

WHO ARE THE MESSIANIC JEWS IN ISRAEL ?

**ARE THEY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER JEWS?
THEIR MANNER OF LIFE AND BELIEF.**

TIME FOR READING 25 MINUTES

THE MESSIANIC JEW

Messianic Jews are those who believe that the Messiah of Israel whom they have looked for and waited for so long, has already come, and hold to the faith of their Father Abraham believing in the one and only one God. Behold Israel, our Lord and God is one God. We are Jews and we expect to live and die Jews, but we are Messianic Jews. We have learned by careful study of the prophets, and especially those utterances by our prophets of things left out of the synagogue readings, that the Messiah Yahshua has come. We have learned through these prophets the cause of Mount Moriah, the site of the two Houses or Temples, being taken away from us. Also why our sacrifices of sin offerings ended nearly 2000 years ago. It was because the Heavenly Father provided for us a sacrifice, just as he did for Abraham. Abraham accepted the one provided for him, but Israel did not accept the one provided for them, and the Father has removed all sacrifices from us, which is of itself proof that He has sent us our sacrifice long ago.

The holy prophets beginning with Genesis and ending with Malachi told us in advance of these things, but we have been deceived by the ancient zealots who removed from the Sabbath readings, the plain prophecies concerning this Messiah who was to be sacrificed as a lamb on the alter for our sins. These were left out nearly 2000 years ago, but now we are just discovering the omissions.

It happens, that because many Rabbis keep and teach laws besides the laws given in the Bible which divide the Jews of Israel, there are three kinds of Jews, the Talmudic Jews, those who only believe that which is written in the Old Testament and the third class, called Messianic Jews, who accept both old and new scriptures alike. This false teaching of the so-called WISE Jews, and also the

false teaching of the so-called WISE Christians. "the Catholics," has divided the people. This portion of the so-called Christians has caused much persecution of the Jews. The results are that the Jews turn down Jesus Christ as sinister, and as the foe of the people of Israel, claiming that the object of his followers is to exterminate the Jews. The Rabbis therefore are doing their best in trying to keep the Jewish people from knowing about Jesus being the Christ. Many of them down deep in their hearts know that he is, for they have no doubt read the portions of the prophets that are left out of our synagogue reading.

They took away important verses that tell about the personality, actions and life of the Messiah who was to come as a babe, and grow up. He was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth exactly as our prophets announced before hand. Be sure to read Isaiah 52nd chapter from verse 12, and also read the 53rd chapter. In the Sabbath readings, once every year, when they get down to this portion of Isaiah they read down to verse 12 of Isaiah 52, and end there, but on the following Sabbath the closing portion is taken from Isaiah 54:1-10. The portion beginning with Isaiah 52:13 and the whole of 53 is excluded. Why the exclusions? Because this portion contains a clear prediction of the Suffering Messiah, and on its basis it is easy to identify the Man who was crucified outside the wall of Jerusalem, about 40 years before the destruction of the second House, as the promised Messiah! He was to grow up as a child, and die for the sins of Israel, the sacrifice provided by the Father in Heaven. Isaiah 9:6,7.

Those responsible for this arrangement preferred to read once again those 10 verses of Isaiah 54 which was already read in conclusion of Barshat Noach, rather than provide for the reading of Isaiah 53. Whenever this portion is reached, whether in the Orthodox or in the liberal or indifferent schools, it is passed over hastily. Yea, there

has been developed the idea that Christian missionaries have smuggled in this particular section into the Hebrew Bible. But providentially some roving nomads found them-selves in a cave and stumbled upon jars containing ancient manuscripts, among them a copy of Isaiah. That scroll dates to days before the destruction of the second House, and the simple and clear Messianic section of chapter 53 is in it! Furthermore, in ancient biblical literature, a remnant of which found its way to the Talmud and various Midrashim, there are ample quotations from this important prophecy.

Jews today are learning of this omission, which was the main way for Judaism being blinded relative to their Messiah, but they are now believing in and accepting this sacrifice, and their sins are forgiven in his name

• THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

Messianic Jews believe in the veracity and verbal inspiration of the prophetic word, and in the faithfulness of God to fulfil His promises. The ancients declared that no prophet prophesied but for the Coming of the Messiah, and that only for the Coming of the Messiah was the world created. Faith in the Messiah is strongly emphasized in the Scriptures, and one who abnegates the Coming of the Messiah, cuts himself off from the root of Israel and the hope of Salvation.

God at the very beginning of Human History, soon after Adam's sin and fall, before he was ejected from Eden, promised salvation through "the seed of the women," Gen.

15. When Adam sinned, Corruption filtered into the world. The whole universe and all nature became corrupted, and out of joint. No man is in a position to repair the dislocation and retrieve the loss. The Messiah alone was appointed to this task. He solely is able to heal the corruption to repair the dislocation, to set everything in order, and to renovate the world. This is the reason for the

title Messiah. He who saw the end from the beginning annointed Him for this specific work.

By His holy prophets, God revealed the human extraction of this Messiah. He was to be the seed of Abraham of the tribe of Judah, of the family of Peretz, of the house of David. He was to be born without a father, as His mother was to be a virgin. Isaiah 7:14-16. His virgin birth was no greater a miracle than the birth of Isaac, when Sarah his mother was nearly one-hundred years of age. We Jews all believe in this miracle. One miracle was no greater than the other.

The prophet Isaiah said, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son." Isaiah 7:14-16. Also that before this child is old enough to know good and evil, the land would be deprived of both her kings. This was the sign the Lord gave, which was remarkably fulfilled. King Herod died while Joseph and Mary were in Egypt. Matt. 2:15. Then Archelaus was placed on the throne as king, but he was also removed the year 6 A.D., Matthew 2:22, and all his stories tell us of this king being removed. This sign from heaven was fulfilled exactly, and this alone is sufficient to show us that Jesus (Hebrew Yahshua) is our Messiah.

THE MESSIAH WAS TO COME AS A BABE

We Jews have been mistaken in believing that our long awaited Messiah was to come in any other way than as a babe, for the prophet Isaiah speaks of this in two other places. He tell us in another place of his vision, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders."

".....Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from hence-forth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." Isaiah 9:6,7. Here we have another portion of this prophet's writing purposely left

out of the Sabbath Synagogue readings, evidently to avoid hard questions being asked, and confusion.

In chapter 11 of Isaiah's prophecy, and verse one, we are told of this Messiah. It says He would grow out of the stem of Jesse, and from his roots, that the spirit of the Lord would be upon him and he was to do mighty works.

HE WAS TO GROW UP AS A CHILD

Again in the 53rd chapter, which as previously stated was left out of the synagogue readings, it is said that he was to GROW up as a tender plant. How unfortunate that this chapter was omitted, and as a consequence our race has been left in darkness all these years, about the manner in which our Messiah was to come, and of the other things announced in this chapter that were to befall him. How surprising it has been to many, that over 200 verses are found in our Bible, that were fulfilled as recorded in the New Testament in the birth, nativity, growth to manhood and ministry, death and ascension of this Jewish child, which Judaism accepts today as a great Jewish prophet. Now let's go just one step farther and accept him as our Messiah. He belongs to us. His writings and that of all his followers, known as the "New Testament," is Jewish. It was compiled by Jews, and such men as our adored and honored Dr. Weizmann recommended that our people read it. He said that in doing so, it would make them better Jews.

ISRAEL HAS BEEN DECEIVED AND MISLED

The leaders of Israel in the far distant past misled us, and it was because of their sins, that calamity befell our people. This is clearly stated by our prophets where they were severely condemned. These leaders esteemed their empty causerie of this Word of much more value than the Word of God itself. They formulated the term "The Written Word," and "The Oral Word," and declared that the latter was to be preferred above the former. The

former, however, had been given to our prophets by the Spirit of God, and will stand fast forever. This "Oral Law" although it contains high and lofty material, was seen and condemned by the prophets, and called "Learned precepts of men" (Isaiah 29:13,14 etc.). It has brought much confusion and discord in Jewish thought. It placed a thick veil on Jewish eyes, and caused many to depart from God and from his Messiah. Indeed the Messianic hope fully burns upon the altar of Jewish hearts, and it has saved them from being destroyed by the fire of the anti-semites; but the knowledge and assurance that this long expected Messiah has COME and completed the first stage of the Redemption plan is sadly lacking in the Jewish quarter.

The inquisitiveness to verify the claims of this great Jew of Nazareth, adored and honored by millions, is choked out of Jewish life as soon as it is evident. Jews may study Islam, Buddhism and any other religious system and Philosophy, but to study anything that concerns Yahshua of Nazareth is strictly taboo. Some leaders of Jewry fear the influence which shines out of the pages of the New Testament like one fears the plague. Should a Jew be bold enough to write something in favor of that Nazarene he will soon be boycotted, and even excommunicated. Such as this, to the clear and honest thinker, betrays the fear that lies in the hearts of these men, because they know the soundness of the truth revealed in the New Testament.

How different would have been the fate of Israel had they accepted the truth of this Messiah!

Oh that Israel would have paid attention to the divine warning expressed by their prophet Isaiah in the following words! "The Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes, the prophets, and your heads, the seers; and the sense of it all became to you as a sealed book....Because this people approached,

with their mouth and lips they honored me but their heart is distant from me, and their worship of me was prompted by learned precepts of men, therefore: I shall continue to darken this people, amazingly and astonishingly: And, the wisdom of their sages shall be lost, and the intelligence of their rationalists shall vanish!—
Isaiah 29:10-16.

THE ANNOUNCED DECREE

It had been decreed by God that the Messiah should be cut off because of Israel's transgressions, and man's sin. That wonderful "Isaiah Section" Chapter 52:12 to 15, and all of 53, presents to us our Messiah in his lowliness, "as a lamb to the slaughter, and a sheep before her shearers." The provided sacrifice for Israel. Way back ere the foundations of the earth were laid was it settled in the divine councils of heaven that Israel should reject her Messiah and redeemer, and play a leading part in His crucifixion. It was therefore essential that the officials of Israel of that time should reject this Saviour and demand His execution. This decree was essential in God's plan. The sin of the nation, which brought upon them destruction was their failure to accept Him as their Messiah after His resurrection from the dead, following the darkening of the sun, the great earthquakes accompanying His crucifixion and resurrection when the earth and people were shaken by these mysterious events.

Because of their rejecting Him after His resurrection, when thousands of Rabbis and priests and their whole congregations accepted Him, has brought curses and suffering upon us. We have been obliged to suffer the fires of Torquemada, the pogroms of the Russian Czars, the slaughter of our sons, and the rape of our daughters, the gas chambers of Hitler, etc. All of this happened after the crucifixion of the man of Nazareth, our Holy Mess-

laid upon him. (See Isaiah 53rd chapter the portion left out of our Synagogue readings), but death was not strong enough to retain Him, and the power of the grave was not mighty enough to hold Him. According to the Word of God, by our prophets, the Messiah arose from the dead. He was seen of more than 500 people at one time (1 Corinthians 15:5 to 7), and the fact of His resurrection became known in time all over Israel. Hundreds of thousands of Jews of all classes were convinced and believed on Him.

MANY THOUSANDS OF JEWS BELIEVED

In Jerusalem alone a very large congregation of Messianists of good pious Jews who realized that the man of Nazareth was their Messiah was formed. This congregation sent out preachers to all the synagogues and colleges throughout the land of Israel to call people to repentance. Wonders and miracles were done everywhere, such that even the great Gamaliel could not deny. In every assembly of Jews all over Israel words quoted herewith were certainly heard, "Let all Israel know clearly that God has appointed this Yahshua whom ye crucified Lord and Messiah....This Yahshua whom ye in accordance with God's decree and foreknowledge ye have taken and by the hands of wicked men crucified and slain. Him has God raised from the dead... REPENT ye therefore, and BE YE BAPTIZED in the name of Yahshua for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the Holy Spirit. This promise is unto you and unto your children... that seasons of refreshing shall come from God, and He shall send ONCE AGAIN Whom he hath predestinated for you, even Yahshua the Messiah." Acts 2nd chapter and 3:19 to 21.

For nearly forty years following the crucifixion, our nation heard these sermons in synagogues throughout the

land, but the leaders turned a deaf ear, while thousands of Jews from their congregations joined up with the Messianic followers, causing great confusion, and trouble for these leaders. This is why they arranged the Sabbath Synagogue readings and left out Isaiah 53rd chapter and other Messianic prophecies, and they are left out until our day. This is why the Jews in general are blinded to the fact that our Messiah has already come.

Just as the Heavenly Father provided a sacrifice for Abraham, and saved the life of Isaac, so did He provide a SACRIFICE FOR ISRAEL, but they did not accept it, hence the nation was sacrificed and went into their long exile and travail.

Messianic Jews have learned about these omissions, and have found out that our Messiah was born in Bethlehem according to the prophet Micah 5:2. He fulfilled over 200 prophecies found in our Torah and among our prophets. Was buried in a rich man's grave and numbered with the thieves as Isaiah declared, Isaiah 53rd chapter. Fulfilled. See Matt 27:57, and Luke 23:33. Also they parted his garments and cast lots on his vesture as David prophesied. Psalms 22:18. Fulfilled Matt.27:35

Messianic Jews believe in the perpetuity of Israel, and in the special mission and call of Israel. We do not believe that Jerusalem will ever be destroyed again or that this land will go into desolation which would by divine decree take place if the coming of our Messiah is yet in the future. Recent excavations prove to us that the prophecies of Daniel are genuine, and were given during the Babylonian exile just as He says. The Lord through this prophet told us of the coming and death of our Messiah (See Daniel 9:25 to 27), and he plainly says that "The prince that shall come after," (after Messiah's death) will destroy the sanctuary, and Jerusalem, and tells us of the desolation. We know this has taken place and is in the

past. Therefore that coming of our Messiah is also in the past. The Romans came the year 70 A.D. and the temple was destroyed with Jerusalem. The land has experienced this desolation. It will not occur again. This was our Messiah, that our prophet Daniel told us about, and he came and was cut off, and died as an offering for our sins. If His coming as a babe is yet future, when He must grow up and give His life as a sacrifice for sins, then the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple (another temple) is also yet future. Daniel 9:26.

THE EXILES ARE NOW RETURNING

Now after 2,000 years of exile, of suffering, of trouble, of being aliens in strange lands, God remembered His oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and is restoring His people to Zion. The revived state of Israel is a sign that God in His mercy is giving His chosen people another chance. We are living in the twilight of Redemption on the threshold of wonderful events. It is true that some painful tribulations lurk around the corner, and the worst can only be avoided by immediate REPENTANCE and turning to God and to His Messiah Yahshua.

The Messianic Jews are increasing in Israel, and let us all act wisely as our Father Abraham did, and accept the offering God has sent to us. It is not too late, and it has been foreseen by our prophets that we will do this. Note with care the prophet Ezekiel in the following:

"For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of ALL countries (Not just from Babylon as before, but from all over the world)—and will bring you into your OWN land ... A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh....and I will cause you to walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fath-

ers, and ye shall be my people and I will be your God." Ezekiel 36:24-36.

"All they that devour thee shall be devoured, and all thine adversaries, every one of them shall go into captivity, and they that spoiled thee shall be a spoil, and all that preyed upon thee will I give for a prey."

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds saith the Lord... the city shall be builded upon her own heaps, and the palace shall remain. Their NOBLES shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them, and I WILL CAUSE HIM TO DRAW NEAR, and HE SHALL APPROACH UNTO ME for who is THIS that engageth his heart to approach unto me? saith the Lord." Jeremiah 30:16-20.

Now is the appointed time for Israel to accept this offering, invite this Messiah into our synagogues, and seek the Father in His name (Yahshua) to forgive us of our sins, and the sin of our father's. We will remain Jews, receiving this great Jew, welcoming him in our midst and claiming him as our own, makes us better Jews than ever before. By accepting this offering and asking the Father in the name of Jesus (Hebrew Yahshua), He will forgive us all of our sins. We must do more than gather along the sea on Atonement day to cast our sins away. We must go down into the water, and be buried, be baptized, accepting him personally as our Messiah and Saviour. Then our sins will all be forgiven and the Father will give us the Holy Spirit, that David so earnestly pled with the Father NOT to withdraw from him. Psalm 51:11.

NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER JEWS BUT BETTER JEWS

Messianic Jews are no different from all of the Jews in general only that they are better Jews, because they have accepted the offering provided by the Father. They are

following in line with the example of Abraham, believing in the ONE God, and the only one, the Creator, and Holy One of Israel. "Jesus the Messiah" is their High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary, beautifully set forth in the book of Hebrews. Hence we have in our sanctuary our High Priest, who makes intercession for us before the Father, and we have a means of the forgiveness of our sins through His shed blood, which was definitely announced by our beloved prophet Isaiah (Chapter 53 omitted from our Sabbath reading). As we pray to our Father asking Him in the name of Jesus to forgive us of all of our sins and give us the Holy Spirit, this will be done, and we will be made a better people and a better nation. We will then have the assurance of protection and deliverance from our enemies, avoiding a similar catastrophe as that which befell us under the Romans nearly 2000 years ago.

Messianic Jews are now scattered through Israel, and they worship in the Synagogues, unknown as such, but their prayers are for Israel to openly invite their Messiah "Yahshua" into the synagogues with them. This will work a great change on the hearts of all people, for He will bring to everyone a spiritual refreshing and holy reviving of their very being.

God did not gather us back into the State of Israel that we may continue to live a wild, ungodly life here, that we may continue to walk in the ways of the Gentiles! He brought us here to purify us, that we might reckon with Him on every step of the way, that we might become a Holy Nation, a Kingdom of Priests: Not that Zion should walk in the light of a Tora out of Moscow or that Jerusalem should behave in tune with the dollars of Washington, but that the sacred word should go out of Zion and from Jerusalem!

Messianic Jews should take all this into consideration and live their daily life in harmony with the grand privi-

lege which is theirs as Jewish members in the Body of the Messiah. Let there be an end to assimilation, physical, mental, or spiritual! To believe in the Lord Yahshua is not a divorce from "Judaism," it is not a license to ignore the ancient commandments of God and live as some Gentiles! Indeed the Lord made us free but not to be apostates.

The freedom from the law which Paul proclaims is not an encouragement to transgress the law. Transgressors shall perish from the earth. Live as Messianic Jews and you shall hasten the return of the Messiah and complete Redemption. You can live that life if you will learn to understand that we are saved by grace, on the ground of the Messiah's shed blood, and not by the deeds of the law and that grace saved us to live a holy and godly life. Life is active and not passive.

It is do,do,do! And the Law of God tells us what to do. Dr. Weizmann, in recommending that the Jews read the New Testament and it would make them better Jews, he knew it was written by Jews. And he also evidently understood that to read it would not make the Jews like the Christians. For what they call Christians today do not follow the New Testament, although they claim to do so. The religion of most all of them in their divided sects, is from Babylon, and is a paganized form of religion.

To become a Messianic Jew by no means makes us like what they call Christians with their Sunday worship and their adoration of the Cross which originated in Babylon. But we remain Jews, and become better Jews.

The Messianic Jews keep the Sabbath Holy and not the Sunday, for they follow the scriptures and not pagan tradition of the sunworshippers. Messianic Jews also believe it is their duty to show up the false teachings of the missions in Israel, and their unscriptural practices, and worldly ways.

They are known to each other as disciples of Christ. Organized groups forming churches of God, as they were known in the early apostolic time.

We find in the writings of the gospels that the followers of Jesus (Yahshua), were called "disciples" more than two hundred times. Therefore we are known to one another in Israel as His disciples.

Do not fear for you have much company now in Israel. More than one-million have been given this information, thousands of whom believe it. After you have received the Holy Spirit by repenting of all sins and being baptized you become a disciple of your Messiah and are then a Messianic Jew.

This is the necessary act to bring you into the class spoken of by Ezekiel the prophet who will dwell forever in the land of Israel that was given to our fathers. He says "I will put my Spirit within you and you shall be my people and I will be your God." Ezekiel 36:27-29.

These faithful ones in Israel will soon behold the return of our Messiah, and witness the "Radio Atomic Resurrection Power," when Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all of the faithful ones will come forth from the dead and live again. See I Corinthians 15:52-58; Isaiah 26:19. Daniel 12:1,2 and I Thes. 4:16:18.

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