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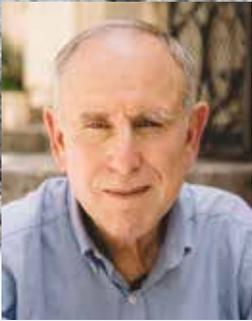
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A photograph of a destroyed building at night. The building's facade is heavily damaged, with large sections of concrete and brick missing, revealing the interior structure. A menorah with seven lit candles is positioned in the foreground, its light illuminating the scene. The overall atmosphere is somber and reflective.

## HE IS STILL THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

From Rubble to Redemption | God Wrapped in  
Human Flesh | A Christmas Mystery Bible Study

# From Rubble to Redemption



FROM THE PRESIDENT,  
MITCH GLASER

## GOD'S WORK ENDURES DESPITE MISSILE HIT

In the heat of the Iranian missile attacks on Israel, my wife and I made our way slowly through check-in at Royal Jordanian Airlines. We were leaving Amman, Jordan, after leading sixty-five Christian tourists out of Israel. We stopped and prayed at about 7:00 in the morning, knowing that the siren we just heard over Jordan meant that a missile was headed for Israel! Little did we know that this would be the missile that struck our new Messianic Center in Tel Aviv!

Just a few days earlier, on June 14, we had dedicated this new ministry center with joy and thanksgiving. After more than two years of transforming raw cement into a beautiful and functional space for gospel ministry, we were finally ready to launch expanded outreach to families and young Israelis of greater Tel Aviv.

Now, the thirty-floor, one-hundred-plus-unit condominium building stands severely damaged by the missile, and our newly finished ministry space, located on the ground floor and second floor, is likely inaccessible for at least a year.

We are pretty sure the Iranians did not intend to strike our facility, and we also believe the war we are fighting is not only fought on earth but also in heaven. We might not be the target of Iranian aggression, but we do believe the devil targeted our new facility because he knew that God would use this center in the heart of 4.7 million Israelis to introduce many Jewish Israelis to His Son, Jesus!

But the enemy of our souls did not know that he could not stop our ministry any more than God's covenant with the Jewish people could be set aside by the One who chose us. Miraculously, our ministry has never stopped, not for a single day.

## MINISTRY IN MOTION

Thanks to God's provision—and our decision to maintain the rental property in the same neighborhood—our twenty-five staff members continued their work without interruption. The 1,600 square feet we have been renting for seven years had become our operational hub for evangelism, discipleship, and benevolence

ministries—and even more so during the aftermath of October 7.

“We’re not waiting for the building to be restored to minister,” said one staff member. “The needs are too urgent. Every day, we’re meeting with

traumatized families, delivering meals to Holocaust survivors, counseling soldiers dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, and sharing the gospel with Israelis who are asking deeper questions about God than ever before.”

The recent peace treaty between Israel and Hamas offers cautious hope, but the reality is that spiritual openness in Israel is at an all-time high. Whether the treaty holds or not, our commitment remains the same: To demonstrate the love of Jesus through practical care and the proclamation of biblical truth.

## STRATEGIC LOCATION, STRATEGIC MINISTRY

Our new ministry center is connected via the Tel Aviv light rail to family-oriented neighborhoods such as Bnei Brak, one of Israel's most religious suburbs. We are located in the heart of one of Tel Aviv's most authentic Israeli neighborhoods, which comprises families with children, young professionals, and long-term elderly residents of Israel.

Before the bombing, we were hosting monthly concerts and Sabbath dinners that regularly attracted more than 100 people—mostly young Israelis, some believers in Jesus, and many seekers. We ran multiple adult Bible studies each week as well as special children's programs. These were not just events; they were relationship-building opportunities where gospel conversations happened naturally over meals and music.

“Space creates ministry capacity,” explained our Israel director. Currently, we are working with limited square footage. However, we will again be able to significantly expand our ministries once we return to our new center, which is expected to occur sometime within the next year.

## REBUILDING MORE THAN BUILDINGS

This surge of spiritual interest among Israelis is exactly what our new Rebuilding Israel campaign is all about. Launched this September around Rosh Hashanah, our twelve-month initiative aims to raise \$3 million—but not only for building repairs. We do not want to focus just on the bombing or rebuilding the center. We plan to add staff, rebuild programs, and start new gospel-centered initiatives. We are positive and proactive, not just reacting to what happened to our building.

The campaign includes:

- Adding staff to our team of twenty-five, enabling us to seize ever-expanding ministry opportunities. We might add as many as five new staff this year.
- Fixing our new center. We hope to be back in this beautiful center within the year, but we need to be patient as the condominium building received more damage than our ministry space within it.
- Expanding relief and benevolence work among displaced Israelis, including food distribution, housing assistance, and intensive biblical counseling.
- Launching post-war outreach initiatives like our Psalms of Hope, designed to help Israelis discover a relationship with God through Scripture and provide a downloadable book of Psalms in modern Hebrew. Israelis have already downloaded an estimated 10,000 copies.

## ISRAELIS COMING TO FAITH IN YESHUA (JESUS)

The Lord is working in Israel to reveal Yeshua as the Messiah to Israelis, and our ministry is continuing to participate in His great work of bringing His chosen people to salvation through their promised Messiah! Here are some coming-to-faith testimonies from our Israeli missionaries:

“Ori\* said: ‘I had planned out exactly how I would take my life. I didn’t even believe in God, but I asked if He was really real that He would save my life. For the next several nights, Yeshua visited me in dreams, and I knew it was Him! He’s totally changed my life!’ Ori grew up as an atheist, but after his encounter with Yeshua in his dreams, he read through the entire New Testament. God saved Ori from taking his own life and, through Yeshua, he has been given new life in Messiah!”

“A couple of months ago, a young lady named Esther,\* from a Jewish religious background, started attending our mid-week events. She shared that four years ago, she came to faith after planning to take her life, but Yeshua came to her in a vision and saved her! God is amazing!”

“Shai\* is an Israeli who came to faith during a Messianic Passover Seder. He shared how it helped him understand the need for redemption and that God Himself would make the way.”

“For years, one of our ministry staff has been doing outreach with influencers on social media, through gaming sites, and by video streaming. Yoel\* dialogued about Yeshua with one of our staffers for a long time on his gaming and video streams—and he came to recognize Jesus is indeed the Messiah and Savior. His newfound faith has been wonderful to see these past several months. For example, he asked to study the Scriptures, so two of

our men met with him to read some verses from the Bible about discipleship. ‘That’s me! I need to be disciplined!’ Yoel exclaimed. ‘Wait, that is what we are doing now! This is amazing!’”

“A young man named Paul,\* a social media influencer with more than 250,000 followers, recently came to faith in Yeshua. I have started mentoring him, and we are seeing how God is already using his platform to reach others with the gospel.”

War and destruction have left many Israelis with deep spiritual needs, and our ministry is meeting them with the good news of Yeshua. Increased space and resources will give us expanded capacity to guide even more Israelis to faith in their Messiah!

## 131 YEARS OF FAITHFUL PRESENCE

Chosen People Ministries has maintained a presence in Israel since before the modern State of Israel was born in 1948. We have continued our ministry through wars, conflicts, and countless challenges.

The missile that hit our new center was meant to destroy, but God is using it to mobilize His people for something greater. We are not just rebuilding a facility; we are rebuilding lives, families, and ultimately helping many understand that Jesus is our Messiah.

The new center will reopen. Programs will expand. New staff will join the team. And countless Israelis will encounter Yeshua through the faithful ministry of Chosen People Ministries. From rubble to redemption—that has always been God’s pattern. And it is the story being written in Israel right now.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your gift today will be used to reach Israelis for Jesus. Please pray for us and be as generous as you can as we continue this campaign. Now is the time to reach Israelis, and with your help today, we can empower our staff to proclaim the good news! We are in Israel, and we are speaking Hebrew—the language of Israelis. We are ready! Would you join us through your prayers and support?

Thank you so much for your partnership.

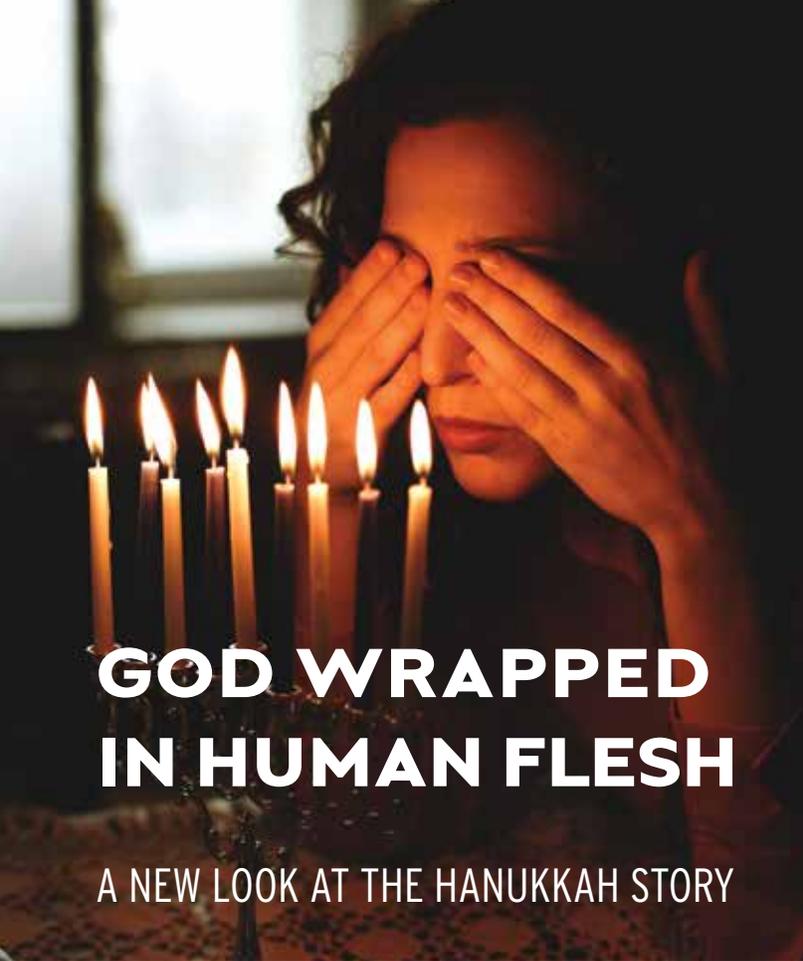
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Your partnership ensures that even when missiles fall, our ministry does not stop—and thanks to the God of Israel, our ministry will thrive.

In Him,



Mitch



# GOD WRAPPED IN HUMAN FLESH

## A NEW LOOK AT THE HANUKKAH STORY

Modern Judaism views the commandment to have no other gods before us and not to create graven images of God as the reason why the very idea of an incarnation is unacceptable to Jewish people. Yet, when the background of the Hanukkah story is understood, we can see why Jesus made one of His most dramatic declarations of His deity on this eight-day Jewish holiday. It was during the celebration of Hanukkah when Jesus made one of the clearest statements about His deity.

Let's begin by reading the response of the crowd to His statement. Jesus declared,

*"I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." Jesus answered them . . . "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father." Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp. (John 10:30-39)*

Have you ever wondered why the Jewish leaders had such a strong reaction to Jesus's pronouncement? It seems to stretch far beyond a mere theological disagreement—they wanted to stone Him! It is impossible to understand the reaction of the Jewish leaders without knowing the background of Hanukkah.

### THE HANUKKAH STORY

The Jewish people retell the story of Hanukkah every year. Though the details never change, it is always a blessing to remember the heroes of our past.

You will not find the story of Hanukkah in the Bible. Instead, it appears in the books of the Maccabees, which are part of the Apocrypha, a collection of writings outside the Protestant canon of Scripture. Jewish people view these books as valuable historical documents but not as important as the Torah, the Writings, and the Prophets. What follows is a summary of the events told in 1 and 2 Maccabees.

## HELP US MEET URGENT NEEDS NOW IN ISRAEL

One of the ways believers can be a witness to the Jewish people of God becoming flesh is by being the hands and feet of Yeshua. Chosen People Ministries has missionaries around the globe serving the Jewish people in essential ways. When Yeshua saw the Jewish people of His day *"distressed and dispirited"* (Matthew 9:36), He told His disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"* (Matthew 9:37). The word for "distressed" in this verse means weary, tired, troubled, and harassed. Jesus set His followers in motion to combat these plagues afflicting His people.

Jewish people today, because of October 7 and the rise of antisemitism, are in the same condition now as those distressed and dispirited people in Jesus's time. As His followers, we are called to action to help God's chosen people during this time. Though the missiles are no longer falling, and there are no living

hostages remaining in Gaza, anyone who has been through a traumatic situation will tell you that the end of the crisis is just the beginning of healing. There is much to do and not enough workers to do it. That is why Your Mission to the Jewish People began the **Rebuilding Israel Campaign**—not just to repair the physical damage of rockets and Iranian missiles, but to rebuild the lives of those living in the Holy Land . . . physically, emotionally, and spiritually!

The needs are urgent, and the ministry is active. Our current programs include:

- delivering meals and food packages (like oil, flour, and staples) to elderly Israelis, particularly Holocaust survivors
- visiting isolated elderly Israelis and overwhelmed single mothers

Antiochus IV Epiphanes was a Seleucid king who reigned from 175 to 164 BCE over part of the Greek Empire, which Alexander the Great's four generals divided among themselves upon his death. Antiochus gave himself the title "Epiphanes" (God manifest), implying he was the "incarnation" of the Greek god Zeus. However, Jewish people called him Antiochus *Epimanes*, which means "madman," because of his cruel and erratic behavior.

This polytheistic madman wanted the Jewish people to follow Hellenistic ways and periodically outlawed Jewish worship and practices. Finally, he sent his emissaries throughout Israel along with a portable statue of himself and demanded that the Jewish people bow down and worship him as a Greek god incarnate. But those faithful among the Jewish community could not stomach idolatry and would not bow to the statue of Antiochus Epiphanes!

The Jewish people who lived in a small town called Modi'in led a grassroots rebellion against the Syrian Greeks from 167 to 160 BCE under the leadership of Mattathias, a Levitical priest, along with his son Judah. They were soon given the nickname "Maccabees," which is a Hebrew word meaning "hammer," because of the way they struck their enemies. Although the Maccabees fought hard and recaptured Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple in 164 BCE, fighting continued until they finally defeated the Syrian Greek army in 160 BCE.

The recapture of the Temple was a significant victory for the small band of fighters, and they celebrated their miraculous win. Their joy turned quickly to horror, however, when they discovered that Antiochus had sacrificed a pig on the Temple altar. The Maccabees dismantled the holy altar and removed the stones, which they believed to be beyond cleansing. Jewish

tradition tells us they heaped the stones into a pile in the Temple area where they would await the coming of a great prophet to cleanse them. Then, they built a new altar.

## JEWISH LOYALTY AND THE DEITY OF MESSIAH

Hanukkah celebrates the victory of faithfulness over idolatry—more specifically, worshiping the image of a man who believed he was the incarnation of a false god. In this instance, it was Antiochus. Jewish spiritual loyalty resisted idolatry and refused to worship the image of a man claiming to be God. As a result, to this day, it is difficult for Jewish people to trust in the Incarnation—God becoming flesh. We must help differentiate between idolatry and truth.

As believers, we accept the Messiah's deity as true, and we believe its understanding can be found in Isaiah 7:14, and again in chapter 9:6–7. In Micah 5:2, we learn the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, whose "*goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.*" These passages are just a few examples of how the Hebrew Scriptures present unshakable evidence for the deity of the Messiah throughout its pages, though it is difficult for many Jewish people to accept.

This is one reason Chosen People Ministries conducts special Hanukkah services during this season of the year. There is no better time to help our dear Jewish friends and family understand that believing that Jesus is God in the flesh is not antithetical to core Jewish/biblical beliefs. This declaration by Jesus on Hanukkah of His unity with the Father helps us understand that the deity of the Messiah is critical to who He is and what He did in dying for our sins and rising with power over the grave. He is the perfect sacrifice because He is God in the flesh!

- offering housing assistance
- providing biblical counseling, specifically addressing post-traumatic stress from bombings, political turmoil, and personal losses
- distributing Bibles and providing spiritual care
- running Hebrew evangelism campaigns online

"Most of our evangelism happens through relationships," one staff member explained. "We walk with people over time. They see Yeshua's love demonstrated through our actions, and then they become open to conversations about faith."

## WHAT POST-CEASEFIRE ISRAEL NEEDS

With the peace treaty in place, new questions emerge: What will ministry look like as the war winds down? How will the political divisions and anger over the hostages affect Israeli society? What kind of trauma recovery will be needed?

"We're planning for intensified needs, not reduced ones," ministry leaders acknowledged. "When the immediate danger subsides, people begin processing what they've experienced. That's when the deepest questions about God, suffering, and meaning surface. We need to be ready with expanded capacity—more staff, more space, more programs—to meet those needs with biblical truth and compassionate care."

New initiatives include targeted campaigns addressing adult and child trauma recovery that always point people toward hope in Yeshua. Bible study groups, children's programming, monthly concerts, and Shabbat dinners are resuming, and plans are underway for expanding them once our ministry is given full facility access.

The Rebuilding Israel campaign launched in September, with a goal of raising three million dollars over the next twelve months. To learn more about participating through one-time or recurring gifts, visit [chosenpeople.com/rebuildingisrael](https://chosenpeople.com/rebuildingisrael) or call (212) 223-2252.

# A Christmas Mystery

A BIBLE STUDY WITH RICH FREEMAN, DMin

One of my favorite book genres is mysteries. I like reading the *whodunit* novels and trying to solve the mystery of who the perpetrator is. As we come to this wonderful season, celebrating Messiah's birth, the Hebrew Scriptures present us with clues that help us solve the mystery of the Messiah—not of “who did it?” but, rather, “who is it?” The Hebrew prophets recorded in Scripture the answers to important questions about how the Messiah would come, from where the Messiah would come, and why the Messiah would come.

The prophet Isaiah gave us clear clues as to how the Messiah would come. In Isaiah 9:6, he wrote, “*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*” In this verse, Isaiah tells us that the Messiah would be born fully human, yet His names indicates that He would also be fully God. Those names are all titles associated with God.

Isaiah also tells us this birth would not be ordinary. He wrote in Isaiah 7:14, “*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*” The Hebrew name *Immanuel* means “God with us.” Isaiah’s announcement of the virgin birth proclaims that the Messiah would be born supernaturally and miraculously, fully human yet also fully God.

The prophet Micah provides us with explicit clues regarding the location of the Messiah’s birth. He wrote, “*But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity*” (Micah 5:2). In this verse, Micah informs us that the one who is to be born miraculously to a virgin, fully human yet also fully God, would be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah. The reason Micah identifies Bethlehem in this way is because there is another Bethlehem in the north, in the tribe of Zebulun. The Messiah’s Bethlehem is in Judah, and that is the tribe into which He is born.

So, the Bible tells us how the Messiah would come: He would supernaturally and miraculously be born of a virgin, fully human and yet also fully God. The Bible also tells us from where the Messiah would come: He would be born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah. Lastly, the Bible answers the most important question of all: Why would the Messiah come?

The prophet Isaiah is again the one who answers that question. He wrote, “*But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him*” (Isaiah 53:5–6).

The purpose of the Messiah was to die as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind. Isaiah 53, written before crucifixion was even invented, describes one who would die a painful death for our sins and transgressions. He would take our sins upon Himself, as “*the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.*”

Now that we have the clues to the questions of how the Messiah would come, from where the Messiah would come, and why the Messiah would come, the question remains: Who is the long-promised Messiah? The answer that is laid out so distinctly in the Scriptures is Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth. That baby, born of a virgin in a manger in Bethlehem, came with the explicit purpose to die for our sins. Only Jesus fulfills the messianic prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures. May you truly have a Merry Christmas, enriched by the prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures of the Messiah.



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# NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## FROM COMPLICATED TO REDEEMED

One of our staff members recently had the opportunity to teach at a pastors and leaders forum at a local church about Israel and the Jewish people. Since then, one of the pastors and our staff member have continued to talk about Israel's significance and its role in God's plan. The pastor's recent email to our staff member began with, "Have I got a story to tell you!" He said that after a sermon that spotlighted God's grace amid judgment, a young woman approached him, crying! She couldn't talk. Yet, his question of her demanded a response, "Do you know Jesus as your Savior?" She replied, "No, I'm Jewish. It's complicated." The pastor immediately declared, "It couldn't be simpler!"

The pastor spoke to her from the Hebrew Scriptures (based on our staff member's conversations with the pastor regarding how to share *Jewishly* with Jewish people). Additionally, he conveyed to our staff member that the Lord has been challenging him concerning Israel and the Jewish people. He then announced that "Becca\* received Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise from God." Both Becca and the pastor are over-the-top excited about her newfound faith in the Jewish Messiah! God certainly brought this Jewish young adult to the right pastor. Also, Becca and our staff member have connected. Pray that this might be the impetus for an emphasis on Jewish evangelism at this church.

## A BUDDING EVANGELIST

Laney,\* a new resident, entered the activities room in the retirement community to view *The Chosen*. As our staff member greeted her, she thought Laney might be anticipating *The Chosen* film, set in Brooklyn pre-1948. Not wishing to ask outright, "Are you Jewish?" our staff member inquired about where she lived previously. "Boca!" Laney responded. Our staff member felt at ease relaying, "We're not presenting the film focusing on two Orthodox Jewish men and their sons. Our film today will be highlighting another Jewish family: Jesus and His disciples." With a smiling face, Laney responded, "I could go for a film about Jesus!" She settled into her chair, was riveted throughout, and later joined our Bible study, which she has been attending weekly. Laney has even invited her Jewish friends! Praise God!

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH

While our staff member was giving out gospel tracts on a busy street, Chaya\* stopped by, looking curious. Our staff member told her that he was sharing about Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. Soon, Chaya wanted to

get a coffee, so our staff member asked if he could join her and buy her a cup. She gladly agreed, and for the next hour, our staff member explained the gospel through Isaiah 53. As Chaya read the chapter herself, she paused halfway and asked, "Is this something Christian?" She was convinced our staff member must be reading from the New Testament. When our staff member showed that it was from the Hebrew Scriptures, she was surprised but pensive. Though she tried to reason it away, our staff member sensed the Lord had planted deep questions in her heart about Yeshua being the Messiah. Please pray that those seeds will take root and lead Chaya closer to Him.

## "SO THE MESSIAH HAS ALREADY COME! NOT AS THE RABBIS SAY!"

One of our Hosting Israelis hosts recently shared a wonderful story about a sushi dinner they had with some Israelis staying with them. It turns out that Levi\* and Yanatan\* ended up having a "spiritual feast!"

After carefully explaining that coming to faith in Yeshua is entirely consistent with the Jewish Messianic hope of the Hebrew Scriptures, it greatly stirred their curiosity about Him. They began asking many questions about the Messiah, which provided the opportunity to respond to their questions one by one by sharing several Messianic prophecies. They asked: When would the Messiah come? Our host shared Daniel 9:24–27. What would the Messiah do when He came? Our host shared Isaiah 53. When will Yeshua return? Our host shared Zechariah 12:10 and Matthew 23:39. He will come back to save Israel from the tribulation when His own people will finally welcome Him as the long-awaited Messiah. Levi and Yanatan looked a bit shocked after hearing these words.

It was so exciting when our hosts explained Daniel 9:24–27, pointing out that the prophet foretold that the Messiah would come before the destruction of the Second Temple, and that He would be killed to make atonement for the Jewish people. Yanatan paused for a few seconds, then suddenly exclaimed in astonishment: "So the Messiah has already come! Not as the rabbis say that the Messiah has not yet come!"

Our hosts encouraged them to personally read both these Messianic prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, asking God whether Yeshua is truly the One He promised. "If He really is the Messiah of Israel, then you don't need to wait until the great tribulation to believe in Him—you can receive the grace of His atonement today and have true peace in God, and the hope of eternal life!" It was such a great hosting experience!

\*Names changed



# Sharing the Greatest Gift of All in this Season of Generosity

The month of December brings joyful anticipation as we look forward to ringing in a new year, spending time with family and friends during Hanukkah and on Christmas, exchanging special gifts, and enjoying fellowship with others. Most importantly, we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of our Lord, Jesus, the Messiah, who came to bring us out of darkness and into His glorious light.

We praise God for you—for your prayers and partnership to reach the lost sheep of Israel worldwide. In Israel, our staff is engaged in “rebuilding Israel” by ministering to Israelis of all ages. Many are homeless, frightened, and broken by the wars. Our missionaries provide comfort daily as they gather together at our current Tel Aviv Messianic Center and will continue to do so at our new center once it is repaired after an Iranian missile strike in June.

Thank you for remembering our work in your year-end giving. Now is a great time to recommend a gift from your Donor Advised Fund to Chosen People Ministries. Here are some other ways to minimize your costs and multiply the impact of your generosity.

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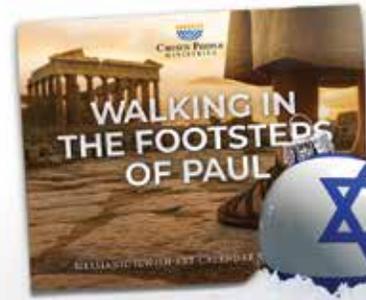


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■ “Walking in the Footsteps of Paul” is the theme of our Messianic Jewish Art Calendar for the Hebrew year 5786 (September 2025–September 2026). Each calendar month features a picture and brief description of a major location—in chronological order—the apostle Paul stopped at on his missionary journeys throughout the Roman Empire. The calendar includes all Jewish holidays as well as Scripture readings for every Sabbath and holiday. Join us in the year 5786 as we walk in Paul's footsteps and discover where he proclaimed the gospel “to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). **PRICE: \$12.95<sup>US</sup>**



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