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Two Special Events This Month Reminding Us: After Pain There Can Be Gain



“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning..” Psalm 30:5

Many times, this is God’s pattern in life. Suffering, then victory.

We see this theme many times in Scripture, with it finding its pinnacle in the life of Yeshua/Jesus. His suffering, then victory.

We will also see it observed in Israel this month during two very special days.

First: Yom Hashoah: “Holocaust Remembrance Day” (Monday, May 13th).

Every year in Israel, the entire nation fully stops what they are doing at 10 a.m. (including cars driving) and stands completely still as sirens blare across the country. This is all to remember those murdered in the Holocaust, and by extension, anyone killed since then because of anti-Semitism. This year should be extra powerful, knowing that 1,200 Israelis were murdered last October because of terrorism.



If you have never seen this moving tribute, we highly suggest that you watch these short (about 2 minutes) videos of last year’s event.

It is worth two minutes of your time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7aZ0GsVoy0>

And here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jA3vXaEFpU>

And after the suffering

Second: Yom Haatzmaut: “Israel Independence Day” (Tuesday, May 14th)

We know how treasured the 4th of July is for those who live in the USA. This is the day we consider our national birthday. The same is true for Israelis on May 14th.



This is when the Jewish people remember how David Ben-Gurion declared Israel a state again, after almost 2,000 years in exile. Perhaps it was in response to the Jewish sufferings of the Holocaust that the United Nations voted — with thirty-three countries in favor, thirteen against, and ten abstaining — to partition the region, then called Palestine, into a Jewish state and an Arab state, with Jerusalem remaining under UN control. Of course, on the very next day, May 15th, Israel was attacked by all its Arab neighbors. How did that turn out? Needless to say, here we are, over 75+ years later, and Israel is still standing.

After the ashes of the Holocaust, the nation of Israel was born in 1948. Suffering, then victory. Was this birth God's doing? YES!

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?shall a nation be born at once?" (Isaiah 66:8)

God is still at work in the nations, and we have not seen the final act. Stay tuned

May reminder:



WHO IS ASKING ISRAEL FOR HELP?

THIS WILL SHOCK YOU!



You have probably heard by now that last month the Islamic regime in Iran sent over 300 drones and missiles to attack Israel. That is not the shocking part. Virtually all of them were shot down (praise God), and only one caused serious harm to an Arab Bedouin child. But that is not the shocking part either.

Here is the shocking part. After that event, the Iranian people (who completely loathe their Islamic regime government) wanted and indeed were ASKING FOR the Israeli government to respond - by bombing their own government!

Here is the graffiti the Iranian people are leaving around the city

asking Israel for help (doing it anonymously so as not to be caught by the Islamic Regime).



*Graffiti appearing in Iran says:
Israel hit them and leave the rest to us in the streets*



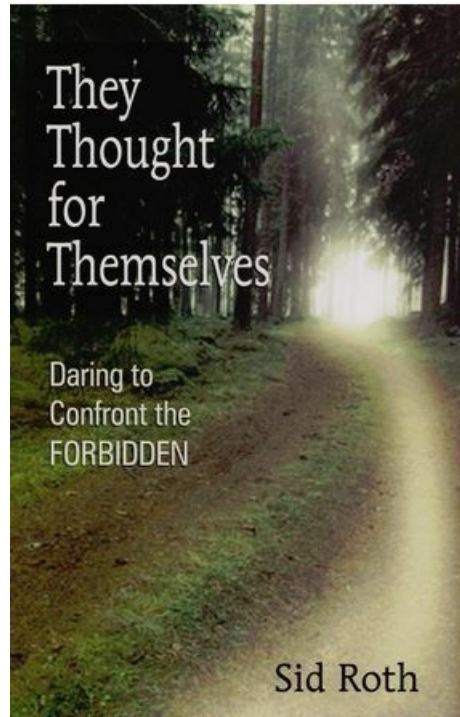
Graffiti in Iran: "Hit them, Israel iranians are behind you"

On a personal level, we have met some Iranian people at our booths over the years who share their love for Israel and the Jewish people with us. The Iranian government is evil, but the people of Iran (who are mostly secular) hate their own government.

Watch an Iranian YouTuber explain what is happening behind the scenes in Iran. Most of the information is given during the first 17 minutes. (NOTE: These two men are not believers in Jesus.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuF8Qg7FmNI>

This month's offer:



A FREE DOWNLOAD!

So who doesn't like free? This month we are offering a free pdf download. Read it on your computer or phone!

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"A man gives little if he gives much with a frown;
he gives much if he gives little with a smile." ~~

~~Talmud, Ketubot

TRIVIA

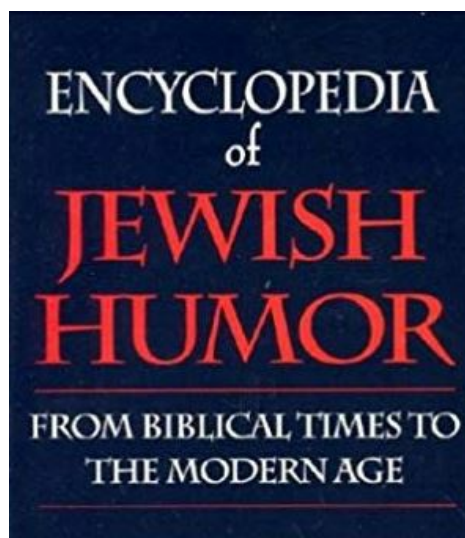
C H A L L E N G E

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

Which one is not a famous Jewish food?

- A) Matzah Ball Soup
- B) Gefilte Fish
- C) Gelato
- D) Challah Bread

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

Morris went to a psychiatrist. "Doc," he said, "I've got real trouble. Every time I get into bed, I get a weird feeling that there's somebody under it."

I look under the bed, nothing. I go back and forth, all night long, on top, under, on top, under... You gotta help me, Doc, I'm going crazy!"

"Just put yourself in my hands for few years," said the shrink. "Come to me three times a week, and I'll cure your fears." "How much do you charge?"

"A hundred dollars per visit." "I'll think about it," said Morris.

Six months later the doctor met Morris on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist. "For a hundred bucks a visit? My Rabbi cured me for free." "Is that so! How did he do that?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed!"

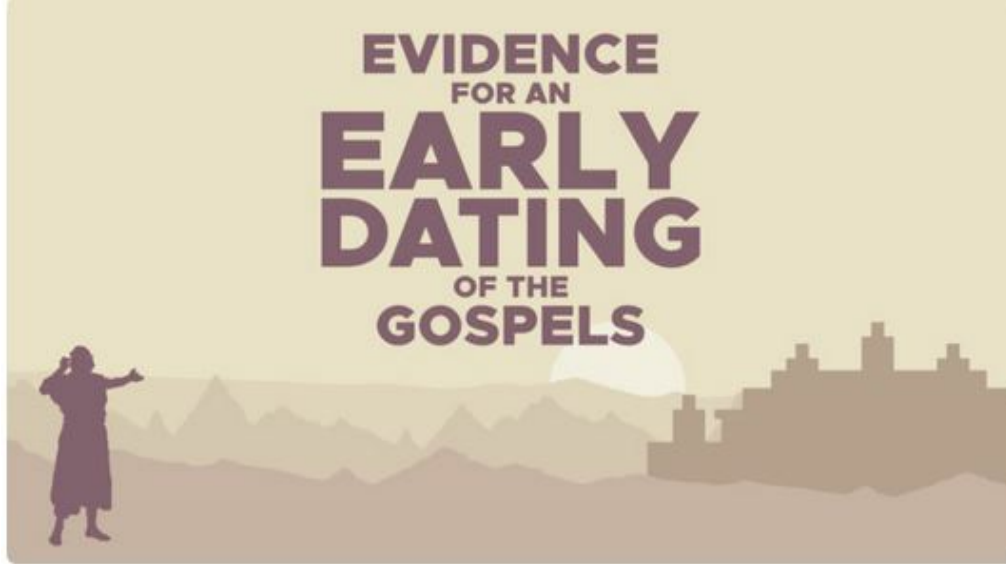
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Time Dating the New Testament Documents

Often times, critics of the Bible will proclaim that the New Testament was written as many as 100 years after Yeshua. This may rattle the faith of some, but it really should not.

We have good evidence to show that the New Testament documents were written fairly soon after the ministry of Yeshua / Jesus.

Here are the facts:

1) Acts is regarded as the sequel to Luke. So if we can date Acts, then Luke was certainly written before that time. So why do we give Acts a date before 70 AD? The book of Acts does not mention the fall of Jerusalem or the destruction of the Temple. That would be one of the main arguments given by the apostles of why to accept Yeshua / Jesus as Messiah when they were sharing. Their whole message was that Jesus was the final sacrifice. This would have been the ultimate proof for them if the temple was destroyed. Yet it is not mentioned.

2) Acts does not mention the persecution of believers (that we know happened from secular history), done by the Emperor Nero about the year 64 AD. Much of Acts is about persecution, yet nothing is mentioned of that major persecution.

3) Acts does not mention the deaths of Peter (67 AD) or Paul. It ends with Paul under house arrest. Again, it is very unusual to leave this out of a book that focuses on the persecution of believers.

4) The book of Hebrews relies heavily on the fact that Yeshua / Jesus is the final sacrifice for our sins. Yet, the writer mentions nothing about the Temple being destroyed. That would have been a main point for his readers to hear, but nothing is mentioned. Also, when he mentions the temple and priesthood in Jerusalem, he uses the present

tense! (see 5:1-3; 7:23,27; 8:3-5; 9:6-9,13,25; 10:1,3-4,8,11; 13:10-11). This means the temple was still standing when Hebrews was written, hence before 70 AD.

There are many more reasons to date the New Testament documents as being close to the time of Yeshua / Jesus as these are just a few. It is safe to say we can date both Acts and Hebrews before the destruction of the Temple (70 AD). Therefore, Luke should be dated even earlier. And since Luke refers to Mark, that gives Mark an even earlier date as well.

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - C

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