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s we draw closer to the end of another calendar year, it is difficult not to reflect on the state of the world and to observe the ever-increasing need that people have for Yeshua. Already (I am writing this in October), businesses and advertisers are bombarding us with Christmastime consumerism, the implications of which are obvious: as

a society, we are consumed with ourselves, and there is no room for God in such a self-centered existence.

But the truth is that whether due to the ravaging diseases of the body—such as the recent Ebola outbreak—or to the spiritually crippling disease of sin, all people everywhere need salvation through the Messiah Yeshua... and the Jewish people are a priority.

So how do we as disciples of Messiah respond to this need? How do we rise to the challenge of being ambassadors for Messiah, and champion His message to a world that is too sick to even want the cure?

story reflects the condition of our society today, but you will also be encouraged by the fortitude and relentless passion for God by the remnant of Israel.

I wanted to offer this book to you, not only because the season of Chanukah is approaching (Chanukah begins this year on December 16), but because I want you to be strengthened in the days and years ahead to hold fast to your faith. I hope you will order copies of my book *The Real Story of Chanukah* for yourself, your family and friends, and receive the encouragement to stand strong for God and declare His perfect Word.

The Salvation of Israel

My friend, the key to the salvation of the world is the salvation of the Jewish people, so we as disciples of Messiah must be prepared to resist ungodly influences, and demonstrate our love and conviction so that all Israel will see, and return to their God. I hope that you will continue to stand with me and MJMI, so that together we can help bring about that victorious day of Israel's salvation. Your donation of \$10, \$25, \$100 or more will help

Rising to the Challenge

Several years ago, I wrote a challenging and passionate message about being a radical disciple of Messiah, and I hung it on perhaps the most unlikely of matrices: The Real Story of Chanukah. Chanukah, of course, is the Jewish Feast of Dedication, and is often celebrated as the Jewish alternative to Christmas, but there is far more to the story than most people realize. My book is not only an exhortation to believers in Yeshua to be dedicated to Him whether by life or by death (Philippians 1:20), but it also serves as a warning of how the slow, gradual acceptance of the world's ways will eventually lead God's people into depravity, apostasy, and all manner of ungodliness. I think you will be shocked by how the real Chanukah

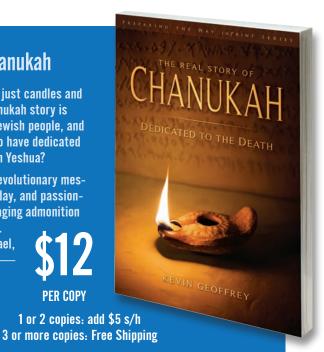
The Real Story of Chanukah

What if Chanukah is more than just candles and presents? What if the real Chanukah story is actually a rallying cry for the Jewish people, and a graphic exhortation to all who have dedicated their lives to serve the Messiah Yeshua?

Join Kevin as he restores the revolutionary message of this annual Jewish holiday, and passionately reframes it as an encouraging admonition for every single day of the year.

May we—both the sons of Israel, and the whole Body of Messiah—be as dedicated to God as His devoted Chanukah defenders... dedicated even to the death.

PAPERBACK: 180 pages



Update from Israel

As I reported this past summer, my friend Ronna Cohen recently visited with several of MJMI's ministry friends in Israel on my behalf. I am grateful for her recommendation that we begin to extend support to our newest friend Eugene, and I want to let him introduce himself to you now.

"My name is Eugene and I'm writing to you from Ashdod, Israel. I come from

Kiev, Ukraine, where I was born, grew up, was educated and received Jesus when I was 17 years old. My wife, Lena, and I are celebrating our seventh anniversary this month, and welcomed our first baby, Eva, this past April. When we moved to Israel in 2012, we immediately became part of a messianic congregation, where I now lead a weekly home group as well as helping lead various outreach projects.

"My greatest desire is to see the people of Israel coming to their Messiah Yeshua, worshiping Him after thousands of years of rejecting Him. What could be more exciting than seeing people return to the Lord! I want to spend my lifetime, my energy and my knowledge to reach this wonderful goal,

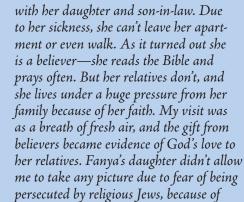
which is also the Lord's main goal for each person, and especially for the people of Israel."

Every week, Eugene visits poor Israelis, bringing them food packs and gift cards for food. Here are just a few stories from this month.

"Tamara [see photo above right] lives alone in a nursing home since her husband died. Because of his death, she had a stroke and now has problems with her memory. She never leaves the nursing home due to fear that she will forget her address

and get lost. Nevertheless, after my visiting she is interested in visiting our congregation. So, in the nearest future, I'm going to bring her to one of our services.

"Fanya is old woman who lives in a small apartment along



which they already suffered. I prayed for Fanya's healing and God's blessings for all the family, and left Fanya my phone number to be in touch. Please, pray for this precious woman who stands in faith despite of all the difficulties.

"My visit with Grigory [see bottom photo] was the most interesting of all. After presenting the gifts, I said that it was bought by money given by Christians who support

Israel (Jews need to know that). Grigory's face became like stone; the atmosphere became tense. He asked me, 'Are you Christians?' I felt that if I said 'Yes', the food packs would be thrown right to my face. So I explained that we are Jewish just like he is, and yes, we believe that Yeshua is Messiah of Israel

and the entire world. Suddenly his face changed, he sighed with relief and said, 'How long I have wished to meet you and finally it happened!' As it turned out Grigory is a widower who lives on social benefits that only leave him enough money to buy a little food after paying rent. He had a surgery on his heart and hardly moves around the apartment. He has so little money that he goes to the nearby cafes to ask for leftover food. Friends heard about Christians who help people and told Grigory to find them, but he didn't know how.

When I came to his home, he was deeply touched and told me his story through many tears. He filled up the application for monthly support, and I hope I will see his smiling face many, many times and share with him about Yeshua more!"

MJMI accomplish its mission and vision to see all Israel saved. You can use the enclosed card and envelope, or visit www.mjmi.org to send your much-needed donation today. And if you aren't already, please consider becoming a ministry partner, so that I will know we can count on your support each month.

Thank you for your prayers and support, and most of all, for your love for the Messiah, and His Jewish people.

For the sake of the Messiah,

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