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August 2023: Here's an update of the ministry in the past month.

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Protestors blocking Messianic Jewish event in Jerusalem

While the vast majority of Jewish people have no harsh feelings towards Messianic Jews, there are a few fringe groups that fight against us. Why? Because in their heart of hearts, they truly believe we are leading people astray by worshipping a mere

man. So they believe (incorrectly) they are fighting for God when they are fighting against us.

A few weeks ago, in Israel, this type of thinking became obvious when a group of Orthodox Jewish protesters tried to disrupt a Messianic Jewish worship concert in Jerusalem.

They were mainly comprised of two far-right Jewish organizations, both of which are well-known for inciting violence. Thankfully the Israeli police stepped in to clear them out and protect the entrance to the concert hall.

Last year, even then Israeli defense minister Benny Gantz considered naming both groups as terrorist organizations for their violent actions and inflammatory rhetoric on several other issues.

Again – this in no way reflects the typical Jewish or Israeli population. However, we just want you to see what some of our Messianic Jewish brothers and sisters have to endure at times. To watch the video of the protest [click here](#)





Protest several weeks ago against a Messianic concert in Jerusalem

In August, we will have an evangelism booth up at THREE Fairs



August will be an extremely busy month for us. Please pray!

We will have a booth up at 1) the Ohio State Fair, 2) the Montgomery County Fair (Washington DC area) and 3) the Canadian National Exposition (Toronto).

We hope to report some good things next month, but in the meantime, here are a few more stories from our staff about our recent San Diego Fair outreach that we could not fit into the last newsletter:

** Susan reported a Jewish gentleman came to the booth. He was

friendly and asked Susan her name and how she was doing. He said, "My name is Daniel" to which Susan replied, that was her maiden name - Daniels. He said his last name and she was pretty sure he was Jewish. She gave him a testimony book, along with the prophecy sheet. He thanked her, and he said he would read it.

** A Jewish man said, "I thought I liked you, but now I don't." I quickly said, "Jesus loves you. He died for your sins. Read Isaiah 53."

** A believer said that he had been witnessing intently to his Jewish doctor. He gave me his name in an email after I gave him my card. I did not expect to hear from him, but he gave me the name of his Jewish doctor friend and said he was praying for our ministry. I ordered, "Jewish Doctors that believe in Jesus". These are ten testimonies of doctors who have become believers in Jesus.

** I had the opportunity to share about Yeshua with two older Jewish ladies. Typically, older Jewish ladies are the hardest to reach because they are very strong in Jewish tradition, but to my surprise, they listened patiently to my explanation of how Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah. At the end of the conversation, they each gladly received the testimony book, "They thought for themselves".

August reminder:



**All Hebrew ad running in Israel hits
150,000 views and counting**



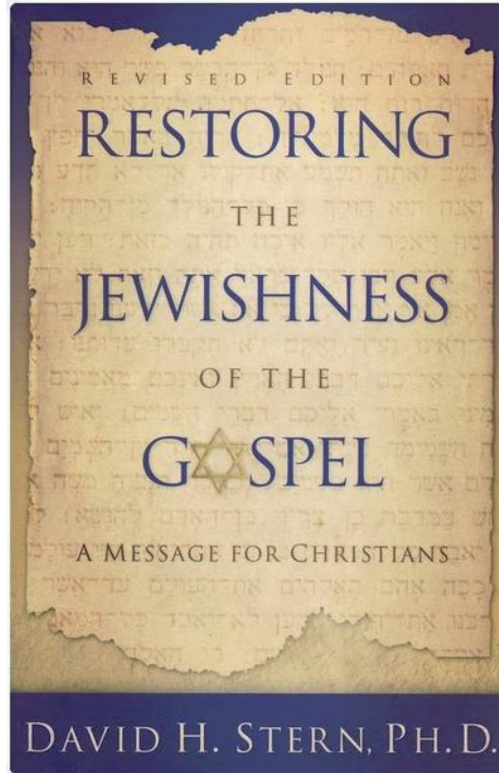
A few weeks ago we made another short “bumper ad” commercial for YouTube in Israel. (A bumper ad is one that cannot be “skipped,” however they only last 6 seconds.)

In just eight short weeks, it has now been seen over 150,000 times in Israel. The ad is just the following scene (see above) with the sky moving and gentle music playing in the background.

The text, in Hebrew, says this to Israelis:

The Messiah came to Israel 2,000 years ago.
And He is still alive.
Talk to him.
Yeshua

This month's offer:



A book the whole Church needs to read!

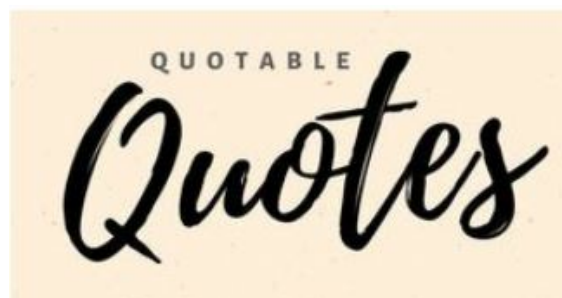
A challenge to conventional Christian ideas! Clear thinking about neglected questions such as:

- What central truth, ignored for 1,800 years, must be restored if the Church is to fulfill the Great Commission?
- Will God fulfill all of his promises to the Jews?
- Is the Church anti-Semitic? If so, what can you do about it? •

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"If you have done a good deed, do not ask for its reward then and there."

~~ Exodus (Shmot) R.

TRIVIA

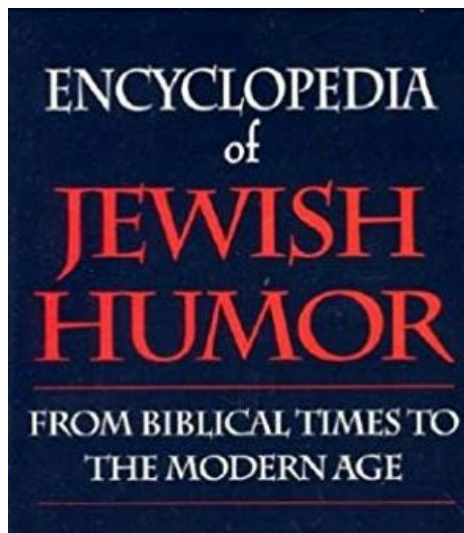
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THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

What are the three sections the Hebrew Bible is divided into?

- A) Law, Songs & Prophecy
- B) Law, Prophets & Writings
- C) Law, Prophets & Romance
- D) Law, Kings & Writings

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

Sarah and Shirley had not seen each other in many years. Now they had a long talk trying to fill in the gap of those years by telling about their lives. Finally, Sarah invited Shirley to visit her in her new apartment.

"I got a husband and three kids and I'd love to have you visit us."
"Great. Where do you live?" "Here's the address. And there's plenty of parking behind the apartment.

Park and come around to the front door, kick it open with your foot, go to the elevator and press the button with your left elbow, then enter! When you reach the sixth floor, go down the hall until you see my name on the door. Then press the doorbell with your right elbow and I'll let you in."

"Good. But tell me... what is all this business of kicking the front door open, then pressing elevator buttons with my right, then my left elbow?"

"What? You're coming empty-handed?"

Why the side curls?



Perhaps you have seen photos of Orthodox Jewish men with side curls on each side of their head and wondered what they are all about. They are called Payos (or Payot) and come from a law in the Torah that states:

'Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard.' (Leviticus 19:27).

Orthodox Jewish men take this command very seriously and will let their hair grow continuously - from their ears to their temples.

Some Jewish commentaries explain that since this law is placed among other laws prohibiting idolatry, and since many idol-worshippers used to cut off the hair on the sides of their heads, while leaving the hair on top to grow, they grow Payot as required to maintain a physical appearance that distinguishes them from idol-worshippers.

But other Jewish writers put this into a category called, "Chukim" meanings – we don't know the reason – we just do it.

So why this command? Perhaps this: If you have ever seen a "Mohawk" haircut, the appearance of this haircut is supposed to induce fear in the beholder, like a warrior coming after you. So perhaps, God who stated, "Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head" did not wish for Israel to trust in their own strength, in going to war, by any means - including a fear-inducing haircut. They were to trust in Him. This is all conjecture of course.

And with a "gotee" ("or clip off the edges of your beard"), perhaps it symbolizes a thing done "halfway". Half the beard is grown and half is cut. And of course, God is not a "half-way" God. Again, there are many symbolic things found in Torah and if you are a gentile believer in Jesus, this does not apply to you today.

Furthermore, what is infinitely more important than a beard to God (full or half), is a full heart towards Him - going all the way as Yeshua / Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your strength and with All your mind...." (Luke 10:27)

In that respect, we should not trim our hearts.

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - B

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