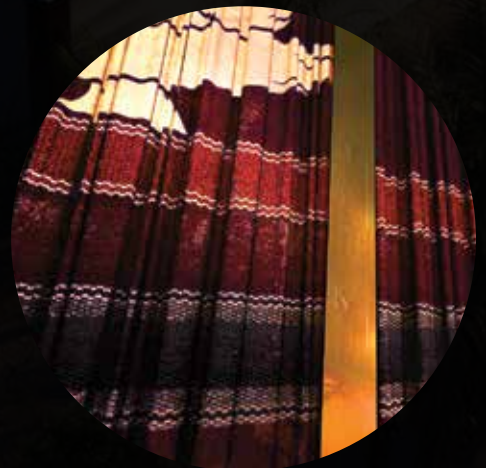
Prayer is, of course, critical to our spiritual life. It is the line of communication between us and the Lord. We may pray liturgically or spontaneously—with or without a formula. Just as the priests were to burn incense constantly, we are to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).



THE DIVIDING VEIL (פָּרֹכֶת)—*parochet*

This veil was a curtain that divided the holy place and the Holy of Holies (Exodus 26:31–33). Once a year, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies to offer the Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) sacrifice (Leviticus 16).

The moment Yeshua died on Golgotha, the veil in the Temple was torn in two (Matthew 27:51) as a sign that all who believe now have access to the Holy of Holies through faith in the justifying work of Yeshua on the cross (Romans 5:1–2; Hebrews 10:19–20). One of the critical components of a healthy spiritual life is recognizing the access we have to God through the Messiah. Nothing can stand between us and God. We simply need to take advantage of this marvellous and privileged access to the presence of God, nurtured through prayer, reading Scripture, fellowship, meditation, and obedience for those cleansed by His atoning blood.



THE ARK (אֲרוֹן)—*aron*

In Exodus 25:10–22, God told the Israelites how to build the ark. He commanded them to place several important items in the ark, including the two stone tablets on which God wrote the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 10:1–5), Aaron’s blooming rod (Numbers 17:1–11), and a pot of manna (Exodus 16:33–34). All these items testified to God’s faithfulness to the Jewish people. These reminders of God’s word, the miracle of His transforming power, and His provision were important, and they reminded the high priest of why his obligations to the rest of the nation were so critical.

Yeshua is represented by each of the three items within the ark. As to the manna, He said, *“I am the living bread that came down out of heaven”* (John 6:51). Aaron’s rod was a definitive symbol of God’s power, representing how Jesus was God on earth; *“I and the Father are one”* (John 10:30). Finally, the word of God, represented by the stone tablets, finds its greatest fulfillment in the Messiah, *“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14).

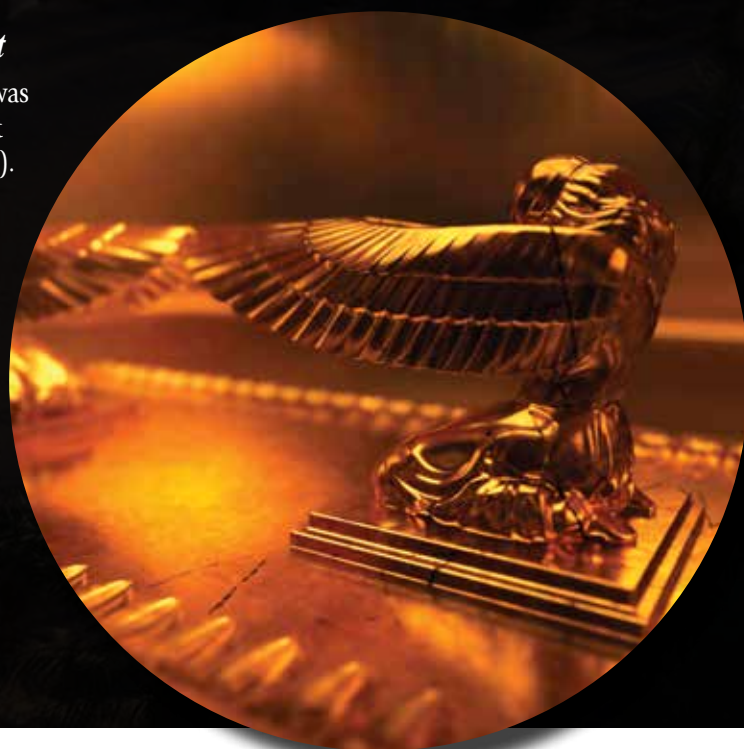


THE MERCY SEAT (כַּפֹּרֶת)—*kaporet*

The mercy seat is the piece of Tabernacle furniture that was most significant for the ancient Israelites. The mercy seat covered the ark in the Holy of Holies (Exodus 25:17–22). One might think of the mercy seat as *atonement central*. It was where the high priest sprinkled blood when he entered the Holy of Holies once a year to seek atonement for the whole nation of Israel (Leviticus 16:14–15).

Yeshua died once for all, for all humanity, and His one sacrifice suffices for all time (Hebrews 9:11–14). His blood fully cleanses all who believe. Yet, that is not the end of His work as our perfect High Priest, as Jesus continually intercedes for us in heaven. As the author of Hebrews wrote, *“Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them”* (Heb 7:25).

He is our everlasting High Priest!



IN CONCLUSION

As you can see, the Tabernacle gives us much to consider as this mobile Temple reveals so many of the essential building blocks that shape our spiritual lives. The Tabernacle pointed to Jesus our Messiah who fulfils every intricate feature of the Tabernacle. The shadows match the substance. I hope this brief guide to the Tabernacle encourages you to more deeply appreciate the atonement Jesus made for us. Thanks to

Him and Him alone, we can draw near to the Lord each and every moment of our lives!

United in His magnificent work of redemption,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mitch".

Dr. Mitch Glaser
International Director

A SHORT CONVERSATION HAS ETERNAL REWARD

Adam* is a Jewish believer who came to Messiah a few years ago while on the phone with one of our missionaries, and another of our missionaries has had a relationship with him throughout the pandemic by phone. A few weeks ago, Adam called our staff member and told him that just moments before the phone call, he had been playing Russian roulette when the Lord led him to call our missionary, who was able to help Adam refocus his thoughts on Christ, which helped make a big difference. The challenges Adam was facing were not going to suddenly resolve themselves, and he was holding himself to blame for every mistake he had ever made, and it was overwhelming him. Our staff reminded him that because of the finished work on the cross, Jesus made it possible to move forward from every mistake and every error.

Adam made a commitment to look ahead while learning from the mistakes he made, which is ultimately what we are all called to do. He told our missionary he would put the gun away and trust in Jesus, but Adam needs our prayers. We never know how just being a part of someone's life may have eternal consequences.

"TAX COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES ARE ENTERING THE KINGDOM BEFORE YOU"

One of our missionary families runs a ministry to drug addicts and prostitutes in Tel Aviv, and this work has come to bear fruit in the Kingdom! One victory story is about Natan,* who left the street about a year ago, checked into a discipleship center, became a believer, and was baptised! Please pray for him to continue growing in the Lord. Another story is about Miriam,* who after many months of being touched by our staff's friendship, finally opened up and connected to our staff member who shared her own testimony and the gospel. While Miriam has yet to embrace Jesus, a real bond was formed between the two ladies, and the Lord is at work! We are often reminded how, in Jesus' ministry, it was the "tax collectors and prostitutes" who believed before some of the more respected and educated citizens (see Matthew 21:31-32). Please pray for Miriam's salvation.

ISRAELI MISSIONARY SHARES THE GOSPEL WITH PALESTINIAN MAN ON FLIGHT

Recently, one of our Israeli missionaries was on a flight that ended up being a mess—it was delayed, rescheduled, and then in the middle of the flight,

they changed the airport to a different destination! But God had a plan for this flight. Beside our missionary was a man that looked very Middle Eastern. They started talking and joking about the flight. Sometime later the man asked our missionary where he was from, and when he said Israel, the man looked shocked. Our staff then asked him where he was from, and the man said he is Palestinian but lives in Boston. Since they had a couple hours of delays and wrong airports, our missionary had the opportunity to talk with the man about Israel, about the political conflicts, but most importantly about the gospel. He was curious why a Jewish guy living in Chicago is so passionate about Jesus. Closer to the end of the flight, the Palestinian man said he wanted to stay in contact with our missionary and to try to meet again someday. Please pray for this man, that the words our missionary shared will be in his heart, that the hate he feels toward the Jewish people will disappear, and that he will be able to see and receive God's story of reconciliation in the gospel.

REVIVALS AND BAPTISMS IN GERMANY

Our staff in Germany are experiencing a mini-revival at the moment! Some time ago, they had a scheduled baptism service for three people.

However, when asked at the worship service a day earlier if there were others who had accepted Jesus and wanted to be baptised, six more people professed their faith. So, unexpectedly, there were nine

people going into the water. Among those baptised were people of different ages (from 18 through about 70), from different countries, Jewish and Gentiles, with German, Russian, Ukrainian, French, and Spanish languages represented. There was much joy and praise.

After that baptism service, several other people approached our staff member telling him that they believe in Yeshua. So they had another baptism service for them just four weeks later.

Lastly, during an evangelism training program in Berlin, there was an average of five people a day accepting Jesus as their Saviour and praying in His name! Our staff person said, "I remember something similar in the 1990s. But nothing like this has happened here for the last two decades. Praise the Lord! A new beginning? New revival? I believe so!"



Recently, I have been encouraged as my encounters with Orthodox Jewish people have led to more frequent exchanges of numbers so that communication can continue. Then one day things got even better!



SIMON LISSAK

I met 'Moishe' in the street and asked him a Deuteronomy question. To my amazement he suggested we go and talk in his flat. This has never happened to me before. A few minutes later, I was sheltering from the rain in his studio and we had the Bible open and we were delving into the Parashah for that week. Although he is a fully committed Hassidic Jew, he is also open to looking at the Bible with me. Two hours flashed past as we looked at various texts. As I left we exchanged numbers and arranged to meet him again. The next time we met the Parasha discussion led to a chat about the origins and value of the Oral Law and then to how the five books of Moses were written and compiled. We now meet regularly and text questions and answers to each other. This is an incredible breakthrough. Although he is not yet open to Jesus being Messiah, I am hoping that we can build a trusting relationship based on wrestling with shared texts.

Jacob is an intelligent man in his forties but has a serious problem with alcohol. The last few times I have gone to visit him he has been quite drunk. He is very pleased that I make time to see him and talk to him about spiritual things. However, he is struggling with a lot of issues that I am really not qualified to help him with. Please pray for a miracle. He has rejected Orthodox Judaism and is a really lost soul.

Yossi is a professional violinist who I met when he was outside his house saying good bye to his sister. We got talking about the Parasha and he stayed to finish his cigarette when the rest of his family went inside. Yossi teaches violin and plays at weddings and other events. His music is mostly classical but he likes Jazz more than Klezma! We talked about Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie and Theolonious Monk. He's happy to meet again, so please pray that we'd 'hit the right Spiritual notes' the next time we meet!

Thank you for your continued partnership in the Gospel and for your prayers.

Firstly, let me thank you for your loving and prayerful support. It's been a busy summer! I attended a conference organised by Beit Sar Shalom Germany in Croatia and was such an encouragement to spent time with their staff and their key volunteers.

In July, I went on a first trip to after the pandemic to Riga in Latvia. I was able to speak at a couple of groups; one of which is a couple of hours drive from Riga. Over the years, we have seen a number of Jewish people come to accept Jesus as their Messiah in this group. I took the opportunity to visit Berlin on the way back to catch up with some of the Ukrainian refugees.

In September there was an international gathering of Russian speaking Messianic leaders from Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Germany, and UK which was held in Berlin. I had the privilege of representing Chosen People Ministries UK and sharing a session on Jewish evangelism.

After the conference, I spent a couple of days with some Ukrainian refugees who settled in Berlin, it was so encouraging to see that the time I spent in Berlin with Beit Sar Shalom earlier this year has borne fruit. I also had the opportunity to visit Latvia again on the way back home. I got to share the Gospel with a group that I have been visiting for some years now I am always surprised how willing the Jewish community is willing to come out and attend our meeting. Yet I am sure that it is God by His Spirit who draws them.

At Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year we will officially restart the Messianic work in Riga, in conjunction with a local church who will oversee the work and ensure that it bears good fruit. We will hold a special opening service to celebrate the Jewish Festival. I hope to use this opportunity to speak to Jewish people not only about this Festival but about the salvation available in Jesus.



FIONA SORBALA

Back in London, the Messianic Congregation is rejoicing in its venue in North Finchley where we have been meeting face to face for our Saturday Shabbat services. We will begin our midweek bible studies in our Golders Green office in October. We are getting more Jewish contacts to follow up and praying that this will bear fruit. We continue to zoom all of our meetings so that they are available to people to visit.

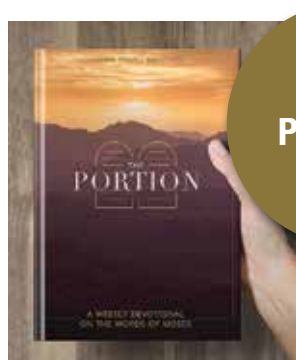
Currently, our Tuesday Bible study for supporters and friends of Chosen People Ministries is studying the Book of Hebrews. All are invited! If you need the zoom link then please contact our office on info@chosenpeople.org.uk Previous studies are available on our YouTube channel.

We are very excited to present the **Chosen People Ministries 5783/2022-2023 Messianic Jewish Art Calendar.**

Our calendar this year focuses on the work we do around the world. Each month reveals a beautiful picture of one of our centres across the globe. You will read about how God is at work, perhaps in unexpected places and in unexpected ways, always with the mission to draw Jewish people back to Himself. This is a calendar we think you will enjoy and be blessed by.

18 month calendar • 21.0 x 29.7cm

(*Contact the office for orders of 2 or more - 0208 455 7911/NatalieC@chosenpeople.org.uk)



'The Portion' is a new devotional from Chosen People Ministries!

Many might perceive the Torah as intimidating, outdated, or even irrelevant. However, without the Torah, we cannot fully understand New Testament concepts, including Israel's future redemption, the heavenly Tabernacle, or why Yeshua's sacrifice was necessary.

As you read this encouraging devotional, you will discover how the Torah lays the foundation for the rest of Scripture and has guidance for our lives today. Also makes a lovely gift.

Order via our webstore: shop.chosenpeople.org.uk or via our office 020 8455 7911.



We understand that the upcoming, Advent, and Christmas season is the busiest time on church calendars and for church workers, and one of the most exhausting times for pastors. We are here to help!

Would your pastor like to be able to take off "sermon duty" one Sunday morning, evening, or weeknight during the festive season this year—while simultaneously inviting the season to become more meaningful than ever? Our missionaries and speakers are here to serve you and your church with timely and inspiring messages:

- Advent through Jewish Eyes
- Without Hanukkah, There Would Be No Christmas
- Christmas through Jewish Eyes
- The Road to Bethlehem

EMAIL NatalieC@chosenpeople.org.uk / 0208 455 7911



Chosen People Ministries has been taking the love of the Messiah to Jewish people worldwide since 1894.

Chosen People Ministries UK Board of Directors: Mr. Tim Bath (chair) • Mrs. Yvonne Bath • Mr Jeff Cuozzo • Dr. Mitch Glaser • Mrs Salome Kaluba • Rev. Keith Page • Mr Paul Refson • Mr Michael Tetzlaff

Also serving in: Australia, Argentina, Canada, Finland/Baltic States, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, and the United States.

The Chosen People UK Edition newsletter is published bimonthly by Chosen People Ministries (UK). To receive a copy or for more information call on 0208 455 7911, write to Chosen People Ministries UK, PO Box 47871, Golders Green, LONDON, NW11 1AL, or email us at info@chosenpeople.org.uk. UK edits: Natalie Cooke. Design: Lois Ruedinger.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT WWW.CHOSENPEOPLE.ORG.UK

CALL US ON: 0208 455 7911

WRITE TO US AT: info@chosenpeople.org.uk

©2022 Chosen People Ministries (UK) Registered Charity No. 1095644, a company limited by guarantee in England No. 4611406. Printed in the United Kingdom.