

Endeavoring to Support:

- "The Messianic Times"- Publisher
- Israel Legal Defense
- Jewish/Gentile Fellowship
- International Conferences
- Forum for Debate
- Emigration to Israel
- Dispute Mediation
- International Affiliations
- Monthly Essays
- Theological Papers

Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

The survival of the Jewish people as a recognizable surviving remnant is a statute recorded in Jeremiah 31:35 – 37:

Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. This saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

The Adversary has long since challenged this promise. By various means he has sought to subvert it. Through the ages, this has often been done by a frontal assault of persecution. Now Israel has been re-established as a surviving nation.

The age old tactic of dissolving the Jewish people by deletion still exists. As Jewish souls are won to Yeshua, they have often been told that because they are now "Christian," they are no longer Jewish. Though well intended, this is an error. As a vanguard of opposition to this untruth, we stand together in this regard against Satan, who wants to undo the promises of the Lord.

Many, many born again Jewish people attend churches instead of Messianic congregations. These believers maintain a witness, a cultural bridge, and provide insight into the Jewish roots of the faith. Jews and Gentiles are not all alike; neither do we have identical roles, but we are united in the cause of preserving the Jewish distinction within the Body.

We supporters of the modern-day awakening of Jewish people have been brought to the Kingdom for such as time as this (Esther 4:14). We have a vision and we feel compelled to participate in Biblical history.

There is a destiny for the Jewish nation, as well as every individual believer. Let us rejoice in this day and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24).

In Messiah,

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OUR DESTINY

Dear Fellow Workers,

Many of us became believers through Biblical prophecy. Through their fulfillment, the supernatural element is obvious. Thus, the Bible foretells the future and therefore does not represent just another philosophical system.

Like other people, becoming a believer had to do with the Lord working through unusual circumstances in my life, creating a challenge to conventional (Jewish or general) social thinking. The guiding hand of Providence became something real and yet mysterious to me.

It seemed logical that if events could be foretold, then they must be programmed. This being so, there must be a Programmer. I clung to two seemingly basic concepts. If I wasn't supposed to do something inconsistent with the plan for my life, then something would prevent my doing it. And if I was supposed to take an action, it would seem to be a good idea at the time.

But, I thirsted for a more comprehensive understanding. Not surprisingly, I was drawn to a man who was well acquainted with the Bible. This person wisely understood it would be best to refer me to the Old Testament, since he knew I was Jewish. He established credibility to the Scriptures by showing me modern day prophetic fulfillments concerning Israel. He took seriously the verse which states "Jews require a sign" (I Corinthians 1:22).

Biblical qualifications for Messiahship were explained only after laying a credible foundation. Things began to fall into place, and the unfolding of history seemed to make more sense. Since that time, prophecy and Providence have been a prominent focus in my life.

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

Because we are joint heirs with Messiah (Romans 8:17), and He is first born among many brethren (Romans 8:29), we can conclude in good measure the human dynamics, which pertain to Him, also apply to us. He was born into an earthly life for a reason: atonement. We have also come to faith for a purpose.

It is for the refining of our spirits and character. It is also to fight evil by facilitating the increase of the Kingdom of God here on earth. We are continually performing many tasks toward His objectives.

Please consider that as a reader of these essays, you have expressed some interest in the Jewish people and/or Israel. Maybe you've gravitated to it out of curiosity or you comprehend the Jewish significance in the Biblical saga. Why does this apply to you? It isn't true of all people, who are born again. Perhaps you have received a vision for the future of the "People of the Book" for a reason, and want to play a contributing role.

Someone might ask, "How can I be a player in this lengthy Jewish story? All I do is make donations, and don't even know many Jews."

On one level, this might make sense. However, God's economy says otherwise:

For who will hearken unto you in this matter? But as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.
(Isaiah 30:24, 25)

This was said by King David, who had considerable experience with the risks and rewards of war. There is a spoil for the victors and the support roles are considered by the King to be of equal value.

Did the women who prepared the food share in the wealth obtained by the defeat of foes? Yes, they did. How about the youth, elderly, crippled, who helped hold together the community? They gave what they could to foster success. Just because they were weaker physically didn't diminish their reward. Their hearts for victory qualified them. Human judgment may not call for this, but it is this God's statement of His justice.

Isaiah 53:10 and 11 says the Messiah shall see His (spiritual) seed prosper, and He shall be satisfied. This was written after the preceding verses describing His sacrifice unto death.

So, it's not inconceivable that we shall see the positive results of our labor and sacrifice. Imagine the satisfaction Abraham might be experiencing all of these years, from having seen the result of his unswerving faith, going to a distant and unknown land (Genesis 12:1) and being willing to offer God his son of promise. The ripple effect he might see now would be enormous.

Abraham bet his life on God, and it paid off well. Since God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), our reward may also be as great. It isn't what role we play that is of crucial importance. It's more about how well we played our part.

A just and fair rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6) will not diminish our portion of victories' spoil, just because we were given a less visible role. The deacon/servants in our congregations are just as crucial as those who lead singing or preaching sermons. We were each given talents specific to His purpose and will.

But those who give of themselves for the love of God and the expansion of His Kingdom have the greater blessing. So what is the reward for those of us who enjoy being a part of Jewish works?

Perhaps, we can gain insight from the law of sowing and reaping (Galatians 6:7). This analogy of a basic law of life and spiritual physics determines both quantity and the kind of crop. How often do we consider what the results are tied to the seed? Thus, if we sow kindness, we can expect consideration from others. If we plant wheat, it would be unrealistic to expect a harvest of corn. Those who sacrifice themselves for the community can reasonably expect to be honored or possibly be given authority by the people whom they have blessed.

What could be a reward for investing ourselves in the Jewish people? God says He has a commitment because of the patriarchs and that Jewish people are beloved of God. (Romans 11:28).

The Devil wants to overturn the Scriptures as regards the descendants of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. If he could successfully thwart the will of the Almighty -- even once -- we could not depend upon Him.

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the Holy Scriptures are available in 17 languages:

- Yiddish
- English
- Armenian
- Bulgarian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Hebrew
- Ukranian

