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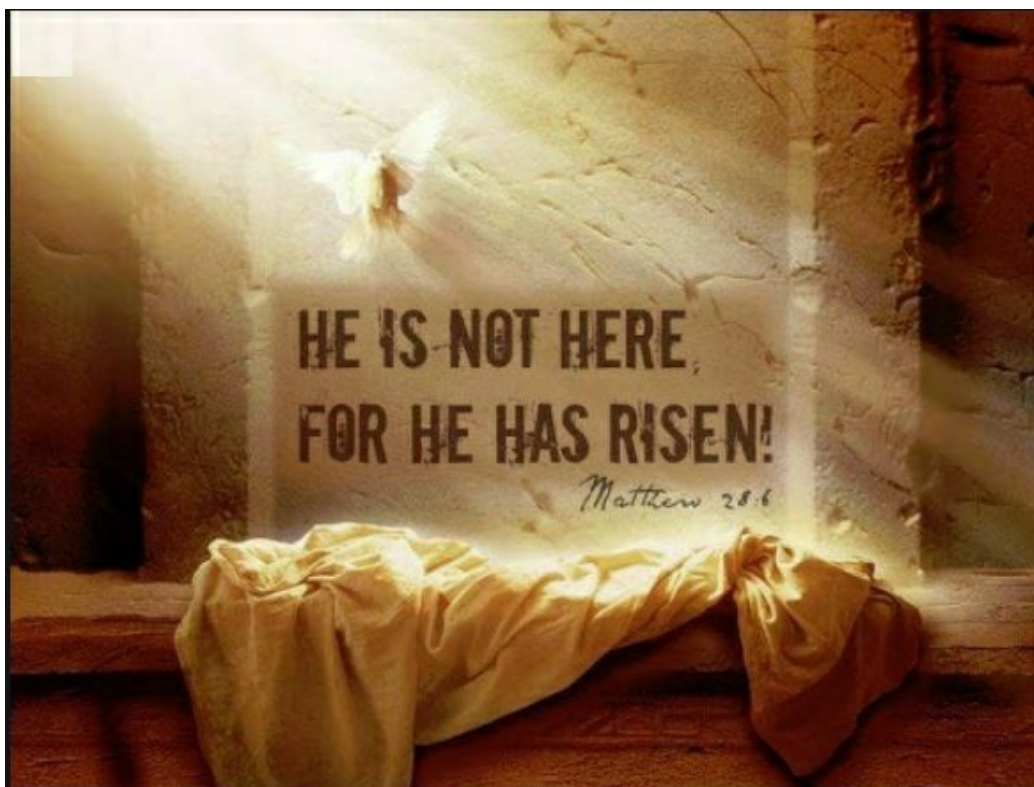
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Happy Resurrection Day



Depending on when you read this, Resurrection Day will either be in a few days or it will have just passed. Either way, we know that our Redeemer lives. He is the “firstfruits” of the resurrection. *“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Therefore we, as believers, have a glorious Resurrection Day coming as well. **We here at Rock of Israel wish you and yours a glorious Resurrection Day.**

Passover Facebook evangelism ad



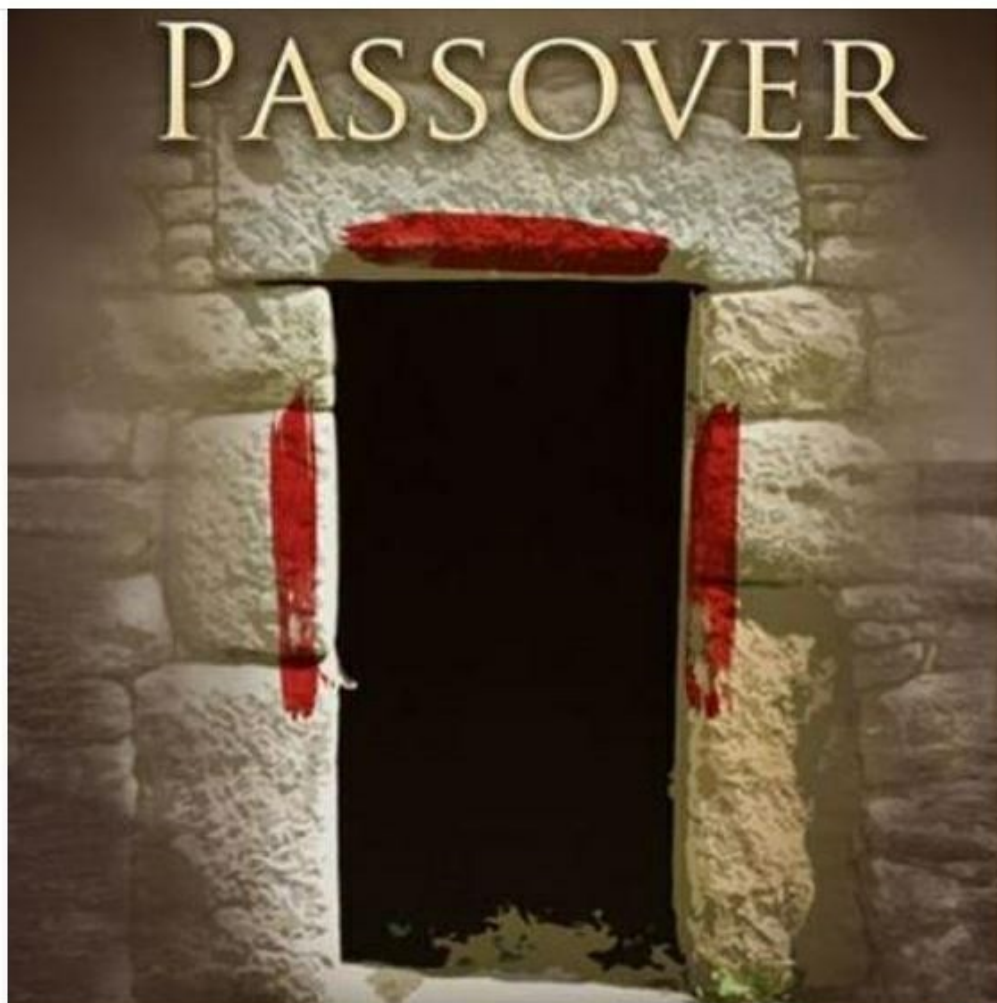
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So what is a "Messianic Passover"? How does Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) fit into this all? Was the lamb's blood the only way to be saved from death? Read how Messianic Jews see it all.



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The important Biblical Feast of Passover started last month. Jewish people around the world gathered for what is called a "Seder", where the events of the Exodus are taught using food, traditional liturgy and song. The Seder is one of the highlights of the Jewish calendar and even non-religious Jewish people will often still attend a Passover Seder.

With this information in mind, we took out a special ad on Facebook. The link sent readers to an article on our website about how the Messiah fits in with Passover. The ad is scheduled to run until April 4th (the last day of Passover.) Our audience is limited in geographic location to Israel and the USA. It is also limited to people who have already "liked" Jewish pages. So far, we have had a good response. The ad has shown up on 10,425 people's news feeds. Additionally, 1,100 people have liked the ad,

1,894 clicked on it and 537 people have even shared it onto their own Facebook timelines – thus multiplying the effects. Here is the link that almost two thousand people have clicked on in the ad:

<https://www.rockofisrael.org/2018/03/12/so-what-is-a-messianic-passover/>

Our 2021 Florida State Fair outreach starts this month



Our booth - previous year (pre-pandemic) at the Florida State Fair

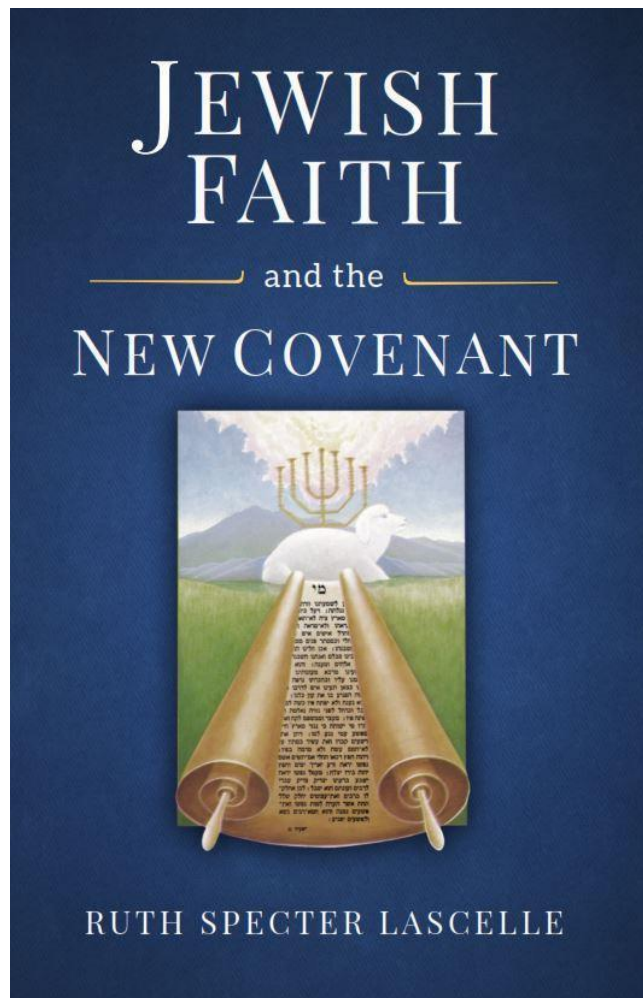


This month begins our first in-person Fair outreach of the spring. **Lord willing, we will open our booth at the**

Florida State Fair on April 22nd. The Fair runs 10 to 12 hours a day, every day until May 2nd.

We are not sure how well this Fair will be attended, but we will be there, waiting to share the Messiah with all who stop at our booth.

This month's special offer:



Jewish Faith and the New Covenant is a *virtual encyclopedia* from Messianic Jewish author Ruth Specter Lascelle.

This book is packed with tons of interesting information about Jewish life. It shows how much of the Hebrew scriptures and items point to the Messiah! It is also about modern Jewish life, Jewish holidays, and almost everything else you can think of relating to the Jewish Bible or the Hebrew Bible! 373 pages, paperback.

Normally \$24 - use promo code "Ruth" for a discounted price of \$20 (plus shipping).

<https://www.rockofisraelstore.org/products/jewish-faith-and-the-new->

More Dead Sea Scrolls Found



Last month the Israeli Antiquities Authority announced that they had found more Dead Sea Scrolls. They had been hidden in a desert cave about 25 miles south of Jerusalem, for close to two thousand years. The cave was so out of reach that archeologists had to repel down the side of a cliff to get inside.

The scrolls found are actually tiny fragments from biblical texts. They contain verses from the books of Nahum and Zachariah. The original Dead Sea Scrolls found over a half-century ago were written in Hebrew; however, with the exception of the name of God (written in Hebrew), these new fragments are in Greek.

Remember that many Jewish people spoke Greek in Israel at one time. Even the most popular Bible translation during the first century was in Greek, the Septuagint. Additionally, most of the New Testament writers used the Greek Septuagint when quoting from the Hebrew Bible. With this in mind, it is no surprise that a Greek biblical text has been found. What is surprising is that the author kept the Tetragrammaton (God's Name)

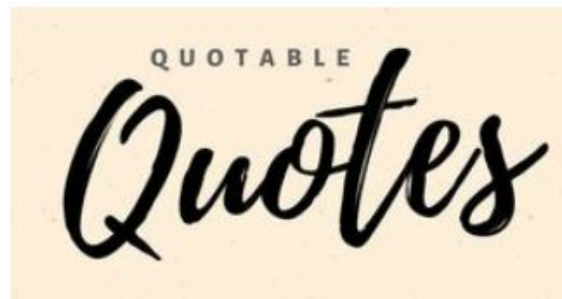
in Hebrew, not translating it into Greek along with the rest of the verses.



Other items found include coins bearing Jewish symbols (such as a harp and a date palm), woven fabric, sandals, a basket and lice combs — all thought to date from the end of the Bar Kokhba Revolt (132-136 A.D.), in which the Jewish people rebelled against Roman rule in their land. An ancient basket was found in the cave as well.

You can read the full story here:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2021/march-web-only/new-dead-sea-scrolls-discovery-bible-translation-israel.html>



Passover and Easter are the only Jewish and Christian holidays that move in sync, like the ice skating pairs we saw during the winter Olympics.

-Marvin Olasky

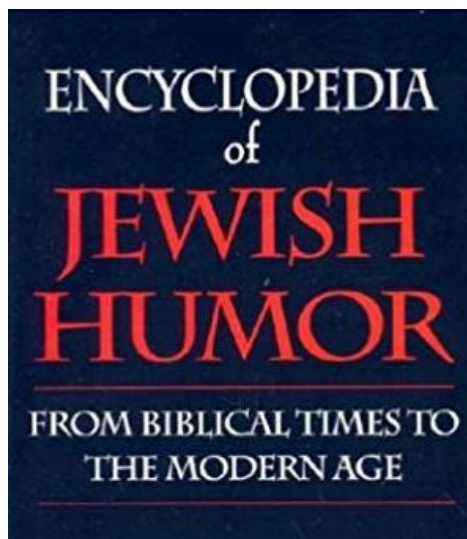


THIS MONTHS TRIVIA:

The Jewish year:

- A. is exactly the same length as the normal secular year
- B. is 12 months long but with an addition
- C. also puts the clocks forward and backwards once a year
- D. is named similar to the Chinese year and designated with one of the names of the 12 tribes of Israel on a 12-year cycle

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

THE TOP 7 BIBLICAL WAYS TO ACQUIRE A WIFE

- * Find an attractive prisoner of war, bring her home, shave her head, trim her nails, and give her new clothes. Then she's yours. (Deuteronomy 21:11-13)

 - * Find a prostitute and marry her. (Hosea 1:1-3)

 - * Find a man with seven daughters, and impress him by watering his flock. (Moses--Exodus 2:16-21)

 - * Purchase a piece of property, and get a woman as part of the deal. (Boaz--Ruth 4:5-10)

 - * Go to a party and hide. When the women come out to dance, grab one and carry her off to be your wife. (Benjaminites--Judges 21:19-25)

 - * Have God create a wife for you while you sleep. Note: this will cost you. (Adam--Genesis 2:19-24)

 - * Cut 200 foreskins off of your future father-in-law's enemies and get his daughter for a wife. (David--1 Samuel 18:27)
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What are phylacteries?



If you have ever read the words of Jesus when he rebukes the Pharisees in Matthew 23, you may have scratched your head when He said these words, “*But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries...*” (Matthew 23:5).

So, what exactly are these “phylacteries” that the Messiah mentions here?

“Phylacteries” is the term used in the New Testament, but the Jewish people have called them “Tefillin” for centuries. They come from four commands in the Torah that God gave to Moses to help Israel remember His Word. Two are listed below:

“And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.”
(Deuteronomy 6:8)

“Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.” (Deuteronomy 11:18)



The Jewish leaders in history took this command quite literally and made small boxes containing these verses. They made them with straps so that the Israelite men might literally tie God's Word on their arm (hand) and place them between their eyes.

The scroll inside is made by hand. A Jewish Scribe known as a "softer" will hand-write several specific verses from Deuteronomy on parchment made from the skin of a kosher (clean) animal. The very first words on the scroll are the "Shema." This is Deuteronomy 6:4, which tells Israel, "Hear (Shema), O Israel: The LORD our God the LORD is one:" All told, there are always 1,594 letters in each box. A scribe is very meticulous in his work.

The boxes and straps themselves are also made from a kosher animal. The scrolls are placed inside the boxes and sealed with the leather skin of a kosher animal. The box worn on the head has two of the Hebrew letter "Shin" (S) on it. One on each side of it. While there is no single accepted reason for this, one view is that both letters together spell "sas" meaning joy. It is a joy to put these on according to traditional Judaism.



Who wears phylacteries? For centuries they were worn by Jewish men who were Bar-Mitzvah, 13 years of age or older. They are worn during morning prayers six days a week, and the “Shema” is recited as they are placed on one’s body. They are not worn on the Sabbath. While the religious (Orthodox) community still adheres to the “men only” interpretation of this command, more modern forms of Judaism have now allowed women to wear these as well.

When putting them on, there is a specific order followed. The hand/arm tefillin are placed on one’s non-dominant arm. The box itself goes on top of the bicep, facing the heart. The strap is then wound around the arm seven times, moving down towards the long finger of the hand. The head tefillin are placed upon the head like a crown. The box should go at the base of the hairline. Morning prayers can now be said according to traditional Judaism.

Sadly, the tefillin are sometimes claimed to be endowed with magical power. When the Six-Day War began in 1967, a very prominent Rabbi in Israel began encouraging Jewish men to “put on tefillin” each day to help protect the Jewish people.

How are we to feel about these items as Messianic Jews, or even gentile Christians? First of all, we have no problem if someone wishes to wear them on their body as an act of devotion to God. The problem that we have, as Yeshua/Jesus declares, is when this is done for the sole purpose of being “seen by men.” That is where we draw the line. To put this pretentious behavior in today’s vernacular, “Hey everyone, look at me and how spiritual I am. I have such large tefillin to show everyone how devoted I am to God.” This is the problem Yeshua is referring to in this passage.

Wearing God’s Word is a good reminder for ancient Israel to know God’s Word - the box worn on the head. It is also a reminder to do God’s Word - the box worn on the bicep. The head (knowledge) and the arm (used for action) are ways we are told to love God. With all our mind (head) and strength (arm).

When done as a reminder, tefillin can be a good physical interactive life lesson and teaching tool. When worn as a “look at me” event, they are not impressive to God at all.

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer -

Answer: B

The Jewish lunar year does have 12 months, but these are of either 29 or 30 days each, which results in a 354-day year. To ensure the same Jewish festivals fall in the same season every year, an additional month (called 'Adar 2') is added seven times in every 19 years to make up the difference.

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