

“And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all the Nations and then the end shall come.” “...and Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”

Matthew 24:14 and Luke 21:24b

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Shalom friends,

At this time, it is appropriate to remember the year that has passed and give thanks to our God and to you, our faithful partners. MJMI is an important part of the history of the

salvation of the Jewish people, first in the United States and now in Israel. You have had the privilege to participate in God’s plan of atonement for his chosen people. The Messianic Jewish Movement, a term coined decades ago by our founder, the late Manny Brotman, is now a reality in every nation and most importantly, in Israel, our homeland.

A Sign to the Nations

You are part of a growing Jewish people movement, which is reaching many lives in all the Nations as well! Today Israel is the Banner; the daily reminder for the nations of the world that time is short.

“Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way of the people! Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones! Raise a banner for the nations. The Lord has

made proclamation to the ends of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, Behold! Salvation (Yeshua) comes! Behold! His reward is with him and his judgment accompanies Him!” Isaiah 62:11-12

The Banner for all the nations of the earth is God’s faithfulness to his chosen people Israel! The verses above are taken from a passage, which describes the amazing restoration of Israel. Her salvation, Yeshua the Messiah, is seen as a banner for all nations to see. How many churches have flags of all nations in their sanctuaries today? Praise God for his faithfulness to all of his people, Jew and Gentile.

But after all these years, one question is still more controversial than all the rest: is Jesus (Yeshua) the Jewish Messiah? That a man named Yeshua lived and died 2000 years ago is one thing, but the center of that

Prophets and the Psalms.’ Then he opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures.” Yeshua instructed his disciples this way... *“He told them, ‘this is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you the promise of my Father upon you; but wait in the city (of Jerusalem) until you have been clothed with power from on high.”* Luke 24:44-49

Messianic Jewish Movement: Yesterday and Today

The disciples obeyed Yeshua’s command. They returned and remained in Jerusalem until they had experienced a dramatic and life-changing encounter with the *Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit)*. Out of that experience, thousands and thousands of Jews believed in Yeshua, the promised Messiah, and they were zealous for the Torah (Acts 21:20).

In the end, the disciples turned the



The Western Wall is seen as a symbol of God’s presence, where many Jewish people gather to pray each day. Join me in asking the Father to lift the veil from their eyes, so that they will be able to see Yeshua, their Messiah, who alone can bring Salvation to His people.

controversy is the fact that he rose from the dead. This is a historical fact that was verified by hundreds of people who saw his resurrection. The Brit Chadasha (New Covenant) Scriptures verify this. But if everything ended there, history would be far different.

Even after he died and rose again, He said to them: *“This is what I told you while I was still with you, ‘Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Torah of Moses, the*

known world upside-down. Wherever they went, the Lord accompanied them with signs, wonders and miracles to confirm his word (Mark 16:20). A whole new world of salvation, hope, and eternal life came to the nations of the world! The promised salvation went out from Israel to all the nations, just as God had spoken so long ago by the mouth of his Prophets (Isaiah 49:6).

The testimony that Yeshua is the Messiah is without precedent in human history. His name has brought salvation to all nations, and what became the Church was born. Certainly, the Church has many flaws, but she has remained through all the centuries of persecution, of war and corruption. And in her midst is a blessed remnant of believers who well represent the love and salvation of the God of Israel, multiplied millions of people. But we have not yet finished.

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God had said that he would keep a remnant of Israel throughout history. Paul said that: "Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (Romans 11:25 TLV) The Jews were once scattered throughout all the nations, but now there is a homeland to return to. The hardness of heart is disappearing, and modern Jewish believers are proof of God's faithfulness to His word!

"And I will take you from among the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and you will keep my judgments and do them." Ezekiel 36: 24-28

We are the fulfillment of this Scripture and you who are Messianic believers and Christians have sown your precious seed for this great harvest! Together we pray, we give, and we share Messiah!

Faith in the Israeli News

How far have we come in the last generation? You and I are part of exciting, living history. What has happened in the last 50 years? Fifty years ago there were only a few thousand Jewish believers!

Today, some 63 years after the founding of the State of Israel, there are now some 15,000 Jewish believers in Yeshua in the country. According to a Yediot Achronot Israeli newspaper article done in August of 2010, that figure jumps to 350,000 in the USA (and there are many more worldwide, with 100,000 in Europe). Israeli and many diaspora newspaper articles today discuss and dissect Messianic Judaism.

Fact: Out of some 18 million Jews worldwide, 1 in 40 now believes that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah.

"Some 15,000 Messianic Jews currently live in Israel, but if you saw one on the street you would almost certainly fail to recognize any difference. They honor Jewish circumcision, bar-mitzvah, and wedding ceremonies, but believe Jesus is the messiah.

"Around 350,000 Messianic Jews live in the US, and one would be just as hard-pressed

In the Land of Israel today, many Jews are coming to faith in the Messiah Yeshua, being immersed in water (left) and then disciplined in their faith (right).



This is an article in a modern Israeli newspaper! There is video and the whole thing was seen on one of Jerusalem's largest evening news broadcasts! MJMI is part of this story too, making an eternal impact as we continue to make known the salvation

to recognize them there as in Israel. Some are Orthodox, and dress as the haredim do, while others are traditional and wear a yarmulke or no religious symbol at all. They are for the most part Zionists, and see IDF service as a top priority. In the army they serve as pilots, commanders, and elite unit members, but usually make sure to keep their messianic beliefs under wraps. [Editors note: It may appear like this because of persecution.]

"The fact that Jesus was Jewish is generally agreed upon, but what happened after his death is subject to rancorous theological debate. History books tend to recall the first century as a time of rebellion and prophets in Jewish antiquity, and this was also Christianity's first chapter, bringing about pre-historic inter-religious quarreling and anti-Semitism.

"But in separating between Jews and Christians, history largely ignores the story of those Jewish people who believed Christ was the messiah and continued this tradition well after his death—the ancestors of the Messianic-Jewish faith in modern times."

—Ynet News; 8/18/10; Y. Hendel

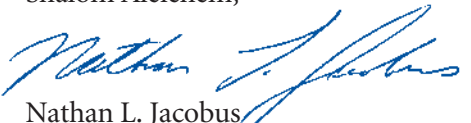
found in Messiah Yeshua to our Jewish people.

We Are Not Ashamed!

In a few days I will be in Israel where I will write to you of our daily outreach and communicate some of that in pictures. As we go out on the streets of some of Israel's cities to share Yeshua, it will be no different for us than it was for Jews of Jesus' day. They came from other countries where they lived to celebrate the Feasts and visit family in their ancestral homeland. But we come to share the Messiah with our people as well! As men sent with the message of Messiah, we are not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God to salvation; to the Jew first... so we ask you to pray for us as we share Yeshua in Eretz Israel.

Your support and partnership with us in declaring that Jesus (Yeshua) is the Messiah of Israel has led to the salvation of countless thousands of Jewish people over the years. Can you think of anything more important than reaching all Israel with the good news?

Shalom Aleichem,


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