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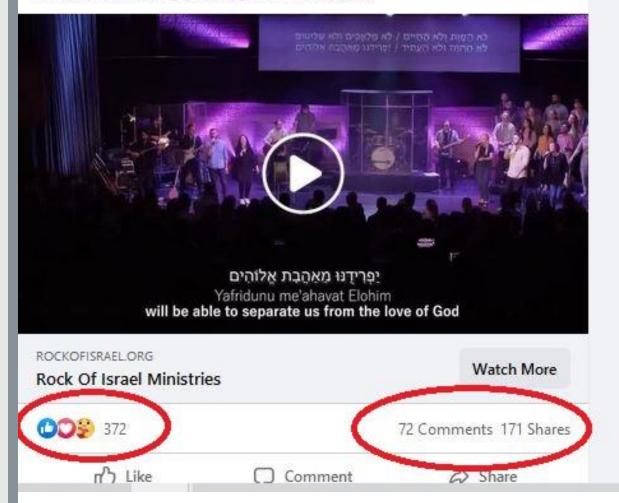
## OUR LATEST FACEBOOK AD

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Did you know there are a growing number of Messianic Jewish youth in Israel. Hebrew speakers who love Israel and love the Jewish Messiah of Israel – Yeshua (Jesus). Watch their joy in song. It will move you.



Last month we purchased a low cost Facebook ad featuring a song we linked to from a Messianic Jewish concert in Israel. This video featured Hebrew Speaking Israeli youth singing praise to the Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus).

As you can see from the numbers, so far we have gotten 372 likes, 171 shares and 72 comments, including from unbelieving Jewish people. This is a small ad and it is running in Israel and the USA until March 8th, so these numbers will go continue to rise. Please pray that this ad touches many with the gospel. You can see the video on our page here:

https://www.rockofisrael.org/messianic-praise-music-and-joy/

Here are some of the comments left:

\*\*Praise God! Prophecy being fulfilled!

\*\* I love Israel! Pray for your peace and that the eyes be opened to see Jesus is Messiah! This blesses me BIG! This is beautiful! praise you Jesus

\*\* SOOOO AWESOME . . . C H I L L S . . . I Love This

\*\* I don't have those believes and never will (note: Jewish person not yet a believer)

#### WORLDWIDE COORDINATED JEWISH PRAYER DAY -"GOD, SEND US THE MESSIAH!"



On February 21st, the goal was to have MILLIONS of Jews in locations as varied as Australia, France, Russia, and China all saying the exact same prayer at the same time, creating a powerful sense of unity that would cross all borders. The prayer? "*God, send us the Messiah!*"

Watch this promotional video which encouraged Jewish people worldwide to participate. How many actually participated, we do not know, but the heart cry was for the Messiah and that is significant.

Oh, my people - God has already sent us the Messiah. His name is Yeshua / Jesus.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OseTUbOP1Dc&feature=youtu.be

#### Passover begins the evening of March 27th



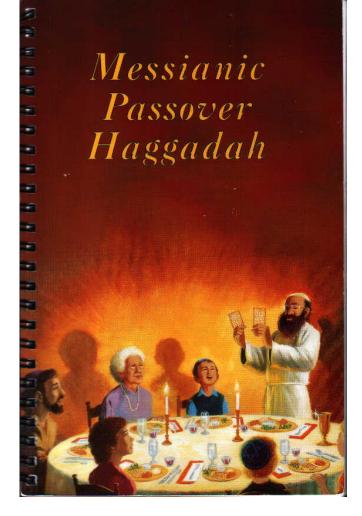
It is hard to believe that the Spring Feasts of Israel are right around the corner. Passover begins the evening of March 27th.

If you want to read a previous article we wrote about Passover click here:

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

This article will also be the focus of our March 2021 online Facebook ad campaign. We hope to bring you the results in our next newsletter.

## This month's special offer:



If you would like to have a Passover Seder in your home, then you need a booklet called a "Haggadah" to lead you through it step-bystep. You can download a few traditional ones online for free, but if you would like a "Messianic" perspective as you walk through the Seder, then this booklet is perfect for you.

This particular Haggadah was written by Warren and Cathy Frankel. Warren grew up celebrating the Passover. As a Jewish believer in Messiah, he added great insights as to how every part of the Passover feast points to Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) being the true Lamb. This book is for leading you (and your guests) through the Seder dinner step by step. It has traditional songs, recipes and more. Usually, each person has a copy at the table so they can follow along. The booklet is about 50 pages, spiral-bound.

Normally \$5 - use promo code "passover" for \$4 each (plus shipping)

https://www.rockofisraelstore.org/collections/frontpage/products/messianic-passover-haggadah

#### A "Chance" encounter - ordained by God by Lynn Wein McCoy



My Nebraskan friend Anna has been trying to get me in to see her Jewish friend's daughter Emily. Eighteen months ago Julie, Emily's mom, did not want me meeting with Emily. She refused even though she was very ill from eating disorders, and had threatened to commit suicide on her 21st birthday that August. The birthday came and went, with what I believe was God's mercy. She spent weeks in the hospital in a medical coma to save her life and slept through her birthday. Still, Julie would not let me see Emily.

In November, I received a text that Emily would be released in few days. Julie was still denying my request to speak with her daughter. But God had another plan.

I chipped a bonding in my front teeth and requested an emergency dental visit. (I have the Wein family gap.) My dentist recommended surgery to scale down my gums so the bonding would look nicer. He promised it wouldn't hurt (much), but would take over an hour. By the way, my dentist is 40 minutes away on a good day of traffic.

All went well. My dentist said I could eat right away, so I ran across the street to eat at Cava. There was a young, extremely thin woman waiting for an older woman to pay next to me. My thought was We've never met or spoke, but could this be Emily? But then she called out "Emily get your drink."

The older woman turned to me and told me my salad looked amazing! I immediately asked if she was Julie, and her daughter Emily. She was shocked (and frankly, so was I). I introduced myself to her as Anna's friend and told her that I had been praying for them for months. Julie gave me a big hug and said I was amazing. No, God is amazing!

I tell this story because for the past few weeks, Anna has been trying to get Julie to let me speak with her daughter, who is now down to 60 lbs and may not live for much longer. It saddens me that her mom's pride has kept her daughter from hearing the gospel.

I'm reminded though, as we just passed Purim, that God is still on the throne, even though we sometimes think He has little to do with our lives. Every once in a while, He reminds me that He has called me "for such a time as this."

Please pray that Emily will come to know her Messiah before she passes from this life.

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Building a Jewish Home means not only caring for those who live in that home but anyone who enters it.

-Unknown

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#### IN OUR MAILBOX LAST MONTH

We receive many emails each month, but we most appreciate positive feedback like the following message:

Message:

Thank you for your superlative explanation and analysis of Who the Suffering Servant in the Book of Isaiah truly is beyond a shadow of a doubt.

You've restored my faith I'm a Christian, not a Jew but I've been visiting A Jewish site that says some horrible about Jesus and even though I presented them with supporting scriptures they managed to shoot them down.

It was having a negative effect on me. Thankfully I found your site.

Note: If you would like to read the article she refers to, it is posted to our website:

https://www.rockofisrael.org/2020/12/30/ten-reasons-whyisaiah-53-is-not-about-israel/

#### ARAB NURSE PRAYS WITH JEWISH DYING PATIENT



Maher Ibrahim is an Arab Israeli nurse at a hospital in Israel. When he realized the family of an Orthodox Jewish patient dying from COVID-19 could not make it to the hospital in time to say goodbye, he recited the traditional Shema prayer together with him. Soon after this touching moment, the patient passed away. Maher, thank you for your compassion, and for showing the world that coexistence with Israel is possible.

Read more here:

https://www.israelhayom.com/2021/02/19/arab-nurse-recites-shemaprayer-to-jewish-patient-dying-of-covid/

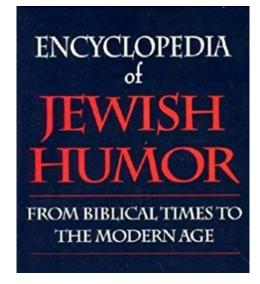


THIS MONTHS TRIVIA:

Which Biblical figure is invited each year to the Passover?

- A. Adam
- B. David
- C. Moses
- D. Elijah

#### Answer near bottom



# **This Month's Jewish Humor**

One day a rabbi decided to try pork without telling anybody. So he went to a non-kosher restaurant and ordered the pork. Then, suddenly, a couple from his congregation walked into the restaurant. The couple came over to the rabbi's table and sat down.

The waiter came out of the kitchen holding the pork on a big plate with an apple in its mouth and it was covered. The waiter brought to the table and lifted up the cover.

The rabbi said "What a restaurant! You ask them for a baked apple and look what they give you."



#### DOES THE BIBLE CONDONE SLAVERY?

If you are familiar with the new generation of atheists, you may know that they are no longer content to be in the background. Many now actively try to discredit God and the Bible with arguments that have been around for many years.

One such argument they use is that the Bible is immoral because it condones slavery. They compare the 19th-century American slavery system with the Bible's usage of the word slavery (specifically in the Torah.) They then deduce that God either does not exist or is immoral, since He allowed such slavery in the Torah. But is that really a fair comparison? We wrote an article as a rebuttal and posted it on our website.

Here is the start of it – but you can access the full article here.

https://www.rockofisrael.org/2021/02/15/does-the-biblecondone-slavery/

#### Does the Bible teach that slavery is acceptable?

Many times, critics of the Bible will point to certain passages in the Torah to show that, if God exists, He must be immoral. Slavery is one of the themes they often use. They equate the past horrors of slavery in the United States' early history with the Torah's use of slavery. But is this an accurate comparison?

To be sure, a whole volume could be written on this subject

alone, but for now we will only take a fast overview of the topic. First let us start with the word "slave" itself. In Hebrew the word is גֶבֶד (Ebed) and it is used over 800 times in the Hebrew Bible. A few translations are "manservant," "slave" or "bondservant."

Some points to be made:

1) The word "ebed" is used to describe people who are "servants" of God. Moses is described as a "servant/ebed" of God (Exodus 14:31). In Psalm 18:1, David is called the "servant/ebed" of God. As a matter of fact, the word "ebed" is used 56 times in the book of Psalms, almost always describing a believer who is a "servant/slave/ebed" of God. Do you think God treated Moses or David in the same way the American slave owners treated slaves?

2) The American slavery system was based upon kidnapping. Yet the Torah speaks of this action as a capital offense. "He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death" (Exodus 21:16). This would apply to anyone in the 1800's who kidnapped an African person to ship him/her to the United States as a slave. In God's eyes, this action is a capital offense, where the kidnapper should be put to death. Notice, the law makes no distinction between kidnapping a foreigner or an Israelite. Kidnappers are to be put to death, period.

### TO CONTINUE READING CLICK HERE:

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#### QUIZ ANSWER:

#### Answer - D - Elijah

An empty chair is often left at the Passover Seder table for the Prophet Elijah. This empty seat is traditionally at the head of the table. In addition to this seat, a cup of wine is placed untouched at the table for Elijah.

Based on the teachings of Judaism, it is believed that someday, Prophet Elijah will take his sit on that empty chair and announce the arrival of King Messiah (also known as Moshiach in Hebrew).

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