

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2010

Bible Teaching from a Jewish Perspective

The Messianic Movement has made some tremendous contributions for both Jewish and Gentile believers in providing the Jewish-Messianic style of music, worship, and conferences. All of this has been first class and second-to-none. They have provided a new, zealous, and increased identification of Jewish believers with their Jewishness and have been very bold in proclaiming the Good News of the Messiah to the Jewish community. I am happy to proclaim myself to be a Messianic Jew! Where the Messianic Movement has not done well is in providing a solid Bible teaching and exposition of the Word of God, especially from a Jewish perspective.

The parameters of what should constitute solid Messianic Theology have never been set. What falls under the Messianic banner is a mixture of what is good and what is very bad. As a result, there are now many strange teachings that are falling under the title "Messianic." For example, there is the Ephraimite Movement that claims since *Yeshua* said that He came only to save the lost sheep of the House of Israel, this means that all Gentiles who are saved are not really Gentiles, but are members of the lost tribes of Israel. Therefore, they need to recognize that they are really "Israel" and return and submit to the Law of Moses (with a great number of adjustments of course). This is a revival of the old British Israel theory with a circumcised twist, mixed in with the Galatian heresy.

Another false element that falls under the "Messianic" title includes the Wider Hope Movement that teaches that while from the divine perspective God only saves on the basis of what *Yeshua* has done on the cross, this does not mean that one needs to believe in this *Yeshua* for salvation. So the faithful

Orthodox Jew can still be saved through his Judaism even if he cannot come to believe in the Messiahship of *Yeshua* or Jesus. This clearly militates against what the Bible teaches on what one must believe to receive eternal life.

Even more, there are other elements who claim to be "Messianic" but deny the deity of the Messiah, and in turn they deny the triune nature of the God of Israel. Others teach that Paul erred in writing Galatians, while others claim that the writings of the New Testament, especially those of the Apostle Paul must be re-interpreted through rabbinic writings.

So what is the greatest need for the Body of Messiah today? What is necessary is a solid in-depth Bible teaching from a Jewish perspective. This is being done in the more solid Messianic Congregations, but so much more needs to be done.

This issue of the Newsletter is devoted to the upcoming Program of Messianic Jewish Studies help at Camp Shoshanah. We are devoting six weeks of intensive studies and we are inviting all Jewish and Gentile believers to attend, whether it is for one week or for all six weeks. It is a unique program.

While it is geared to be an adult program, we invite you to bring your children with you. We will provide classes and care during all adult instruction and children will receive the same courses but in a more simplified style.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this summer!

Founder and Director



CAMP Shoshanah

By John Metzger



If you have never gone to Camp Shoshanah, I would like to challenge you to make plans and commit yourself to attend.



Camp Shoshanah has had the greatest impact on my life, aside from my salvation experience. I had been out of the ministry for 15 years and my heart yearned to return, but I had absolutely no clue where to begin or what to do.

Being a Bible College graduate with experience in Child Evangelism Fellowship and the pastorate, I came to a point in my life where I had many unanswered questions about the Bible. The more I listened to pastors, the more I found that they were superficial in their preaching. I was spiritually starved and wanted to be challenged, but where could I go?

It is too long a story to explain how I learned of Camp Shoshanah, but I will simply say that the Lord used the *Zion Chronicles* series written by Bodie Thoene to guide me towards Jewish ministries. I learned of Camp Shoshanah from a friend and he directed me to Ariel Ministries and the camp. I called and asked for information, and one of the things that I received was Arnold's manuscript called "The Three Messianic Miracles." It immediately struck a spiritual, biblical and theological cord with me. I said to myself, "Here is a perspective of the Scriptures that I never thought of nor heard!" But I wasn't quite sure about going to a Jewish camp. However, with some reservations, I finally decided to go.

What I learned that first year at camp (1995) absolutely blew me away. Questions that I had on biblical texts and issues for 25 years were answered in a matter of three weeks. Why didn't I receive this type of study in Bible college, from pastors, or even from all the theological books I had in my library? I not only came away from camp spiritually challenged and exhilarated, but once again, as

in my youth, I became excited about the Word of God.

Since that first summer at camp with Arnold's teaching of *The Life of Messiah* class, it has transformed my whole perspective of the Scriptures. The ancient text of Scripture is a refreshing, practical and challenging book far beyond my expectations. The teaching of the Word of God at Camp Shoshanah has transformed my life and ministry. As a direct result of attending the camp, I have been involved in Jewish ministries now for 14 years, and I have spent 12 of my summers at Camp Shoshanah.

Since going to Camp Shoshanah, I have always asked myself this question, "What is the Jewish background of this passage?" I have learned that the Bible is a Jewish book, not a western book, and it needs to be studied from a Jewish background culturally, historically and theologically.

If you have never gone to Camp Shoshanah, I would like to challenge you to make plans and commit yourself to attend. Although it may be a sacrifice of both your time and money, it will be a commitment which you will never regret. I trust that your spiritual growth is important enough for you to make this undertaking. I am sorry to say that much of Christianity today pampers and dumbs down the Scriptures and does not give people what they need to hear.

Perhaps it is not feasible for you to attend Camp Shoshanah, but you may know some young men and women who have a Jewish heart and could benefit from the training there. Please encourage them (financially if necessary) to go. There is a great need for fresh young people who are willing to commit their lives to reach Jewish people, as well as Gentiles, with the gospel of the Messiah *Yeshua*.



THE INVESTMENT OF *Discipleship*

I was raised within the traditions of American Judaism. My dad was from a religiously Orthodox family in Toronto. His parents were immigrants from Belarus. My mom was a fiercely independent thinker from a fun loving Jewish household in the Bronx. Her parents made their living in the New York garment industry. I grew up in the heart of the California Jewish community and synagogue life in the Silicon Valley. Neither Jesus nor rigorous Bible study was any part of our experience.

At the age of 23, I was confronted with the truth of the Gospel. I came to faith on December 7, 1970. Up until that time, I had never known any other Jew who believed in Jesus. So, six weeks later, I bought a one-way plane ticket and made my way across Europe. I was determined to integrate my new Christian faith and my Jewish identity in a safe place -- Israel.

It was on a late fall evening that I heard Arnold Fruchtenbaum teaching the Bible. His method was simple, clear and based on the text. He took time to explain the historical setting, the significance of the grammar and the way words were understood in their original context. I sensed immediately that I could learn a lot from him.

He was actually in Israel with his wife Mary Ann to take time to write three books. His plans for the period that he would be in Jerusalem did not include the discipleship of a new Jewish believer in Jesus. Thankfully, Arnold's heart was open to whatever additional plans the Lord had for him.

From the fall of 1971 through late spring of 1972, Arnold guided me through a harmony of the Gospels and a study of the life of Messiah. He walked me through basic Bible doctrines. He introduced me to Systematic Theology -- including the subject of Israelology. As issues of apologetics came up,

he patiently helped me think through arguments and guided me to available resources. On top of all that, Arnold shared with me his passion for historical geography. He invited me to join him on short trips around the country as he acquired information about Biblical archeology.

Arnold graciously made himself available to answer my constant flow of questions. His patience is captured in one vivid memory. I was reading the book of the prophet Joel one evening. I didn't understand something. So, I leaped up from my chair and walked directly to the bathroom where I found Arnold was taking a shower. Without thinking, I shouted my question through the door. Above the sound of running water and from amidst the steam, Arnold replied, "Uh...I don't have my Bible in here with me at the moment." For the record, I did give him time to dry off and get dressed -- yes, even in those days he wore jeans, a cowboy shirt and his ubiquitous rubber thongs over his socks.

In 1974, I became the first field missionary with the Jews for Jesus ministry. Thirty-five years later, I am honored to be their director for staff training and development. Now it is my turn to help equip and encourage our missionary staff worldwide. For the last 10 years, I have also served as part of the International Coordinating Committee of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism, a professional network of Jewish mission societies. Ariel Ministries is proudly featured as one of the agency members of the LCJE network.

I am grateful for the investment that Arnold Fruchtenbaum made in my life. Little did he know that he was making a contribution to my future service for our Lord. I have Arnold and all of you who are ministry partners with Arnold and Ariel Ministries to thank. I appreciate your support of Arnold and the wonderful resources that are now available.



By Tuvya Zaretsky

I first met Arnold in 1971 when he was teaching a Bible study at the Christian and Missionary Alliance guesthouse in Jerusalem. I knew immediately that he had something valuable to teach me. At the time, I was a very new follower of Jesus.



April 28 - May 6, 2010 - Japan Tour

April 30, 2010 - Osaka - Seminar Day 1 - four 80-minute sessions
Angelology, Satanology, and Demonology

May 1, 2010 - Osaka - Seminar Day 2 - four 80-minute sessions
Angelology, Satanology, and Demonology

May 2, 2010 - Tokyo - Harvest Forum in Tokyo 10:30-12:00pm - four 80-minute sessions
Jews, Gentiles, Christians

May 4, 2010 - Tokyo - Seminar Day 1 - four 80-minute sessions
Angelology, Satanology, and Demonology

May 5, 2010 - Tokyo - Seminar Day 2 - four 80-minute sessions
Angelology, Satanology, and Demonology

May 10 - June 17 - Israel Tour

May 22, June 5, 12 - Bethesda Congregation, Haifa
Romans 9, 10, 11

June 20-27 - Tour of Poland

July 10 - August 21 - Shoshanah Program of Messianic Studies held at Camp Shoshanah in Keeseville, NY

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Fruit from the Frucht



PRAISE TO THE PASSOVER LAMB: WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR JEWISH LIVES

"The following is an excerpt from the re-released book, *Jesus was a Jew*."

INTRODUCTION

According to the Old Testament, the purpose of the First Coming of the Messiah was for Him to die for the sins of the Jewish people. The New Testament declares that this is what Jesus did do. The Old Testament further declared in Isaiah 53 that those who will accept the substitutionary death and resurrection of the Messiah will receive justification, spiritual healing, and be reconciled with God. If Jesus is the Messiah, then the lives of those Jews who accepted Jesus and his Messiahship should undergo a change for the better. According to the Old Testament, this should be the result for those who accept the atonement of the Messiah's blood on their behalf.

This is exactly what has been happening with Jewish people throughout the centuries; it is also happening today on a large scale. It is happening among the old, the young, and the middle-aged; among the Orthodox, the Conservatives, the Reform, and among the nonaffiliated; the atheists, the agnostics, and among Leftists. Several have written down an account of their experiences. We will let them tell their own stories. [Forty stories follow, but only a few are included in this excerpt.]

ASHER LEVI - EX-RABBI

I was a Sephardic Jewish Rabbi for a period of 35 years. Outwardly, I was happy and successful in my work—I got on pretty well—but inwardly I was restless and dissatisfied, for I suffered much from an inadequacy about life in general. So it happened when I was in Miami Beach, Florida...I came into contact with a Jew whom I did not know was a believer in Christ and asked him to advise me about my situation. His reply was, "Read Isaiah

chapter 53." I read this famous chapter concerning Jesus of Nazareth which said, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities." Yet, I felt constrained to search the Hebrew Scriptures, and I found the words of Isaiah saying:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

In addition I read:

Hear ye now, O house of David...the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

Immanuel means "God with us." This gave me the assurance that Jesus indeed is the Messiah in whom has been fulfilled all the Prophets' predictions. Meanwhile, I got a clear picture of the Messiah when I had the opportunity to hold in my hands a little book about which I knew almost nothing. I began to read it the same way I would read any other book. I began at the beginning and read the words: "The book of

the generation of Jesus Christ", "the son of Abraham". I found, to my surprise, that I was reading a Jewish book about a Jew. Reading gradually, I came to the conclusion that Jesus was a Jew of the seed of Abraham and David; that Jesus was born of a Jewish virgin in a Jewish town, Bethlehem, into a Jewish tribe, the tribe of Judah. I realized that Jesus knew the Law and the Prophets, so I followed Him around, reading and learning His beautiful sayings and teachings as He traveled, taught, and healed in the hills and valleys of the Holy Land, which became as spiritual food to

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me. His promise of forgiveness and eternal life to those who believe in Him drew me until one day, I put my trust in Him, and I accepted Him as my Messiah and my personal Savior from my sins.

I have to assert that my heart does not condemn me for my new faith; for I feel I am still a Jew and never will cease to be a Jew. I did not abandon our heritage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Like Paul, I am able to say, even after accepting the Christ, "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the offspring of Abraham? So am I."

LEON - MEAT CUTTER

I was raised in a Jewish home and had always considered myself a good person. Then came the day I first faced the stark reality that I was estranged from God. Was it possible for a modern man to find peace with himself and God? I turned to a psychiatrist for an answer. He suggested that I was not responsible for my actions. He proposed that I was the net result of the genealogical traits I had inherited from my ancestors. My parents and friends also afforded me little comfort. Now I know that only God could take away my burden and guilt. Eventually I turned to the Scriptures. There, I discovered every man is separated from God. In the Old Testament law, God required a blood sacrifice for sins. Then the Messiah came to give Himself as a sacrifice for us. I accepted Christ's sacrifice for me, and since that time my life has been filled with peace and joy.

MORRIS - RETIRED POSTAL EMPLOYEE

You can imagine my surprise when our nine-year-old son returned from a Jewish children's club singing about Jesus. When questioned about his actions, he assured me that he had been at a Jewish place and a Jewish lady was in charge. Naturally, I asked the lady who had invited my son to what kind of place she had taken him. She said it was a Jewish group that believed Jesus was the Messiah of Israel. My wife and I decided to further investigate the matter, and it was here that we first learned about the prophecies of Messiah. All my life I had searched for something but did not know what. Through this Jewish group, I learned that God sent the Messiah to give us a more abundant life. I invited Him into my heart, and since that time I have experienced a life abundantly full and complete.

LEAH - HOMEMAKER

I thank God that he has led each member of my family to His Son, the Messiah. Our entire family has been blessed by the joy of knowing that He will be with us throughout every circumstance of life.

SALLY - RETIRED BUSINESSWOMAN

Everyone needs a place of refuge. I found this shelter in the promised Messiah. He brought peace, hope, and purpose into my life. Now I look forward to that time when I shall see Him face to face.

DAN - REAL ESTATE BROKER

I began to read the Bible to see if it said what I had been told by a stranger. As I read the New Testament, I was surprised to find that all the first followers of Jesus were Jewish. I also learned that He came to this earth as a sacrifice for man's sin. I continued reading. One day, I began to feel the presence of God. I stopped and prayed, "Almighty God, these things in this book seem to be true to me, and I want to believe if it is from you. I want to accept Jesus as my Messiah." I didn't hear any voices, but God touched my life and I definitely knew it was true; that Jesus was my Messiah. Since that time, I have continually felt the perfect peace that God promises to give those who love Him and follow His Son, the Messiah.

SHELLEY - YOUNG ADULT

I watched my sister Lana go through an unusual change. The cause of her change was due to reading the Bible. I didn't like it even though she seemed happy. Instead of her former frustration, Lana had a peace about her which made me jealous and angry. Lana explained her change by saying that she had discovered Jesus, the Messiah. It seemed stupid to me. She had a good Jewish education and should have known better than to believe Gentile superstitions. Soon my mother and younger sister, Terry, were also reading the New Testament and talking about Jesus.

I opened that Book and read through its pages about this so-called Son of God called Jesus. The name "Jesus" repulsed me, because my heart had been hardened to it for so long. However, if he was the Son of God and I could actually have a personal relationship with God, I wanted to know more about it. So I prayed to God, and I prayed to Jesus and asked either of them to show me the truth. God began to answer my prayer. Through His love, He came into my life. I started seeing life with new eyes. I experienced a spiritual birth. Life started to become a new and unimaginable adventure. The emptiness that was in me for so long was gone and replaced with something very special that made me start becoming the person I really wanted to be. Life became full of purpose and love; a sense of worth came to me.

I've been a believer for three years now, and not once has that emptiness ever returned. I've gone through hassles and lost some "friends" who felt threatened by my new beliefs. I don't feel I have solved all the problems of my life, but I have a direction, ideals, and goals that I didn't have before. Jesus gave this to me. Through Him, I have become a real mentsh (authentic person).

BILL - YOUNG ADULT

When I was young, I remember asking my mother if Jesus was the Messiah. She said no, and at that time the answer satisfied me. During high school, I felt that I was open-minded. I would talk to my friends about Jesus and other religious topics. However, the truth was that I loved to argue. One day after math class, a girl named Sharon came up to me and started talking to me.

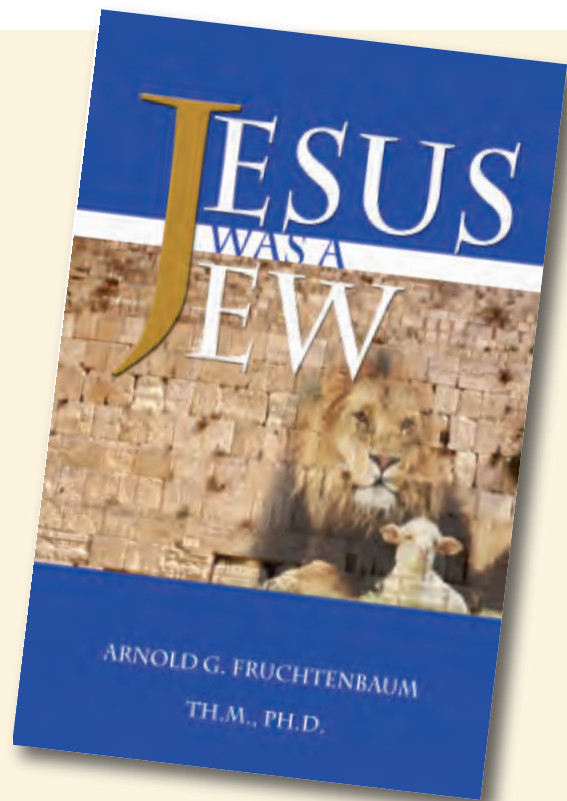
After getting to know her better, I asked her out. She told me that she didn't want to go out with any guy who wasn't a Christian. Her response surprised me. I thought she had "flipped her lid." I went home thinking that I was a good, moral Jewish boy, and perhaps that made me a Christian. I looked the word up in the dictionary and it said, "One who was a follower of Jesus." I knew that wasn't me because I hated Jesus. I determined right away that I couldn't become a Christian just to please her. But I had debated with my other friends, so I felt I might as well find out what she believed. We began meeting every day for lunch. Then I discovered my physics teacher was a Christian. I was stunned. I could not believe that anyone that intelligent could possibly be a Christian. During this one-year period, I was going to the hospital twice a month for an acute kidney infection. Once, and only once, I prayed to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying that if Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah, to make me well this one time and I would believe it. It was the only time I ever prayed that prayer, and it was the only time I was better. However, I reneged on my promise. I refused to believe.

As time passed, tears would come into my eyes while talking to Sharon, knowing that what she was saying was true, but I could not admit it. Then one evening, I remember calling her and telling her that Jesus was the Messiah, and that I wanted to invite Him into my life. Since then, my life has really changed. Now I have a peace and joy about life that I never had before accepting the Messiah.

CONCLUSION

Jews who have faced Jesus and come to know Him in a real and personal way all testify to the fact that Jesus did bring them justification, spiritual healing, and reconciliation with God. This is what the Old Testament said the death and resurrection of Messiah would accomplish, and this is what the New Testament says Jesus did accomplish. Jewish lives that have been changed by Jesus all testify that not only did Jesus enhance their Jewishness, but that Jesus is the Jew's Jew.

If you enjoyed reading this excerpt from *Jesus Was a Jew*, you may want to obtain it from Ariel's online catalog at www.ariel.org or download a free pdf from Ariel's "download" links.



Jesus Was a Jew, Arnold Fruchtenbaum's classic story has been reissued by Ariel Ministries with a fresh, new cover.

Who was Jesus of Nazareth? Controversy over the answer still rages today.

- Was Jesus simply a good teacher?
- Was He a well-meaning but confused religious reformer?
- Was He a disciple of another teacher?

Regardless of your opinion, one overlooked fact is: **Jesus was a Jew.**

Looking for answers as to the real identity of Jesus of Nazareth? Arnold Fruchtenbaum, author of *Jesus was a Jew*, embarked on his own personal search. He documents the opinions of many Jewish leaders. He deals with the Messianic hope. He also examines Jewish objections to Jesus honestly and with insight. *Jesus was a Jew* contains interviews with almost 40 Jews – rabbis, homemakers, actors, hairdressers, and others from all walks of life – concerning what they believe about Jesus.

Questions & Answers



QUESTION: How is God's promise to King David of an eternal dynasty in 2 Samuel and 2 Chronicles fulfilled when the throne of Israel was not always occupied by one of David's descendents? For example, during Messiah's time on earth, Rome controlled Israel. You mentioned in your book *Messianic Christology* that nothing can happen to David's Dynasty until Messiah comes, so how do you arrive at this conclusion?

ANSWER: The promise of eternal dynasty would have been kept not by a continuous presence on the Davidic throne, but that the line of David would continue indefinitely. With Messiah's resurrection, it does continue indefinitely. After Babylon removed the last Davidic king from the Davidic throne, no other dynasty has ruled from the Davidic throne. The next time the Davidic throne is used again, it will be by the Messiah, the eternal descendent of David. The point of *Messianic Christology* is simply that the House of David cannot lose its identity until the birth of a virgin-born son. Once the Temple was destroyed in AD 70—and with it all the genealogical records—the line of David was lost within a couple of centuries, except in the person of Jesus *per se*.

QUESTION: Does it displease Y'shua to call Him Jesus? As a gentile believer, do I need to keep the Jewish festivals? Also, is it more pleasing for gentile believers to keep kosher than to ignore those laws? Finally, is it wrong to celebrate Christmas and Easter because they have some pagan association and symbols?

ANSWER: I will go ahead and answer your questions in the same order they were asked.

1. No, it does not displease God if you refer to *Yeshua* as Jesus. God is not so much concerned about how you pronounce the name as He is concerned that you note the meaning of the name and how it would apply to us. This can be seen in the way

God chose to deal with His name in the New Testament. While *Yeshua* was clearly His Son's Hebrew name, God did not give us the New Testament in Hebrew but in Greek. Because of the differences in sounds available in Greek, the name came out to be *Iesous*, which is the closest that the Greek could come to the Hebrew pronunciation. So as you move to different languages His name is pronounced slightly differently, and this variation is not a concern to God.

2. No, you are not required to keep the Jewish festivals and, furthermore, if you look at the details of how you would keep them, you would not be able to do so. For instance, all of them required blood sacrifices, three could only be observed in Jerusalem, etc. What the rabbis have done is simply revamp the system to make it feasible to keep in a different way, but as far as the biblical way to keep it, no one can do that today. When Messiah died, the Law came to an end, and it is no longer obligatory for even Jewish believers and never was for Gentile believers anyway.

3. Again, keeping kosher also had to do with the Mosaic Law that no longer is the rule of life for believers today. You are free to keep kosher, but you are not obligated to do so.

4. There are no commands in the Bible to observe either the birth of the Messiah (Christmas) or the death of the Messiah (Easter). On the other hand, there was no prohibition to do so either. There were certain pagan elements involved in both festivals, but that is not the way a true believer will observe them today, and so this becomes a matter of free choice.

I recommend "The Law of Moses and The Law of the Messiah" that will help to clarify some of these issues more fully. (Messianic Bible Studies are available as MP3 and PDF downloads or as printed manuscripts from Ariel's ministry catalog at www.ariel.org.)



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Alabama: Mobile	- WIJD AM 1270	4:45 pm
Florida: Pensacola	- WNVY AM 1090	3:00 pm
Georgia: Augusta	- WFAM AM 1050	8:30 am
Indiana: Indianapolis	- WBRI AM 1500	6:30 pm
Kansas: Kansas City	- KCNW AM 1380	9:30 am
Nebraska: Omaha	- KLANG AM 1560	10:30 am
New Mexico: Albuquerque	- KXKS AM 1190	12:00 pm
North Carolina: Asheville	- WSKY AM 1230	10:30 am
Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh	- WWNL AM 1080	8:15 am
Pennsylvania: York	- WYYC AM 1250	6:30 pm
South Carolina: Greenville	- WELP AM 136	1:00 pm
Tennessee: Chattanooga	- WLMR AM 1450	10:30 pm



Shoshanah

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Week 1

Old Testament Survey — This course will provide an overview of the whole Hebrew Bible showing how the poetical and prophetic books fit within the historical segments of the Old Testament. It will trace God's special program for the Jewish people both past and future.

Book of Ephesians — This book is important for Messianic Jewish Studies since it shows the uniqueness of Israel, the role of Gentile believers, the contrast between Jews, Gentiles and how all believers become partakers of Jewish spiritual blessings in the Body of the Messiah.

Week 2

New Testament Survey — In addition to the Gospels, this course will provide an overview of the whole New Covenant fitting in the epistles into the historical Book of Acts. It will show a contrast between epistles written to the Body as a whole and those epistles written specifically for Messianic Jews.

The Epistle of First John — Not always viewed from a Jewish Perspective, this course will show both the Jewish and Gentile relevance of this epistle.

Week 3 through 5

Book of Jeremiah — This course will cover the whole book, certain segments in a survey and summary and other segments in verse by verse detail. There will be a special focus on Messianic Prophecies within this book and how this book militates against different forms of Replacement Theology which is now having a revival in the churches causing a loss of support for Israel today.

Eschatology: Doctrine of the Last Days — This course will cover all facets of the prophetic Word of God covering topics such as the Rapture, Israel, the Tribulation, the Second Coming, the Messianic Kingdom, the Eternal Order, among other prophetic issues. The revival of Replacement Theology is resulting in a non-literal approach to Bible prophecy, especially how it relates to Israel and the Jewish people and this course will show the fallacies of such teachings.

Zionism and the History of Israel — This is one of the four historic courses taught at the Shoshanah School to show how God has preserved the Jewish people and in spite of the Holocaust, Israel came into being within three years following the fall of Nazi Germany. This course will also note how the modern state is fulfillment of Bible prophecy in the Word of God.

Spiritual Life — A study of the principles of the spiritual life and spiritual warfare, together with the role of the Holy Spirit, the new nature, the world, the flesh and the devil.

Bible Study Methods — All believers take much of the Bible quite literally. But when the Bible speaks of Israel and speaks of prophecy, many Bible believers begin to resort to an allegorical interpretation leaving Israel out of the picture except for the curses. This course will show how principles of biblical interpretation must be applied consistently to all parts of the Bible thus promoting a special role for Israel.

Book of Galatians — Many are confused as to what this book actually teaches about Jews and Gentiles in the Body of the Messiah. Does it discourage Messianic Jews from circumcising their sons? Does it teach that the Church is the Israel of God? This course will clarify all such misconceptions.



Week 6

The Life of the Messiah — This is a study of the harmony of all four Gospels but from a very strong Jewish perspective. This course is covered in the three week program (but not to the same full degree) and in one week (the sixth week) where the full program is covered in one week the sixth week.

Shoulder to Shoulder



Jacques & Sharon Gabizon - Montreal, Canada



So close and yet still so far away. The reality of Camp Shoshanah's summer program will be upon us as we prepare, once again, to promote the French part of this camp (this will take place during the first two weeks.) This new division of camp started last year, and we saw six people attend. Please pray that this "French" language outreach within the program will be even more productive this year (simultaneous translation will be done through headphones.)

The work continues here in Montreal with the French translation of Ariel manuscripts and newsletters, as well as the *Come and See* audio quiz. We look forward to seeing the French version of the *Footsteps of the Messiah* published soon. There will be a new and young Spanish church which will open up under the umbrella of Beth Ariel. Jacques has been training up the leader and continues to disciple him.

We have witnessed three new conversions these past few months, one of them being a Korean woman named YungJoo. She has since gone back to Korea, but we prayed that she would become born again and young as a new creature in Christ, and we hoped that she would praise God just as the Gentile Persians did in the days of Mordechai (*and they became Jews...* Esther 8:17).

Jackie Fierman - Montreal, Canada



The teaching at Camp Shoshanah has changed my life. My first year at camp six years ago, I saw how perfectly the Old and New Testaments complimented each other to form one, unified book. I knew this teaching was important for all to hear. Not long after hearing this teaching, I became a member of Ariel Canada. Thus, I have been privileged to see many more lives changed through solid doctrinal training. The opportunity to worship through song four times a day was wonderful, and I quickly learned music that still echoes in my mind and encourages me as I travel for the ministry to this day. Friendships with people from many continents were begun and have become very precious. One cannot read books, watch DVDs, or go to weekend conferences to experience this combined blessing. Camp Shoshanah (Hebrew for "rose") is unique. I had planned to go for two weeks and ended up staying for all three weeks in 2004. Before leaving, I named those weeks as the time when the desert bloomed in my heart. With roses, I suppose! Now, I cannot imagine a year without attending this annual oasis. See you there!

Gary & Melissa Demers - Camp Shoshanah



These are some comments from last year's campers. Please let their words excite you and encourage you to pray for this year's students. Might you be one of those next students? We are trusting God to make this summer's Camp Shoshanah the best one yet! Come join us!

"Coming to Camp Shoshanah was a little taste of heaven – warm fellowship with saints from so many different places and backgrounds..." "It felt like family..." "This camp has given us encouragement..." "My walk with the Lord has been greatly impacted..." "Camp Shoshanah brings study, fellowship and fun into perfect harmony..." "Camp Shoshanah is one place He chooses to display His love..." "I feel rejuvenated spiritually, mentally and physically..." "From the moment we arrived, there was a sense that the staff and campers alike were one family..." "When study of the Word becomes a true love of the heart, Camp Shoshanah is the place to come..." "The only bad thing about Camp Shoshanah is that we have to leave..."

Dan & Arlene Rigney - Stewartstown, Pennsylvania

I was asked to be one of the keynote speakers at The Baltimore School of the Bible's annual mission conference on March 8th, held at Genesis Bible Fellowship Church (formerly an exclusive Jewish funeral home). It was the first time I was able to speak in public without trouble controlling my breath since last October.

The mission conference theme was based on Luke 10:2: *And he said unto them, the harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.* I explained that in order to have a harvest, you need to water the seeds that are sown. I also explained that this church was once a funeral home where the "living dead" came to see the "dead." I remember ministering to Jewish families over the years in this building. The "living dead" are all those who are breathing who have not received Messiah.

If we can see everyone we encounter as the "living dead" and weep for them, then hopefully the "dead" won't have to weep and wail forever. It was quite a moving challenge and many were weeping for their unsaved loved ones. Praise the Lord!



Sasha & Lyana G. - Ra'anana, Israel

Some people have a special, peaceful light that streams from their eyes. You subconsciously know that this light is a reflection of Whom these people worship. If you frequently find yourself spending time with God, your eyes will radiate His light. It is easy to be full of light during the quiet times. Anybody can walk in victory when surrounded by books, silence, and the warm waves of sunshine splashing through windows.

A couple of days ago, I was sharing my testimony with someone. I so vividly remembered my struggle. My question to God was, "How can I apply religion to the mainstream of life?" The answer is this: No religion can give that real peace. Only faith and a personal relationship with God can provide that peace. Our God is the living God Who seeks relationships. If the person is sincere, he or she will easily agree with this. We need a Savior...*Yeshua*. The more time spent looking at the source of light, the more light you will accumulate and reflect.

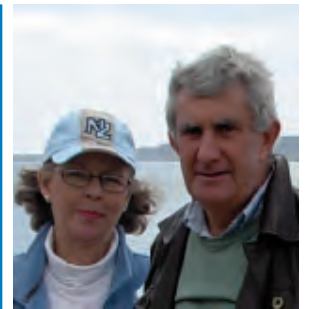


Tony & Diana Wood - Auckland, New Zealand

Last November, the daughter of an 'Ariel NZ' couple was due to be deployed overseas. Her husband was already serving in Afghanistan. On the way to visit her family, she died in a tragic car accident.

Many of her fellow soldiers attended the funeral and spoke of how they remembered her. Some said they did not know if there was an afterlife, but if there was then she would be there. Her father, a quiet man, started to speak. His voice quivered with emotion. He shared that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose again. His witness was with strength in a clear voice and with such conviction that even non-believers could see that he was not doing this in his own power.

The family is South African and the first hymn at the service was *How Great Thou Art*. At the cemetery, a Maori man visiting another grave came across and said that he did not know the person being interred, but could see that she was well respected and loved. He then unexpectedly sang *How Great Thou Art* in Maori.



John and Sharon Metzger - Charlotte, North Carolina

I am excited about returning to Ariel Ministries! I first became aware of Ariel Ministries in 1995 through a series of contacts, and I received Arnold's sound biblical teaching like a thirsty man in the desert. During the last 9 years, I have continued to keep abreast of Ariel's tremendous improvements and focus. I also continued to attend Camp Shoshanah. This was my time of spiritual R & R in the Word while blotting out the world for a couple of weeks.

I am excited about challenging believers in their witness to Jewish people in local churches. So far I have spoken in Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. I look forward to promoting Ariel and directing people to *Come and See* on Ariel's website.

Sharon and I do covet your prayers as we not only return to Ariel, but also get established in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sharon will continue to help me with her secretarial skills as we minister together.



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