



INTERNATIONAL MESSIANIC JEWISH ALLIANCE

Uniting Jews in the Messiah throughout the world in bonds of fellowship, witnessing and relief

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Dear Friend to the IMJA,

The modern Messianic Jewish movement – where a Jewish person can embrace Yeshua as the Messiah without having to give up being Jewish – gathered impetus in the 1960's. Possibly the most significant event fuelling that resurgence may have been the June, 1967, Six-Day War. That great victory by Israel and the reunification of Jerusalem after nearly 2,000 years brought a newfound surge of Jewish awareness as well as awakening the church to the fulfilment of important Messianic prophecies.

However, as we look back in history, Messianic Judaism's early roots can be traced back to chapter two of the Book of Acts. With the biblical festival of Shavu'ot (Pentecost) starting the evening of May 18th, I believe it is timely to draw our attention to this cornerstone chapter in the Bible.

Three important things happened in Acts 2 that relate to Shavu'ot, as well as a better understanding of our early Messianic faith.

First, in verses 1-4, as the followers of Yeshua were gathered together, Ruach HaKodesh (The Holy Spirit) came upon them, giving them a boldness they did not possess earlier. It is this very group that would begin to fulfill Yeshua's commandment to take the Gospel message to the then-known world.

Second, in verses 14-41, Peter, who was no doubt among the group that received Ruach HaKodesh that day, found the boldness to stand up and proclaim to thousands of different-speaking festival attendees in Jerusalem why he believed in Yeshua as the promised Messiah. The result would be that many came to faith.

Third, in verses 42-47, we read what the characteristics of the early Messianic assembly were. These are the very same characteristics that today's Messianic Jewish congregations and churches would do well to follow.

These characteristics included . . .

Teaching those to go out and preach the Good News message. They were now ready to fulfil the command Yeshua had given them after His resurrection.

Continued fellowship, prayers, and sharing of bread. They enjoyed each other's company and sought every opportunity to be together.

A profound sense of awe, which led to the witnessing of many miracles and signs. They expected great things to happen, and great things did happen.

All had everything in common. Their common faith stripped away any differences they might have otherwise had. In Messiah they were all the same.

There was a great spirit of generosity. Having experienced the spiritual riches imparted to them by Yeshua, they understood the blessings that came from sharing with others around them who were less fortunate.

Their display of faith gained them respect and favor from the surrounding community.

Now, here's the most exciting part!

Faithfully exhibiting all of these characteristics resulted in a tremendous ingathering of new believers in Yeshua – on a daily basis!

The IMJA is no different!

We are committed to reaching out to our Jewish brothers and sisters with the message of the Messiah Yeshua. In doing so, we also want them to know it is perfectly OK to be a believer and remain Jewish. To that end, there are over 300 Messianic Jewish congregations in North America and over 100 Messianic Jewish congregations and fellowships in Israel.

Please help us to extend our outreach. Your tax-deductible gift this month will help us to share this exciting Shavu'ot message all year-round. Just as God had prepared many to receive Peter's words on that first century Shavu'ot in Jerusalem, Jewish people today have never been more open to hearing about Yeshua.

Your prayers, encouragement and gifts will enable us to boldly proclaim a message so badly needed by Jewish people and the rest of the world.

Thank you!

Yours in Messiah,


Executive Director

P.S. I would appreciate your prayers as I will be participating over Memorial Day weekend in an all-European Messianic Jewish conference in Amsterdam. People will be coming from all over the continent for this conference, which has the potential of having a big impact on the Messianic movement in Europe. I am privileged to be one of five U.S. participants who have been invited to be a presenter at this conference.