

Messiah

The only HOPE for the world today is that the MESSIAH is coming! That's "Good News!"

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ALL Signs Point to Messiah

The Hebrew scriptures, known in Judaism as the "Tanach" is an acronym which means, T for Torah, N for Neveim or prophets and C for Kotvim or Writings = First Covenant
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Records the fulfillment of scores of prophecies about the coming of MESSIAH found in the "Tanach." Page 2



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Amazing Words by Orthodox Rabbis

We have waited nearly 50 years to hear what some Rabbis are now saying about Jesus.
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Prayer for Israel

Please do continue to pray for the people of Israel now going through the "stabbing terror attacks." The nation is resilient.
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The Signs of the Time

For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. Psalm 102:16

While having tea on the balcony of dear friends whose apartment overlooks Jerusalem, I counted 10 building cranes on the skyline. I was quickly reminded of the above Scripture verse penned nearly 3000 years ago, and sensed how perfectly it describes what is happening in "Zion" today.

Building is going on all around us. Jerusalem, once a dusty forgotten village on the hills of Judah, is now the largest city in modern Israel. Certainly the LORD is building up Zion for everyone to see. Why? Because the LORD is about to appear in His glory!

Since modern Israel was established in 1948 the total population has grown 13 times. The Jewish population has increased tenfold in those 68 years!



Construction Cranes Everywhere in Israel Today

Messiah: The Only Hope in the World Today

Everyday the news seems to get worse than the day before. Man's inhumanity to man is painful to see. Such suffering on a global scale begs the question. "WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE MADNESS?"

The Messiah gave the answer! But He told of signs in the end times; such as lawlessness that would abound and that men would fear and betray each other. Matt 24.

He That Has Eyes to See and Ears to Hear

In praying about this newsletter, I felt to comfort you by focusing on Messiah Himself and how His life fulfilled and is fulfilling prophecy TODAY Like,

GOD PROMISED A NEW COVENANT TO ISRAEL

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. (He is this **NEW Covenant**) It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

THE OLD COVENANT, ALSO CALLED THE FIRST COVENANT WAS DEDICATED AND RATIFIED WITH BLOOD. SO TOO THE NEW COVENANT WAS INSTITUTED AND RATIFIED WITH BLOOD.



Messiah to Bring Peace

SOME BIBLE PROPHECIES

1. MESSIAH TO SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders, and he will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from this time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.
Isaiah 9:6,7

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "And behold you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name, Jesus (Yeshua). He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the House of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom of peace there will be no end." Luke 1: 31 - 33

2. MESSIAH TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM

But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans (villages) of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from ancient times. Micah 5:2

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT

Now after Yeshua was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and we have come to worship Him. Matthew 2: 1-2

3. MESSIAH TO BE BORN OF A VIRGIN

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT - Matt 1: 18 - 25

Messiah a Prophet like Moses

4. MESSIAH WAS TO BE A PROPHET LIKE MOSES

The Lord your God will raise you up a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him...I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. Deuteronomy !8: 15, 18-19

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT

But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all his prophets that the Messiah would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Repent, therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Yeshua the Messiah, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive, until the restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3: 18-21 John 7:14 - 19

5. MESSIAH ENTERS JERUSALEM IN TRIUMPH

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT - John 12: 12-14

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Yeshua was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of Palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.' the King of Israel...then Yeshua sat on a donkey..."

6. MESSIAH TO BE REJECTED BY HIS PEOPLE

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53: 1-3

Messiah the Capstone

The stone whom the builders rejected has become the Capstone. Psalm 118:22

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT

...let it be known to you all, and to all the people in Israel, that by the Name of Yeshua the Messiah of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, and by Him this sick man stands before you completely healed. 'This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4: 10-12

7. MESSIAH BETRAYED BY ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread has lifted up his heel against me. Psalm 41:9

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT

Then one of the twelve called Yehuda Ishcaryot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you.?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him... then as they were eating (the Passover) He said, "one of you will betray me....he who dipped his hand with me in the dish....Matthew 26: 14 - 16, 21, 23.

8. MESSIAH TO REIGN OVER ALL THE EARTH

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. Psalm 72:8,11

NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT- Phil 2: 9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee shall bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

THE MESSIAH-SOME FACTS

- born of seed of a woman, Gen 3:15 Luke 1:34
- descendent of Abraham, Gen 12:3, Luke 3:23
- King in line of Judah, Gen 49:10, John 1:49
- **Messiah** is our King, Numbers 24:17
- Messiah will be a prophet, Deut 18:15
- Messiah- captain of our Salvation, Josh 5:13
- Messiah- our Kinsman Redeemer, Ruth 2:1
- Messiah came from tribe of Judah, 1 Chr 5:2
- Messiah- descendent of David, Eze 34:23,24
- Messiah the Son of God, Psalm 2:7 Matt 17
- Messiah with the wisdom of God Prov 8:22
- Messiah - Immanuel "God with Us" Is: 7:14
- Messiah with the 7 fold Spirit of God Is 11:1
- Messiah heals, deaf dumb & sick Is 35:5
- Messiah - Light to the gentiles, Isaiah 42:6
- Messiah- a sin offering, Isaiah 53:10
- Messiah will live forever, Is 53:10
- Messiah is God, Jer 23:6, John 13:13
- Messiah a righteous Branch, Jer 23:5
- Messiah our Righteousness, Jer 23:6
- Messiah resurrected & live forever Is 53:10
- Messiah - the Lamb of God
- Messiah - son of man-everlasting kingdom
- Messiah - stone that smashes the feet of clsy
- Messiah - offers salvation to all Joel 2:32
- Messiah - 4th man in fiery furnace Dan 3:25
- Messiah fills people with the Holy Spirit Joel
- Messiah both Priest and King Zech 6:12
- Messiah would be pierced Zech 12:10
- Messiah will appear at Temple Mal 3:1 Mk
- Messiah - Servant King
- Messiah - Makes intercession for His people
- **Messiah - is COMING SOON!!!**

Light of Messiah

"There shall be no night there....The city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. Rev 21:25, 23,



"They shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord shall illumine them." Rev 22:5

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous LIGHT. - Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in LIGHT! For He delivered us from the domain of darkness to the Kingdom of His beloved Son.- You were formerly darkness, but now you are LIGHT in the Lord; walk as children of LIGHT! The path of the righteous is like the LIGHT of dawn, that shines brighter until the full day." 1 Pe 2:9, Col 1: 12, 13, Eph 5:8, 1 Th 5:5, Proverbs 4:18

Rabbi's Respond in the Spirit of Messiah

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity..." Psalm 133:1

For nearly 50 years now, Meridel and myself and our sons, plus many others have been reaching out to Jewish communities here in Israel and around the world in the Spirit of love and fellowship. Now, Orthodox Rabbis are responding in very precious ways. Here, in summary form, are the words of such men of God as Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, left, Rabbi David Rosen, above right (both dear friends) and other leading rabbis.



"After nearly two millenia of mutual hostility and alienation we Orthodox Rabbis who lead communities, institutions and seminaries, in Israel the USA and Europe recognize the historic opportunity now before us. We seek to do the will of our Father in Heaven by accepting the hand offered to us by our Christian brothers and sisters. Jews and Christians must work together to address the moral challenges of our era.."

1. **The Holocaust:** after centuries of disrespect, oppression and rejection of Jews by Christians; this event was the climax of anti-Semitism, murder and genocide... that resulted from a failure to engage in constructive dialogue..."
2. **Since the Second Vatican Council,** the teachings of the Catholic Church have fundamentally changed, which now affirms the Eternal Covenant between



G-d and the Jewish people and stresses the unique relationship between Christians and Jews. **Jews are now called "our elder brothers" by Pope John Paul II**

3. Rabbi Jacob Emden wrote that, **"Jesus brought a double goodness to the world. On the one hand he strengthened the Torah of Moses majestically, and he removed idols from the nations...and instilled in them moral traits."**

4. Rabbi Samsom Raphael Hirsch taught that Christians have accepted the **Jewish Bible as a book of Divine revelation and now we can acknowledge Christianity as our partner in world redemption without any fear of being exploited for missionary purposes.** To quote Rabbi Naftali Zvi Berliner, **"Jews and Christians are destined by G-d to be loving partners."**
5. We Jews and Christians have more in common than what divides us: **ethical monotheism, the relationship with the One Creator who loves and cares for us all, Jewish Sacred Scriptures, a belief in traditions and the values of life, family, compassionate righteousness, justice, inalienable freedom, universal love and ultimate peace.**
6. Our partnership in no way minimizes the ongoing differences between two religions. **We believe G-d employs many messengers to reveal His truth.**
7. In imitating G-d, **Jews and Christians must offer models of service, unconditional love and holiness.** We are all created in God's Holy image and Jews and Christians will remain dedicated to the Eternal Covenant by playing an active role together in redeeming the world."

Note: For the full transcript of these statements please visit the website of the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation.

Salt, Light and Sound

"Declare among the nations, Proclaim, and set up a Banner. Broadcast it and do not hold back the truth any way." Jeremiah 50:2a

This is my paraphrase of Jeremiah 50:2a, which the Lord gave to me in 1969 as part of our call to Israel. This verse has been the guiding light to our media ministry for the last nearly 50 years. We have done our best to put "salt and light" into our messages, movies, docs, lectures, books and booklets as well as newsletters about Israel. At the same time the Lord gave His call to Meridel when she heard the *Still Small Voice* say, **"If you love Me, love My People."** Love never fails! 1 Cor 13:8.

Thank you for praying for us as a family and team!

Thanks to the Messiah & His People

For the last 40 years we have had the privilege of serving the Messiah and his people in Israel via the media. We have dedicated our time, professional skills and equipment to telling Israel's historic and Biblical cause to a worldwide audience.

Prayer Requests

- 1. For Jay and Daniel** as they work on vital productions. They are in the editing phase of **"You Can Make a Difference"** their major documentary against human trafficking and Sexual abuse of children in Nepal for Meridel. Please pray for the registration of C. A. N. *Change Action Nepal* our new NGO there.
- 2. For Meridel as she edits "The Art of Healing from Sexual Abuse."** *To see and perceive what one hides from oneself is an art*, says Meridel as she works to prepare this book and a work book for her seminars

on the subject. Kindly pray for her. It is a taboo subject that affects two billion souls on plant earth today.

Her desire is to send a copy of **"The Art of Heaiing"** to every partner who has stood with us in the making of this film on human trafficking of minors. It is nothing short of modern day slavery. We will also give each one a credit in the film.

3. For David - Eco Fun Jerusalem

David is hanging on through the terror days and winter weather.

His new electric bike businss is adversely affected. We need a miracle of sales to keep the door of his shop open. Thanks.

4. For Syria - Endless War

This war which has destroyed Syria and allowed terror to burst into life stronger than ever is not going away. Israel is vulnerable as Iranian weapons are stockpiled on the Lebanese/Israeli border. Mr. Netanayhu said: **"Israel will go to war if it is necessary."**

5, Pray for the USA

Whether we want to admit it or not, America has been a "big brother" to the world. The current elections are absolutely vital for the future safety of North America. Pray for **God to make America great again.**

5. Europe: Up for Grabs?

Pray for God to guide European leaders. We understand the old Roman Empire is being revived and set up for the end of days scenario as are the nations in the Middle East. Pray for the refugees!

6. Canada where are you?

In this day of ISIS threats Canada has decided under the newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to remain neutral! Now, Canadians can have doctor assisted euthanasia?

The Valley of Decision:

This is the day of the nations are being set up for judgement. 120 nations are now influenced by ISIS fundamentalists; over one half of the family of nations. It is a time to pray and not faint! Use the Bible as your guide book! Remember, it is written. "God is with them that respect His Name!"

Blessings, Jay and Meridel

Lifetime Achievement Award

On January 28th, 2016 the **World Jewish Congress** and the **Knesset Christian Allies Caucus** presented Dr Jay Rawlings with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** at their **Annual Night to Honor Christian Supporters of Israel**. In receiving the award, he said, "This honor really belongs in three places. First, to the Lord who gave me the call and the inspiration to make these documentaries on Israel and her peoples. Secondly to the many, many people I have interviewed over the years. It was their stories of faith that inspired and blessed our audiences here and around the world, and thirdly to our faithful friends - partners from the nations who responded to the Lord and gave to our ministry so we could keep on working. Of course, I want to also honor my wife Meridel and our sons, David, Chris, Josh, and Daniel who have stood with me every step of the way." (1 to r MK Robert Iliatov, Jay, Josh Reinstein)



Prayer for Israel - Messiah's Nation

No other country in the world is asking with such fervor for the coming of Messiah as Israel and her people. You even see written on buses and billboards, "Come Now Mashiach"

Do you think that the Lord will answer the prayers of His people? We do! Please join us in daily prayer for the 'Peace of Jerusalem!' Thanks and God Bless you!

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