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## Mission News-Views

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Shalom friends,

**In the end, will we "HOLDERS OF THE TRUTH" be found unfaithful saying the price was just to high to pay, we are sorry Jesus?**

Will true Christians (to distinguish from pretenders) today seek other than to resist and dispel evil, lies, darkness in every form and to continue the command from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to represent Him fully and truthfully in and to this world? If not, we will pay and this world will pay a different price. Simply put, to believe in a Jesus other than the Jesus presented in the Bible, is what many are willing to go all the way — to give up their very lives — in their quest to force and impose their false Jesus/false eternal life upon the world. For them, no price is too high.

Do you think that the real God wants us to serve him in freedom or as inferiors under the rule of a false god; subjugated as inferiors? What ever happened to *with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we pledge to*

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**TRUTH OR FALSENESS REWARDS**



## נאמנות של אלוהים GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

by Donna Drebenstedt, staff *No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no one's heart has imagined all the things that God has prepared for those who love Him. I Corinthians 2:9 & Isaiah 64:4*

**"In the middle of it all we represent Jesus!"** This was a statement of mine to our prayer team after a recent day on campus that was full of difficult situations. Stuff that tends to drain your emotions and can keep me from total focus on my call to be an ambassador for Jesus! I am grateful that God's Spirit speaks clearly to me in these moments to remind me of His call on my life... **to represent Him! God is entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore we are ambassadors of the Messiah, in effect, God is making His appeal through us. We appeal on behalf of the Messiah, be reconciled to God! II Corinthians 5:19-20**

Menorah has always been on a Gospel mission and it is with great joy we keep asking God how He wants us to represent Him. Each week I ask God

for creative ideas to catch a listening ear and have His name lifted up, souls saved and lives changed forever!

This last semester on the college campus has been exciting! We started out the year with a four day outreach with Pastor/Professor Daniel Scot from Pakistan. It was a powerful 4 days of watching the Holy Spirit work. The very first person, early in the morning, was a student from Libya who was talking to her Muslim friend from there on the phone. Her friend was telling her how she now hates Muslims and Islam and then their call was disconnected. She looked up and saw our table and tent and knew she had to talk with us because she too had been feeling this way. What a wonderful encouragement from Jesus to start our day! The

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## Salvation Testimony!

Excerpts from letters by **RABBI I. LICHTENSTEIN**  
"By His divine providence I accidentally took in my hand a New Testament

which for many long years I had left unnoticed in a corner. From every line, from every word, the Jewish spirit streamed forth; light, life, power. endurance. Faith, hope, love, chastity; limitless.

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## YESHUA (Jesus) IS THE MESSIAH!

As a religious Jew raised in the yeshivot of Poland, like my peers, I knew that the secrets of Israel's redemption and the Messianic Days lay hidden in the book of Daniel. I also knew that some of the great Talmudic and post-Talmudic Rabbis had plunged into the study of this book and even

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## PROPHECY LEAD ME TO THE MESSIAH!

by Martin Wolf

**My Question-** I was born in a Jewish home and brought up in the traditions of my people, Israel. In our home the Sabbath was faithfully kept. On Friday night, as the sun went down, my mother would *bentchen light* (light the Sabbath candles), and my father would say the Kiddish (prayer for the Sabbath). On the Sabbath, we would attend the services in the synagogue.

Although, at the time, I did not fully appreciate having to go to the synagogue or

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## AN AMAZING JOURNEY

*It's our story that we live.... but it's God's story that He gave to us.*

**Be encouraged to keep going!**

**John 3 Jude 3**

Some ....

## Menorah Scenes

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## TRUTH OR FALSENESS REWARDS

serve Jesus with our lives and bring glory and honor unto His Name? Are you and I faithful to our Lord when we may not speak out against a false gospel and actively work to correct the lie? The answer will become clear sooner than most people think. **The Body of Christ, the "HOLDERS OF THE TRUTH" must stand up and fully consistently stand for the Truth at all costs.** To call a halt to the attacks! Judge the matter of your life before Christ now my friend and live your life in view of the coming time of standing in His presence to account for every word and action. Darkness is pushing and few seem to see or speak *stop!* Do we live Romans 1:16: *For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.*

It's the Truth that sets people free from death, eternal separation from the presence of the real God. **There is only one way into this Truth. And that is by the Biblical Messiah Jesus, not another Jesus.** *John 3; Romans 8-10* (www.menorah.org/whyjim) Jesus said, *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* John 14:6 **"HOLDERS OF THE TRUTH" go forth!**

May God bless you & use you,

*Pastor Kenka*



## נאמנות של אלוהים GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

day continued like this.... a single mother who heard the gospel for the first time wanted to ask Jesus to be her Savior, a Jewish student with an actual open heart for Jesus stopped with his questions, Bernardo rededicated his life... and so the day went with my heart leaping for Joy the whole time!

The following day was wonderfully the same but we were also able to fill the air with praises for Jesus in Farsi, Hebrew, Arabic, Urdu and English! Many Muslims and others stopped to have their questions answered, received literature and heard the Gospel. Students filled with tears came for prayer and others to thank us for the praise music and our bold witness! At various times we had an ex-Muslim from Iran, a Jew and a Pakistani all on stage testifying and praising Jesus!

We held debates the following two evenings with a representative from the Muslim community. There was a good turnout! Muslim students from the campus's that we had talked to in the past came to these debates and many were actually excited about doing the debates again! What wonderful events God put together!

The rest of the semester was filled with follow up conversations and God giving new ideas to get student attention. A large Genealogy Chart of the Bible and a 7 foot long Wall Chart of World History with the Biblical time-line being most prominent, clearly showing the world being about 6,000 years old, were awesome attention getters. Most days we had non-stop conversations and many opportunities to share the gospel! We even had a Movie Day/Night showing the first "Left Behind" movie 5 times! That was a fun time sparking all kinds of salvation questions! Last but not least was the Christmas Cookie with a Gospel Message give away! See page 6 for photos. Please pray for those who made a commitment to follow Jesus and those still pondering Him! My heart overflows with gratitude in all these opportunities to **represent Jesus** and shout, at least in my heart, **"be reconciled to God!"**

Thanks for **your** prayers & support!

*Dennis*

## Salvation Testimony!

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## RABBI I. LICHTENSTEIN

indestructible faith in God; kindness to prodigality; moderation to self-denial; content to the exclusion of all sense of need; pity, gentleness, consideration for others with extreme strictness as regards self; all these were to be found pervading the book. Every noble principle, every pure moral teaching, all patriarchal virtues with which Israel was adorned in its prime, and is still to some extent adorned as heir of the community of Jacob, I found in this Book of books refined and simplified, and that in it there is balsam for every pain of soul, comfort for every sorrow, healing for every moral hurt — renewal of faith, and resurrection to a new well-pleasing to God.

"I had thought the New Testament to be impure, a source of pride, of overweening selfishness, of hatred, of the worst kind of violence; but as I opened it, I felt myself peculiarly and wonderfully taken possession of. A sudden glory; a light flashed through my soul. I looked for thorns, and I gathered roses; I discovered pearls instead of pebbles; instead of hatred, love; instead of vengeance, forgiveness; instead of bondage, freedom; instead of pride, humility; instead of enmity, conciliation; instead of death, life, salvation, resurrection, heavenly treasure.

The Jew has been sick for 2,000 years; in vain has he sought healing and help of his physicians; in vain has he spent all his substance. By faith alone, and by contact with Jesus, by the power which goes forth from Jesus, can he find healing. I would point him to Jesus in His heavenly glory, in His divinity; exalted and great as eternity, as the Redeemer, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace."

"I said, days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.' (Job 32:7,8) When the Council and the high priest at Jerusalem considered means to silence Peter

and the Apostles, a Pharisee of the name of Gamaliel, greatly esteemed by all the people, stood up in the Council, and said: 'Let these men alone, for if this counsel, or this work, be of men, it will come to naught, but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it.' (Acts 5: 27-38.) The work was of God, for it has not perished in the course of time; the holy fire has neither been suppressed nor extinguished by the many storms which have raged against it; but it has kindled the more, and during eighteen centuries has shone even brighter and more clearly, filled with the most ennobling thoughts, and ever extending its dominion with the forward movements of the times.

The Gospel has outrun Alexander, who stopped at the Indus; it has outrun Crassus, who stopped at the Euphrates; it has outrun Varus, who stopped at the Rhine; it has outrun every world conqueror, and will only come to a stop when it has reached Israel. 'The sun arises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to his place, where he arises. The holy breath goes toward the south and turns about unto the north, and returns again according to its circuit.' (Eccles. 1: 5, 6.)"

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## MUSLIM JESUS V S. BIBLICAL JESUS

### \* Twenty Scriptural Reasons WHY THEY ARE NOT THE SAME JESUS \*

#### 1. ISLAMIC JESUS WAS CREATED AND NOT ETERNAL

The similitude of Jesus before Allah is that of Adam: he created him from dust, then said to him, "Be": and he was. Surah 3:59

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO IS ETERNAL** *But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth [have been] from of old, from everlasting.* Micah 5:2

*Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.* John 8:58

2. **ISLAMIC JESUS IS A CREATED HUMAN** He created him (Jesus) from dust, then said to him: "Be". Surah 3:59

**BIBLICAL JESUS IS THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING THAT IS** *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* John 1:3

*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.* Colossians 1: 16-17.

#### 3. ISLAMIC JESUS IS NOT THE LAMB OF GOD WHO WAS SLAIN

That they said (in boast), We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah. But they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of surety they killed him not: Koran: Surah 4.157

**BIBLICAL JESUS IS THE LAMB OF GOD** *Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.* Gospel of John 1 :29

4. **ISLAMIC JESUS WHO WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL JUDGMENT DAY** *And (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment): Therefore have no doubt about the (Hour), but follow you Me: This is a Straight Way.* Surah 43:61

**BIBLICAL JESUS APPEARED TO THE APOSTLE PAUL (SAUL) AFTER CHRIST'S ASCENSION (SAUL'S CONVERSION)** *And he said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute:* Acts 9:5

5. **ISLAMIC JESUS PROPHESED (BUT DID NOT SEND) THE COMING OF MOHAMMED (ISLAMIC JESUS DID NOT SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT)** *And (remember) when 'Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), said: 'O Children of Israel! I am the Messenger of Allah unto you, confirming the Tawraat [(Torah) which came] before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad. ' But when he (Ahmad, i.e. Muhammad) came to them with clear proofs, they said: 'This is plain magic'. [al-Saff 61 :6]*

**BIBLICAL JESUS SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT (COMFORTER) WHICH CAME AT PENTECOST 50 DAYS LATER NOT FIVE HUNDRED YEARS LATER (MOHAMMED)** *But the Comforter which is the Holy Spirit John 14:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me: John 15:26 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go*

*away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16:7 For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. Acts 1:5*

6. **ISLAM WHICH SAYS SALVATION IS FOUND ONLY IN THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM** *Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive (jahadu) with might and main in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah. They are the people who will achieve salvation.* Surah 9:20

Salvation can only be found in the Five Pillars of Shahada (Testifying of God's Oneness), Salat (Prayer), Saum (Fasting), Zakat (Charity), and Hajj (Pilgrimage). *Those who believe, and emigrate and strive with might and main, in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah: they are the people who will achieve (salvation).* (Surah Verses 9:20-22 At-Tawbah, the Repentance)

*If any do deeds of righteousness,- be they male or female,- and have faith, they will enter Heaven, and not the least injustice will be done to them.* (Surah Verse 4:124 An-Nisaa, the Women)

**BIBLICAL JESUS: SALVATION IS FOUND IN NONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF** *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12 That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved.* Romans 10:9

7. **ISLAMIC JESUS WHO IS AN INVOLUNTARY SLAVE TO ALLAH (IN THAT A SLAVE IS NOT FREE)** *I will then say what the Pious Slave Jesus the son of Mary said...(Hadith: Narrated by Ibn Abbas 5.117-118). Jesus..although he is just one of Allah's slaves. (Hadith: Narrated Nafi, 007.063.209). You'd better go to Jesus, Allah's slave (Hadith: Narrated Anas, 009.093.532, Volume 9, Book 93, Number 507.)*

#### **BIBLICAL JESUS MADE HIMSELF A VOLUNTARY SERVANT**

*Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.* Philippians 2: 6-8

8. **ISLAMIC JESUS WAS NEVER CRUCIFIED AND THEREFORE WAS NOT RESURRECTED** *And because of their saying (in boast), 'We killed Messiah 'Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), the Messenger of Allah, ' - but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but it appeared so to them the resemblance of 'Eesa (Jesus) was put over another man (and they killed that man)}, and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely; they killed him not [i.e. 'Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)]: But Allah raised him ['Eesa (Jesus)] up (with his body and soul) unto Himself (and he is in the heavens). And Allah is Ever All Powerful, All Wise [al-Nisaa' 4:157-158]*

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO (BY HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION) SAVED HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS** *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11 :25 And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain. I Corinthians 15:14*

9. **ISLAMIC JESUS IS NOT THE GOD IN THE FLESH AS THE MESSIAH** *Surely, they have disbelieved who say: Allah is the Messiah ['Eesa (Jesus)], son of Maryam* Continued on p. 4

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(Mary)' [al-Maa'idah 5:72] Surely, disbelievers are those who said: 'Allah is the third of the three (in a Trinity).' But there is no Allah (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Allah (God -Allah). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them. [alMaa'idah 5:73] AND Islamic Jesus is NOT the Son of God Then the sects differed [i.e. the Christians about 'Eesa (Jesus)], so woe unto the disbelievers [those who gave false witness by saying that 'Eesa (Jesus) is the son of Allah] from the Meeting of a great Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection, when they will be thrown in the blazing Fire) : Maryam 19:34-38] *Th a t they ascribe a son (or offspring or children) to the Most Gracious (Allah). But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the Most Gracious (Allah) that He should beget a son (or offspring or 4 children). There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes unto the Most Gracious (Allah) as a slave [Maryam 19:88-93]*

*Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. KORAN: Surah 4.171*

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO IS THE WORD MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US AND IS THE SON OF GOD** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1; 14 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

**10. ISLAMIC JESUS CANNOT BE WORSHIPPED** *And behold, Allah will say--O Jesus Son of Mary, did you say to men, worship me and my mother as gods beside Allah? He will reply--Glory to you, I could never say what I had not right [to say] Surah al-Maa'idah 5:116 Christ the son of Mary was no more than a messenger: many were the messengers that passed away before him.. KORAN: Surah 5:75*

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO IS COMMANDED BE WORSHIPPED** *And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:11 And again, when he brings in the first begotten into the world, he said, And let all the angels of God worship him. Hebrews 1:6*

**11. ISLAMIC JESUS NOT FIT TO BE INTERCESSOR** *They will go to Jesus who will say, 'I am not fit for this undertaking, but you'd better go to Muhammad whose sins of the past and future had been forgiven (by Allah)' Hadith Volume 9, Book 93, Number 507.*

**BIBLICAL JESUS IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN** *Jesus is alone the sinless Lamb of God. How could Mohammed a sinner be more fit than Jesus who was sinless? Regarding mediator and intercessor, the dictionary often uses the words interchangeably, though technically, mediator in a sense is the neutral party acting as an arbitrator between two parties, where an intercessor represents the petitioner). In any, Jesus Christ is BOTH Mediator and Intercessor!*

*For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; I Timothy 2:5*

*But now he (Jesus) has obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Hebrews 8:6*

**12. ISLAMIC JESUS IS SIMPLY ANOTHER PROPHET** *Jesus, and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord: We make no dif*

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## PROPHECY LEAD ME TO THE MESSIAH!

to Chedar (Hebrew school), as I look back I am very thankful for my religious training. For example, I never had any doubts that the *Tenach* (Old Testament) was really the Word of the living God. My mother used to read to us from the Scriptures. When I attended the Sabbath services I saw men touch their *tallit* (prayer shawls) to the Scrolls as these Scrolls were carried around the sanctuary, and then kiss their shawls on the spot where it touched the Scroll. As a youngster I thought, "You don't show such reverence and respect to a book of fairy tales." Thus, I learned both at home and in the synagogue, to respect and believe the Word of God.

I also learned about the *Mashiach* (Messiah) and was eagerly awaiting His coming. I knew one day He would come and bring redemption, salvation, and peace. In Chedar I was taught the "Thirteen Principles of Faith." In this connection, two of these "Principles" stand out most vividly: "I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah ... [and] I believe with perfect faith that all the words of the prophets are true." Learning about God, His Word, and the Messiah, however, made me realize something which began to bother me. From the Bible I saw that God was holy, just, and righteous. At the same time I saw myself as being the very opposite. I asked myself, "How could I have contact with this great God as did Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets? What could I do to be forgiven for my sins?" Oh, yes, I knew that there was sin (rebellion against God's Holy Law) in my life and that I would have to stand one day before Him.

Of course, we kept the Jewish festivals and High Holidays. *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement) is the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar. It is spent in fasting and praying for the forgiveness of sins. It is the day in which, according to Jewish tradition, God records in "the book of life" whether you will have life or death, health or sickness, success or failure for the coming year. When people passed away or became sick, I asked myself, "Does this mean that God didn't hear their prayers, or perhaps they were not forgiven?"

**MY SEARCH** As *Yom Kippur* approached in the year of my Bar Mitzvah. I wanted to really know that I would be forgiven for my sin. I realized that, as I became a "Son of the Law" (Bar Mitzvah) I would be fully responsible and would have to answer to God personally for my sin. This frightened me. Thus that *Yom Kippur* stands out in my mind. Just before I became Bar Mitzvah I was in the synagogue with my parents for *Yom Kippur* and saw an old man two or three rows ahead of me. He had a long tallit, and he was praying to God and beating his chest and weeping. He had been fasting as we all had, and he was praying for forgiveness of his sins. I thought, "This man knows all the ritual, all the prayers; he must know all there is to know about forgiveness. I am going to ask him whether he has the assurance that his sins are forgiven."

I waited until the end of the service. As the sun was going down and we were leaving the synagogue, I went over to him and said, "Sir, do you have the forgiveness of your sins? Do you know that your sins are forgiven?" I can still see the tears coursing down his face; he had been crying the whole day. Looking at me, he replied. "Son, I only hope so; I only hope so." I thought to myself, "What chance do I have? I don't know all these prayers and rituals. I don't know all the traditions. If he doesn't know that his sins are forgiven, how can I know?"

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Thinking that I could never have an answer to these questions, I tried to put them out of my mind. As I grew older I realized that merely following traditions and going through the rituals did not satisfy the need and longing of my heart. In college I continued the study of French, which I had began in high school, for I planned to be a teacher.

At a French Club dinner, I met the young woman who later became my wife. One year after we were married we went to France to further my education. While in France we talked about the Bible, and my wife asked me whether I had ever read the *Brit Hadasha* (New Testament). When I answered "No," she suggested that we read it aloud together. Thinking over her suggestion, I reasoned, "No one in my family would know or could object."

After all, I was 21 years old, 6,000 miles from home, and I thought, "Well, why not?" So I opened the New Testament and saw the first verse in the book of Matthew. It says, "The book of the generation of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham." I said, "Wait a minute. David, Abraham -- t h e s e people I know. What does this Christian man, Matthew, know about these Jews?" That is when I found out that Matthew was a Jew. His last name was Levi. I read down a little further, "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord, by the prophet." Prophet? What prophet? The Old Testament prophets, I was told. So for the first time in my life I really went into the Old Testament. But I went in with a belligerent attitude. My purpose in reading the prophets was to prove that Matthew did not know anything about the Old Testament.

**MY OBSERVATION** Little by little I began comprehending for myself the prophecies concerning the Messiah. Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Then I read in Micah, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little

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*ference between one and another of them: Surah 2.136, 2.84*

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO IS THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES** *F a r above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: Ephesians 1:21*

**13. ISLAMIC JESUS RETURNS IN YELLOW GARMENTS** *J e s u s (peace be upon him). He will descend (to the earth). When you see him, recognize him: a man of medium height, reddish fair, wearing two light yellow garments, (Sunan Abu Dawud Book 37, Number 4310)*

**BIBLICAL JESUS RETURNS ARRAYED IN WHITE LIGHT** *I b e- held till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. Daniel 7:9*

*His head (Jesus Christ's) and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; Rev 1 :14)* The following verses describe Christ's Transfiguration, but is virtually identical to his portrayal

among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (5:2). That is *Yeshua Hamashiach* (Jesus the Messiah).

As a Jew I had to be honest with myself. I couldn't say, "Well, because tradition says I am not supposed to believe these prophecies, I won't." I had to believe them because in Hebrew school I had learned the Thirteen Principles of Faith. "If my own prophets are telling me about *Yeshua*, the Messiah," I reasoned, "why shouldn't I believe them?" I had been raised with the hope of Messiah's coming. No one, however, had bothered to tell me that the *Tanach* -- the Old Testament -- talks in detail about Him. I found in Isaiah 53 (which is not read in the synagogues) these words: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities ... and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (vv.5-6).

It was with fear and trembling that I considered believing in Messiah Jesus, because here was something that I never thought would happen to Martin Wolf, never in a million years. "How do I know for sure?" I asked my wife. "Well, you pray." she said. "I'm a good Jew; I've prayed." I told her. "You have to pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus," was her astounding reply. I prayed in this One's Name? But I wanted to know for sure, so I decided to ask God.

I do not even remember the words any more, but as I lay awake in bed one night I looked up toward the ceiling and told God that if Jesus was really the Messiah and would forgive my sins I would accept Him. I prayed, "If this is all true, I ask this in Jesus' name."

**MY FIND** I'll be honest with you. I thought that the ceiling was going to cave in, so different was this prayer from any I had ever prayed. No one could imagine what was going on inside of me. But the ceiling did not cave in. No lights flashed; no bells rang. Into my heart, however, came such peace that I knew the prayer I had prayed was right. I knew I had found the Messiah and had passed from death into life. I had forgiveness of my sins, not because of anything I had done, nor because I deserved it, but

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as Ancient of Days and therefore his Second Coming: *And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. Matthew 17:2*

**14. ISLAMIC JESUS LANDS ON A MINARET IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA** *Most Muslims believe that Jesus descent from heaven will be accomplished by resting his hands on the wings of two angels. He will descend onto the white minaret, situated in the eastern part of Damascus. He will invite the whole world to be Muslim including Christians and Jews. (Mawdudi, A.A, Finality of Prophethood, pp. 58-61), and (Vol 18, Hadith No. 814) Hadrat Hudaifa b. Yama relates (with reference to Dajjal), When the Muslims will fall in lines to offer prayers, Christ son of Mary (PBUH) shall descend from heaven before their eyes. He will lead the prayers. When the prayers are over he will say to the people: "Clear the way between me and this enemy of God. .. God will give victory to the Muslims over the hosts of Dajjal. The Muslims will inflict dire punishment upon the enemy. Even the trees and stones will cry out, "O Abdullah, O Abdul Rahman, O Muslim, come, here is a Jew behind me, kill him. .. In this way God will cause the Jews to be annihilated and Muslims shall be the victors. They will break the Cross, slaughter the swine and abolish Jizya (levied on non-Muslims). (Mustadrak Hakim - A Con't. on p. 6*

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**BIBLICAL JESUS DESCENDS AND LANDS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES NEAR JERUSALEM** *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, Zechariah 14:4 Which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1: 11*

**15. ISLAMIC JESUS DESTROYS ANTICHRIST AT LYDDA (IN ISRAEL)** Christ (PBUH) will advance with the Muslims for fighting against Dajjal (Antichrist). The enemy will retreat before the powerful assault of Christ son of Mary, and Dajjal will run away towards Israel by way of the slope of Afiq\* (Reference to Tradition No. 21). Christ (PBUH) will pursue Dajjal and destroy him on the airfield of Lydda (Traditions No. 10-14-15). A great slaughter of the Jews will ensue and every one of them will be annihilated. The nation of Jews will be exterminated (Traditions No. 9-15-21). At the proclamation of truth by Christ, the Christian religion will become extinct (Traditions No. 1-2-4-6). Later the son of Mary will pursue Dajjal and will overtake him at the gate of Lydda and put him to death. "(Muslim, Dhikr Dajjal; Abu Dawud, Kitab ul-Malahim, Bab: Khuruj; Dajjal; Tirmidhi, Abwab-ul-Fitan; Bab: Fi Fitna al-Dajjal; Ibn Majah, Kitab ul-Fitna, Bab: Fitna alDajjal) \*Afiq is a mountain near City of Fiq in Syria in the Golan Heights.

**BIBLICAL JESUS DESTROYS ANTICHRIST WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS MOUTH AT HIS RETURN TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES** *A n d then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 2 Thessalonians 2:8 See also Rev. 1:16 and Rev. 19:15*

**16. ISLAMIC JESUS WHO RETURNS WILL NOT BE PIERCED** *They killed him not nor crucified him, (Surah 4.157)*

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS** *They shall look upon me whom they have pierced...Zechariah 12:10*

**17. ISLAMIC JESUS WILL MARRY A WOMAN AND HAVE CHILDREN** *He (Jesus) will live for forty years during which he will marry, have children, and perform Hajj (pilgrimage). (Wali ad-Din, Miskat AI-Masabih, (tr. James Robson), Votll, p.1159; Sahih Muslim, Vol.1, p.92).*

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO WILL MARRY HIS BRIDE CHRIST (THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH) AT THE WEDDING SUPPER OF THE LAMB**

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. Revelation. 19:7*

**18. ISLAMIC JESUS WILL BREAK EVERY CROSS** *Christ son of Mary (PBUH) shall descend from heaven before their eyes. .. Even the trees and stones will cry out, "O Abdullah, O Abdul Rahman, O Muslim, come, here is a Jew behind me, kill him." In this way God will cause the Jews to be annihilated and Muslims shall be the victors. They will break the Cross, slaughter the swine and abolish Jizya (levied on Christians and Jews). (Mustadrak Hakim - A brief version of this tradition has been recorded in Muslim.*

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**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO BREAKS EVERY CURSE OF SIN AND DEATH** *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangs on a tree: Galatians 3:13 Isaiah 53:6*

*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb [Jesus Christ] shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: Revelation 22:3*

**19. ISLAMIC JESUS WILL DIE FORTY YEARS AFTER HIS**

**RETURN** *He (Jesus) will perish all religions except Islam. He (Jesus) will destroy the Antichrist and will live on the earth for forty years and then he will die. (Sunan Abu Dawud Book 37, Number 4310).*

*After his death, he will be buried beside the grave of the Prophet Muhammad (Wali ad-Din, Miskat AI-Masabih, (tr. James Robson), VoUI, p.1159; Sahih Muslim, Vol. 1 , p.92).*

**BIBLICAL JESUS IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE** *But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Hebrews 7:24 I [am] he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Revelation 1: 18*

**20. LOVE:**

**ISLAMIC JESUS:** There is no Scripture in the Koran or Haddiths (Life & Sayings of Muhammad) which speaks of Jesus' love for the world.

**BIBLICAL JESUS WHO LOVES THE WORLD:** *A new commandment I give unto you (Jesus Christ speaking), That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34*

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God. which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8: 38-39

*Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given [us] everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 2 Thessalonians 2:16*

*Grace be with you, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*

2 John 1:3

*And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

Revelation 1:5

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plummeted the hidden secrets of its symbolic signs and cyphers. The Talmud and Midrash, discussing Israel's redemption, often refer to the book of Daniel as the revealer of the secret time of Messiah's coming. However, at the yeshiva I was ominously reminded of a warning and a curse pronounced against those who try to figure out the end. The Talmud says:

May they drop who try to figure out the end; for they say, since the time of his [Messiah's] coming has already arrived yet he did not come, therefore he will not come at all. 1

This extreme condemnation can be understood when the error of Rabbi Akibah designating Bar Kosiba the Messiah is considered :

Rabbi Akibah made the inference, from the verse. 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land' (Haggai 2:6), that Simon Bar Kosiba was the Messiah, though he reigned only for two and a half years.2

In the yeshiva I was therefore, forewarned that the secrets are in the Scriptures, but that it was dangerous to make assumptions or to figure them out lest we come to the wrong conclusion, as did Rabbi Akibah. The Midrash even states:

Two men had the end revealed to them; namely Jacob, as stated in Genesis 49 : 1, '... that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days.' and Daniel (12:1,4), 'And at that time thy people shall be delivered... . But thou O Daniel shut up the words... .' So even these two men were forbidden to reveal what they knew. ...3

**When Will Messiah Come?**

The study of our greatest sages brought them to the conclusion that if the dates in the Scriptures are correct, then Messiah should have come in the first century of our era. or thereabouts. In a Talmudic portion it is written concerning the timing of the Messianic Age : The school of Elijah taught: The world is to be for six thousand years; two thousand years empty without Torah; two thousand years with Torah; and two thousand years Messianic Times... 4

The many Messiahs who flourished during that period, claiming themselves to be redeemers, were all great disappointments. Finally, Simon Bar Kosiba, whom Rabbi Akibah called "Bar Kochba," came. Though he was active in the first part of the second century, Rabbi Akibah nonetheless adjusted him to the Messianic claim. For the majority of the Jewish people Bar Kosibah was a tragedy and a disappointment. Apart from the loss of tens of thousands of Jews at his defeat in Betar C.E. 135, his activities resulted in untold sufferings for the surviving , Jews.

In an eleventh century rabbinic portion, we read:

Woe, for the salvation of Israel has perished! But a voice came from heaven saying, Elijah, it is not as you think, but He will be 400 years in the great Sea, and eighty years with the Sons of Korah where the smoke ascends, and eighty years at Rome's gate, and the rest of the years He will travel about the great Cities until the end.5

In another rabbinic portion, based in part upon a scripture in the book of Lamentations, ["she has none to comfort (Menachem) of all her friends,"]6 the name of the Messiah is identified as Menachem Ben Ami-e1.7 Messiah, then, is clearly "alive and well" for



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because of what He had done for me. I had come to Him with my burdens, and He had given me rest.

Life has not been easy since then, but it has been wonderful. And the way God has led and provided our needs has been beyond what I could have ever expected. I would not trade this new life for anything. I now have the peace that no education, no stocks, nor bonds, could ever give. Possessions can vanish overnight, but this peace stays. I have not told you the whole story, but just shared a little of what happened to one Yiddish boy to whom the Lord has given eternal life. And I thank Him for it. If you, who are reading this account, have not as yet found the Messiah and believed in Him, you have missed the full meaning of being a Jew and missed the whole purpose of life.

I sincerely invite you to consider prayerfully these and many other of the more than 450 Old Testament references which the sages of Israel attributed to the Person of the Messiah. As you search the Scriptures with an open heart and open mind you too will find the peace of God that passes all understanding.

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the last nineteen hundred years, according to these rabbinic writings. His name is Menachem (the Comforter) Ben Amiel (God is with his People). He started to work around the great Mediterranean Sea. went to Samaria (Korah), then Rome and the ends of the world. We may ask : Why was He expected during the first century? Clearly there was a certainty that Messiah had to appear at that period. This conviction was probably based upon the following passages in the book of Daniel:

Seventy weeks (or heptads - weeks of years) are determined upon the people and upon the Holy City, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy. and to anoint the most Holy. Know, therefore. and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks; the street shall be built again: and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. and the end of it shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.8

This revelation was a result of Daniel's prayers given to him by the angel Gabriel to explain the time, substance and circumstance of Israel's redemption.

The time embraced was "seventy sevens." Within the sixty nine heptads (weeks of years), that is within 483 years, there will be a building up of Jerusalem's streets and canals, though in troublous times. After these 483 years, "Messiah is cut off, the city of Jerusalem and the Holy Temple will be destroyed "by the people of the prince that shall come." Messiah was to come before the destruction of the Temple. This is the picture that the archangel Gabriel gave to Daniel.

**Who is the Messiah?**

It was Daniel's prophecy that challenged me many years to consider the Messiahship of Yeshua the Nazarene. Rabbinic authorities to whom I consulted said that the reference to Messiah in

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Daniel's prophecy was to King Agrippa, Herod's descendant, who is called "Messiah" here and who was "before the Temple's destruction. Hence, the term "Messiah" is transferred to a carnal king, like Agrippa, or to the unknown Menachem Ben Amiel as recorded in the Midrash. On the other hand, I learned of Yeshua the Nazarene, who was "cut off" forty years before the Second Temple was destroyed.

The revelation given to Daniel also deals with the substance and the circumstances of Messiah's activity, "to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness." In other words, Messiah's death is distinctly connected with the atoning work that the Temple sacrifices were to accomplish, except that it would be a work of completion and fulfillment far greater than any Temple sacrifices could possibly secure. I was thus enabled to lay aside my fears and prejudices and to open the Brit Hadasha (NT) and learn more of him, who, as the Prophet says:

Hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. 9

Yeshua indeed fits perfectly into Daniel's timetable. No one else qualifies; neither King Agrippa nor the mystical Menachem fulfills Daniel's prophecy. Yeshua is the Messiah! He came to give peace to the individual who repents and accepts his atoning sacrifice. He is coming again in might to establish his Kingdom l'olam va 'ed. 10 Amen!

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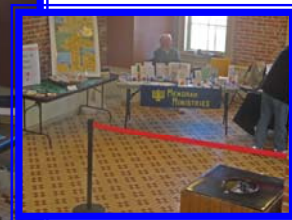
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