

MY SEARCH FOR TRUTH



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I am a member of a fairly religious orthodox Sephardi Jewish family who keep to some degree the Kosher food rules, and light the candles on Friday nights, and go fairly frequently to Synagogue on Friday nights, etc. The male members of the family, including myself, wear the Tephillin daily, as this is usual according to Jewish custom.

My father is very religious and ultra-orthodox, praying out of his Hebrew prayer-book every day. He had studied to become a Rabbi, and needed only one more year's training, when his father became ill, so that he was not able to complete his studies. A number of my ancestors were Rabbis.

As a child, my father told me stories out of the Jewish Old Testament. He also told me not to believe anything that was said about "Yeshua" (Jesus) by the "Christians". My father told me He (Yeshua) was a renegade, a rebel, some sort of imposter, a madman, and a blasphemer. My father also added that Yeshua was a great learned Rabbi who could perform miracles, before he became maddened with pride, and blasphemed, for which he was killed. Not knowing anything else, as I was only an innocent child, I accepted this story as being the truth, and consequently shunned everything to do with "Yeshua" throughout my life.

At this stage I had a lot of faith and trust in God, saying my "Shema" (Israel's great confession of faith as described in Deuteronomy Chapter 6, verse 4 onwards) every night. Contrary to what many Christians may believe, most of my prayers were answered; however, "*Salvation*", I know now, can only come through the Messiah, "Yeshua".

Incidentally, I noticed that Christians, who witness to Jewish folk, do not emphasize the *MESSIAHSHIP* OF Yeshua, with the Jewish Old Testament prophecies pointing to Him, not realising that the Messiah is precious to Jewish people, and is the dream of Israel over the centuries. Instead, these Christians stress the deity of this Anointed One, much too quickly, saying He is the Almighty *SON OF GOD*, which immediately sets up a barrier in the Jewish monotheistic mind, just like it did in myself.

In my search for truth and understanding of reality, I got involved in many things, including Eastern Philosophies and the occult, not fully understanding that this was forbidden by God according, for example, to Deuteronomy Chapter 18, verses 9 to 13.

Deuteronomy 18: (9-13) — (from Jewish Masoretic Text Version)

"When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the *abominations* (that is, *very bad*, detestable sins) of those nations.

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire (that is, human sacrifice by fire), or that useth divination (that is, fortune or future telling, clairvoyance, clair-audience, tarot cards, astrology, horoscopes, tea-cup reading, ESP, water-divining, swinging pendulum, etc.), or an observer of times (that is, astrology, horoscopes, diviner, foreteller, soothsayer), or an enchanter (that is, magician, one who uses mantras, Hare Krishna chanting, transcendental and other forms of meditation using mantras, people casting spells to bewitch others, invoking demons, voodoo, use of voodoo dolls, "pointing the bone", etc.), or a sorcerer (wizards, witches and others who practise witchcraft, black magic, voodoo, "white" magic, and other magical arts), or a charmer (hypnotist), or a consulter with familiar spirits (that is, mediums consulting invisible or semi-transparent spiritual "guides" or "masters", including yogis, gurus, clairvoyants, clair-audients, trance mediums, etc.), or a wizard (that is, magician), or a necromancer (medium who consults spirits of the dead-seances).

For all that do these things are an *abomination* (that is, *very detestable*, as the power behind all these *occult* practices, is the kingdom of darkness ruled by the devil and his fallen

angels, demons, spirits of darkness) unto the Lord: and because of these *abominations* the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect (that is, blameless, whole-hearted) with the Lord thy God."

Now King Saul was rejected as ruler of Israel, and put to death by Divine decree, because he attended a seance and sought help from a spiritualist medium (see **1 Chronicles 10/(13-14)**, and **1 Samuel 28**).

(Later, after I became a born-again believer in Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah, I renounced all my past involvement with the occult, Eastern philosophies and other sinful religious philosophies and psychologies. I burnt all their books and articles, which had cost me a substantial amount of money. This was similar to what happened in **The Book of Acts, 19/(18-19)**. The Lord forgave me of these sins and all other sins, cleansing me with the holy and powerful blood of Messiah Yeshua, which was shed on the Cross at Calvary — Golgotha, outside Jerusalem).

Strange as it may seem, the very first time I heard that *Jesus claimed to be the prophesied Jewish Messiah*, was quite recently and from a member of an ill-reputed sect. This stopped me "dead in my tracks", and sent a shock wave through me. This proves God uses all people, even though some may have wrong doctrines. Henceforth I decided to investigate for myself the truth of His claim, as I considered it a matter of the utmost importance to any Jew.

The Lord, by His grace (favour), took me further along the road of understanding, when I was transferred to a Technical College up North, in my work as a teacher of Electronics Engineering in N.S.W., Australia. There I met two Christian colleagues who discussed religion with me. Finally, I asked them to prove to me logically and objectively, without using any emotionalism, and using only the Jewish Old Testament, that Jesus-Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah as foretold by the Jewish prophets. I inwardly thought, with an attitude of arrogance and skepticism, that I had given them an impossible task to perform. They calmly took up my challenge and the first passage of Scripture they showed me was **Isaiah Chapter 53**, which gave me a sudden, profound shock, penetrating my arrogant skepticism. I had deeply respected the Old Testament and the great Jewish prophets, as this had been impressed upon me by my learned father; and now here before my very eyes, was a message by one of these same great servants of God, the prophet Isaiah, pointing to the death of Yeshua, as a human sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of others. The passage even gave graphic details, such as:

"He is brought as a *lamb* to the slaughter . . . so he opened not his mouth". Also '*for the transgression of my people was he stricken*', and "when thou shalt *make his soul an offering for sin* . . . shall *My righteous servant* justify many; for He shall *bear their iniquities* . . . because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and *He bare the sin of many*, and made intercession for the transgressors". Remember that Jesus said, while on the Cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do", — this is the meaning of the phrase "made intercession for the transgressors".

This portion of Scripture pointed to a meek, *suffering Messiah*, not a *glorious* one, as I had been indoctrinated to expect. Other Old Testament passages pointing to Yeshua were shown to me. The main ones were:—

- a) **Daniel 9:26**; About the Messiah coming about 483 years after the generation of Daniel (coinciding with the time of Jesus) and that he would be killed. Then soon after, the second Temple and the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed, with great desolation (this happened in 70 A.D. soon after the crucifixion of Jesus.)
- b) **Isaiah 7:14**; About the Virgin Birth.

- c) **Isaiah 9:6**; About the Messiah being the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. This startling passage indicates the Messiah to be an immortal divine being — to be God himself!
- d) **Micah 5:2**; About the Messiah being born in Bethlehem, and His pre-existence. This passage also indicates the divinity and immortality of the Messiah.
- e) **Zechariah 9:9**; About the Messiah coming to Jerusalem on a donkey (which is what Jesus did); even though this passage seemed insignificant, it had a profound effect on me, as it was another piece of the jigsaw puzzle falling into place.
- f) **Zechariah 12:10 and also Chap. 13:6**; This prophecy concerns the Second Coming of the Messiah to Israel, when he will show His pierced hands to His own Jewish people.
- g) **Psalms 22**; King David's description of the crucifixion of the Messiah. The very first words of this Psalm, are "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me", which were the words Jesus spoke while on the cross. King David prophesied all this 1000 years before the time of Jesus.
- h) **Psalms 110**; King David indicating there being two Lords or Gods, this pointing to the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity. This startled me due to my monotheistic Jewish background.
- i) **Genesis 1:26**; Indication of the plurality of God ELOHIM, pointing to the concept of the Holy Trinity. The words are:-
 `And God (ELOHIM) said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness".
 The Hebrew word for God is "EL" or "ELOH", and its plural form is "ELOHIM" as, for example, is used in the First Commandment of the Decalogue (10 Commandments), "Thou shalt have no other Gods (Elohim) before me".
 Note also that plural verbs are used with JEHOVAH ELOHIM, as in **Genesis 20:13** and **Genesis 35:7**.

The above Scriptures, as with all other Scriptures (Old Testament) in this testimony, were later checked with the Jewish, orthodox, *Masoretic* text of the Old Testament, which is very highly reputed amongst the Jews. To my surprise, all the Scriptures were found to be astonishingly accurate, thus confirming the Messiahship and Divinity of Yeshua.

The enlightenment I received from these Old Testament prophecies created in me a burning desire to search for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about Messiah Yeshua. I have always respected and obeyed the truth of any matter, regardless of what it was. My hunger and desire to know the truth was my only inherent motivation, leading me on until I found it, because I valued it even above human reputation, pride, vanity, etc. At this time I read the book "From Prison to Praise" by Merlin Carothers, which greatly interested me, whereas previously I, as a Jew, would not have tolerated in my presence any literature on Jesus.

Then I read the New Testament with great interest. I soon became aware that this was not a dead book of symbols, but alive and powerful, with a ring of truth and sincerity. The words appeared to come alive and penetrate into me with a super-natural power. I was amazed that while I was reading it, I literally felt an invisible spiritual sword (which I understood later to be the Sword of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God), cut through my remaining mental and spiritual walls of skepticism and unbelief. It was like a laser beam cutting through a brick wall. Some of the words of Messiah Yeshua which I found in the New Testament, were: "I am the Way, the *Truth* and the Life; no man

cometh unto the Father, but by ME."

To my amazement, I soon believed with a *heart felt* faith, that Jesus Yeshua is the foretold Messiah, and that the New Testament is the Word of Truth — the most powerful, dynamic and penetrating book I have ever read. I had become "born-again" in my spirit.

Then I wondered why so many of our Jewish leaders, intellectuals, and Rabbis do not realise this simple fact. It is just a matter of looking into the Old Testament with an *open mind*, seeking the prophecies pointing to the Messiah, there being over 300 of them. By statistical mathematics, the chances of Yeshua being the foretold Messiah by fulfilling every one of these prophecies, is over 1000 Billion to one! Later I learned why the majority of Jews did not realise this simple fact, from ***Isaiah 6:(9-10)***, and ***Isaiah 29:(10-12)*** in the Old Testament, and ***Romans 11:(8-11)*** in the New Testament, which state that God had put a temporary "*veil*" over the eyes of the Jews, until the "fullness of the Gentiles" had come.

As I love and respect truth, above all other values, I have publicly confessed Yeshua (Jesus) as my Lord and Saviour, and will always do so.

Soon after I had accepted Him as my Saviour and Messiah, the Lord led me to fast, by creating an inner urge in my spirit to do so, including taking away my desire for food and confirming it by coincidences of external circumstances. After 2 weeks of fasting (taking only water), a Christ-committed lady who was helping me with the teething problems of being a new "born-again" Christian, prayerfully consulted God through the Bible about when I should stop fasting; when the Bible was opened, the answer was "FEED THE HUNGRY". I was surprised, the busy God would take time to talk to little unimportant me, in such clear direct terms. God thus indicated to me to continue to fast until I felt hungry.

The astonishing thing was that I did not feel hungry for 32 days, during which time the Lord delivered me, layer by layer, from the forces of darkness, which were attached to me like spiritual leeches, through my past occult involvement. The most remarkable fact about being ensnared in the clutches of the forces of hell, is the total unawareness of it all. Consequently I realised the depth of the love of God and His mercy and grace, to rescue me from the clutches of damnation in spite of my past transgressions and sinfulness.

However, because of my strong sense of identity with my people — the Jews, and with Israel, in addition to my inherent deep-seated sense of loyalty to them, I felt I had betrayed them by believing in the founder of Christianity, as Christianity was considered to be (even though incorrectly) diametrically opposite to Judaism. Also many Jews declare that a Jew cannot be a Christian, and still remain a Jew. "How is that possible?" — they would say, due to their traditional upbringing and indoctrination.

But according to the Bible, the inspired Word of God, which is the only TRUTH, and is the *supreme authority*, Christianity is the fulfilment of Judaism, being the New Covenant as declared in the Old Testament in ***Jeremiah 31/(31-34)*** ("The time is coming", declares the Lord, "when I will make a *new* covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts . . .").

Jesus, the mediator of this New Covenant, is the Jewish Messiah as prophesied by the Jewish prophets in the Tenach, Jewish Old Testament, there being over 300 prophecies to confirm this. Even the prophet Moses declared this with a warning not to disobey this prophet in ***Deuteronomy 18/(15-19):—***

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a *prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him . . .*"

"I (God) will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself (God) will call him to account."

Moses also foreshadowed the New Covenant of Messiah Yeshua in **Deuteronomy 29/1 and 30/(1-6)**, where the *second* Covenant of God with Moses was declared, dealing with the "*circumcision of the heart*" (spiritual rebirth as indicated in **Ezekiel 36/(24-27)**, and also in the New Covenant of Messiah Yeshua).

God also fore-shadowed the New Covenant of Messiah Yeshua, through Abraham in **Genesis 22/18**:—

"and through your offspring (Messiah Yeshua) *all* nations on earth (that is, including all *Gentile* nations) will be blessed, . . ."

The New Covenant was foreshadowed also to Jacob in **Genesis 28/14**:— `All peoples on earth (including Gentiles) will be blessed through you and your offspring (Messiah Yeshua)."

There are many other scriptures in the Tenach, Jewish Old Testament, indicating the New Covenant of Messiah Yeshua would bless *all* the nations of the world, including the *Gentiles*. For example,

Isaiah 42/(6-7):

"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness."

Also **Isaiah 49/6** indicates this:

"I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

It is amazing, and a gross paradox, that a Jew can believe in Buddha, Gurus, Yogis, Swamis, etc., and still remain a Jew, but when he believes in Jesus (who is the *TRUTH*), he is no longer considered to be a Jew by many orthodox Jews, even though this view is irrational, unreasonable, and biblically incorrect by the Tenach.

We should all bear in mind that on the Day of Judgement of the God of Israel, all of us will have to give an account of ourselves and our actions, based on the *TRUTH* of the Bible — the inspired Word of God; human traditions and philosophies will burn like chaff here.

This view of Yeshua being the Jewish Messiah is shared by over 200,000 "Messianic fulfilled Jews" or "Hebrew Christians" in America today. In addition, there are over 10,000 Israeli Messianic Jews in the Land of Israel, where Christianity started. Also scores of Orthodox and ultra-orthodox Rabbis have in the past believed in Yeshua as being the foretold Jewish Messiah as proclaimed by the Jewish prophets in the Tenach. One such Rabbi was Rabbi Michael Solomon Alexander, who later became the first Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem. You can read about his powerful and interesting testimony in the book "From Rabbi to Bishop", by M. W. Corey — the Olive Press, London.

Some other Rabbis who believe in Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah, are:—

Rabbi Max Wertheimer, D. D.
Rabbi Philipp Philips
Rabbi Rudolf Hermann Gurland
Rabbi Asher Levy
Rabbi Leopold Cohn, D. D.
Rabbi Berg
Rabbi Charles Freshman
Rabbi Chil Slostowski
Rabbi Isaac Lichtenstein
Rabbi George Benedict
Rabbi Jacobs
Rabbi Ephraim Ben Joseph Eliakim
Rabbi Dr. T. Tirschtiegel
Rabbi Henry Bregman

You can read their exciting and enlightening testimonies in the book "Rabbis who found the Messiah", published by Jewish Voice Broadcasts, Inc., P.O.B. 6, Phoenix, Arizona, 85001.

You can also get the book "Rabbis who found the Messiah" from Good News Society, P.O. Box 7848, Johannesburg, 2000, South Africa.

Also another believing Rabbi is Rabbi Sam Stern and you can get a copy of his interesting testimony from Good News Society, P.O.B. 7848, Johannesburg, 2000, South Africa.

Flavius Josephus, a famous and respected Jewish army general and historian, born 37 A.D. and died after 100 A.D., said the following about Yeshua in his book **Jewish Antiquities**", **chapter XVIII, p. (63-64):-**

‘About this time there lived *Jesus*, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man, for *he was a doer of wonderful works*, — a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. *He was the Messiah*" . . . "When Pilate upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing amongst us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who had in the first place come to love him did not give up their affection for him. *On the third day he appeared to them restored to life*, for the prophets of God had prophesied these and countless other marvellous things about him."

In Addition to the above, many Jewish doctors believe in Yeshua as the Messiah. Some of them are:—

Dr. Adolf Althausen
Dr. A. Kurt Weiss
Dr. Cahn
Dr. Bernard Jean Bettelheim
Dr. M. L. Rossvally
Dr. Capadose
Dr. Herbert H. Robinson
Dr. Steinitz
Dr. Merrill Cohen
Dr. Arthur W. Kac

Dr. R. E. Blumenfeld
Dr. Ivan Schewitz
Dr. J. Vera Schlamm
Dr. Robert B. Greenberg
Dr. Rolph J. Ruben
Dr. Jeffrey Leigh
Dr. Peter Salzberg

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It is a fact that some Jews have the opinion that when one of their brothers believes in Yeshua as being the Jewish Messiah, then that Jew must be "mad", or "stupid", or "deceived". The truth of the matter is that the Jews who don't believe, have a "*veil over their eyes*"; according to **Isaiah 6/(9-10); 29/(10-12)**. Also the powers of darkness have put clouds of spiritual and mental unbelief and blindness over them to hinder them from believing with a *heartfelt faith*. All these barriers will hinder them from knowing the TRUTH, unless they sincerely love God with all their heart and soul, and love the truth above the opinions of man and human reputation, and wholeheartedly seek God. This is indicated in the following scriptures:-

- i. **Deuteronomy 4/29:-**
"But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, *if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.*"
- ii. **2 Chronicles 15/2:-**
"The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him; and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you."
- iii. **Psalms 119/2:-**
"Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, *and that seek Him with the whole heart.*"
- iv. **Jeremiah 29/13:-**
"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me *with all your heart.*"
- v. **2 Chronicles 7/14:-**
"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, *and seek My face*, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Now I would like to mention the miracles performed in the Name of the Messiah Yeshua, which I personally witnessed. These miracles greatly strengthened and confirmed my faith in Yeshua, the foretold Messiah, Who is still *ALIVE* now, and is Lord and omni-present by His Spirit. I saw verification of the New Testament Scripture, **Mark 16: (17-18)**, spoken by Yeshua, which states:-

'And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out demons: . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.'

I saw legs and arms lengthened, aches and pains healed, instant and complete healing of injured backs, psychological traumas cured, partial deafness healed, blindness and catatonics

healed, drug addiction cured, cancer healed, varieties of incurable sicknesses healed, etc., all in the Name of Jesus Christ, which greatly impressed me and deepened my faith in Him.

Also I witnessed screaming powerful demons, which are evil spirits of Satan, cast out of oppressed people, the demons being completely subjected to the Name of Jesus, just like in the New Testament. I, myself, ministered some miracles of healing and deliverance from demons in the Name of Messiah Yeshua, which greatly moved me when I saw the miraculous results. However, not everyone who desires this healing obtains it, for God grants or withholds it according to His wisdom and purpose. However the scriptures indicate that God's will is to heal everybody. Incidentally, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, unconfessed sins, non-repentance, unbelief, etc., tend to block or hinder God's healing power.

My spiritual growth by prayer, fasting, and continuous searching of the Scriptures, together with the study of other books concerning the Anointed One, has led me to discover many more pointers to Him and His Divinity, confirming the truth in my heart, that indeed He, *Yeshua Hamashiach*, is the Messiah and the Saviour of the World.

He said, "Seek and you shall find". Nowhere is this more true than in searching the Old Testament. Anyone can simply ask God in prayer to help him find the Messiah, and God will answer him without fail, especially the Jews, the "chosen race", because He loves the Jews, the "apple of his eye" (**Deut. 32/10, Zechariah 2/8**), and wants everyone of His covenanted people to find His Son. Especially now, as we are living in the "Last Generation", close to the Second Coming of the Messiah.

One Scripture in the Old Testament which indicates that we are now in the last generation, is

Psalm 102/13, 16, 18:—

"the *appointed time* has come . . ., for the Lord will *rebuild* Zion (that is, Israel — which became an independent nation in 1948, for the first time in 2600 years) and appear in His glory (the second coming of Christ — the Jewish Messiah, the Holy One of Israel) . . .

Let this be written for a *future* generation (however the literal Hebrew means **last generation -ledor acharon-**, which is this *present* generation)."

The Second Coming of Christ is also described in **Zechariah 14/3,4:**—

"Then the Lord will go out . . . His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two . . ."

ADDENDA

Some more of the many interesting Old Testament passages, pointing to the Messiah — His divinity, Sonship, etc.

- i. **Psalm 2;** About the Messiah being the Son of God and to be honoured. Also see **1 Chronicles 17: (11-14)**. Incidentally **Proverbs 30:4** states God has a divine Son.
- ii. **Jeremiah 23: (5-6);** The Name of the Messiah is "The Lord (Jehovah) our Righteousness".
- iii. **Daniel 7: (13-14);** The Messiah as the "Son of Man" (title given to Jesus in the New Testament) standing beside God the Father. The passage states:
"One like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient

of days (God the Father), and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

This passage indicates 2 divine beings, the Messiah and God the Father, thus pointing to the concept of the Holy Trinity.

- iv. **Isaiah 48:16**; this passage indicates 3 divine beings, the third one being the Holy Spirit. This is the Holy Trinity.
- v. **Deuteronomy 6:4**; This is the "SHEMA", Israel's great confession of faith. In literal Hebrew, it is:— "Shema Yisrael, Jehovah (Adonai) Eloheinu, Jehovah (Adonai) echad."

The Hebrew word "Eloheinu" has a Hebrew symbol "yod" in it (underlined) making it plural. Thus it is literally translated "our Gods". Compare this with the singular Hebrew word "Eloheinu", without a "yod", which is translated "our God".

The Hebrew word "echad" means "one", or a unity. The Hebrew word "yachid", which means an absolute single one, was not used here, in the "SHEMA", but the word "echad". Note that "echad" was the word used by the great prophet Moses in **Genesis 2:24**, when he said:

"And they (husband and wife) shall be one flesh (basar echad)".

Echad also was used by God when he tells the prophet Ezekiel in **Ezekiel 37:17**: "They (the two sticks for Israel and Judah) shall become one (echad) in thy hand."

Hence the above phrase of the "SHEMA" is translated:-

"Hear O Israel, Jehovah is our Gods, Jehovah is a unity."

Thus this indicates a united Holy Trinity, with a plurality of persons in God — that is, three divine persons in one "Godhead", with one name Jehovah.

- vi. **Hebrew letter "SHIN"**;



This is the first letter in the Hebrew word "SHADDAI", which means "Almighty", a term for God. The Hebrew letter "SHIN" is used on "Mezuzahs". Note that it is one symbol, with three arms or branches, which is analogous to the concept of the Holy Trinity — a triune God, three divine persons in one God.

- vii. **Isaiah 6:3**; word "holy" is repeated three times.
"Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of hosts."

It is interesting to wonder why the word "holy" is repeated three times in many places in the Bible. It is not repeated twice or four times, or even seven times, etc., but three times.

Maybe this is done to refer to three divine persons, making one God, all three persons having the same name Jehovah? What do you think, reader?

viii. **Isaiah 44:6**; 2 Jehovahs mentioned.

“Thus saith Jehovah, the King of Israel (this refers to the divine Messiah, Jehovah the Almighty Son of God) and His Redeemer, Jehovah of Hosts (this is God the Father, the Commander-in-Chief of all the hosts of Heaven). I am the first and I am the last and besides me there are no Gods (the word Elohim was used here)”.

In this passage of the Old Testament, two Jehovahs are mentioned, indicating two divine beings with one name Jehovah. It is interesting to note that Jesus claimed in the New Testament to be the Alpha (first) and the Omega (last) — for example, see **Revelation 1/8; 22/13**.

ix. **Isaiah 49:7**; God and his Holy Messiah.

"Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and His Holy One (the Messiah, the second divine person) to Him whom man despiseth, to Him whom the nation abhorreth (describing the despised and rejected Messiah, as described in **Isaiah 53**, which points to Yeshua (Jesus)), to a servant of rulers, kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel (that is, the Messiah), and He shall choose thee".

Here two Lords are mentioned, the second one being called the Holy One of Israel, who is despised by man, that is, the Messiah mentioned in **Isaiah 53**. The "Holy One" is also mentioned in **Psalms 16:10**, describing the resurrection of the Messiah, from the dead.

x. **Jeremiah 31: (31-34)**; New covenant with Jews.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant (this refers to New Testament of Messiah Yeshua) with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt (this refers to the Old Testament Sinai Covenant of Law with the prophet Moses,—that is, in the Torah): which my covenant they break, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel (that is, the Jews): After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more (achieved by atoning death of Messiah Yeshua as stated in **Isaiah 53**)".

This passage indicates the ushering in of the New covenant or Testament, and the forgiveness of sins through the atoning death of the "Lamb" of God, Yeshua Hamashiach, whose shed blood atones people of their sins, if they receive Jesus as Lord. It specifically refers to the salvation of the Jewish people in the Messianic

time.

x. **Isaiah 29:18**; "Veil" over eyes of Jews lifted.

The "veil" over the eyes of the Jews will be lifted in the end time as stated in this passage, and the Jews will see and hear the truth. The exact words are: "And in that day the deaf will hear the words of a book; and out of their gloom and darkness, the blind will see my plans (referring to Gospel of salvation of Yeshua Hamashiach) . . . etc:'

Another verse in this chapter is:

Verse 24: "Those in error will believe the truth and complainers will be willing to be taught".

That is why, since 1967, when the Jews recovered Jerusalem, to mark "The fullness of the Gentiles" as mentioned by Jesus Christ in the New Testament (**Luke 21:24**; "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"), there are over 6,000 Jews believing in Yeshua every year in America, and calling themselves Messianic Jews or Hebrew Christians or fulfilled completed Jews. Now there are some hundreds of thousands of them in America. Also there are over 10,000 Israeli Messianic Jews in Israel and you can watch news reports about them on youtube.com.

xii. **Christianity is Jewish.** Yeshua is the foretold Jewish Mashiach, and the Gospel of Salvation of the New Testament is the new covenant mentioned in **Jeremiah 31: (31-34)**. Hence when a Jew believes in Jesus Christ (Yeshua Hamashiach) he completes his Judaism and becomes a fulfilled Jew, not "converted" out of Judaism, but "converted" from Kingdom of darkness and sin into the Kingdom of God and light.

SALVATION

Blessings and curses depend on whether one obeys or disobeys God, as stated in **Deuteronomy 30: (19-20)** by the prophet Moses:

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you *life and death, blessing and cursing*: therefore *choose* life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

That thou mayest *love* the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest *obey* his voice (which is expressed in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments), and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy *life*, and the length of thy days". (Note in the New Testament Jesus said, "I am the life" — see **John 11/25; 14/6**).

Thus if one *desires* blessings and eternal life, one must *obey* God. A personal, favourable relationship and fellowship with God will bring you his abundant life of peace, meaning, happiness, purpose, joy, and other manifold blessings.

However, according to **Isaiah 59:2**; "But your *iniquities* (sins) have *separated* between you and your God"; *Sin* (the transgression of breaking of God's Laws and commandments as expressed in the Torah), separates you from a personal relationship with God, and His abundant life. Now man was created to have a favourable fellowship with God (just like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, in the beginning). But man *stubbornly* chose to go his *own* independent way, to "do his own thing". This *self-will*-expressed by either *active rebellion*, or *passive indifference*-towards God, is an evidence of what the Jewish Bible calls "*SIN*":

Some examples of SIN are: adultery, hate, lies, stealing, witchcraft, cruelty, unforgiveness, idolatry, involvement in the occult. pride, selfishness, etc., etc.

Not only does sin separate you from God, it also causes *spiritual death*, according to **Ezekiel 18:4**;

"The soul that sinneth. it shall *die* (spiritual death, with end result in HELL, Hades, Gehenna)".

The earthly results of sin are:— guilt, lack of peace, frustration, unhappiness, lack of purpose, depression, etc., etc.

Everyone has sinned, according to

1 Kings 8:46; "For there is NO man that sinneth not."

Also **Psalms 53: (2-3)**; states:

"God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did *understand*, that did *seek* God.

Every one of them is gone back: they are *altogether* become *filthy*; *there is NONE* that doeth good; no, *not one*."

Are you, reader, willing to *admit* that you have sinned? What can you do to remove your sin? Well you cannot remove sin by your *own human* efforts, not even by your *own self-righteousness* (such as by outweighing your bad deeds by your good deeds, including religious "works", human philosophies, etc.). Man's *self-righteousness* is as "filthy rags" in the sight of a HOLY God, according to

Isaiah 64:5; *'All of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags!'*

Well, sin can be removed by FAITH (which means believing what God says, and acting correspondingly). Righteousness (right-standing-with-God) comes by FAITH placed in the "blood of atonement" ("atonement" means a "covering" for sin), according to **Leviticus 17:11**, which states: "For it is the BLOOD that maketh *an atonement* (covering) for the soul."

The animal sacrifices on the altar, mentioned throughout the Old Testament, provided the BLOOD OF ATONEMENT, for the covering of sins, acceptable to God. Some examples are:

1. **Genesis 4:4**; "And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock".

This was atonement for a *man*.

2. **Exodus 12:13**; "When I see the BLOOD, I will *pass over* you!"

This was *Passover*, atonement for a *family*, the night before the Jews left Egypt, when each family was commanded by God, through the prophet Moses, to kill a lamb (without blemish) and sprinkle the blood on the door of the house.

Thus when the "angel of death" saw the blood, he "passed over" the house and did not kill or plague anybody in the house, while with the Egyptian families, all the firstborn were killed.

3. **Leviticus 16: (15-17)**; "Then he (Aaron, brother of Moses) shall kill the goat of the *sin offering*, that is *for the people*, and bring his *blood* within the veil . . . and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat . . .

And he shall make an *atonement* for the holy place, because of the *uncleanness* of the children of Israel, and because of their *transgressions* in all their *sins*: . . .

And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he (Aaron) goeth in to make an *atonement* in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an *atonement* for himself, and for his household, and for *all the congregation of Israel*':

Some other verses in this chapter are:

Verse 27: "And the bullock for the *sin offering*, and the goat for the *sin offering*, whose BLOOD was brought in to make *atonement* in the holy place . . .".

Verse 30: "For on that day (Yom Kippur) shall the priest make an *atonement* for you, to *cleanse* you, that ye may be *clean* from all your *sins* before the Lord."

Verse 34: "And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an *atonement* for the children of Israel for *all their sins* once a year (on Yom Kippur) . . ."

This was the yearly "*Yom Kippur*" day of atonement for the *whole nation* of Israel.

4. **However, today, for all who believe,**

God has provided the BLOOD OF ATONEMENT through the perfect sacrifice of the *unblemished, sinless LAMB* of God, the Messiah, the "Anointed" One, according to **Isaiah 53: (5-6)**, which states:

"But He (the Messiah, the *righteous* servant of God, the *Holy One* of Israel) was *wounded* for

our transgressions (breakages of God's Laws), He was *bruised* for *our iniquities* (sins): the chastisement (punishment) of *our peace* (for our welfare) was upon Him; and with his *wounds* (stripes, BLOOD), we are healed (*atoned for*).

All we like sheep have *gone astray*; we have turned every one to his own way (that is, "doing our own thing"); and the Lord hath laid on Him (the Messiah) the iniquity (sins) of us *all*."

Other verses in **Isaiah Chap. 53** are:

Verse 10: ". . . when thou shalt make His soul an *offering for sin*

Verse 11: ". . . shall My righteous Servant (the Messiah) justify (make just as if he had never sinned) many; for he shall *bear their iniquities* (sins)."

However the Messiah arose from the dead on the third day, according to **Psalm 16:10**, and then went to sit at the right hand of God, according to **Psalm 110:1**, and also in the New Testament in **Mark 16:19**.

Now, you may ask, why cannot any human being be used as a human sacrifice for a sin offering? Well, this is impossible as man is basically sinful and there is not a single person who is sinless except the Messiah, the *Holy One* of Israel. It required an *unblemished, sinless* person to be sacrificed for a sin offering, to bear the sins of people [see **Psalm 49:(7-9)**]. That was the mission of the Messiah, to *save* the world from the power of sin and to reconcile man back to a favourable relationship with God. This can only be done through Messiah Yeshua, just like when He said in

John 14:6: "I am *the way*, the TRUTH and the life. No man cometh unto the Father (God the Father) but by ME."

It is interesting to note that the Hebrew word "**Yeshua**" means *Yahweh is Saviour* or *Yahweh is Salvation* or *Yahweh Saves*. Incidentally the word "**Christ**" came from the Greek word "**Kristos**", meaning "**Messiah**", or "**the Anointed One**":

Now soon after the crucifixion and atoning death of Messiah Yeshua, the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed (70 A.D.) thus making the atoning animal sacrifices (such as for example, Yom Kippur) on the altar of the Temple, impossible. This was caused to happen by God, as the BLOOD of ATONEMENT of Messiah Yeshua is sufficient once and for all time, making Temple sacrifices redundant.

Thus when a Jew meets God's requirements concerning Messiah Yeshua, he *completes his Judaism*, and becomes a *fulfilled, completed Jew*, by gaining the BLOOD of atonement, the Messiah, and a very personal and favourable relationship with God. God's Holy Spirit then enters his life and he receives *eternal life*. Thus his sins are forgiven and cleansed through the sacrificial, atoning blood of the Messiah Yeshua, and he is reconciled to God in peace — becoming an anointed, favoured, child of God.

Prayer for Salvation

If after reading this testimony, you *believe* in Yeshua Hamashiach, the Almighty Son of God, and would like to *receive* Him as your Lord and Saviour, and thus appropriate the blessings of God; all your sins forgiven, your conscience cleansed, peace with God and the attainment of eternal life in Heaven, and all the other promises of God mentioned in the Bible, then say the following prayer:

"Dear Lord Yeshua Hamashiach, the Almighty Son of God, I believe you died on the cross near Jerusalem for the atonement of my sins, and that you rose from the dead, on the third day. I accept and receive you, by your Spirit, into my heart and life as my Lord and my Saviour. Please forgive all my sins and transgressions with the atoning power of your shed BLOOD on the cross. I repent of, and turn away from all my sins and wrongful attitudes. I now turn to you to create in me, through the power of your Holy Spirit, a life of obedience, love and holiness. I forgive everyone who has ever done me wrong, including those who provoked me to anger and resentment. I renounce all powers of darkness.

I thank you now, Lord Yeshua, for cleansing me with the power of your BLOOD of atonement, and giving me new life, according to your word in the Bible. From now on, I shall pattern my life, with your help and guidance, on your teachings of "love my neighbour as myself and "forgive those who do me wrong"; and other words of wisdom as expressed in the Bible. Please help me to love and serve God and obey His will with my whole heart, mind and body. In your name, Lord Yeshua Hamashiach, Amen."

This is the end of my testimony of truth. I hope you have greatly benefited from it.

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