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We Jewish people are known to have strong opinions and we express them. Yeshiva University decided to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lost race after race. They practiced for hours every day, but never managed to come in any better than dead last.

The rowing coach finally decided to send Irving, the future rabbi, to spy on the Harvard team. So Irving schlepped off to Cambridge and hid in the bulrushes of the Charles River, from where he carefully watched the Harvard team as they practiced.

Irving finally returned to Yeshiva U. "I have figured out their secret," he announced.

"What? Tell us," they all wanted to know.

"We should have eight guys rowing and only one guy shouting."

Most of you have heard the phrase I use to describe your PL

Your promised land is all God has planned for you to accomplish
& all God has planned for you to become

Ruach Ha Kodesh has shown me there is another part of your PL

It's all you will experience that **God will** do in, through & around you
1 Corinthians 2:9 But, as the Tanakh (Hebrew Scriptures) says, "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."

Your Promised Land will include many things **your heart has not imagined**
"that God has prepared for those who love him."

Included in those things will certainly be the answers or fulfillment of

All your prayers that have been inspired by Ruach Ha Kodesh

Prayers for peace, loved ones, joy, righteousness, understanding

A prayer, inspired by Ruach Ha Kodesh I've been praying 49 years ever since I was saved

Has been for the salvation of Jewish individuals

My relatives, friends & for all the Jewish people

Because I had been lost for so long

Similar prayers have been prayed by many of you too

Together at services & on your own, that's why you are here

We've seen those prayers answered over the years

As many Jewish people have come to trust in their Jewish Messiah

Enough to establish 500 congregations in US, 150 in Israel

I believe we're beginning to see these prayers answered in **much** greater ways

Recently & in the near future

That we're starting to see a significant revival of the Jewish people

This move of Ruach Ha Kodesh will be part of what our Promised Land consists of

“things that God has prepared for those who love him”

Ruach Ha Kodesh has shown me I'm not Moses who was not allowed to enter his PL

While you & I will enter our Promised Land to see those prayers answered

There are many believers who frequently declare a revival is coming

I'm not one of them, I've never been led to make such a prediction before

But, Ruach Ha Kodesh has led me to do that now

He's led me to it by Ruach Ha Kodesh quickening things I've observed & heard recently

Most of you are not aware many Jewish people were being saved in the 1970s

Not because a great evangelist reached out to Jewish people

Or some churches & ministries began reaching out to Jewish people

Although Jews For Jesus & Chosen People were already active back then

But that revival came as a sovereign move of Ruach Ha Kodesh

However, God used events, crises, culture changes to bring it about

At that time young people in the Western world

Began to search for meaning in life

It was a reaction to the Vietnam war, the draft, materialism

Striving for wealth, status seeking, corruption in government

It was called the Hippie movement & Diane & I were very much a part of it

Some think it was all about drugs & free sex

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From our perspective it was young people searching for meaning in life

Psychedelic drugs were part of the incentive

But they led to searching spiritually, Hinduism, yoga, scientology

I became a disciple of a yoga guru

Many hippies were also drawn to the Bible & churches

What most people are not aware of is that

Many of those hippies, like me & many of my friends

Were Jewish & became believers at that time

We were searching for spiritual meaning in life

We didn't find it in the non-Messianic synagogues we attended as children

We thought Christians hated us because they'd persecuted us for centuries

So we turned to Eastern religions, Hinduism, Buddhism

Amazingly, back then, 80% of people in yoga groups in US were Jewish

Almost all current Messianic Rabbis including me were saved during Jesus Movement years

It's very important to understand this was a move of God, of Ruach Ha Kodesh, a wave

It was not created by man, tracts, street witnessing, music, teachings

I decided one day to read the Brit Hadashah because Diane was reading it

& I could see the positive effect it had on her

I had been reading other spiritual books by Hindus

Autobiography of a Yogi, Bhagavad Gita & they bore bad fruit in my life

Deciding to read the Brit Hadashah was so out of my comfort zone at the time that

After I told Diane I'd read it I remember thinking "Did I really say that?"

But, I really did say it, so I had to do it & the rest is history

Some Christian leaders rode that hippie wave of revival

Like Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel & bore much fruit

Later it was called the Jesus Revolution, watch the 2023 movie

Others believers didn't meet need of those young people for a welcoming place

To learn God's ways & did not bear much fruit among them

What led these hippies, including young Jewish people to search spiritually?

World was in great turmoil in the late 1960s & early 1970s

Vietnam War, anti-war protests, assassinations of MLK, RFK

Cold War, Nixon's impeachment- '73, riots at party conventions, pollution

Rock music became spiritual, political, anti-war

Here's some lyrics from Country Joe & the Fish from their Vietnam song

And it's 5, 6, 7, open up the pearly gates

Well there ain't no time to wonder why Whoopee! we're all gonna die

Well c'mon mothers throughout this land pack your boys off to Vietnam

C'mon pops, don't hesitate send 'em off before it's too late

Be the first one on your block to have your boy come home in a box

Recently we are in similar times

World in great turmoil – Gaza, Iran, Ukraine, anti-ICE rioting, this year

Fraudulent elections, open borders, transgender & homosexual agenda

Defund the police movement, covid, MSM's fake news

Climate hysteria, Charlie Kirk's assassination & anti-Semitism

Young people are searching for meaning in life

Evidence - Turning Point USA, 11 major college revivals in 2024

What's different from the 1970s is that world events have had

A particularly strong effect on Jewish people

These events are much more focused on Israel than in the 1970s

October 7th attack & the anti-Semitism that has grown enormously

Caused many Jewish people to experience persecution

Leading them to be in fear & seek a like-minded community

Israel's amazing victories over Hamas, Hezbollah & Iran

Caused many Jewish people to become **proud** of their Jewish identity

& to want to learn more about their ethnic history

Which, of course, means learning the Bible

Both these factors have caused Jewish people to begin to search

For a greater meaning in life, the spiritual side of life

Which they have not found in non-Messianic Judaism

Or in the many causes, good & bad, they've supported

Or in the Eastern Religions, like Hinduism, they've investigated

Jewish people are again searching for meaning in life, like in the 1970s

I believe this is an amazing, long anticipated move of Ruach Ha Kodesh

A move I've been praying for, for 49 years

This searching by Jewish people was also reported at the IAMCS Conference

By Messianic Rabbis from US, France & Israel

I've spoken with local pastors who are seeing this among Gentiles

Here's the greatest news, we're seeing it right here at CSY

I've been contacted by email by Jewish people who have visited our website

Who are considering Brit Hadashah claims that Yeshua is the Messiah

We have Jewish people here who are new believers in Yeshua

& Ruach Ha Kodesh is leading them to search out & restore their Jewish identity

In the last few months many of our Shabbat service visitors have been Jewish

Some raised Jewish, some with intermarried parents, not raised Jewish

Some with a Jewish father who have been taught the lie they're not Jewish

Some in families that hid their Jewish ancestry from fear of persecution

Some adopted by a Jewish family

One new believer has found his family is very interested in his new found faith

That is a radical change from how Jewish people reacted in the past

When a family member professed belief in Yeshua

Through all these experiences Ruach Ha Kodesh has been revealing to me

We are finally seeing answers to our prayers for a great revival

Of the Jewish people which Bible predicts in the last day

& before the return of the Lord

If you're not already, why should you be praying & working

For this revival of Jewish people?

How many have prayed for the return of the Lord

To establish His Millennial Kingdom & bring peace to the world?

Matthew 23:39 For I tell you, from now on, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of ADONAI (the LORD).'"

Yeshua spoke this to Jewish people of Jerusalem on His way to the cross

It's how you greet an honored guest in Hebrew

So Yeshua was saying He will not return until the Jewish people in Jerusalem

Welcome Him as their Messiah, the King of Israel

That's Jerusalem, what about Jewish people in the Diaspora?

There's a belief that's called Aliya First Theology

Teaches that Jews will be saved after they are all back in Israel

It discourages believers from reaching out to Jewish people in the Diaspora

That is, those Jewish people living outside Israel, like here in Rochester

It's based on a prediction by Ezekiel given 2500 years ago

Because revival is only going to come in the land of Israel

Ezekiel lived about 2500 years ago & wrote about the Jewish people
Ezekiel 11:17 Therefore say, thus says Adonai Elohim, “I will gather you from the peoples and collect you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

There's already been an amazing fulfillment of this prediction

18 When they come there, they will remove all of its detestable things and all of its abominations.

That hasn't happened yet, atheism, man made religion, idolatry, prostitution,

Homo-sexuality, transgenderism, abortion not removed from Israel

19 Then I will give them one heart. I will put a new Spirit within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

20 so that they may follow My laws, keep My ordinances and practice them.

They will be My people and I will be their God.

Clearly predicting a mighty move of Ruach Ha Kodesh on Israelis in the land

Removing their hearts of stone, bringing unity, obedience

This move of Ruach Ha Kodesh has been happening

In fulfillment there are 150 Messianic congregations now in Israel

So Ezekiel predicted there will be revival in Israel

Among those who have returned

Aliya First teaches people to help bring Jewish people to Israel

But don't work to reach Jewish people like me in the Diaspora

Because it teaches that's not God's plan

But, Moses also predicted the location of this revival, this time 3500 years ago

Speaking to the Jewish people he wrote

Deuteronomy 4:27 Adonai will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where Adonai will drive you.

That has certainly happened over the past 2000 years

28 There you will serve man-made gods of wood and stone, which do not see or hear or eat or smell.

God's of materialism, assimilation, sexuality

29 But from there you will seek Adonai your God and you will find Him, when you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

From there – among the nations – you will seek the Lord & find Him

when you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

30 “When you are in distress and all these things have come on you, in the latter days you will return to Adonai your God and listen to His voice.

So, Moses places the revival in the Diaspora and in the latter days

Who's right, Ezekiel or Moses? Both of them

We've seen the revival starting here in the Diaspora

With many Jewish people searching for meaning in life
& Rabbi Stewart Winograd reported at the conference

That many Israelis have become much more open to the Good News

Due to the stress of the Gaza war & international anti-Semitism

What will be happening in the world when this revival **fully** comes?

Zachariah who lived 2500 years ago tells us

Zachariah 14:2 I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to wage war.

The city shall be captured, the houses ransacked and the women ravished. Half of the city will be exiled but the remainder of the people will not be cut off from the city.

Zachariah predicted **all nations, an alliance of nations** will besiege Jerusalem

This did not happen prior to 135CE when Rome destroyed Israel

So, Zachariah was also predicting the return of Israel to Jerusalem in 1967

This alliance is becoming increasingly likely with the international

Explosion of anti-Semitism

But, then Zachariah predicts something very wonderful

*3 Then Adonai will go forth and fight against those nations as **He fights** in a day of battle.*

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which lies to the east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a huge valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

I believe this describes the return of the Lord in a visible manifestation, a body

To fight **in a day of battle** against those surrounding Jerusalem

He will stand with His real feet on the Mount of Olives

Zachariah give a similar description of Jerusalem surrounded by all nations

& the Lord moving to defeat those nations in Chapter 12

Then he makes another amazing prediction

Zachariah 12:10 “Then I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication, when they will look toward Me whom they pierced.

Who else could this be describing but the pierced one, Yeshua

Notice He say “Me whom they pierced”

That’s when people of Jerusalem will recognize Yeshua is their Messiah, King & welcome Him as an honored guest by saying

Matthew 23:39 ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of ADONAI.’

This will be a great revival of the Jewish people

When this miracle happens Rabbi Sha’ul predicted

Another of God’s great miracles

Referring to the Jewish people he wrote

Romans 11:15 For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

How did Jewish people casting Yeshua aside – not receiving Him as Messiah “mean reconciliation for the world”?

Religious leadership of Israel rejected Yeshua, cast Him aside & persecuted His followers who fled Israel to other cities

Where they shared the Good News with Gentiles bringing about

Romans 11:15...reconciliation for the world...

What does “*Life from the dead*” mean, a few interpretations

Eternal life for all Jewish people who accept Yeshua as Messiah at that time

Eternal life for all people, including Gentiles who accept Him as Messiah

The great day of resurrection from the dead preceding the day of judgment

All of these meanings are wonderful

But even greater it means the Lord will return to rule for 1000 years

From Jerusalem, ruling all world as we’ll sing about later in V’neh-emar

It will be a jubilee, the Lord’s land & his family restored to Him

This is the most exciting message I have ever shared!

It’s the fulfillment of prayers I began praying 49 years ago

& many of you have been praying since you were saved

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

I’m eating sweet, wonderful fruit of that tree of life, are you eating it with me?

Let's just praise the Lord for a few minutes

How does this revelation of what Ruach Ha Kodesh is doing effect you & this congregation?

CSY is entering into a new phase of ministry which will bear fruit
In this coming revival

Our purpose statement begins with the phrase

“to proclaim Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to Jewish and non-Jewish people,”

From our founding in 1984 until recently

This phrase has been our biggest challenge
& the biggest challenge of every Messianic Congregation

How do we get Jewish people to listen to or read the Good News

With an open mind?

In early 2000s Ruach Ha Kodesh used SHOB to do this by reaching out to with groceries for

Elderly Russian Jewish immigrants

We led many of them to the Lord & discipled them

Most of them have now passed on

We've also knocked on neighborhood doors

Held events on college campuses, in theaters & at Europa Deli

Never have found a way that worked real well

It was hard to be effective because we had to overcome 3 lies

1. The teaching of non-Messianic rabbis

That if you believe in Yeshua you are not Jewish any more

2. The false Jewish cultural belief that Brit Hadashah is an anti-Semitic book

Because its supposed followers, Christians, have persecuted Jews

3. The false Jewish belief that Christians worship a different god from Jews

Caused by the church having cut itself off from its Jewish Roots

So, it does not appear to be worshipping the God of Bible

So, it has also been very hard to both proclaim the Good News to Jewish people
& proclaim it **effectively**

Over the last few years Ruach Ha Kodesh has led us to make some significant changes

That are bearing fruit in our changing world

Covid hit about 6 years ago & we were forced to start livestreaming

We have continued to upgrade our online presence
& 5 years ago we moved here where our sign is seen

By most people going to or coming from the JCC

Now we're regularly getting significant number of visitors to Shabbat services

Most of them find us online or see our sign

Here's the really amazing news: Many of these visitors are Jewish

So, the 1st phrase of our Purpose Statement, that was so difficult to accomplish

To proclaim Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to Jewish and non-Jewish people
& proclaim it effectively

Is being accomplished by Ruach Ha Kodesh drawing Jewish people to our services

During covid, when we were meeting in a small rented space

& down to just a few people attending, the Lord spoke to me from Isaiah
Isaiah 54:2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch out your tabernacle curtains. Do not hold back—lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.

3 For you will spread out to the right hand and to the left...

Meaning you need to have space available for more people

Before God brings more people into His Kingdom

Don't wait until you have more people before you start enlarging your space

So, we followed the leading of Ruach Ha Kodesh & purchased this facility

In 2020, in the middle of covid

What are our tabernacle curtains, cords & stakes?

Sanctuary, classrooms, nursery, Oneg Hall, Kiddush Korner, kitchen

It's clear God enlarged our tent by enabling us to buy this facility

To reach the Jewish Community of Greater Rochester

The enlarged tent is this facility, but it only fulfills God's purpose

When there are people in it who are willing to serve

Teachers, child care workers, maintenance people, musicians

Disciplers, friends, mentors

Ex: a few months ago we didn't have any families with infants coming

So, we our infant care team dissipated

But, recently we've had 4 families with infants coming

So we need to have a room & staff for infants so those people

& others with infants can participate in our services
In addition to people we need financial support

To provide heat & A/C, snow plowing, salting
With our enlarged tent & Ruach Ha Kodesh moving on people and willing servants

We must **now** focus on the rest of the Purpose Statement
Connect people, Jews & Gentiles, personally with God of Israel through teaching, prayer and worship, draw them into fellowship, lead them to become spiritually mature, equip them to serve, and inspire believers everywhere to reconnect with their Jewish roots.

How do we connect new people to the God of Israel? We don't, God does it
But, there are practical & spiritual things we need to do to enable that to happen
& things in which new believers or attenders can participate

Because we are a Messianic Jewish Congregation we are the best place for new Jewish believers

We bring together belief in Yeshua as Messiah and Jewish culture
Connecting them to the Jewish Roots of Christianity
& giving their children the heritage of both cultures
People connect with the God of Israel through worship
So pray for anointing on our worship & tech teams, for more participants
Enter into worship yourselves & new people will follow your example
Pray that everyone would experience God's presence
That Ruach Ha Kodesh will touch & soften hearts

Pray for childcare workers to free parents up to participate in services
People connect with the God of Israel through fellowship

Make friends at our services, greet people you don't already know
Sit in different locations to meet other people

Participate in a group & invite people to a group
Men's, Women's, College & Career, Seniors, Singles, Erev Shabbat

People connect with the God of Israel through teaching, at the Shabbat service
& in classes, take one & invite others to attend
Connections, Messianic Judaism Class, Freedom In Messiah, Grace Course, Hebrew 1&2, Bnei Mitzvot

Childcare is also needed for some of these

People connect with the God of Israel through prayer

Pray for those coming to the Lord & invite them to our 2 prayer meetings
& our daily prayer phone line

People to the God of Israel through serving, so find a way to serve

We have lots of opportunities for new people to serve

Some work you have to be a regular attender for a while
Ushers, greeters, SHOB, musicians, technicians can help right away

Childcare helpers need to be vetted by being here for a while

Ruach Ha Kodesh confirmed this need to encourage involvement through a conversation

With a local pastor who told me he was seeing the beginning of revival

Where his church was located

& he was keeping my hands off to allow Ruach Ha Kodesh to do the reviving

Ruach Ha Kodesh – directed me to respond to him by saying, that's great

But, you need to prepare your people to accommodate, disciple

Those who will be getting saved

His reaction – oh, you're right, I do need to consider that

For those of us who have been praying for Jewish revival if this true

It is a great longing fulfilled, a source of great joy

If you haven't been praying for Jewish revival you should be inspired to do that

Now that you've learned it leads to Yeshua's return and life from the dead

We're getting closer to fulfilling V'neh emar – Yeshua king over all the Earth

Ruling the whole world as His Millennial Kingdom from Jerusalem

Which will happen soon after He returns

This is a verse we sing every Shabbat & it's from the passage we studied today

Zachariah 14:9 Adonai will then be King over all the earth. In that day Adonai will be Echad and His Name Echad.

Prayer

Thank You that You are doing & will do wonderful things our hearts have not imagined

Thank You for those who have prayed for many years for the salvation of the Jewish people

Thank You for all those who are supporting us in that prayer assignment

& for those Jewish people who have been saved by Your grace
Thank You that many Jewish people are now searching spiritually
Lead them to congregations that will help them come to know You, connect

Enable us to be a congregation that helps them connect
Shine your light on the 3 ways satan is deceiving Jewish people
Telling them that you can't be Jewish & believe in Yeshua

That Brit Hadashah teaches hatred & persecution of Jews

That Christians worship a different God from the God of the Bible

Thank You for Your prophets predicting the salvation of Jewish people
in Israel and here

Thank You for the promise of Life from the Dead & Your return when the
Jewish people receive You

Thank you for fulfilling the great longing in my heart & others' hearts to see
the salvation of the Jewish people

By Your Ruach Ha Kodesh enable us to help these new believers connect with
You through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer & service

May we live to see the fulfillment of the V'neh-amar, You as King over all the
Earth