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April 2023: Here's an update of the ministry in the past month.

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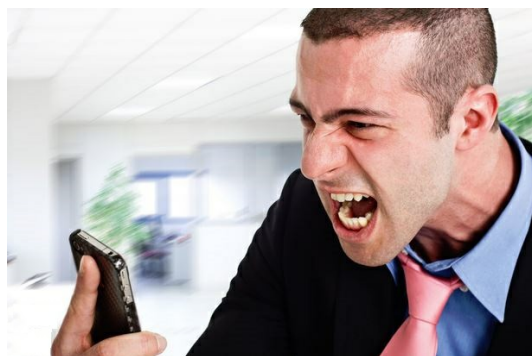
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"Love Notes" That We Get



Some of the most emotionally strange things we can experience in Jewish ministry are the extreme reactions that we get, both positive and negative, to our work. It is like living in a love/hate relationship.

From believers in Jesus, many times we get such wonderful reactions as: *"This is great"*, *"You guys are doing a great work"*, *"I love this."* And yes, we are very thankful for these types of responses.

However, on the flipside, we get equally emotional negative responses to our work. These usually come from Jewish people who see our ads and interact with us online.

This month, we wanted to share with you a sample of the negative

replies that we have gotten just over the past few months (and there were more).



** “What made me unhappy is that you are proselytizing Jews in Israel. If you happen to be a Jew, you should know that you have 3500 years worth of ancestors turning over in their graves. They will be kicking your butt when you make it to the other side. If you are not a Jew, which I consider more likely, you probably can't understand what an insult your propaganda is, but go screw yourself anyway.”

** “Millions of jews have been brutally murdered by christians. Millions of people have been tortured by christian inquisition. And you say that man, who founded christianity, was a messiah?”

** “Don't know how you got my info. In any case, you are nothing but garbage. Jews? Jews for J? How do you dare to call yourselves Jews?”

** “Why you interrupt my getting pumped for Shabbas (Sabbath) with my Jew jams to show me this Avuda Zara (false worship) ad?”

** “So here's my reason for contacting you. I was getting really tired of your advertisements about remaining Jewish and believing in Jesus popping up on my YouTube feed. We Jews have suffered all too much at the hands of believers in Jesus. The argument that those who did these things are not "true Christians" is a cop-out.”

Of course we write back to them, but sadly, most are unwilling to hear the truth we seek to share with them.

But thankfully we also get notes like these:

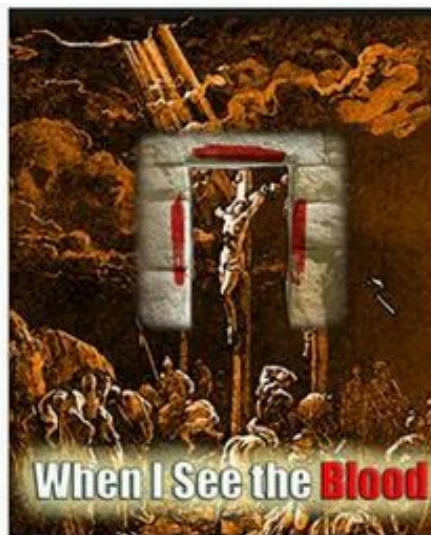
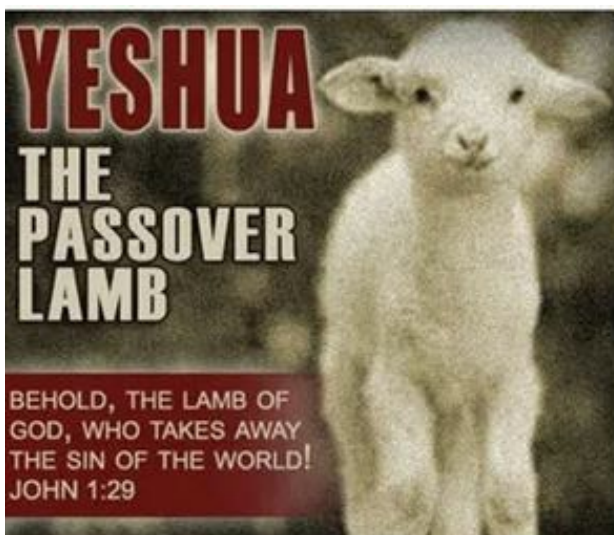


** “Hello, I’m a jew living in Bet shemesh Israel. I’m extremely interesting in learning more about this concept Jews believing in Jesus. Is there anywhere I can go to in israel to hear classes for beginners? Thank you.”

So the point is – when we throw out gospel “seed” into the world, some will fall on bad soil, but others will fall on good soil.

This is what Yeshua told us to expect when sowing the gospel (Matthew 13:3). Our job is to just keep on sowing seeds, no matter what the reaction is.

April reminder: He is our Passover



This month's offer:

Pomegranate Anointing Oil



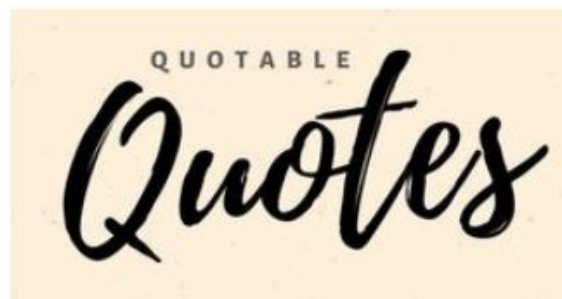
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""Ten measures of beauty were given the world, nine were taken by Jerusalem and one by all the rest.""

~~ Talmud, Kiddushin"

TRIVIA

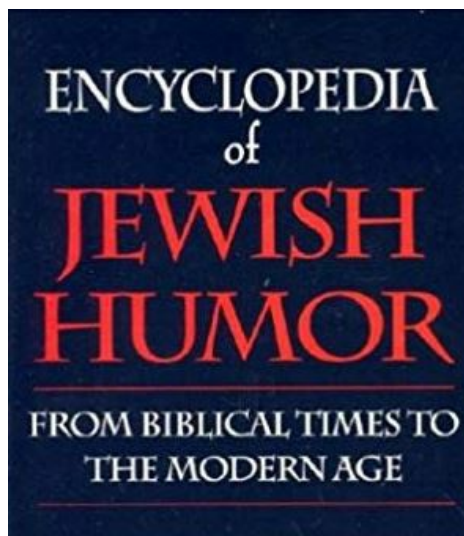
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THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

Preparing the kitchen for Passover involves removing every possible trace of remaining leaven. Which one of these Passover kitchen facts are false?

- A) Silverware must be boiled before Passover.
- B) Refrigerator shelves must be covered in paper or plastic.
- C) Oven mitts must be washed on the hot setting before Passover.
- D) You cannot use city tap water during Passover.

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

A minister, a priest, and a rabbi are all asked, "When you are in your casket, and friends, family, and congregants are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say?"

The minister says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

The priest says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful teacher and a servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

The rabbi replies, "I would like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Passover begins the evening of April 5th

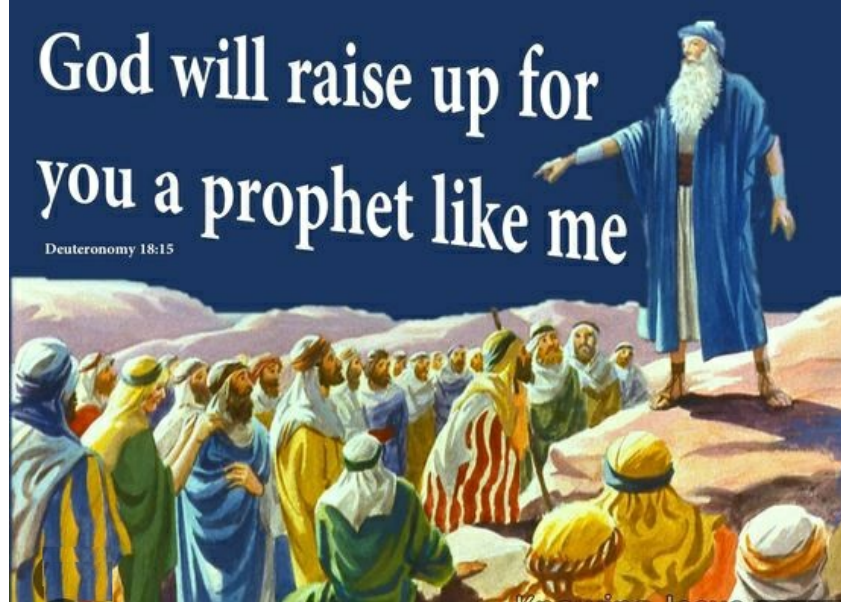


One of the most significant holidays of the Jewish year begins this month on the evening of the 5th. On this evening, millions of Jewish people will join their family and friends around a specially set table for what is known as the family "Seder".

The Seder is a very special event, as it has become one of the cultural adhesives that have kept the Jewish people together through the centuries. Even if they are not religious, most Jewish people will attend and enjoy a Seder.

The Seder is a specific order of service commemorating the deliverance of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage by the hand of God – who used Moses as His vessel. This service involves special ceremonial foods, special times to drink and special songs. Even the children have a part in the Seder.

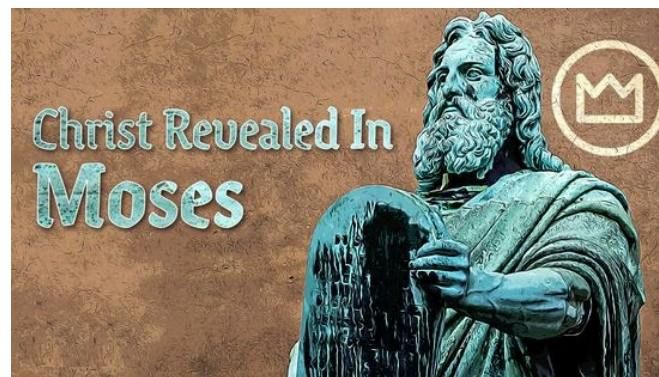
It is interesting to note that before Moses died, he told Israel that one day someone like himself would arrive on the scene. Moses then said emphatically demanded that when this prophet arrived, Israel was to listen to him.



Deuteronomy 18:15 is where this prophecy can be found:

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.”

With this prophecy in mind, we want to show 30 reasons why Yeshua / Jesus was indeed the One Moses told Israel would eventually arrive.



1.

Baby Moses was about to be killed by an evil ruler (Ex 1:22)
So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 2:16).

2.

Baby Moses was hidden to keep him alive (Ex. 2:2)
So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 2:13).

3.

Baby Moses was put into a very unusual 'cradle' (Ex. 2:3)
So was Yeshua / Jesus (Luke 2:7).

4.

Moses was brought up by a man who was not his natural father (Ex. 2:10).
So was Yeshua / Jesus (Luke 3:23).

5.

Moses was kind to women at a well (Ex. 2:16-17)

So was Yeshua / Jesus (John 4:7).

6.

Moses was in 'exile' in a foreign land until the evil ruler died (Ex 2:23).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 2:13).

7.

Moses was a "shepherd" of God's people (Psalm 77:20).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (John 10:11).

8.

Moses began his ministry by turning water red (Ex. 3:2-4).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (John 2:7).

9.

Moses was sent to deliver his people from slavery (Ex. 3:8).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (John 8:34).

10.

Moses was called very humble (meek) (Numbers 12:3).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 11:29).

11.

Moses performed many public miracles (Ex. 4).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Mark 6:2).

12.

Moses wanted to liberate God's people to serve God (Ex. 9:1).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (John 8:36).

13.

Moses delivered Israel through a blood sacrifice (Ex 12:13).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Hebrews 9:26).

14.

Moses told Israel to remember God's deliverance through a specific meal (Ex 12:25).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Luke 22:19).

15.

Moses was sent to Israel because they had a great need (Ex 2:24).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 15:24).

16.

Moses offered water at a well (Ex 2:17).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (John 4:14).

17.

Moses had people who wanted to stone him (Ex 17:4).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (John 10:31)

18.

Moses went up on a mountain and told people of God's law (Ex 19:3).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 5:1).

19.

Moses was spoken to in a thick cloud (Ex 19:9).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 17:5).

20.

Moses wanted people to obey God's law from their heart (Deut 6:6).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 5:8).

21.

Moses interceded for Israel (Ex 32:11-14).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 23:37).

22.

Moses fasted 40 days and 40 nights (Ex 34:28).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 4:2).

23.

Moses' face shone with the glory of God (Ex 34:29).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 17:2)

24.

Moses asked God to pardon the iniquity of His people (Num 14:19).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Luke 23:34).

25.

Moses told Israel that the signs and wonders would prove he was from God (Num 16:29).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (John 10:25).

26.

Moses was apart from Israel until he returned to lead them into freedom (Ex 2:21-22).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 23:39).

27.

Moses chose 12 men for special work (Deut 1:23).

So did Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 10:2).

28.

Moses own relatives criticized him (Num 12:1).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (Mark 3:21).

29.

Moses was initially rejected as Israel's judge (Ex 2:14).

So was Yeshua / Jesus (Matthew 21:42).

30.

All who looked upon Moses' serpent on the cross would be healed (Num 21:9).

So to - all who look to Yeshua's / Jesus's sacrifice on the cross are healed (John 3:14).

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - D. You can use city tap water anytime.

For all the kitchen preparation work required for Passover see this website (Note: not our site).

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