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WHY IS THIS HOSTAGE DEAL SO BAD AND SO GOOD SIMULTANEOUSLY?

HOW THEN SHOULD WE PRAY?

Dear friend,

Shalom in the wonderful name of our Messiah, Jesus! May I share some of my recent experiences in Israel? These days are dark and difficult for Israelis, and they need your prayers.

I spent some days on the ground recently and still remember standing shoulder to shoulder with thousands of Israelis in Hostage Square, listening to ambassadors, military leaders, and the parents of hostages held in Gaza by Hamas. The event was deeply painful. I recall one mother who began speaking calmly about her beautiful daughter held captive by Hamas terrorists. As she spoke to the crowd, her grief and rage overtook her, and she began screaming, leading the crowd in a desperate chant: “*Bring them home . . . bring them home . . . bring them home NOW!*”

I tried to grasp their suffering, imagining how I would feel if my own children were taken by a group of violent, cruel, and apocalyptic murderers with no respect for human life, who abuse, torture, and use the hostages as pawns. My dear Christian friend, the thought alone is unbearable. Many of those taken hostage were so young, barely in their twenties, and all they did was attend a music festival or visit their parents at one of the Gaza border towns. When I think about the hostage deal, I think about these parents and the young people who did not deserve to be treated with such agonizing cruelty.

The singular redeeming feature of this hostage deal is that some families have been or will be reunited with their loved ones. But the cost is staggering. The ratio of convicted mass murderers and criminals released from Israeli prisons to the few Israeli hostages freed is grossly unbalanced. In a sense, Israel was forced to mortgage her future for the sake of the present. Now, the future looks even darker as convicted terrorists will once again roam free and be able to strike again someday. How

can we possibly weigh the life of a freed hostage against the lives that may be lost in the future at the hands of those released?

The consequences of these impossible decisions will be felt for years to come. Every Israeli remembers that Yahya Sinwar was once just another prisoner like those who were released in this deal. Years ago, he was freed in a similar exchange—one that secured the release of Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier held captive in Gaza. No one at the time could have foreseen that Sinwar would go on to mastermind the atrocities of October 7, 2023. Was the deal worth it? There is no consensus. For Shalit’s parents and family, the answer is clear—he came home. But if Israel had known then what it knows now, would its government have made the same decision? These are impossible choices.

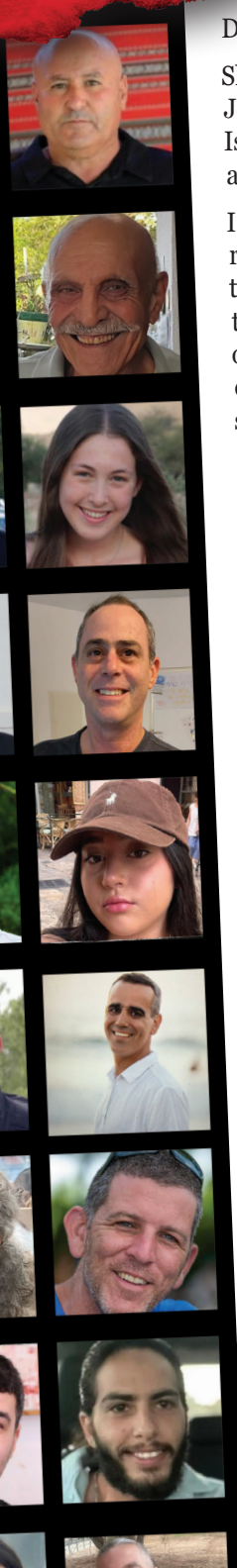
A MORAL DILEMMA ROOTED IN JEWISH VALUES

This hostage deal, in many ways, reflects deep Jewish values. There is nothing more precious to a Jewish person than the life of a family member. Their safety and well-being are paramount. But it is impossible to fully judge the morality of these choices. We know our enemies are seizing control of the narrative and manipulating these events for their own purposes. Every Israeli now lives with an even more uncertain and dangerous future. Whether this deal was worth it will ultimately be determined by those who welcomed their sons and daughters home—and by those who, in the days to come, may lose their loved ones to future violence. Fairness and justice will remain elusive until the One True Judge rules among His chosen people.

PRAYING FOR ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Very few Israelis are turning to Jesus—the One who sees their suffering, who knows their pain more intimately than anyone. Jesus is not a stranger to betrayal, injustice, and grief. He weeps with His people. Let us pray that both secular and religious Israelis recognize the One who says, “*Come to Me, all who are weary and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest*” (Matthew 11:28).

Pray especially for the families who live with the daily agony of loss. Pray for the children who have been scarred by what they have seen, for the soldiers who risk their lives every day, and for the leaders who make impossible decisions. Above all, pray that they come to know the One who gives life, who restores the brokenhearted, and who alone can bring the kind of peace that the world cannot offer. The world searches for political, military, and diplomatic solutions, but true peace is found only in the Messiah of Israel (Isaiah 9:6–7).



We must stand in the gap, interceding on their behalf so that, in their pain and searching, they may encounter the only One who can bring healing, comfort, and eternal hope.

Let us also remember those released from captivity in recent months. The first ones freed after being held by Hamas for more than 470 days were four young Israeli female soldiers. Now reunited with their families, they face the long journey of healing from the physical and psychological scars of their ordeal. We must also keep in our hearts and prayers any who remain in captivity by the time you receive this newsletter.

As we lift these precious individuals and their families in prayer, we must ask the Lord to comfort those mourning the loss of loved ones and provide strength for those awaiting the return of their family members. May they come to know the One who offers true peace and rest for their souls.

TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Besides praying for those Israelis suffering such pain and loss, we must also mobilize to oppose antisemitism. We cannot simply stand by. Let us take action. We will continue to hold rallies, speak to our government officials, and raise the banner of concern about antisemitism.

Our new division of Chosen People Ministries, **the Coalition Against Antisemitism** (opposeantisemitism.com), is directly addressing the growth of global antisemitism by producing teachings, videos, and various resources you can use to better understand and counter antisemitism when you witness it, which is a Christian duty as I see it. After all, God said to Abram, “*And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed*” (Genesis 12:3).

The apostle Paul, himself a Jewish believer in Jesus, wrote to the Roman Christians expressing God’s heart of concern for His chosen people:

*For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. **For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.*** (Romans 15:26–27; emphasis added)

What could be more critical today than caring for the physical, material, and spiritual well-being of the Jewish people? Your Mission to the Jewish People is doing all these things to serve the Jewish people worldwide, especially in Israel.

OUR NEW OUTREACH CENTER

We are also opening our new Tel Aviv center this month in time for the celebration of Passover when we will honor the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. I am thankful for the generosity of our prayer partners and supporters, who enabled us to move into the new Center without any debt. Praise be to God for His provision.

We are excited and believe the Lord will use this larger space powerfully for our outreach events. We are teaching Bible studies, holding concerts, comforting the grieving, and doing everything we can to bring the love of Jesus to Israel.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and for standing with us as we bring the message of Jesus the Messiah—the Prince of Peace—to Israelis and Jewish people around the globe.

PASSOVER CAMPAIGN

Our Passover campaign to reach Jewish people in Israel, the United States, and worldwide during this Passover/Easter season is now in full swing. We plan to spend \$125,000 for online ads, producing new gospel videos, and hosting special Passover events where we can help Jewish people see the gospel in the Passover! We lift up **the glorious Lamb of God** in new and creative ways so that He will draw men

and women, Jewish and Gentile, to Himself.

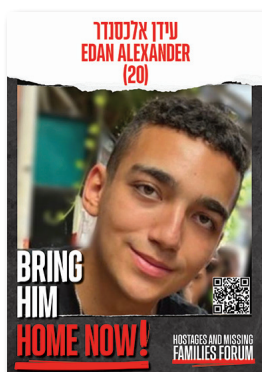
Your generous prayers and financial support **today** will enable us to increase our evangelistic outreach **tomorrow!**

Thank you for caring. May the Lord bless you for your love and support.

Yours in our Messiah,


Mitch

P.S. For your gift of \$118 (the number 18 uses the Hebrew characters that spell out “life”) or more, we will send you our book, *The Gospel in the Passover*, one of our key evangelism tools we are using as part of this Passover campaign. You can read it and pass it along to a Jewish friend.



More than 1,900
Palestinian
security
prisoners will be
exchanged for 33
of the hostages.



The Challenges of Israel's HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS



On October 7, 2023,

Hamas and other Palestinian militants stormed Israel's border, slaughtering 1,200 inno-

cent civilians and taking 250 people hostage. A few were already released or rescued by the Israel Defense Forces. Others were set free as part of a temporary ceasefire and Palestinian prisoner exchange. Israel has a long history of ongoing attacks from its neighbors, sometimes resulting in the need to rescue or negotiate for the release of Israeli soldiers and citizens.

The rise of radical Islamic groups—Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah, to name a few—has unfortunately led to Israel's history of its enemies capturing and holding hostages. One of the first malicious events was the hijacking of an El Al flight from Rome to Tel Aviv in 1968. While some of the passengers were released within twenty-four hours, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) ultimately held twelve Israeli men hostage. One *Jerusalem Post* journalist describes the deal: "The PFLP demanded, with Algerian backing, the release of more than 1,000 prisoners by Israel. However, . . . a deal was reached in which Israel released sixteen Palestinian prisoners."¹

That hijacking became the predecessor of terrorist activities that would plague Israel for decades, in which a disproportionate number of Palestinian prisoners would be released in return for Israeli hostages. The PFLP struck again in 1982 by capturing three Israeli soldiers during the 1982 Lebanon War. The PFLP leader at the time was Ahmed Jibril, who negotiated a hostage exchange with Israel in which Israel released 1,150 Palestinian prisoners to get the soldiers back. Boaz Ganor, founder of Israel's Institute for Counter-Terrorism, noted, "Following this prisoner exchange, hundreds of Palestinian terrorists, most of whom were convicted of murder and terrorist attacks, returned to live in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This mass release of terrorists led to the establishment of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement."²

Why would Israel engage in these unfair exchanges? The only other option would be to attempt a rescue operation. Since the kidnapping of the hostages on October 7, 2023, Israel has launched several campaigns designed to retrieve Israelis held in Gaza. However, this strategy brings with it some tough challenges. Hamas constructed hundreds of miles of underground tunnels and used schools, hospitals, and aid centers to disguise the tunnel entrances and holding areas.

These challenges came into full view on June 8, 2024, when Israel planned and carried out a rescue operation that brought four

Israelis home. Despite the successful maneuvers, leaders almost pulled the plug on the rescue. *The Times of Israel* reported the success of this operation but also quotes the Shin Bet (one of the Israeli security agencies) director, Ronen Bar, and IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi as saying, "Conditions for the rescue were not optimal at one of the two locations in which the hostages were held. This would make it more difficult to access both locations at the same moment—a critical element of the operation to prevent terror operatives from harming the hostages."³

We also know that not every rescue attempt is successful. In 1994, Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman was kidnapped by Hamas, who demanded the release of 200 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Wachsman. Israel made every effort to retrieve Wachsman through negotiations but ultimately felt that a military extraction was the only way to proceed. Matthew Levitt, director of The Washington Institute's Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, noted, "Eight minutes after the raid began, three terrorists and one commando were dead, nine commandos were injured, and two terrorists were captured."⁴ During the mission, Hamas murdered Wachsman.

The failed rescue taught an important lesson to then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Daniel Byman, professor in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, wrote, "In hindsight Rabin's approach of separating peace talks and counterterrorism was unrealistic. Part of the purpose of [the] Oslo [Accords] . . . was to end terrorist violence."⁵ From that point on, releasing abducted Israelis and peace treaty negotiations were conducted together.

In October 2000, Hezbollah abducted Elchanan Tannenbaum, an Israeli colonel, in Dubai and took him to Lebanon. Matthew Levitt remarked in his book about Hezbollah,

The parties agreed to a deal under which Israel would release some 435 prisoners . . . as well as the bodies of sixty Lebanese killed in clashes with Israeli forces, in return for Tannenbaum and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers killed during the Hezbollah operation when the kidnappings occurred.⁶

What the PFLP had learned under Jibril, Hezbollah perfected.⁷ The idea of releasing large numbers of prisoners in exchange for relatively few Israelis had an exponential return on investment for the terrorists. Terrorist activities increased when those Palestinians who were released took the opportunity to expand their efforts. The Palestinians released in the Jibril agreement formed a new organization, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.



Israel's Shin Bet's research reveals that 45 percent of those released in prisoner exchanges return to terrorist activity.⁸

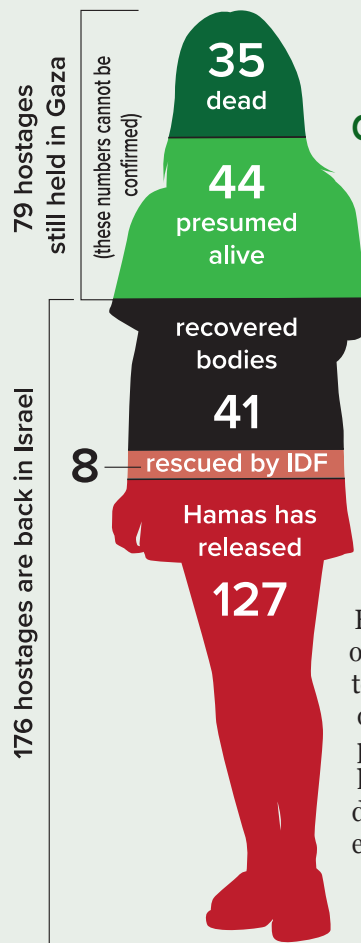
One example is Luay Saadi. Saadi was one of the prisoners released in the Tannenbaum deal. He later established a terror network responsible for thirty Israeli deaths and injuries to more than 300 people. In 2011, the leader of the Mossad (similar to our CIA) stated that "231 Israelis were slaughtered by those freed in the Tannenbaum exchange."⁹

Israel also released the mastermind of the October 7 massacre, Yahya Sinwar, in a deal to release Gilad Shalit, who was taken on June 25, 2006, and imprisoned by Hamas for five years. Right after Shalit was taken, Hamas negotiated the release of more than 1,000 prisoners for Shalit's life.¹⁰ This deal would not be consummated until October 18, 2011.

Israel's history of hostage deals and negotiations reveals the complexities of its national security strategy. Each incident requires a delicate balance of ethical considerations, security imperatives, and diplomatic maneuvering. As the geopolitical landscape continues to evolve, Israel will undoubtedly face new challenges in its efforts to protect its citizens and navigate the perilous terrain of hostage negotiations.

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CURRENT HOSTAGE DEAL

Israel military spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari issued a statement upon the release of three of the October 7 hostages: "Alongside the great excitement, our hearts are with all the hostages who are still held in Gaza under inhumane conditions."¹¹ Hagari spoke on behalf of most Israelis at the delight and relief that three women, Emily Damari, Romi Gonen, and Doron Steinbrecher, were delivered after 471 days from the living hell to which Hamas subjected them.

We expect more hostages to be released in the days ahead. We pray!

For Israelis, this agreement was not a mere deal or a negotiation. It is much deeper and personal to the millions of Israelis who consider the release of these three women, and the others Hamas has promised to release in the future, as saving the lives of Israel's most precious possessions: sons, daughters, husbands, and wives. The value of each of these lives is immeasurable.

For Jewish people, the cost of their release is less important than the value of their lives. The hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and terrorists being released are considered inconsequential compared to the Israeli hostages.

In Judaism, the principle of *pikuach nefesh* is Hebrew for saving a soul. This tenet avers that preserving human life overrides virtually any other religious rule.¹² This time-tested Jewish value takes precedence over Israel's concessions to Hamas.

In the past, the State of Israel has negotiated for the release of hostages—civilians and prisoners of war. The price of a Jewish person is so precious that Israel is willing to pay the price—no matter how high—for the freedom and lives of other Jewish people. In a way, Jesus acted similarly for the Jewish people (and the nations of the world). He willingly gave His life for our redemption from sin and death (Isaiah 53:5).

There are many stories about godly men and women who sacrificed their lives for the good of the Jewish people: rabbis running into burning synagogues amid persecution to save lives and Torah scrolls, taking a stand against idolatry even when it might cost a person their life. The long list of sacrificial martyrs throughout Jewish history reminds us of Hebrews chapter 11, where we are introduced to some of the great self-sacrificing heroes of the Hebrew Scriptures. Sacrifice on behalf of others is a cherished and consistent Jewish value, and we see this now, as well, in the reporting of stories about heroism during the October 7 massacre.

We pray the Jewish community will honor those who became martyrs for the faith, and ultimately, we hope that they will recognize Jesus as the chief among martyrs who gave His life for all mankind through His sacrificial death for our sins.

We must continue to pray for the release of the rest of the hostages and Israel's ongoing diligence to withstand the increase of potential terrorists who might emerge in the years ahead.

May the Lord have mercy on His chosen people.

PASSOVER

Last year, the weeks and days leading up to Passover were particularly difficult. Many families were grieving the loss of loved ones in the October 7 massacre. Whether slaughtered at a music festival or on a border *kibbutz*, or fighting to free Israel from the tyranny of Hamas, the grief was tangible. Multiple families were agonizing over a world in which their innocent loved ones were either murdered or dragged from their homes and imprisoned in Gaza.

Their grief will not be assuaged until every hostage from every family is freed and reunited with their loved ones.

In a moving display of hope and faith, there will be many Jewish homes with Passover tables set with an empty seat—for a hostage. Passover is a time when Jewish people commemorate the redemption God brought to His chosen people. The very idea of redemption from bondage and deliverance from slavery are two of the main themes of the Passover season, and they took on new dimensions of heart-

wrenching meaning last year as more than 200 Jewish people were taken from freedom back to bondage by Hamas.

PASSOVER: FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

A year has passed, and Passover 2025 will be quite different from the last. We are glad that several hostages have been reunited with their families. The war has slowed down, as have the rockets attacking Israel from Gaza and southern Lebanon. The missiles launched by the Houthis in Yemen have also been reduced. The numbers of Hezbollah and Hamas terrorists are fewer, and the conversation has trended from the escalation of hostilities to the reduction of the same. Iran is becoming a toothless tiger, out of leaders, money, and influence and unable to support their three proxy terrorist groups.

The playing field has changed! On the other hand, there are almost 1,000 dead Israeli soldiers, and the hearts of their families have been shredded by the grief of losing so many young men and women at the very beginning of their adult lives. Not all the hostages were released, and Gaza itself is in ruins, creating a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions because of Hamas' failed leadership, who would rather see their own kinsmen murdered to accomplish their and Iran's twisted political goals.

The message of Passover echoes through the centuries as found in the book of Exodus, where the children of Israel pleaded for deliverance. Thankfully, God heard their cries.

Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. (Exodus 3:9)

Today, the Jewish people in Israel and around the globe are in desperate need of salvation, redemption, and freedom from many forms of bondage, including being enslaved to sin, which is true of all people. Yet, the Jewish people are in a special set of dire circumstances today because of October 7. Today, we join the Jewish people and amplify their silent plea for redemption, which can only be found in the Messiah Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The Jewish people today are yearning for freedom for the remaining hostages and for the healing of their land and families. We know the **answer** to these momentous needs is only found in Him.

Join us in our new **Passover Outreach Campaign**, which begins in March and continues through May.

You can be part of shining the light of the Messiah Jesus on Jewish people in Israel and around the world by partnering with us in reaching Holocaust survivors, young adults, children, and displaced families who have lost their homes because of the massacre of October 7.

You can send Passover greetings to our staff and friends in Israel by filling out the reply card with a message of hope and encouragement. We will make sure your notes arrive safely in the Holy Land.



PASSOVER CAMPAIGN 2025

\$250,000 will be used to reach Jewish people in Israel and around the globe for Jesus!

Here are a few elements of this campaign that you can pray for and support.

- **\$100,000** for digital and social media outreach campaigns in Hebrew, including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and various other types of online Hebrew channels
- **\$100,000** for events, staffing, and advertising of our concerts, Sabbath dinners, men's and women's Bible studies, worship nights, and children's programs during the next few months—focused on the theme of redemption from the bondage of sin and the oppression of terrorism
- **\$50,000** for the creation of new videos, unique and distinct Messianic music videos, and the promotion of these tools for evangelism and discipleship online

We believe that our ministry to proclaim freedom and forgiveness through the Lamb of God must be taken to a new level immediately as Jewish people in Israel and around the globe are hurting and open to the Lord **right now!**

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SUPPORT GROUP LEADS BROOKLYN JEWISH MAN TO FAITH IN JESUS

Boris,* a Russian Jewish man, has been attending our staff's weekly support group for family members of addicts in Brooklyn, New York. His son has struggled with addiction for several years, and one of the women in our group invited him to our meetings. While attending, he encountered the love, prayer, and encouragement of the entire group. He has heard the gospel and seen the impact that Jesus has on the lives of the other attendees who know the same pain and suffering as Boris, each of them with family members—sons and daughters—who have been ensnared by addiction.

He also recently began attending our weekly congregational service, which was a huge step for him. During our most recent communion celebration, he sat in the back of the room, leaned over to one of our staff, and asked, "What does it mean to take communion?" She replied to him, "It means you believe that Jesus is your Savior and that you trust in His sacrifice for your sins. . . . Do you believe this?" With tears in his eyes, he nodded and said, "Yes, I do believe this." With great joy, he accepted Jesus as Messiah! Please pray for Boris—that the Lord will protect and mature him in the faith, for strength and wisdom for our staff as they disciple him and pour into his life, and for his son to be delivered from addiction and for him to come to know Jesus.

EATING TOGETHER BUILDS FAITH IN ISRAEL



As Bible studies and brunch attendance booms for our Tel Aviv ministry, buying sufficient food within our budget can occasionally be challenging. Though some may say, "Let them eat cake," food is the first way our staff ministers to participants who battle traffic after a long day's work (or studying) to fellowship and study God's Word together. Food also fosters worshipful conversation long before sitting down to study Scripture together. This was the case at a recent ladies' brunch when a Chinese friend explained how, in her remote village, Jesus revealed Himself to her in a dream, leading her and her Muslim family to faith. Soon afterward, our staff sat to eat with two Jewish Israeli believers: an older lady, forty-plus years in the faith, and a young lady, four years in her faith (she, too, surprisingly, was saved through a dream). Both come from unbelieving homes and came to know the Messiah in their teens.

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*Names changed

It was moving and worshipful hearing each of their testimonies. Much of this meaningful fellowship would be missed without these meals. Our staff are thankful for God's provision, even as they pray for His continued provision, as many more people are drawn to our ministry's programs.

CONNECTING JEWISH PEOPLE WITH THE LOVE OF



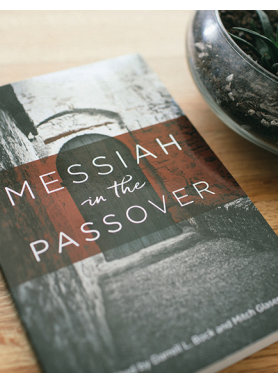
JESUS IN INDIA

Our staff in Goa, India, run a ministry center with a café and a guest house for Israeli backpackers. They named it **Mika Mocha**, a play on words on the coffee drink *mocha* and the Hebrew phrase *mi kamocha*, meaning "who is like You?" Here are two testimonies from recent ministry there:

A young Israeli couple expressed their thoughts to our staff when they offered them two Hebrew New Testaments. They said, "This is the first time we are hearing about Jesus as compassionate. Previously, people said otherwise, advocating for strict religious lives with consequences for lack of observance. Tell us more about your faith in Jesus and your experiences with Him." Please pray for the salvation of Dor* and Mor.* A few days later, they returned to Mika Mocha to discuss Jesus further.

An elderly Israeli couple, dear friends with whom our staff have presented the gospel many times, were recently at Mika Mocha. Both are staunch atheists but love our staff dearly. Last year in Israel, they offered their home for us to host an evening presenting the gospel to their friends. We believe the Lord has worked in their lives, especially since the war in Israel. The husband, who rarely mentions God, sent our staff audio messages about his trip to India, ending with "God bless you," the exact words our staff regularly uses. Our coworkers in India are reaching them with God's love and the gospel. Please keep this elderly Israeli couple in your prayers.

MESSIANIC RESOURCES

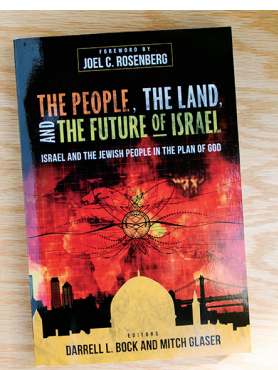


Messiah in the Passover

price: \$17.95^{us}

Messiah in the Passover is for everyone. This Passover reference book discusses biblical and theological issues, Jewish and church history, and rabbinic traditions. It also includes a *Messianic Family Haggadah* (Passover guidebook) as well as Passover recipes and lessons for your children. Plus you will find many more helps in the back of the

book. *Messiah in the Passover* will give you a deeper appreciation for the Passover celebration within the Jewish community and enable you to share the message of the Lamb of God through the Passover with your Jewish Friends.



The People, Land and Future of Israel

price: \$21.95^{us}

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God's Plan and Purposes for the Jewish People

price: \$7.95^{us}

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LEAVE A LEGACY OF Hope and Transformation

Your partnership with Chosen People Ministries brings the message of Messiah to Jewish communities worldwide. You are faithful in reaching Holocaust survivors with compassion, assisting Jewish refugees fleeing conflict, combating antisemitism, and sharing God's love in tangible ways. Every gift makes an eternal difference.

Have you considered how you can impact generations to come?

By including Chosen People Ministries in your will or estate plan, you can ensure that your commitment to Jewish evangelism and ministry continues well into the future, creating a lasting legacy.

A bequest makes a powerful statement to others, including family members, about what matters most to you. Think of it as planting seeds of hope to bear fruit for generations. Your legacy ensures that Jewish people will continue to hear about the Messiah and experience His love through our historic ministry.

Here is some helpful language you can use or share with your attorney when you create or update your will:

- **Percentage of Estate** I give to Chosen People Ministries, Inc., a non-profit corporation (tax identification #13-1659171), located at 241 E. 51st Street, New York, NY 10022, _____ percent (%) of my residuary estate.
- **Fixed Dollar Amount** I give to Chosen People Ministries, Inc., a non-profit corporation (tax identification #13-1659171), located at 241 E. 51st Street, New York, NY 10022, the sum of \$ ____.
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