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*Rosh Hashanah
Feast of Trumpets*

*Yom Kippur
Day of Atonement*

*Sukkot
Feast of Booths*

**Yom Kippur
Rosh Hashanah
and Sukkot:**

**Jewish Holy Days
Or God's Complete
And Final Work
For His Redeemed?**





This month we are looking forward to celebrating three significant Jewish holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. As a Jewish believer, I am always excited by the many Bible-believing churches interested in the Jewish holidays. I can understand this interest since the Jewish holidays are patently Biblical.

The fact of the matter is this: Leviticus 23 outlines seven feasts of Jehovah, each of which is pertinent to God's redemptive calendar and points either to Yeshua (Jesus), to His redemption, or to His return. Paul freely makes reference to the feasts in teaching the churches (1 Cor. 5:6-8; 15:20-23, 51, 52). It's obvious that the first-century Church had extensive instruction in this area.

An article on page 3 of this issue points to certain aspects of three of the holy days that are coming up this month: Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah, or New Year), Atonement (Yom Kippur), and Tabernacles (Sukkot or Booths). The fact that some non-Jewish believers enjoy these celebrations not only delights me because fellow believers are enjoying the good teaching of God-given object lessons, but it encourages me because they are also grasping God's opportunity for them to fulfill their witnessing responsibilities.

You see, Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, wrote (through the Holy Spirit), "Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious" (Rom. 11:11). God expects non-Jewish believers to have a spiritual walk and worship that will communicate clearly to the Jewish community *that faith in Jesus is the fulfillment of the hope of Israel*. The church in each community should be a demonstration to their Jewish neighbors of the truth that the Savior of the world *is the Messiah of Israel*, the One to whom all the feasts of Israel point.

Churches that utilize the Biblical feasts have the opportunity to witness in their communities. These churches are using this God-given means of witness and communication instead of vainly hoping that "living Christmas trees" will be a testimony. (Oh, they may be . . . but not to the Jewish community.)

We at Chosen People Ministries are also rather busy this month celebrating and proclaiming Yeshua through the feasts of Israel. Pray for us, and pray that your church, if it isn't already doing so, will join in this edifying and evangelizing witness to the Jewish people. Perhaps one of our speakers or our teaching materials can be a source of edification and encouragement in your church's outreach to the Jewish people in your community.

Sam

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Artist Michael Washer's cover illustration this month presents the Jewish holy days that occur in the seventh month of the Biblical calendar, Tishrei (September). Starting from the upper right and moving clockwise are Rosh Hashanah (the Feast of Trumpets), which points forward to the gathering of Israel into the land and to the gathering of the Church unto the Lord in the Rapture; Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); and Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles), which speaks of the time when all nations will be gathered unto God.



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RYom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, & S Sukkot:

**Are They Just
Jewish Holy Days
or a Vivid Picture
of God's Complete
and Final Work for
His Redeemed?**

In Scripture, the number 7 consistently has symbolic meaning. Seven speaks of completion, finality. So it is no surprise that the Jewish holy days in the seventh month of the Biblical calendar, Tishrei (September), typify God's complete and final work for His redeemed.

Spring and Summer of God

The picture of redemption begins to unfold in the spring, in the feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits (*see chart on page 5*). The Jewish people continue to celebrate these feasts each year through tradition—while remaining unaware of the great truths these holy days point to: Messiah has died for their sins, thereby making atonement, and was raised from the dead (1 Cor. 5:7; 15:20, 23).

The spring feasts are followed by Pentecost, or Shevuot. To the Jewish people this is an early harvest feast; for believers it typifies the birth of the Church.

Following these holy days is the Lord's long summer of service (in which the Gospel ministry is now going on). Although no one knows the day and hour when Messiah will come and end this time of service, we

are taught to always be ready for God's ingathering of His redeemed during the "seventh month."

A Time of Completion

The seventh month is a "time of completion." The final work of redemption is seen in the three final feasts from Leviticus 23, each of which occurs in the seventh month.

The Feast of Trumpets (Lev. 23:23-25) is commonly called Rosh Hashanah or the Jewish New Year. When the Jewish people came out of Babylonian captivity, they adopted the Babylonian civil New Year as their own. Biblically, the Feast of Trumpets looks to the sounding of the trump of God, which, prophetically speaking, is the time when the Church will be gathered with Messiah in the Rapture.

The next feast is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which traditionally is a time for Jewish people to get right with God. Biblically (Lev. 16; 23:26-32), it is a day for Israel to be restored to God as a nation. It also points to the time when Israel will be gathered to the Messiah.

Finally comes the Feast of Sukkot or the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) (Lev. 23:33-43), which is also called the Feast of Ingathering (Exod. 23:16). Today it is celebrated as a final harvest festival, and it is accompanied with great joy in the provision of God for His people. It will one day, however, mark the final gathering together of *all* people before God and will be celebrated with the most joyous celebration of all time.

Let us look at each of these feasts in greater depth.

Rosh Hashanah, or the Feast of Trumpets First is the Feast of Trumpets. Jewish tradition purports that the blowing of trumpets is a reminder of the *shofars* Joshua and the Israelites used at Jericho and of the ram that Abraham sacrificed in place of Isaac (the *shofar* is made from a ram's horn).

Yet Scripture reveals much more about the prophetic meaning of the Feast of Trumpets. This feast points forward to a time when Israel is gathered back in the land (Isa. 27:13). And even more clearly it points to the time

when the Church will be gathered to her Lord in the Rapture (1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thess. 4:16-18).

Because none of us knows the exact time of this future "blowing of the trumpet," the Feast of Trumpets should motivate us to service. Remembering our blessed hope (Tit. 2:13), we want people to believe now, before the day of wrath appears (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9).

Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement

The second Jewish feast that occurs in the seventh month is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Each year Jewish people celebrate the Day of Atonement as the holiest day of the year, reviewing their lives before God. Yet Biblically, it is a national day of restoration, signifying when Israel was to

In the future, the very nations that attack Jerusalem will have to come there to worship. And the very people who, under the Beast, despised the Lord, will come to worship the Lord, the King of Israel.

be restored to service in the Lord through Temple animal sacrifices. Today, because of national unbelief, Israel has been sidetracked in its service.

But there will come a time when Israel will be gathered back to God as a nation. During the Tribulation, Israel will be brought back to the forefront of service with 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Rev. 7:3-8), whom I would like to call 144,000 "Jewish Billy Grahams." These Jewish evangelists will go forth to share the message of Messiah to prepare for the return of the King and the establishment of His Kingdom.

At the end of that Tribulation period, the Jewish people will "look on me [Messiah], the one they have pierced, and mourn for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son" (Zech. 12:10). In that day, Israel will take ad-

vantage of the "cleansing from sin and impurity" (Zech. 13:1).

Thus Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, serves to remind us that this gathering of Israel is coming and to urge us to witness to Jewish people in hope and confidence that God is gathering Israel back to Himself. For who knows, we may even now be planting seeds in the hearts of those Jewish people who will be among the 144,000.

Sukkot, or the Feast of Booths The third and last Jewish feast in the seventh month is Sukkot, the Feast of Booths. This feast typified the great provision of our Sovereign God and the final ingathering of the harvest. In Bible times 70 bulls were to be sacrificed (Num. 29:12-32). Early Jewish leaders saw these bulls as representing the nations of the world (Sukkah 55b).

Scripture assures us that these nations will one day acknowledge the One True God (Zech. 14:9). Interestingly, in the synagogue today during Sukkot, the *lulav*, a palm branch, along with other branches, is waved in four directions. This speaks of the hope that God is not only sovereign over the world but will be acknowledged as such throughout the four corners of the earth.

This hope is promised to be fulfilled in Zech. 14:9, "The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name."

All this being said, it therefore does not seem strange that not only will Israel come to faith at the end of the Tribulation (as seen in Yom Kippur), but following the Tribulation period (when Jerusalem is attacked [Zech. 14:2]), even the nations that make war on Israel will honor the King of kings, the Messiah of Israel, in Jerusalem. For we read in Zechariah 14:16-19,

Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King,

the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

And if the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the Lord smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

The very nations that attack Jerusalem will have to come there to worship. And the very people who, under the Beast, despised the Lord, will come to worship the Lord, the King of Israel.

Sukkot or the Feast of Booths speaks of the time when *all* nations will be gathered unto our God, acknowledging that He alone is sovereign and that

in Him alone are protection and security. Just as Leviticus 23:42, 43, says that Israel would live in booths each year to remind us that in the wilderness, the Lord alone was their protection, so all the world will one day acknowledge that God is the provider, the protector, and the sovereign King.

We can now better understand what is written in Revelation 7: Those "who have come out of the great tribulation" (7:14) will be waving "palm branches in their hands" (7:9) and will be covered by the Lord's tent (tabernacle) (7:15). Every nation, tribe, people, and language will give honor and praise to the Lamb, the Lord of hosts.

A Plan of Redemption

To summarize, we see the seventh month as a time when God speaks of completing His plan of redemption:

the gathering of the Church (Feast of Trumpets), the gathering of the nation Israel (Day of Atonement), and the gathering of the nations (Feast of Booths). Seeing His concern and plan, how should *we* respond? Wouldn't the Lord have us to go and share His Word with all who have ears to hear and certainly with "the Jew first"?

During the month of September, we have special opportunities. Our Chosen People Ministries congregations and Bible studies have planned special holiday services for these three holy days so that our Jewish people might hear the great news of salvation in Messiah.

Will you gather with us in hope and in faith and in prayer as we work to reach out and share His message while we still can? For now is the day of salvation. Now is the appointed time (2 Cor. 6:2). ☺

God's Work In The Feasts Of Jehovah

GOD'S WORK	FEAST	LEV. 23	MONTH	MEANING	FULFILLMENT	RESULT
Gaining His People	Passover	4-5	Nisan, 1st Mo.	Ransom	1 Cor. 5:7	Salvation
	Unl. Bread	6-8	Nisan, 1st Mo.	Removal	1 Cor. 5:8	
	First Fruits	9-14	Nisan, 1st Mo.	Resurrection	1 Cor. 15:21-23	
Grounding His People	Weeks	15-21	Sivan, 3rd Mo.	Redeemed Body	Js. 1:18 Acts 2:1-10	Sanctification
	(Work in the Field)	22	Summer Months	Reaching and Reaping	Mt. 28: 18, 19	
Gathering His People	Trumpets	23-25	Tishrei, 7th Mo.	Rapture	1 Cor. 15:52 1 Thess. 4:18	Glorification
	Atonement	28-32	Tishrei, 7th Mo.	Regeneration of Israel	Zech. 12:10-13:1	
	Booths	33-43	Tishrei, 7th Mo.	Reign of Messiah	Zech. 14:18	

ON A CRASH COURSE WITH GOD

Most people have hopes and dreams. Alan Drezner felt like he just existed, that is, until a head-on collision brought what mattered most in his life into sharp focus.

TESTIMONY: ALAN DREZNER



AT 9:30 P.M., MAY 19, 1988, ALAN DREZNER WAS driving along Long Island's Southern State Parkway, thinking about going to a friend's house, thinking about work, thinking about nothing in particular.

What the other driver was thinking about as her car jumped the median and hit Alan, no one will ever know. She died at the scene.

I don't even remember the last thing I was thinking. It was a trip I made all the time. There was no warning or horns blaring. The next thing I knew, I was waking up at the hospital, full of tubes, confused by the anxious eyes and soothing voices above me.

"You were in an accident," somebody said.

"Are the kids okay?" I asked, forgetting I had been alone.

Over the next few days the more I realized what a miracle it was that I had survived, the more I asked, "Why? Why did I live?"

Nothing in the 33 years of my life prepared me to answer this question.

No Knowledge of God

I grew up a Reform Jew in Flushing, Queens, New York, with what could be called traditional Jewish religious training. I had been Bar Mitzvahed but had no real knowledge of God. I'm not sure how I knew there was a God, or why I believed it, but it was just something I always believed.

Knowing He was there, of course, was not the same as thinking He might have a personal plan for me. Actually, I don't think I had any idea that there was any plan at all for my life. Come to think of it, looking at me, no one else would have either.

When I was 17 I started doing drugs—no one drug very heavily but a little bit of everything. When I was 18 I went to college. I didn't do anything there very seriously either. I didn't like to read. I didn't like to study. When, six years and 118 credits later I still hadn't graduated, I dropped out.

A "Nothing" Career

Since I wasn't trained to do much, I went to work at a bowling alley. It was a nothing career that matched how I felt inside. But while I was there God was still working in my life. I met a wonderful young lady named Carol, who had everything going for her—a great salary, a great job, a great future.

Two years later, in 1982, we got married. She could have done a lot better than to marry me, but she loved me. The next few years flew by. In 1983 we had a daughter. In 1985 we bought a house. In 1986 we had a son.

My life soared. I got down to business, went through a vocational school and got a better job.

Still, nothing seemed to make sense to me about the future. I was living with no real sense of accomplishment. I didn't know what it would take to satisfy me; I only knew I was dissatisfied. Most people have hopes and dreams—I just existed.

Because life seemed vague and empty, I continued to use drugs. I wasn't addicted and never had to

cheat or steal to get them, but I was pretty caught up in the drug scene. The drugs affected me; they dictated how I spent my time and where I went.

Vicious Cycle

Because drugs were a priority, I became very verbally abusive to Carol and the kids. I'd yell and scream, cursing and using strong language, until Carol would cry and the kids would be terrified. I couldn't escape the cycle of being angry inside and lashing out against the people I loved the most.

Over the next few days the more I realized what a miracle it was that I had survived, the more I asked, "Why? Why did I live?"

Maybe it wasn't only the drugs. Maybe I wasn't mature enough to handle all my responsibilities. Whatever the reason, I felt like I needed *something*, or *someone*, but I couldn't figure out what . . . or who . . . that could be.

Then one night, God finally got my attention. I was driving along a stretch of the Southern State Parkway called "Blood Alley" because of its high number of accidents. I was going to pick up a friend.

I never made it.

One minute I was on the road, and six hours later I woke up in the Nassau County Medical Center, hearing the doctor say, "You're a lucky young man."

I had no idea what was happening or why I was there. (My mom, dad and wife had already been there for hours, at first only knowing that I had been in a fatal auto accident but not being able to find out if I was alive.)

Only much later did I find out that

a west-bound driver had lost control of her car, jumped the divider and hit my east-bound car head-on. She died instantly. They found me sitting outside my car in shock. They didn't know how I got out. Neither did I.

I was out of work for a month with bruised ribs, 18 stitches in my head and another 18 in my elbow. The injuries were slight considering I had even survived.

Aimless Life

And every day I'd ask myself, "Why? Why did I survive? Why did she die?" My aimless life suddenly confronted me, and I wondered, "Does any of this make sense?"

When you don't know God, you don't have the answers.

When I went back to work a co-worker told me the reason I lived was because Jesus wanted me to. He told me God loved me. He told me God was sovereign and had a plan for my life.

I told him to leave me alone.

It wasn't because I didn't want to hear what he was saying, but because I just didn't know what to do with what he told me. I didn't want to deal with it. I didn't know how.

When he asked me if I would read the Bible, I surprised myself by saying yes. So he gave me a Bible, and I took it home. Over the next year I read that Bible three times. Cover to cover. I went back over it again and again. Then I got out the Bible I had received at my Bar Mitzvah . . . the *Jewish* (Masoretic text) version.

I compared Isaiah 7 and 53 in both versions. I compared a lot of the prophecies I was reading, always expecting to find discrepancies.

There weren't any.

A Jewish Message

In the New Testament it impressed me that Jesus went to the synagogues. Seeing Him go to the Jewish people, realizing that the New Testament was a Jewish message, became significant to me. It was hard to plod through the King James language, but still I read on, always searching for the reason

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STEP

SUMMER TRAINING AND EVANGELISM PROGRAM

THEY HAILED FROM FARAWAY PLACES LIKE THE NETHERLANDS and Mexico and as down-home as Kansas City and Grover, North Carolina. One was raised a fourth-generation Jewish believer; another was raised a Catholic. The youngest was 17, while the oldest was a grandmother of five. But they all had one thing in common: a burden to reach the Jewish people for Yeshua (Jesus).

Meet this year's STEP (Summer Training and Evangelism Program) team members. As you get to know them from these brief thumbnail sketches, perhaps you can pray for them as they return to their "own Jerusalems." And please don't forget to pray for the Jewish people across the United States who heard these believers share about Him of whom Moses and the prophets spoke.

Steve* had tsuris (troubles). He pulled up at a Messianic congregation outside Pittsburgh a few weeks ago, just before nightfall as Israel Cohen's STEP team was getting ready to minister.

New in town (from Florida), Jewish, and 58 years old, Steve was thinking about his late wife—she had died tragically in December walking down the aisle as they were giving their daughter away in marriage.

"I want to say *Kaddish* [Jewish prayer for the dead] for my wife," he said softly to one of the women who met him outside.

"What's this?" he asked, gesturing to the congregation. "What kind of congregation is this?" he asked.

"We're a Messianic congregation," she said to explain the difference between their congregation and the two Jewish synagogues (one Conservative, one Reform) that sat across the street on opposite corners.

"We'll pray for you."

"We believe the Messiah has already come. Why don't you come in and we'll pray for you?"

Just a few minutes after being introduced to Israel Cohen he unburdened himself. Since his wife's death in December, everywhere he's turned for answers—to the TV, newspapers, billboards, and even strangers, the name Jesus keeps coming up. Steve finally blurted out to a Christian businessman just what was on his mind: "This is fine for you, but I'm Jewish."

"The answer is Jesus," Israel Cohen reassured him. "But not some Gentile Jesus."

"Really?" Steve was incredulous and full of questions. "What about the six million [the Holocaust]? What happened between the Old and New Testaments? What is the difference between the 'born again' Christians and you?"

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After classroom training during June, STEPers hit the streets in Chicago. Later, in July, splitting up into three teams, they covered New York City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cherry Hill, Indianapolis, Tulsa, St. Louis, and Dallas.



* Not his real name.



Susan Galiley comes from four generations of Jewish believers . . . and her sister Sarah joined STEP in 1985. In our Messianic commu-

nity Susan enjoys working with children and sharing her faith. No matter what the situation, Susan always has a word of encouragement.



Born in the Netherlands Marius Ossevoort finds that the Lord always seems

to put Jewish people in his life . . . as customers, as friends, even as seatmates on his trips to Holland. To help him attend STEP, his wife stayed home to care for their ceramic tile business in Baldwinsville, New York.



Roy Ramos was raised a Catholic but since he was saved, he's had a burden to reach Jewish people. He served the Lord in Israel for 10 months

and hopes to continue in Jewish missions, either in Israel or in Argentina.



Shelley Alongi's animated interest in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel is most often seen as she helps our Chosen People workers at Cal State Fullerton. A student at that university, Shelley is pursuing a music degree with



Jane Spellman, elementary school teacher, says that the more she learns about the Jewish roots of Christianity, the more her faith is enriched. From Kansas City, Jane has been a believer for 10 years.



Caryn Buchman has known the Lord for four years. On a recent job interview, the interviewer (a man wearing a yarmulka) asked

her what she'd really like to do. "I'm a Jewish believer," she told him, "and I want to reach people for God." Stunned, the Jewish man said, "I had a dream God would bring a Messianic Jew I could talk to." She hopes this summer will help her respond effectively to situations like that.



an emphasis on piano. Her blindness does not impair her vision for Jewish missions.



Laura Empson's been busy. She went on an evangelistic band trip to Brazil, graduated

from Moody Bible Institute with a degree in Sacred Music and still managed (just barely in time!) to join us at STEP.



A junior at Arizona College of the Bible, Bob Suggs has worked with Bethany Bible Church's high school ministry as a campus missionary. He came to STEP to get exposure to missionary work among Jewish people and to further determine

his course of future ministry.



Emmy Benjamin from Monterey, Mexico, teaches English to Mexican businesspeople (using a textbook she's written). We first



met Emmy a few years ago when she wrote to ask if she could translate our "Dear Rabbi" tract into Spanish and send it to Jewish people.



Even though there aren't a lot of Jewish people in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, the Lord seems to lead

the ones who are there to



Jim Schmadl's path. After watching our video "Messiah in the Passover" and receiving our magazine, THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, Jim joined STEP to learn how to be a better witness.



From Grover, North Carolina, mother of four and grandmother of five, Gertrude Mitchem is a missionary

wherever she goes. For many years she's been praying that God would save Jewish people. This year He answered her prayers by sending her into the harvest.



From Leningrad, Russia, Jewish believer Lydia Onbreit attended Russia's Railway Engineering Institute to study civil engineering before she came to faith in Messiah. After STEP, Lydia will continue with Chosen People as a missionary to Russian Jews.



Michael Crosby first encountered Messiah when he ventured into a revival meeting after a day of sky diving. He is a member of Beth



Messiah Congregation in Columbus, Ohio, and joined STEP to learn evangelism "under fire."



A senior in high school, 17-year-old Michael Alpert is the youngest of this year's STEPers. The son of Chosen People missionaries Ben and Bonnie, Michael carries the same burden that his parents do—to make Messiah known to the Jewish people.

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"We're really the same," Israel explained. "It's just that Gentiles have to understand the Jewish roots of their faith."

Elders Pray

Israel took Steve upstairs and suggested that he and the elders of the congregation pray for Steve. As they gathered around Steve laying their hands on him, they prayed for God to open his heart to the truth of Messiah. "I'm a lost soul . . . I'm a lost soul," Steve mumbled sadly as the last elder prayed.

The next day during a three-hour lunch, Israel and STEP team member Susan Galiley gave Steve a clear outline of the Gospel. At times he wiped tears away from behind his glasses.

And still he had questions. "What about all the Jewish people who died without Jesus?"

"I know he was thinking about his wife, but I told him I couldn't speak for God . . . or for deathbed confessions," Israel said, trying to offer him some hope. "But the Bible is clear. We need to believe in Jesus."

After coffee Israel turned to Steve. "Is there any reason why you couldn't pray to receive Messiah Jesus right now?"

"I really need to think about this and read some more," Steve said.

Israel handed Steve his own study Bible across the table. "I told him to read my notes too," Israel said.

"You know, for 58 years I've never heard this message," Steve concluded. "In three hours I just can't change. But let me see what God says to me."

Editor's Note: Israel feels that the crux of Steve's reluctance to believe is that if he acknowledges Jesus as Messiah, he also must accept that his wife may have died without the Lord.

Pray for Steve (now that you know the questions he wrestles with) and for the many Jewish people who heard the Gospel through the STEP team this summer. ☺

Bring Your Jewish Friends and Relatives to a Holy Day Worship Service Near You.

JEWISH HOLY DAY WORSHIP SERVICES



YONKERS, NY Light of Israel Congregation, Rich Freeman (914) 962-0527. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 8:00 p.m.

PLAINVIEW, LI, NY Olive Tree Congregation, Joe Dorais (516) 939-2277. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 8:00 p.m.

LIVINGSTON, NJ Beth Messiah Congregation, Larry Feldman (201) 535-3954. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m.

NEW HAVEN, CT Joy of Israel Congregation, Stewart Weinsch (203) 732-8296. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17. Please call for times.

NORWOOD, MA Beth El Shaddai Congregation, Gary Derechinsky (617) 255-9931. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.; Sukkot: Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.

ROCKVILLE, MD Son of David Congregation, Scott Brown (301) 989-2532. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. Please call for information on additional services.

CHARLOTTE, NC Beth Sar Shalom Fellowship, Nancy Singer (704) 357-9000. Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur: Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

AKRON, OH Call Wayne Kaipainen for more information at (216) 836-0540. Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.

COLUMBUS, OH Olive Branch Congregation, Don Marks (614) 486-3421. Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur: Sept. 7, 14, 11:00 a.m.

DENVER, CO Roeh Israel Congregation, Sylvia Yellin (303) 337-6254. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 18, 10:00 a.m.; Sukkot: Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Hoshanah Rabbah: Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTO, CA Shepherd of Israel Fellowship, Artis Clotfelter (916) 722-6615. Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur: Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m.

LOS ANGELES, CA Shepherd of Israel Congregation, Chris Melisko (818) 716-5941. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO, CA Chosen People Ministries, Irv and Cordelia Rifkin (619) 583-3336. Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur: Please call for information. Feast of Tabernacles: Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.

MONTREAL, CANADA Beth Messiah Fellowship, Winnie Mariner (514) 332-9214. Yom Kippur: Sept. 13, 8:00 p.m.

TORONTO, CANADA Olive Tree Congregation, Ben Volman (416) 665-4695. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 8; Yom Kippur: Sept. 17, 8:00 p.m. Please call for information.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA Beth Sar Shalom Center, Roberto Passo (01) 87-3620. Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 7, 6:00 p.m.; Yom Kippur: Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

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why I had lived, looking for some way to explain the miracle that had taken me outside that car.

Finally I found the reason.

One night I came home from work, tired and lost in my thoughts. I was aware of how tired I was of my life—tired of doing drugs, tired of yelling and being so angry at my family.

I knew that I was alive because God loved me. He gave His only Son for me. He had a plan for me that was better than the one I had for myself. I realized Messiah offered me a way, the only way, out of everything that made me tired.

I went upstairs and got on my knees and asked God to forgive me and to come into my life.

"My Coming Out"

Carol describes my life after that night as "my coming out," meaning that my life completely changed. I announced my new life to my family, stopped all drug use and found that not only was I changing on the outside, but on the inside also. For the first time in our family life, I started to get to know my wife and children.

It was only a matter of weeks before I met Michael Rydelnik and the Olive Tree Congregation in Plainview, Long Island. It was a place where both Carol and I were comfortable and where the children could learn about faith in the Messiah. We've been "home" there since, attending Bible studies and services.

Looking back, I can see how brutal I was (to myself and everyone around me) before I knew the Lord. But all I cared about then was what I wanted to do. It took the Lord, and a head-on collision, to appreciate what God put so simply in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ☺

"I Need More Interest from My Savings to Make Both Ends Meet!"

Interest rates are down, which helps inflation but does not help individuals who live on fixed incomes and who depend on higher interest rates to help meet monthly expenses. Mrs. Ferris was one of those individuals living on a fixed income. She decided to inquire about our Withdrawable Gift Agreement.

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Knowing that some of her CDs were

coming due and that interest rates were down, Mrs. Ferris inquired about our Withdrawable Gift Agreement. She was pleasantly surprised to find that not only could she get a higher interest rate from a Withdrawable Gift Agreement with Chosen People Ministries, Inc., but she could also have the interest income paid to her on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

She also learned that if she didn't need the interest, she could let it accrue, thus increasing the amount on deposit.

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institutions. She also discovered that unlike her CDs, which had fixed time limits and penalties for early withdrawal, a Withdrawable Gift Agreement from Chosen People Ministries would allow her to have access to her money on thirty days' notice, with no penalties for withdrawal.

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The Prophet Daniel

By HAROLD A. SEVENER

Remember that Daniel saw the vision recorded in Daniel 8 during the reign of Belshazzar. He actually experienced, by divine revelation, the Persian and, later, the Grecian empires, which would affect Israel after its return to the land. This was why Daniel was so bold in his witness to Belshazzar. Daniel could condemn the king for his actions, and he could refuse to accept anything that the king offered. Daniel knew, by his own experience with the living God, *that the days of Belshazzar were numbered*. Daniel's faith was *living faith*.

God desires to see such living faith in each of our lives. He wants us to experience His salvation. He wants us to be assured that He saves to the uttermost all who come to Him and that He has a divine plan and purpose for each of His children. Because we know that He is faithful, based on His Word, we can be assured that He will richly bless us as we seek to conform our lives and actions to His Word. This is the walk of faith—allowing God's Word to actively affect our everyday lives and actions.

In this vision (Dan. 8), Daniel saw a two-horned ram standing beside the Ulai Canal. Then he noticed something very interesting: "... The horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later" (Dan. 8:3). He then wrote, "I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great" (Dan. 8:4).

Persia, the Ram

What makes this vision so very interesting is that the Persian kingdom appears in symbolic form later in history as a ram. C. F. Keil and F. Delitzsch, in their commentary on the book of Daniel, wrote, "In Bundeheesch the guardian spirit of the Persian kingdom appears under the form of a ram with clean feet and sharp-pointed horns, and ... the Persian king when he stood at the head of his army, bore, instead of the diadem, the head of a ram" (*Biblical Commentary on the Old Testament*, p. 290).

The Persian coins were embossed with the figure of

the ram. The Persian kings wore a golden, jeweled ram's head on their heads instead of the usual crown. Thus the ram came to symbolize Persia.

It is not without significance that the two horns in Daniel's vision are different from each other. One horn comes up later and grows stronger and longer than the other. We must remember, as mentioned before, that in Scripture horns always symbolize power and kingdoms. So they do in Daniel 8:3, as confirmed in Daniel 8:20, where Daniel was told, "The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia."

Daniel knew that God faithfully keeps His promises to His children, that those who trust Him, even though they experience great distress, can be encouraged, knowing that God will never forsake them or leave them.

Persia, under king Cyrus, became the dominant influence in this dual kingdom and thus represents the growth of the larger horn. Historically we know that Susa, after being ruled for a time by Babylon, was attacked by the Median Empire and finally by the Persian Empire, being ruled by the latter until the Medo-Persian Empire fell.

Notice the direction of the attack of this two-horned ram. According to verse 4, it attacked from the west, the north, and the south. Historically, the Persian Empire came from the land east of Babylon. Today it is modern Iran, located to the east of the Tigris-Euphrates River. Thus, its first direction of attack was toward the west, when it conquered Babylon, Syria, and Asia Minor. After conquering these empires, Persia then conquered the northern empires of Colchis, Armenia, and Iberia. Finally Persia moved south and conquered Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, and Israel.

God desires to see the type of faith Daniel had in each of our lives. He wants us to experience His salvation. He wants us to be assured that He saves to the uttermost all who come to Him and that He has a divine plan and purpose for each of His children.

Encouraged and Alarmed

In this vision God revealed to Daniel, in full detail, the extent of the Persian Empire and its conquest of Babylon and of the then-known world. Being the recipient of such an awesome revelation, Daniel, I am sure, was both encouraged and alarmed. He must have been encouraged by the knowledge that God would judge the wicked nations because of their sin and unrighteousness. He must have found comfort as well in God's promises, which told him that even though Babylon was going to be destroyed, Daniel himself as well as the Jewish people exiled in the Babylonian Empire would be preserved. Perhaps Daniel remembered how hundreds of years earlier, in Noah's day, God had destroyed the world. But God, keeping His promises, saved Noah, a righteous man, and his family. Daniel knew that God faithfully keeps His promises to His children, that those who trust Him, even though they experience great distress, can be encouraged, knowing that God will never forsake them or leave them.

I believe that Daniel was also alarmed because he recognized that the time was short and that God's judgment was about to fall on the Babylonian Empire. I believe this vision awakened in Daniel a deeper desire to live a righteous and holy life and a greater burden to share God's truth with his Jewish brethren in Babylon as well as with the Babylonian leaders and people with whom he came in contact.

The truth of God's Word should affect all believers in this way. In our day as we see the events in the Middle East rapidly shaping the stage of world history for the return of the Messiah, we too should be both encouraged and alarmed. Like Daniel, we can be encouraged that God keeps His promises. Messiah will return in fulfillment of God's prophetic program. But we need to be alarmed as well—alarmed at the shortness of the hour in which we live. There are still many who have not heard the Good News of salvation.

Righteous and Holy Lives

God has commissioned each believer to bring the

Good News of salvation to Jew and Gentile alike. The revelation of God's prophetic truth should spark within us a desire to live righteous and holy lives and to bring the Gospel to all peoples. We should not view understanding God's prophetic Word as just an intellectual exercise or contemplated truth or even as a spiritual exercise. Rather, it should provoke us into action. God is acting in history. Judgment is coming.

We will each be held accountable for our actions; we will each stand before God to account for what we have done in our lives. Believers will stand before the Judgment Seat of the Messiah. Unbelievers will face the Great White Throne Judgment. Believers will receive crowns for their faithful service. Unbelievers will hear words of eternal damnation and punishment.

For the believer, understanding God's prophetic Word is a privilege. But with this privilege comes great responsibility, a responsibility to live righteous and holy lives and to bring the Gospel to Jew and Gentile alike. Daniel lived his life in the light of the privilege that was his in understanding God's prophetic program. What a difference it would make if we as believers, the Church, would live our lives acting upon the privilege that is ours in understanding God's prophetic Word. ☺

AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE Evangelical Press Association, May 8, 1991, in St. Charles, Illinois, *The Chosen People* magazine received two awards.

In the Higher Goals in Christian Journalism competition, *The Chosen People* was awarded Fifth Place for best Photo Feature for the August 1990 issue describing this ministry's outreach to Soviet Jews. Other winners in this category were *Worldwide Challenge* (Campus Crusade for Christ), *Charisma and Christian Life*, *World Vision*, and *Moody Magazine*. Gary Fong, Director of Photography of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and President of Christians in Photojournalism, was the judge.

In the Awards of Excellence competition, *The Chosen People* magazine also received an Award of Merit, one of four awards given to missionary publications for excellence in editorial and graphic design. Other winners were *In Other Words* (Wycliffe Bible Translators), *Indian Life* (Intertribal Christian Communications), and *World Vision*. The Awards of Excellence were judged by the faculty of the Journalism Department at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, chaired by Dr. Wil Norton.

Following the Messiah in baptism is an intense experience for an adult. Imagine such an event at age eleven! The daughter of a Chosen People Ministries worker describes her feelings at this turning point in her young life.

Pray for Rachel

From the age of two, my parents taught me about Yeshua. At four and a half years old, I asked Yeshua to come into my heart. Since then I have known that I am saved, and desire to know more about Him.

For the last three years at Simcha, I have seriously thought of immersion, but have not worked up the courage to do it.

At Simcha on June 8th 1991, there was an afternoon class on immersion. I was glad to be at the class. That night I was immersed. It was one of the greatest times of my life.

Afterwards, I felt good and cleansed. From then on I have felt stronger about living for God. I also want to win souls for Him like it says in Scripture, Proverbs 11:30, He who is wise wins souls.

Larry and Rachel Feldman



Rachel Feldman
11 years old

"Messiah in Jewish Tradition and Celebration" Calendar Makes a Perfect Gift for the Jewish New Year (Sept. 9)

Share the Gospel in a nonoffensive way with your Jewish friends

The "Messiah in Jewish Tradition and Celebration" calendar is the perfect, nonoffensive way to share your faith with your Jewish friends and neighbors. Designed to be given as a gift on the Jewish New Year (September 9, 1991), the calendar includes a clear presentation of the Gospel and the testimony of the calendar artist, a Jewish believer in Jesus. You'll also discover the fascinating Jewish roots of Christianity as you read month by month about the ancient Jewish traditions and celebrations. Printed on high-quality stock, the calendar features monthly one-of-a-kind Jewish folkstyle paintings that are suitable for framing.

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from Elgin, IL, shares the Gospel with Jewish friends and then follows up her witness by giving them the calendar. "I feel good about giving them the calendar," she says. "[The calendars] are nonoffensive and are always well-received."

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