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**THE TRUE GOD
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Pastor Reuben Drebenstedt, Director
Shalom friends,

Our mission was founded in 1986 per a vision to me upon returning the first time from living in Israel in 1985. **Our logo above is very special and unique The Menorah and Sheep** as it represents the lost sheep of Israel and all nations making tishuvah (repentance from one's own ways, path, sin) and turning to follow God's way! The 7 branch Biblical Menorah is the type/symbol of that correct way.

THE MENORAH

The Tabernacle's golden Lamp-stand, the Menorah (Sh'mot/Exodus 25:31-40) was a constant testimony to the priests that they must not walk in the light of man's wisdom or human nature but that they could fulfill the service of God *only* as they walk in the light provided by Him. The seven post menorah was both a light and a light bearer, a symbol of faith and hope.



The Menorah is a type/symbol of the Church (the Body of Messiah/Christ as a light bearer in the world. Our Lord Yeshua/Jesus said: **You are light for the world.** Mattityahu/Matthew 5:14

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Luke 12:35
... among whom (the world) you shine like stars in the sky - Philippians 2 :15

Believers in Jesus the Messiah are to reflect His light, even as He was and is the Light. The Menorah is a perfect, fitting and divine symbol of our Lord.

This was the true light, which gives light to everyone entering the world. Yochanan/John 1:9

David in Tehillah/Psalm 36:9 says, *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.* Whether direct light from Jesus, or diffused light through the Christian, all light is given to us for perception. In Jesus' Light, we shall truly see light!

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TRUTH 1 fidelity , constancy , sincerity in action, character, and utterance 2 the state of being the case : fact the body of real things, events, and facts : actuality

DECEPTION 1 the act of deceiving b: the fact or condition of being deceived 2 something that deceives : trick <a clever *deception*> **Merriam-Webster Dictionary**



נאמנות של אלהים GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

by Donna Drebenstedt, staff
God is close to all who call on Him, to all who sincerely call on Him. He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. Psalm 145:18-19

Are you with Menorah Ministries Ashley asked me with excitement, reaching into her purse and bringing out a wrinkled piece of paper? The ink was smeared a bit causing a pretty rainbow of colors across the page. This paper saved my life she began to tell me. She has carried it around with her because God was still using it to bless her! She had been at a retreat up in the mountains, a hundred miles away. In great distress she had gone to the bathroom in tears asking God desperately to help her. She saw on the floor [Continued on p. 2](#)

MENORAH מנורה PRAYER CARD

Please pray with us using our prayer card that we carry with us in our Bibles. You can print it from:
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light of Jesus Christ. We are called to be a true and faithful witness for Him... *to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.* Romans 1:16 As Jewish and Gentile Believers in Yeshua we have the joy of celebrating our Salvation and Jewish roots in our Savior. With a servant's heart, we strive to proclaim God's love, redemption and salvation in Messiah Yeshua.

Looking over the last year with still some of it to come, I am so thankful for the Lord's blessing and provision! **We know that our ministry cannot please God by the limited capabilities of human beings but only through the miracle working power of God fulfilling His promise.** Thanks again for your prayers and support because we can do all things only through Christ Jesus who gives us wisdom and strength... we have not because we often do not ask our Abba/Father and come to Him with our needs.

I frequently pray as Yeshua taught His talmidim/disciples given in Luke 11:2-4. It has 5 requests of God:

Father, May your Name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come.

Give us each day the food we need.

Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And do not lead us to hard testing.

As I write please know that we are everyday busy at work to boldly proclaim the true Gospel of the Real God and True Savior Jesus. We seriously strive to contend earnestly for the faith which was once and for all passed on to God's people. Knowing by seeing in our front-line witness that certain individuals have wormed their way in—ungodly people who pervert God's grace into a license for debauchery and disown our/the only Master and Lord, Yeshua the Messiah. *Y'hudah/Jude* Refer to: www.menorah.org/therealjesus.html

For the coming year would you please consider supporting and praying for our missionary labors? I am grateful to all who have, some for 20 years! You can use the form at the bottom right hand corner of page 7 if you like. Thank you.

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May God bless and keep you till His soon 'immanent' return for His waiting faithful people. **John 21:20-23** **Romans 13:11-12** **1 Corinthians 15:52** **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 5:1-10** **James 5:7-9** **Revelation 3:10, 22:20**

Always be joyful. Pray regularly. In everything give thanks, for this is what God wants from you who are united with Messiah Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

I greatly appreciate your prayers and support, *Pastor Reuben*



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נאמנות של אלוהים GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

by Donna Drebenstedt, staff

one of Menorah's tracts titled '54 Reason Why Jesus Is The Messiah'. She went on to explain how this paper had changed everything that evening and God used it to heal the pain she had been experiencing!! Wow God, how awesome are you I thought and I too was blessed knowing that God will use His Truth even if it is lost by one and found by another! I heard God's whisper to me, just keep praying over every tract you hand out!

I was speaking that evening on the Auraria campus about Heaven when I met Ashley and many other college students. I have grown to love the campus work and all the doors God opens to encourage Christians and share the Gospel at Menorah's weekly information Tables. Students are experiencing 'On The Job Training' at our tables and growing bold and strong for Jesus! Some have joined a team in downtown Denver doing street evangelism! Others e-mail for advice on Gospel sharing or for me to pray for the person God just brought into their life to witness to.

Recently God sent me a wonderful treat! Sarah is Israeli and I got to spend 5 hours sharing Yeshua/Jesus with her! She was cautious at first but God led us to many treasures in His Word! She began to wonder why in Jewish life they never read all of the Old Testament? Praise God she began to wonder about a lot of things! She wanted one of our Bibles and also took everything we had to read in Hebrew.

It has been an exciting semester on campus as God is bringing each week many students that want to hear the Gospel, more than I can individually talk to. They come from all over the world and from all walks of life. They are hearing The Truth of who the Real Jesus is for the first time and that He alone offers forgiveness of sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross! Jesus alone can make us **Good Enough** to live in Heaven with Him for all eternity! All other 'religions' teach that somehow we can be good enough to earn Heaven, which is a lie from Satan.

Some other recent and encouraging campus notes. **Matie** was raised Muslim but now wants to know Jesus; she has seen the truth of who He is. **Ahmed** from Qatar returns each week to learn about Jesus. **Obied** from Syria heard this Truth and wanted his own Bible to read. **Samuel** is Jewish and continues to stop with new questions. **Eva** is a Holocaust survivor who stopped in distress for prayer. **Beth** has stopped for years struggling with strongholds. This time she was released and aglow with Jesus and wanted me to know she now belongs to Him! **Enrique** came to campus for a Job Fair and left with Jesus as his Savior! **Ingrid** came to ask me to pray for her Jewish friend and ended up asking Jesus to forgive her of her sins! **James** was visiting the campus and hoped he will be good enough to go to heaven. Now he knows that only Jesus makes him good enough! **Jonathan** was thinking of becoming Muslim, now he wants to attend church!

It is so fun to watch God work each week in the hearts of so many different people! Pray for God to touch others to want to help in this fruitful Campus Ministry!

Donna

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MESSIAH PROMISED "IN THE BEGINNING" TO EVE

The first ray of promise to redeem mankind is found in the first few pages of the Tenach in the Book of Genesis. This redemption prophecy was given after the great disaster

that overtook our first ancestors. The "ancient Serpent," sometimes called nahash ha-kadmoni, was more subtle than any other creature and proved irresistible to Eve, and then to Adam. [Continued on p. 3](#)

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MESSIAH PROMISED

"IN THE BEGINNING" TO EVE

God gave Adam and Eve virtual free reign in the Garden of Eden. He told them they could eat from every tree but one, warning them that disobedience would produce very harmful consequences. They chose to eat from that tree of knowledge of good and evil anyway, in clear disobedience to God. Instead of trusting their Father, they yielded to the temptation of pride. After all, the Tempter had promised them, *Ye shall be like God.* 2

Adam and Eve's misguided challenge to God's uniqueness and authority had to be punished. But along with punishment came a blessing and a promise to humanity. The woman, the first to obey Satan instead of God, is told that out of her seed would come the One who will "bruise the head" of this Serpent, whom Satan had used to mislead humanity. According to the prophecy God said: *I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; He shall bruise/crush thy head: and thou shall bruise his heel.* 3

The "seed of the woman" would deal a fatal blow to the head of the Serpent. And, the "seed of the woman" would in turn sustain a bruise to the heel, a non-fatal blow. The Aramaic paraphrase of the Hebrew Scriptures, Targum Jonathan, relates this Prophecy to the Messiah explaining:

But they will be healed [shupf] in the footsteps [heels] in the days of King Messiah. 4

Here, the word shupf is not translated as "bruise" but rather in the sense of "rubbing with a medicine," and thus as "healing."

One of the greatest Jewish commentators, 12th-13th century Rabbi David Kimchi, gave support to this Scripture as a prophecy about Messiah's redemption of mankind. He recognized that salva-

tion is by the hand of the conquering Messiah "who would wound Satan, the head, the king and prince of the house of the wicked."

How did Eve understand this Scripture? Evidence suggests she understood it to mean that she would bear a child who would "bruise the head of Satan." Note that when Eve bore her first son, Cain, she said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." 5 The Targum of Palestine elaborates on this verse as follows: *And Adam knew ... his wife ... and she conceived and brought forth Cain, and she said; 'I have obtained the man, the Angel of the Lord.'* 6

These verses indicate that Eve expected more than an earthly child, and by her exclamation, one who would literally fulfill the promise. Presumably, when Cain killed Abel her expectations of the "promised seed" were dashed. Later, when she finally bore Seth she exclaimed, *For God has appointed another seed ...* 7

The rabbis comment on this as follows:

[She (Eve) hinted at] that seed which would arise from another source ...the king Messiah. 8

Some rabbinic sources, then, did recognize that the Messianic seed would emanate from Eve. When Cain slew Abel, however, Eve realized that Cain - whom Eve had thought was "the Man" - was not. Since Abel was dead, he could not qualify either. Thus, the "Appointed One" arose from Eve's son, Seth. The genealogical line was now pinpointed. Chapter 3 References: 1 Genesis 3:15 2 Genesis 3:5 3 Genesis 3:15 4 See J.W. Etheridge, *The Targum of Onkelos and Jonathan Ben Uzziel on the Pentateuch with the Fragments of the Jerusalem Targum from the Chaldee* [hereafter referred to as Etheridge] (Katav 1968) p. 166 vote 8. This targum is commonly referred to as the Targum of Jonathan Ben Uzziel. 5 Genesis 4:1 6 See Etheridge at pp. 169-170. 7 Genesis 4:25 8 Midrash Rabbah Genesis 23:5

Chapter 3 of **What The Rabbis Know of the Messiah** by Rachmiel Frydland Reprinted with permission *Messianic Literature Outreach* www.messianicliterature.org



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that the Qur'an is the revealed word of Allah (verse numbers differ slightly in different versions). Sura always stands for a chapter in the

Qur'an. Islamic belief is that Muhammad is the perfect example to be followed by all Muslims. Whatever he said, practiced or approved is called Hadith. There are six different sets of authentic ahadith (Hadiths): Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud, Tirmizi, Sunnan Ibn Majah and Sunnan Nasa'i. This pamphlet is intended to show the teachings and examples of Muhammad, and is not intended to be offensive to Muslims; many Muslims may have little real knowledge of what their god, Allah and their prophet has said on this topic. From the dictionary we see that 'authenticity' means the state or quality of being original or genuine with this genuineness established beyond doubt. Other synonyms are "real", "authoritative" and "trustworthy", as opposed to being false or a sham.

The Bible is not just one book but is a collection of sixty-six books divided into Old and New Testaments. How did the various books come to be written? Who wrote them? When? And how did these in particular come to be found in the Bible? What was Allah's view regarding the Bible?

Islamic Teaching Concerning the Bible Islamic teaching is internally contradicting. On the one hand, it gives very high regard to the Scriptures, and on the other hand, it claims they are corrupted.

☪ The Qur'an gives the Judeo-Christian Scriptures such noble

titles as, 'the Book of God,' 'the Word of God,' 'a light and Guidance to man,' 'a decision on all matters,' 'the Gospel with its guidance and light confirming the preceding Law,' and "a Guidance and warning to those who fear God."

☪ Sura 5:46 teaches that the Gospel and the Torah come from God: 'And in their footsteps We sent Jesus the son of Mary, confirming the Law that had come before him: We sent him the Gospel: therein was guidance and light, and confirmation of the Law that had come before him: a guidance and an admonition to those who fear Allah.' See also Sura 5:47, 68 and 69. Surah 5:47 commands Christians to check their own Scriptures concerning the truth of Allah's teaching.

☪ Sura 4:171 teaches that Jesus was a Messenger of God. Allah told Muhammad to go to Christians and Jews for advice, because they had the Scriptures of God.

☪ Sura 10:94-95 *O Muhammad, 'If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the Book from before thee: the Truth hath indeed come to thee from thy Lord: so be in no wise of those in doubt'* (See also 2:41).

The Qur'an claims that no one can change the Word of God. (Sura 6:115/116; 10:65; 18:27/28; 48:23; 50:28-29). In spite of this, Islamic scholars teach Muslims that the Jews corrupted the words of the Scriptures (Sura 2:41-42, 59; 3:71, 3:78; 4:46) and some do not know the Scriptures at all (Sura 2:78). An Islamic theologian says, "While Muslims need to believe in the Torah, the Zabur [Psalms] and the Injil [Gospel], nevertheless they have been tampered with."

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This is contradictory. Allah and Muhammad would not have asked Muslims to refer to and judge with a corrupted version of the Torah & New Testament. The Gospel and Torah that was available at the time of Muhammad must have been considered authentic. So now, let's examine whether the Scriptures have been changed since A.D. 600.

The Old Testament (OT)

The Old Testament, which contains thirty-nine books of the Christian Bible, is also the Holy Scriptures of the Jewish People. They were first written down in Hebrew, with minor portions written in Aramaic, the ancient languages of the Jews.

Until 1947, the oldest manuscripts of the Old Testament (OT) were from the ninth and tenth centuries A.D. In 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered near Qumran. By 1956, more than 800 scrolls had been found. These scrolls were dated between 200 B.C. and 68 A.D. These scrolls are virtually identical to copies of scrolls found in the ninth-century manuscripts. The careful copyists had made very few, if any, errors or alterations to the text over one thousand years. In other words, *the OT that we have today is the same as the Scriptures Muhammad was encouraged to check against his own revelation.*

The New Testament (NT)

Some Muslims say that the Injil [Gospels] spoken of by the Qur'an is not the New Testament (NT). It is not the four Gospels now received as canonical, they argue. It is a single Gospel which Jesus received and which He taught. Only fragments survive in the canonical Gospels. They say that the text has been forged or

tampered with.

There are literally hundreds of New Testament copies that pre-date Muhammad, ensuring an accurate transmission from the original Gospels. The test for the historicity of the NT surpasses all other ancient texts. The Gospels available at the time of Muhammad are identical to the Gospels contained in the New Testament today. Muslim rejection of the New Testament text is contrary to overwhelming manuscript evidence.

Superior Revelation?

Sometimes there are ambiguities in the views that Muslims have about the Bible. A well known Muslim reformer, Muhammad Abduh writes, *"The Bible, The New Testament and the Qur'an are three concordant Books; religious men study all three and respect them equally. Thus the Divine teaching is completed, and the true religion shines across the centuries."* Others say, *"Judaism lays stress on justice and right, Christianity on love and charity and Islam on brotherhood and peace."*

Some reject almost the entire Old Testament while others quote from the Tawrat (Torah) to give bad reports of the Banu Isra'il as proofs against the Jews and their religion.

There are Muslims that do believe in the accuracy of the Bible, yet claim that the Qur'an superseded all previous revelations based on the concept of progressive revelation. According to them, the Qur'an is the last of the God-given Scriptures to have come down.

If that is true, there is a substantial problem for Islam: the Gospels (of Muhammad's time) proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God, if the Qur'an contradicts this, then its trustworthiness is in doubt because **the God of the Bible does not change** (Numbers

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Continued from page 1 -Hebrew Scripture these tragedies begin with the story of Lamech, who tells his wives of a tragic happening, saying:

Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, harken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt (Gen. 4:23).

According to traditional interpretations, Lamech went hunting and instead of killing the animal he unintentionally killed his own son. What a tragedy of mistaken identity! Then we have the story of Joseph who, instead of Potiphar's wife the true culprit, suffered incarceration for many years. A Jewish tradition, recorded in the Aramaic has it that for many years Solomon was dethroned as King in Jerusalem and a demon named Ashmadai was ruling in Solomon's disguise, while the true king went from city to city claiming in the words of Ecclesiastes 1:12, "I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. In a similar vein came about the popularized story of the prince and the beggar in which the beggar, temporarily in the clothes of the prince, is made prince while the true prince becomes a beggar,

A more recent story has it that Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, was in Hamburg one evening with an hour to spare before taking his boat to London where he was to play the following evening. So he wandered into a music shop. The proprietor asked to see his violin which he carried under his arm. In a moment he disappeared to reappear with two policemen. One laid his hand on Kreisler's shoulder and said, "You are under arrest." "For what?" asked Mr. Kreisler. "You have Fritz Kreisler's violin." "Well, I am Fritz Kreisler." "Come, come," said the policeman, "you cannot pull that on us. Come to the station.

Mr. Kreisler avoided arrest by finding a record of his music in the shop and he begged to be given his violin and then he replayed the music.

There were many serious incidents of such mistaken identity in the history of our people. This was especially the case when Israel asked Aaron to make a golden calf and identified it with the God of Israel, saying, *"These are thy gods, (or literally 'This is' thy God') O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt"* (Exodus 32:4). Five hundred years passed and another great tragedy happened to our people when the physically and mentally attractive Absalom persuaded the people of Israel to follow him and reject his father King David. Again thousands of our people perished because of this mistake. The full story is recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures in 2 Samuel chapters 17, 18.

MESSIAH'S MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Could a majority of our people also make a mistake in identifying the Messiah? Surely we did make mistakes in this regard.

The story of Simon Bar Kosiba's messianic claims in 135 AD. is well known. For a long time we had only fragmentary knowledge of him based on a few coins and some references to him in the Talmud. Since he was known also as Bar Kochba, some students of history thought this might have been his true surname which had been later changed to Bar Kosiba when the Jewish leaders convinced themselves that he was not the Messiah (for the word Kosiba can be related to the Hebrew root of koseb or kovev which has the meaning of lie, lying or liar). However, with the new archaeological finding in Israel including a number of letters that Simon Bar Kosiba wrote to various commanders, we know for certain that his true name was Simon Bar Continued on p. 5



Continued from page 4 Kosiba, that is Simon of the city or town of Kosiba. The leaders of Israel, however, were so impressed with his temporary victories over the Romans and with his persecuting of those Jews who believed in Jesus of Nazareth, that even the greatest Jewish rabbinical authority of his day, Rabbi Akiba, applied the Scripture in Numbers 24: 17 to him, where Balaam prophesies that "There shall come....

a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall arise out Israel and shall smite the corners of Moab and destroy all the children of Seth."

The Hebrew word for star is Kochab hence the Jewish leaders began to refer to this man as Simon the Star, in Hebrew Aramaic, Shimeon Bar-Kochba. How bitter was their disappointment in him whom they admired even when he boasted that he did not need God's help and that all he wanted from God was that God not help his enemies! Only after his complete defeat did our Jewish leaders realize that his true surname Bar Kosiba should have been a warning to them and their eyes should have been opened to the falseness of his claims. Perhaps the Lord Jesus had him in mind when He warned His followers, saying, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his name, him ye will receive" (John 5:43 Brit Hadasha) .

COULD WE BE MISTAKEN AGAIN?

Yes, we could be mistaken again, especially if we prefer to follow man's view of Messiah instead of God's view as revealed in His Word. The majority of Jewish Orthodox exegetes follows the views of the great thirteenth-century philosopher Mamonides. His view is that the hallmarks of Messiah are that He is to fight Israel's battles and be victorious, and He is to force the Jews to keep Torah, the Mosaic Law interpreted by the rabbis, the so-called Hala-

cha. In such a case any of the Israeli successful military leaders could claim to be Messiah if only they were more religious.

But, we will not be mistaken if we accept the plain teachings of God's Word and seek there the hallmarks for Messiah. If so, we will find them very clear. Let us just list a few of them:

1. Messiah must fulfill the picture which the prophets drew of Him, This includes: His supernatural birth as predicted in 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. His birth in Bethlehem as predicted by Micah in 5:2: But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little 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 has been from of old, from everlasting. His performing of supernatural deeds as foretold in Isaiah 35:5-6, then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters breakout, and streams in the desert. His death as atonement for sin as described in Isaiah 53:5-8, But he was wounded. for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have followed every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? And he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people he was stricken. His death to be by piercing His hands and feet,

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Reponses to These Islamic Charges

The internal contradiction in the Qur'an can be explained by changes in attitude toward Christians and Jews. Early in Muhammad's career, when he was weak and needy, he taught that Muslims should treat Christians and Jews with respect but, as Muhammad grew in power, his attitude changed and he sought to kill Christians and Jews.

*See our tract: *Jews and Christians in Islam*.

www.menorah.org/Jews-and-Christians-in-Islam-web.pdf

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. If the Bible was changed why does the Qur'an call Muslims to believe the Taurat [Torah], Injil [Gospels], and Zabur [Pslams]?
2. God claims that no-one can change his Word. What happened to this statement?
3. When the Bible was changed did God notice it?
4. If God wished, could He have preserved His Word?
5. If God did not, or could not, preserve His Word (the Bible), how and why should we believe that He has preserved the Qur'an?
6. Where is it expressly written in the Qur'an, that the earlier Holy Books were changed in their written form?
7. If the Bible was changed why would Allah have commanded Muhammad to judge Jews by Torah, and judge Christians by the Injil (Sura 5:43-48)? In other words, how could Muhammad or

Muslims judge them according to the Bible if it wasn't authentic?

8. With the hundreds of copies and different translations, how could anyone have changed all of them?
9. When, and up to what time was the true uncorrupted Bible in circulation? Where is the original one now?
10. If Christians and Jews have two different religions, what's the purpose of their conspiracy? Why would Christians corrupt their own Bible?
11. Why would Christians die for a book they know is corrupted?
12. How do you know it was changed?

□ The Bible says in Psalm 19:7-11, "The Law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes... in keeping them there is great reward".

The Teachings of the TORAH [the Law of God] are God's system of Instructions by which men are taught the Knowledge of God and they themselves are directed how to walk so as to please God, redeemed from their crooked paths.

How then can men say that the Great God, the Creator of Heaven and earth, would allow His Laws to be tampered with? He watches over His Word to make sure that it comes to pass so He cannot be called a liar; God says that what He says He will do. His testimony and trustworthiness depends on the authenticity of the Bible.

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Continued from p. 5 Psalm 22: 16, *For dogs have compassed me, the assembly of the wicked have encircled me: they, pierced my hands and my feet.*

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn (Zechariah 12: 10).

2. Messiah must also be resurrected from the dead as predicted by King David, saying, *for thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol, neither wilt thou permit thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16: 10-11).*

3. As to the time of His coming, Messiah had to come before the Second Temple was destroyed by Titus. The archangel Gabriel made this clear to Daniel when he came to him and gave a revelation as to what would happen and when Messiah would come. Thus Daniel is told, *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 Dan. 9:26*

Those commentators who follow Rashi's exegesis that the Hebrew word Moshiaich (Messiah) refers to King Agrippa, who died before Titus conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple, confirm that this prophecy had to be fulfilled before 70 AD. But it could not be King Agrippa! Surely Gabriel, the archangel, would not refer to him the title Messiah. He was not even of David's seed, but a descendant of the hated Antipater and Herod, a profligate king doing all he could to please the Romans. Only the Lord Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy, and He came in the right time and so He will also come again to fulfill the rest of this prophecy. www.menorah.org/therealjesus.html

4. Among Messiah's accomplishments is the winning of the obedi-

ence of a large population of non-Jews. Thus, the patriarch Jacob predicted that *"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be"* (Hebrew Amim means nations or Gentiles). *He is to be a Light to the Gentiles* according to Isaiah 49:6,

And now, saith the LORD who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him ... And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to, raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that though mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

SOLUTION OF HIS IDENTITY

These are only a few of the identifying marks of Messiah as described by the prophets and by the patriarchs. There should be no doubt left now in your mind that these were all fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. In the course of the last nineteen centuries, hundreds of thousands of our people have come to believe in His Messiahship because of these and other proofs. Millions of Gentiles turned away from their idols of wood and stone, and from their man-made philosophies and came to trust the God of Israel, our own Jewish Messiah and to believe in our Jewish Scriptures, both Old and New Testament.

Surely this is the time for us to cry out together with His first Jewish followers, saying:

*WE HAVE FOUND HIM
(THE MESSIAH) OF WHOM
MOSES IN THE LAW AND
THE PROPHETS, DID WRITE, JESUS OF NAZARETH,
THE SON OF JOSEPH. John 1:45*

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SAVING ETERNAL FAITH IN JESUS

Jim Davis, Colorado When I was growing up I had no interest in worshipping the Lord. My family attended a Denver area church and I dreaded having to go. I could not wait for the Sunday sermon to be finished so I could get out of there. I thought it was a waste of time. I was about 15 years old when I stopped going completely.

In my early twenties I had a brief spark of interest in the Lord. I began watching a television show called the 700 Club. I even bought a Bible and started reading it. My interest died out quickly however, when the program was moved to a later time slot. I never really thought much more about the Lord after that.

A few months ago, I began to experience a strong urge to know more about the Lord. I could not explain it. I started to ask questions about the Bible and I began to read the Gospels. I borrowed a book which harmonized the Gospels and I used it to help me piece the Lord's story together. As I got more deeply involved in studying the Lord, I began to appreciate Him more. As the days passed, I bought and borrowed other books which helped to ease some of the conflicts I had with accepting the reality of the Lord. However, even after all my research and my unexplained interest in the Lord, I still could not bring myself to accept Him into my life. Fear was holding me back. I was attending a neighborhood church with my girlfriend during this period and one Sunday I nearly accepted the

Lord, but my fear got in the way and I could not do it.

Later that week, I was discussing my reluctance to accept the Lord with my girlfriend and I began to wonder why the Jewish people could not accept Him either. I needed a Jewish perspective on the issue, but I had no idea where to begin. My girlfriend heard about Menorah Ministries on the radio and she called them. One of the workers at the ministry, Avraham Azoulay, later contacted me and we set up an appointment to meet at a local restaurant on the Saturday before Memorial Day. This man I met that Saturday afternoon was a Messianic Jew with an ultra-orthodox background and rabbinic training. I asked him my questions and he told me about his life and experiences in Israel and how he came to put his faith in the Lord. We spent many hours talking and studying the Bible. Afterwards, he invited my girlfriend and I to a Bible study where we had dinner, conversation, and a Bible teaching. I met a number of wonderful people there that evening who already knew the Lord. Before I left, some of them prayed for me. I was deeply touched by their love and their caring prayers.

The next morning, I went to church and again I came very close to accepting the Lord, but I was still afraid. When the service was over I felt compelled to purchase a tape from the church bookstore on overcoming fear. That evening I listened to the tape, but my fear persisted. I did not want to struggle with the problem any longer. I needed to know whether the Lord was worth it or not. So I asked Him to show me.

Early the next morning, I was awakened by a Continued on p. 7

COMING TO SAVING ETERNAL FAITH IN JESUS

Jim Davis, Colorado - frightening dream. As I lay there, the Lord began to impress upon my mind that I had no need to be afraid. I received many words of encouragement and comfort from the Lord that eased my troubled mind. Later that morning, I listened again to the tape I had bought. This time the message meant so much more to me. The Lord had gotten through to my heart. At that moment, I got on my knees and accepted the Lord Jesus into my life. I felt like a new person on that Memorial Day morning. My fear was gone!

Now, unlike the days when I was growing up, I have an over-

whelming desire to worship the Lord. I do not dread going to church anymore. In fact, I cannot get enough of it. I no longer feel like I am wasting my time. The Lord has renewed my life. I see the world through new eyes. I love the Lord. ***That Memorial Day morning will be a time I will never forget.*** I was born again at thirty-three. Praise the Lord!

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-since it used to be the case that there were few Old Testament manuscripts earlier than 950 A.D., someone might be curious just how reliably the Tanakh (Old Testament) was preserved through the ages. But in 1947 a bedouin

boy, Muhammad Adh-Dhib, found the answer when he threw a stone into a cave at Qumran and heard pottery break. Uncovered was a library of 500-867 scrolls from Jesus' time, 1/4 to 1/3 of them from the Bible.

Coins at Qumran show people lived there from about 135 B.C. to the Roman destruction in 68 A.D. About 200-300 people lived there at any one time. Qumran was like a monastery, for of the 1,200 graves in the cemetery, only 6 were of women and 4 of children. There were about 200-300 caves, and people lived in 30 of them. Most of the people lived in huts or tents, though.

Beliefs of the Children of Light Jewish Sect

Scholars once confused the inhabitants of Qumran with Essenes because of their similarities. This sect, calling itself, "Children of Light", started about 200 B.C. They believed in the resurrection of the dead (like the Pharisees), practiced baptism by immersion, and had overseers similar to Christian bishops. They thought Melchizedek was a heavenly being and the wicked would be annihilated.

Their commentaries on Genesis 49:10 and Isaiah 11:1-3 show they recognized these as Messianic prophecies. Like others, the Qumran community believed the Messiah would do miracles and healings. They also believed the Messiah would personally slay the Roman Emperor. It would take years to bury all the dead from the Messiah's military victories. Thus, as the *Christian News* (11/23/1998) says, "So now we know that when Caiaphas conducted the trial of Jesus, all he had to do was get Jesus to admit that he was the Messiah. As Jesus, who has performed the predicted miracles, made that admission, he was assumed to be guilty of treason against the emperor."

Let's Visit Their Library

Eleven caves preserved about 95,000 fragments, 40,000 in cave 4 alone. Some non-Bible fragments are mezuzot (OT verses placed on entrance door frames) and phylacteries (OT verses worn on the forehead) from Exodus and Leviticus.

One manuscript from cave 4 is Exodus from the Samaritan Pentateuch. One of the oldest scrolls is 4Q17, which was copied towards 250 B.C. and contains Exodus 38 to Leviticus 2. It is practically identical to the Massoretic texts, which Jews today use. The Isaiah scroll has the complete text of Isaiah. It and the other copy in cave 1 were identical with the standard Hebrew

Bible in 95% of the text according to *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction* p.25.

There are many small variations in the Massoretic vs. Qumran texts, but few have any significance. Here are a few of the more notable ones.

Exodus 1:5 in the Massoretic text says 70 people went into Egypt. When Stephen said 75 in Acts 7:14, one could assume scripture was (inerrantly) recording Stephen reciting from a Septuagint error, which said 75. However, the Dead Sea Scrolls also say 75, so perhaps Stephen and the Septuagint were correct here, and the Massoretic text is mistaken.

Deuteronomy 32:43 as well as the Septuagint have "let all God's angels worship him" while the Massoretic text does not. Hebrews 1:6 quotes this.

The Massoretic **1 Samuel 17:4** says Goliath was 6 cubits and a span, or roughly 9 feet 9 inches. However, the Septuagint and the Dead Sea Scrolls say 4 cubits and a span, or about 6 feet, 9 inches.

Targums, which are Aramaic paraphrases, have been found among the Dead Sea Scrolls of Leviticus, and two targums from parts of Job. Among the Dead Sea Scrolls are commentaries of Genesis, Psalm 37, possibly Song of Songs, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, two of Hosea, and a badly mutilated one of Habakkuk 1:2 through the end of chapter 2. The author tried to relate everything to events of his day.

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Importance for Judaism

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Importance for Christianity

The Dead Sea scrolls are like a time capsule, to see the very scriptures read in Jesus' time. Some Old Testament quotes in the New Testament match both the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint, not the Massoretic text.

Non-Biblical Dead Sea scrolls are useful for shedding light on Jewish thought back then. The *Wycliffe Bible Dictionary* p.441 says that the Dead Sea scrolls show that the Gospel of John and Paul's writings, rather than just being 2nd century Hellenistic documents, in fact have some parallels with the Dead Sea scrolls.

Importance for Islam

Sura 2:75 says that some perverted/corrupted the Word of Allah. Historically, the Samaritans did that with their Pentateuch. But no verse in the Qur'an says that all copies were corrupted, or that Satan could defeat God in totally eliminating truth from the earth.

God Almighty was able to, and He did, preserve back to Jesus' time God's word to mankind through Moses, David, Solomon, and other Jewish prophets. Sura 5:46-48 says that Jesus confirmed the Torah that came before him. Since we have these scriptures preserved in caves from Jesus' time, as well as corroborating witnesses of early Christian writers, we can know what the Old Testament scriptures said from Jesus' time.

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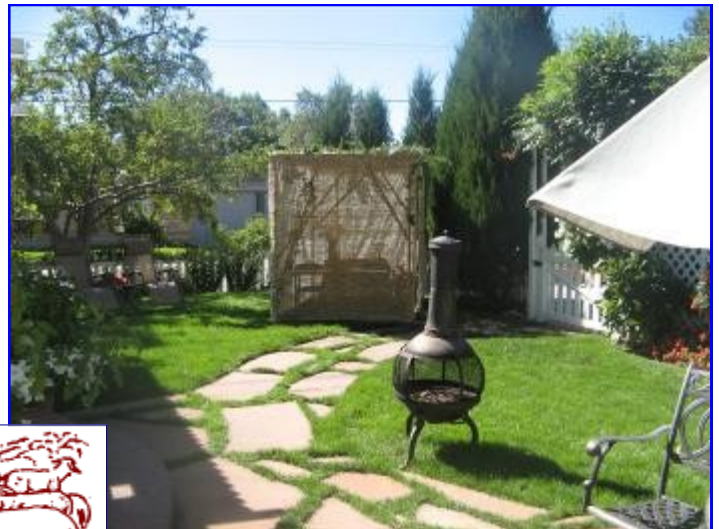
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Book	Copies / fragments	Earliest copy	Commentaries
Genesis	15 / 20		1
Exodus	15 / 23	250 B.C.	
Leviticus	8 / 13		
Numbers	6 / 8	150-100 B.C.	
Deuteronomy	25 / 29	250-200 B.C.	
Parallel Torah	1		
Joshua	2		
Judges	3	50-25 B.C.	
Ruth	4	c.50 B.C.	
1,2 Samuel	4	225-175 B.C.	
1,2 Kings	3 / 4		
2 Chronicles	1	50-25 B.C.	
Ezra	1		
Nehemiah	0	-	
Esther	0	-	
Job	4	225-150 B.C.	
Psalms	27 / 36	200-100 B.C.	chap. 37
Proverbs	2	30-1 B.C.	
Ecclesiastes	2	175-150 B.C.	
Song of Solo.	4	ca.1 B.C.	possibly
Isaiah	18 / 23	120-100 B.C.	1
Jeremiah	4 / 6	225-200 B.C.	
Lamentations	4	c.50 A.D.	
Ezekiel	6		
Daniel	8	150-100 B.C.	
Hosea	3		2
Obadiah	0	-	
Jonah	3		
Micah	2	3rd century	1
Nahum	(4Q82)	50-1 B.C.	1
Habakkuk	(4Q238)		1
Zephaniah	2		Possibly
Zechariah	3		
Joel, Amos, Zeph, Malachi	(4Q78, 4Q82)	75 B.C.	
Jonah, Haggai, Zech, Malachi	(4Q76)	150 B.C.	
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