

# Lecture 1

- A Different Gospel to the Jew
- Semantics
- Historic Judaic/Christian Relations

# HOW TO PRESENT THE JEWISH GOSPEL

## LECTURE 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. WHY DO WE HAVE TO PRESENT A DIFFERENT GOSPEL TO A JEWISH PERSON THAN THE ONE WE USE FOR OTHER UNBELIEVERS?

##### 1 CORINTHIANS 9:19&20

*"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;..."*

There is no difference between the **CONTENT** of the Jewish Gospel and that of the one presented to others. It is only the **TERMINOLOGY** and **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**, which must be used, that may differ from our normal approach.

#### 2. WHY IS TERMINOLOGY AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES SO IMPORTANT?

Jewish people are taught that Jesus is not the Messiah and they therefore reject His claims of Messiahship as well as the entire New Testament.

It now becomes necessary to support our belief through the only book that they recognize as being inspired by God, namely the Old Testament or "Tenakh".

### SEMANTICS

#### DEFINITION

Semantics is a branch of philology (science of language) which concerns itself with the meanings of certain words and how people react to them.

#### 1. HOW DOES SEMANTICS RELATE TO JEWISH EVANGELISM?

Semantics has been the single biggest hinderance to Jewish evangelism in the history of the modern church. Because of a lack of understanding of the history of the Jewish people, Christians have both offended and turned away potential believers from accepting their Messiah simply by using seemingly harmless terminology.

#### 2. WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JEWISH HISTORY IN ORDER TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS TO THE JEWS?

Jewish history is filled with atrocities committed against Jews under the guise of Christianity. Millions of Jewish lives have been lost at the hands of men claiming to be Christians and this has resulted in very bitter anti-Christian feelings which must be addressed before you can begin your witness.

Let us take a brief look at this bloodied history:



## i) REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

Replacement theology is the erroneous belief that God has turned His back on biblical Israel; and that all Old and New Testament scripture is now for the Church's edification to the total exclusion of the Jewish nation. According to this doctrine all prophesies in both Old and New Testaments are for the Church and as far as God is concerned, He is no longer concerned with Israel or the Jews.

It was accusations made by the post apostolic Church fathers that led to this belief. Justin in His "Dialogue with Trypho", a Jewish leader, wrote concerning the almost successful destruction of Israel at the hands of the Roman Empire in A.D. 135:-

This destruction is deserved "*because you have murdered the Just One.*"

His contemporary, Origen wrote concerning the Jews:-

*"...they will never be restored to their former condition. For they have committed a crime of the most unhallowed kind, in conspiring against the Saviour of the human race."*

### Read Romans 11:11-26

- i) Israel's stumbling is temporary. (verses 11 & 12; 15; 23-26)
- ii) The entire New Testament is built on the holy roots of the Jewish faith. (verses 16-24)

Persecution against the Jewish faith was intensified as church fathers began to incite anti-Semitism from the pulpit. Note this sermon by John Chrysostom (A.D. 344-407) one of the most popular preachers of the fourth century:-

*"...Jews are lustful, rapacious (extortioners), greedy perfidious (treacherous) bandits, inveterate murderers, destroyers, men possessed by the devil with the manners of the pig and the lusty goat. Jews worship the devil and their religion is a disease. They have fallen into such a state because of their odious assassination of the Christ. Therefore, God hates the Jews, who will always remain without a Temple or a sovereign nation."*

Chrysostom called for a perpetual Christian "holy war" against the Jews. He added, "*He who can never love Christ enough will never have done with fighting against those who hate Him.*"

We know from the scriptures that Jewish persecution, of "Jewish believers" was rife in the early church. However after the invasion of Judea by Emperor Hadrian in A.D. 135 the tables were dramatically turned. This stance taken by the early church was unfitting for people who claimed to be followers of the God of love and peace. Their Gospel was supposed to be one of life and forgiveness, not of hate and revenge. After all it was not the Jews who crucified Christ but the Romans; who could have set Him free, had the Scriptures not said that the Christ would die at the hands of sinners for the sin of the **WHOLE WORLD**.

Sermons such as the above, led to anti-Jewish church legislation, and in A.D. 325 the Nicaean Council ruled that the calendar date of Easter should be unlinked to the Jewish feast of Passover. The Council of Antioch (A.D. 341) explicitly prohibited Christians from celebrating Passover with their Jewish neighbours and in A.D. 434, the Council of Laodicea (the lukewarm church of Rev 3:14-22) forbade Christians from keeping the Jewish Sabbath and receiving gifts; or unleavened bread from Jews at Passover. Along with these rulings came the practice of burning down Jewish synagogues.

When Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in 312, he began to pass legislation which ultimately led to the death of millions of Jews. In 325, he ordered all Jews to leave Rome. He forbade anyone converting from pagan religions to Judaism, a practice which had previously been legal. Jewish converts were to break off all relationships with friends or family that still practised Judaism.



In A.D. 438, Emperor Theodicies banned all Jews from holding public office. Later the Roman Catholic Church forced conversion under the penalty of death. Many Jews chose to die rather than be baptized. These decrees and others led to the burning and looting of synagogues, as well as the kidnapping of Jewish children who were later brought up in Christian homes.

#### b) THE CRUSADES

The first Crusade to retake Zion from Islam was launched by Pope Urban II in 1095. For the next several hundred years, Jews would be viciously slaughtered throughout Europe and the Middle East by European soldiers and civilians who believed they were doing the will of God. Hatred of the Jews exploded into mass violence everywhere.

Jews were burned alive in their synagogues; raped; driven from many towns; accused of killing Christian children in order to use their blood in Passover rites; accused of poisoning water wells. Jews were forced to wear distinctive hats or yellow patches for identification. Their property was seized and plundered, their crops destroyed, their animals stolen or killed. All this happened in the name of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus.

When the "Christian Crusaders" eventually captured Jerusalem in 1099, they gathered the small Jewish remnant into one of the synagogues and set it on fire, killing all inside.

The list of atrocities committed by so called Christians during the Crusades is endless. Time does not allow us to continue.

#### c) LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

It might be said that the Crusades were organized by the Catholic Church, which had an infamous reputation of killing off anyone who refused to accept their doctrine. But what about Protestant/Jewish relations?

When the great reformer, Martin Luther, started out; he proclaimed that Christians must be guided in their dealings with the Jews, "*not by papal law, but by the law of Christian love*". Yet a mere twenty years later, Luther; upset that "*Christian love*" had not won mass conversions amongst the Jews; declared the Jews, "*disgusting vermin*" who should be deported from Germany. His pamphlet "On the Jews and their lies (1543) called for seven steps to be taken against the Jews, including the burning of their synagogues, the razing of their houses, the banning of their holy books, and seizure of their assets. All this by a man who brought the Church out of the Dark Ages.

The Czars of Russia and Nazi Germany took Luther's proposal one step further by ordering the death of all Jews under their control. Between 1900 and 1945 over 7 000 000 Jews were murdered with the approval of most of the clergy in Russia and Nazi Germany. Although the true Church opposed these murders, they were too few and far between to do anything about them. Because ninety-nine percent of Jews have no understanding of the different doctrines and denominations in Christianity, they equate Jewish persecution by the Church to be a Christian doctrine based on the New Testament.

It is only through love and patience that you will eventually convince your Jewish prospect that true Christianity both honours and respects its Jewish roots and God's chosen people.

### 3. SEMANTICS CONTINUED

We have just taken a brief look at Jewish history, now let's examine how those events affect our witness.



**EXAMPLE:-**

*"Unless you convert and become a bible practising Christian you will never go to Heaven or have favour with God."*

Although the above statement is true, your prospect has just heard something you never said. Because of semantics, he receives a different message to the one you intended. This is what he hears:-

*"I must change my religion , give up my rich heritage and become joined to a belief that has killed millions of my people in order to go to their heaven, and to serve their God who sanctions their actions, **NEVER!!!**"*

**All the above statement will do is turn our prospective believer away for two reasons:-**

- a) To the Jewish mind, Christians are all peoples who are not Jewish, Moslem, Hindu or Atheist. In other words, they, make no distinction between the Pope, Adolf Hitler, George Bush and Billy Graham; and between Catholic, Methodist and Pentecostal.  
Taking into account the atrocities which have been wrought against the Jewish nation under the guise of Christendom, why should our prospect join himself to a faith that has annihilated millions of his people?
- b) Secondly; when generally comparing the lifestyles of nominal Christians and Jews, we find that the moral standards of Jewish people are far higher than those of their "Christian counterparts", so why should our prospect follow a faith less moral and God-fearing than his own?  
It therefore becomes necessary for us to use terminology that will not offend or scare off our prospect, whilst at the same time not compromising the Gospel message.

**Here are some examples of good semantics to use when witnessing to your Jewish prospect:**

- 1) Use **"Jesus the Messiah"** or His Hebrew name **"Yeshua Ha'Mashiyach"** instead of **"Jesus Christ"**.

Christ has no equivalent in Hebrew and is therefore viewed as a foreign Christian word, whereas most Jews embrace the hope of a Messiah or Anointed One.

- 2) **"I am a Bible believer"** or **"I am a follower of Messiah"** instead of **"I am a Christian"**.

As we have discussed, Christianity as a whole, is not understood or respected by Jewish people. Many millions of Jews have died at the hands of "Christians".

- 3) Use **"Tehakh"** or **"Hebrew Scriptures"** when referring to the Old Testament.

To call his scriptures "old" is offensive as he believes that they are still very relevant today. The Tenakh is made up of the: Torah - five books of Moses

Neviim - the prophets

Ketuvim - the writings

- 4) **"Brit Chadashah"** (New Covenant) instead of **"New Testament"**.

Even though God foretold of a new covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-34, the New Testament is generally regarded as a Gentile book by the Jews and has no relevance to them.

5) Never use the word "MISSIONARY" in your witness.

The most hated word in the Christian vernacular is the word "MISSIONARY". 'As a Jew once put it, *"The Christians have tried to exterminate us for 2000 years. Finally we have found our way back to our own land with God's help, and what happens? The Christians follow right after us. And they tell us we should not be Jews anymore. We should become Christians."*

Never call yourself or any other Christian a missionary when talking to a Jew. If you must use a word, use evangelist, as this refers to a preacher of the Gospel and not a converter of souls to a Jewish mind.

6) Instead of saying Jesus died for our sins, use the word "**atoned**".

Every year the Jews celebrate the Day of Atonement. Jesus' death was the fulfilment of this celebration and thus "**atoned**" will be better understood.

Example:-

*"Messiah **atoned** for our sins by His death on the cross."*

Instead of,

*"Christ died for our sins."*

7) Instead of referring to the salvation message as the Gospel, rather speak in terms of the "**Good News**".

To the Jews, the Gospel message has in many instances led to persecution and seemed more like very bad news.

Example:-

*"I am sharing the **Good News** that the Messiah came to **atone** for our sins."*

Instead of,

*"I am a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

8) NEVER USE THE WORDS "**CONVERSION**" OR "**CONVERT**", EVEN IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO A JEWISH BELIEVER.

Although the Bible uses the word "**conversion**" to mean a turning away from sin toward God, modern society understands "**conversion**" to mean a change of religion.

**N.B. When a Jew accepts Jesus as his Messiah, he in no way ceases from being Jewish. He simply becomes a believer in Messiah Jesus, or a Messianic Jew or Completed Jew.**

In modern language, a Jew never **converts** when he accepts Jesus because his roots are holy. Rather, a Gentile converts when he accepts Jesus as he then becomes grafted into the true olive tree.

**Romans 11:17&18:-**

*"For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches were broken off, and you being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you."*



The list of semantics is endless, we have just concentrated on the most common examples. Remember always to be sensitive in your witness and through prayer, patience and love together with the knowledge you will gain on this course, you will be able to convince your prospect of his need for atonement through Yeshua Ha'Mashiyach (Jesus the Messiah).

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### HOMEWORK

1. Study the examples of semantics in order to be able to incorporate them into your "witnessing vocabulary".
  2. Pray for salvations amongst the Jews. **WITHOUT PRAYER NOTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.**
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## Lecture 2

- The Creation and Fall of Man
- Satan the Adversary
- Understanding Original Sin
- God's Plan of Redemption
- A new Nation through Abraham
- The Mosaic Law and its Purpose



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### LECTURE 2

The greatest fear that Christians have when witnessing to a Jew, is that they believe that their prospect is well versed in the content of the Tenakh (Old Testament) and will thus be faced with a daunting prospect.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The majority of Jews are completely ignorant of the content of their own scriptures and are only aware of a few Bible stories that they were taught at "chadar" (Bible classes for children, much like Sunday School). Synagogue services are conducted with the help of prayer books and the Tenakh is not widely used.

Added to this, is the fact that Hebrew Bibles are extremely difficult to get hold of, thus your prospect may not even have a copy of his own Bible.

**Amos 8:11 (NKJ):-** "*Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, BUT OF HEARING THE WORDS OF THE LORD.*"

**Ezekiel 7:26 (NKJ):-** "...Then they will seek a vision from a prophet; **BUT THE LAW WILL PERISH FROM THE PRIEST, AND COUNCIL FROM THE ELDERS.**"

**REMEMBER, YOUR PROSPECT PROBABLY KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE CONTENT OF HIS OWN BIBLE.**

### THE JEWISH GOSPEL - BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING

Because your prospect has probably not read the Tenakh, you will have to begin your witness at the beginning of the Bible with the Creation and fall of man; and from there take him through the Mosaic Law to the Prophets and eventually to the fulfilment in the New Covenant.

#### 1) THE PURPOSE OF CREATION

Explain the purpose of the creation.

- a) God created all things for man, and He created man to enjoy and rule over His creation.

**Genesis 1:26 (JB):-**

"And God said, let Us make Mankind in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth..."

**Psalms 115:16 (JB):-**

"The heavens are the heavens of the Lord: but He has given the earth to the children of men."

- b) But most importantly, He created man to have fellowship with Himself.

**Malachi 1:2 (JB):-**

"I have loved you, says the Lord..."

### Jeremiah 3:14 (NKJ):-

*"Return, O backsliding children, says the Lord; for I am married to you..."*

### POINTS TO REMEMBER

- i) Emphasize that man was created in God's image and therefore with His holy and sinless nature.
- ii) Man was created to rule over God's creation.

### 2) THE FALL

In this section we need to show our prospect, from the scriptures, how man lost his sinless nature and his relationship with God.

- a) Man was free to rule over the creation, however, God imposed one restriction:

#### Genesis 2:16&17 (JB):-

*"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying of every tree of the garden thou mayst freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for on the day that thou eatest of it **THOU SHALL SURELY DIE.**"*

- b) Read Genesis 3:1-7 with your prospect, then explain to him who the serpent is.  
Most Jews do not believe that Satan exists. The Hebrew Bible refers to Satan as the "**adversary**" or in the case of Isaiah 14:12, "**the morning star.**"

Use the following two scriptures:-

- i) Isaiah 14:12-15 (JB):-

*"How art thou fallen from heaven, O bright star, son of the morning (Lucifer)! How art thou cut down to the ground, that didst rule (**chalash** - to weaken, overthrow, waste away) over the nations! For thou hast said in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the farthest north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the Most High: Yet thou shall (**future tense**) be brought down to Sheol (hell) to the depths of the pit."*

- ii) Ezekiel 28:11-17 (JB):-

*"Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, thus says the Lord God; thou art a seal and a paragon (model of excellence), full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the ruby, the crysolithe, and the diamond, the emerald, the shoham and the jade, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the beryl, and gold; the workmanship of thy settings and thy sockets (pipes and timbrels) was in thee, in the day that thou wast created they were prepared.*

*Thou wast the far covering cherub; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God, thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou **WAST PERFECT** (past tense) in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN THEE.***



*By the multitude of thy merchandise (trading) they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **THOU HAST SINNED**: therefore I have cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and **I WILL DESTROY THEE** (future tense), O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones<sup>4</sup> of fire. Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground (erets-earth), I have laid thee before kings, that they may gaze upon thee."*

From the above scriptures we can explain who Lucifer was as well as what he became and how he deceived Adam and Eve through the serpent.

#### **WHO HE WAS:-**

- He led the worship of God in Heaven. (Eze 28:13)
- He was extremely beautiful and very wise. (Eze 28:12&13)
- He was one of the three Archangels

#### **WHAT HE DID:-**

- He tried to rule in the place of God i.e. He attempted to overthrow God. (Isa 14:13&14)

#### **WHAT HE BECAME:-**

He lost his position as an Archangel and as the leader of worship in heaven and was cast powerless to the earth in order to await his sentence; everlasting torment in the flames of hell. (Isa 14:15; Eze 28:16&17)

### **c) HOW AND WHY DID SATAN CAUSE ADAM AND EVE TO SIN AGAINST GOD**

Just as the angel spoke through the mouth of Balaam's donkey in Numbers 22:22&23, so the adversary (Satan) spoke through the mouth of the serpent in the Garden of Eden. By enticing Adam and Eve to listen to, and **BELIEVE** his lies, the adversary was able to cause them to disobey God and thus lose their position as rulers of God's creation. Because they obeyed him, they unknowingly surrendered their lives to him and gave him their position as rulers of earth. **Isaiah 14:12** tells us that he uses this position to "**chalash**" - overthrow and weaken the nations.

This then allowed the adversary to continue his war against God by subjecting mankind, the apple of God's eye (Deu 32:10 & Lam 2:18), to a Godless eternity and a limited lifespan of toil and hardship on earth.

#### **UNDERSTANDING ORIGINAL SIN**

##### **Genesis 3:8&9 (JB):-**

*"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the breeze of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, **WHERE ART THOU?**"*

To illustrate what the adversary achieved, compare the above scripture with **Genesis 2:16&17**. Draw your prospect's attention to the "apparent" contradiction in **verse 17**, "**...on the day that thou eatest of it (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) thou shall surely die,**" and the fact that Adam lived over nine hundred years after eating the forbidden fruit.

**Explain the "contradiction" with the question, "Did God lie regarding the sentence of death for eating the forbidden fruit?"**

**N.B. THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR WITNESS BEGINS HERE.** Original sin is a subject seldom mentioned in Jewish circles and it must be clearly explained to your prospect or your witness will be ineffective.

**Explain God's question to Adam in Genesis 3:9 (JB):-**

**"And the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, where art thou?"**

**Ask your prospect if he agrees that God is omni-present.**

**If he agrees, ask him if he believes that God's question to Adam was rhetorical seeing as though God knew exactly where Adam was physically?**

**N.B. You need to establish that God was not referring to Adam's physical location but his spiritual, in relation to God.**

**Now explain that Adam died spiritually when he disobeyed God and was thus banished from the presence of God because of his sin. Exile from the presence of God not only meant that Adam could no longer eat from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22&23) [JB]:-**

**"...what if he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, AND EATING, LIVE FOREVER: therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden..."**

**but rather that he no longer had a sinless nature like God and thus all his descendants would be born with his sin nature instead of God's righteous nature. Put another way, MAN WAS DESTINED TO THE SAME FUTURE AS HIS ADVERSARY SATAN i.e. GOD'S JUDGEMENT.**

**Psalm 51:5 (JB):-**

**"Behold, I was shaped in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."**

**ADAM'S BANISHMENT DID NOT SPELL THE END OF GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN. RATHER, IT SPELT, THE BEGINNING OF HIS PLAN OF REDEMPTION WHICH IS DOCUMENTED IN THE BOOK WE NOW CALL THE TENAKH.**

### **3) GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION**

**In this section of our witness, we have to deal with:-**

- a) Why did God need to establish a new nation through Abraham?
- b) Why did God give Israel His Law and what purpose does the Law serve?
- c) The prophets. What was their role in the redemption of man?



## THE LORD THE REDEEMER

Tell your prospect that the Tenakh uses the word Redeemer nineteen times to describe God.  
e.g. Jeremiah 50:34 (JB):-

*"Their Redeemer is strong; the Lord of hosts is His name..."*

The Hebrew for redeemer is ga'al. Eastons dictionary defines redeemer as *"one charged with the duty of restoring the rights of another and avenging his wrongs."*

Strong's definition:- *"...to be the next of kin (and as such to buy back a relatives property), to purchase, ransom, redeem, revenge."*

God's very name denotes that He was going to take it upon Himself to purchase fallen man from the adversary and redeem him from the fall.

### a) WHY DID GOD NEED TO ESTABLISH A NEW NATION THROUGH ABRAHAM?

Genesis 12:1-3 (JB):-

*"Now the Lord said to Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, to the land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curses thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."*

Explain to your prospect;

Because Abram's family were idol worshippers like the rest of humanity, God needed to set him apart from its influences in order to establish through him a nation that would serve him instead of Satan the adversary.

**N.B. SERVING ANY OTHER GOD BUT THE GOD OF ISRAEL IS SERVING SATAN.**

NOTE Exodus 20:2-6 (JB):-

*"I am the Lord thy God, who have brought thee out of the land of Mizrayim (Egypt), out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods besides Me. Thou shalt not make for thyself any carved idol, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down to them nor serve them: **FOR I THE LORD AM A JEALOUS GOD**, punishing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children up to the third and fourth generation **OF THOSE WHO HATE ME**; but showing mercy to thousands of generations of those that love Me, **AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.**"*

Tell your prospect:

- If idol worship was harmless, why did it make God jealous?
- Worshipping idols is showing outright contempt for God.
- Not worshipping God **THROUGH BIBLICAL** Judaism is worshipping the adversary and brings down God's wrath.

## WHAT IS AN IDOL?

N.B. It is imperative that you explain to your prospect what idols are as most Jews have either:-

- been to fortune tellers or spiritualists
- take horoscope predictions seriously
- have at least ventured in to some form of Eastern mysticism

**AN IDOL IS ANY FORM OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, PHILOSOPHY OR RELIGION THAT DENIES THE WHOLE TRUTH OF THE TENAKH AND EXALTS ANY BEING ABOVE THE GOD OF ISRAEL.**

**BECAUSE ABRAM WAS OBEDIENT TO GOD'S COMMANDS AND BELIEVED HIS PROMISES, "IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Genesis 15:6).**

N.B. Abram's name was changed to Abraham (father of a multitude) because he was righteous in God's eyes. His righteousness was gained **WITHOUT THE MOSAIC LAW** through faith in the Word of God. God thus raised up a nation through the seed of Abraham who would, as Genesis 12:3 says, **"BLESS ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH."**

## **THE MOSAIC LAW**

### HOW DOES THE MOSAIC LAW FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN FOR MANS REDEMPTION?

The Law is a stumbling block to the Jews because they neither understand why it was given nor where it was leading them. This has caused the Jews to treat the Law as some mystical set of commandments which can be interpreted in various ways. As a result, religious leaders have spent years penning down their "interpretations" into the Talmud which has now superseded the Tenakh in order of religious study. Rabbis spend years studying Talmud instead of Torah (five books of Moses) and Tenakh.

The irony is that God very clearly explains the Law and its purpose in the Torah.

### WHY WAS THE LAW GIVEN?

The very simple answer to this question is found in **Deuteronomy 31:26&27 (JB):-**

*"Take this book of the Torah (Law), and put it in the side of the Ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, **THAT IT MAY BE THERE FOR A WITNESS AGAINST THEE.** For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against the Lord, how much more after my death?"*

The law was given as God's standard of perfection to which man could never attain. No man born of the seed of man was ever expected to keep it, as our inherent sin nature would make it an impossible task. The Law was there to show man how far from God he had fallen through Adam.

Realizing this, it points us further along the road to God's redemption.  
**Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (JB):-**

*"The Lord thy God will raise up to thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like me; to him you will harken ... **I WILL RAISE THEM UP A PROPHET FROM AMONG THEIR BRETHREN, like thee, AND I WILL PUT MY WORDS IN HIS MOUTH; AND HE SHALL SPEAK TO THEM ALL THAT I SHALL COMMAND HIM. AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT WHOEVER WILL NOT HARKEN TO MY WORDS WHICH HE SHALL SPEAK IN MY NAME, I WILL REQUIRE IT OF HIM.**"*



Because the Law was intended to show man his need for God's redemption, Moses points Israel to another prophet who will lead them into God's salvation.

**Show your prospect the song of Moses after he reviews the Law; in Deuteronomy 32:43 (JB):-**

*"Rejoice, O nations (goiym/gentiles), with his people: for he will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His adversaries (Satan) and will forgive (kaw-fer/atone) His land, and his people."*

Tell your prospect that the above two scriptures point to a time when Jew and Gentile will rejoice together in the God who atones their sins and renders vengeance on the adversary.

**N.B. UNDER THE LAW JEWS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE ANY FELLOWSHIP WITH GENTILES AND EVEN GENTILES WHO CONVERTED TO JUDAISM WERE STILL NOT ALLOWED TO WORSHIP GOD WITH THE JEWS IN THE INNER COURT OF THE TEMPLE.**

Secondly, show your prospect that God was telling Israel through Moses that He was raising up another prophet who was to be obeyed as he would lead them into God's New Covenant.

**Ask your prospect if he knows that the Tenakh foretold of a New Covenant? Then turn to Jeremiah 31:31-34 (JB):-**

*"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS IN THE DAY THAT I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO BRING THEM OUT OF EGYPT; WHICH COVENANT OF MINE THEY BROKE, although I was their master, says the Lord; but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, I WILL PUT MY TORAH (LAW) IN THEIR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE IT IN THEIR HEARTS; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people, AND THEY SHALL TEACH NO MORE EVERY MAN HIS NEIGHBOUR, AND EVERY MAN HIS BROTHER, SAYING, KNOW THE LORD: FOR THEY SHALL ALL KNOW ME, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord; FOR I WILL FORGIVE (PARDON) THEIR INIQUITY, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SIN NO MORE."*

**Point out the following to your prospect:-**

- i) The first covenant was going to be replaced by God.
- ii) The new covenant would not annul the first as God was going to write the Law on our hearts.
- iii) Instead of just the king, priest and prophet knowing the Lord under the first covenant; under the new covenant all will be able to know him personally.

**UNDER THE NEW COVENANT GOD WAS GOING TO PARDON (REMOVE AND FORGET) OUR SINS AS OPPOSED TO COVER THEM OVER (ATONE) AS IN THE TENAKH.**

**N.B. IT WAS THE PROPHET, AS PROPHESED BY MOSES, THAT WAS GOING TO BRING IN THE NEW COVENANT.**

### HOMEWORK

- 1) Study Gospel outline, and become familiar with the sequence you ought to follow in your witness. Remember you need not learn it off by heart.
- 2) Spend quality time in prayer, thanking God for the salvation of the Jews.

## Lecture 3

- Blood Sacrifices and Atonement
- When are we to expect Messiah
- Messiah's Coming announced
- The Virgin Birth
- Messiah's Birthplace
- Healing Ministry of Messiah



## HOW TO PRESENT THE JEWISH GOSPEL

### LECTURE 3

#### BLOOD SACRIFICES

Before we can show our prospect the Tenakh's prophecies of Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Messiah), we must first lay the foundation of His ministry by explaining to our prospect the animal sacrifices of the Mosaic Law.

**Read Leviticus 17:11 (JB):-**

*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: **FOR IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKES ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOUL.**"*

Explain to your prospect that under the Mosaic Covenant, God would accept the blood of an animal as a **substitute** for the life of someone who had sinned.

#### YOM KIPPUR (THE DAY OF ATONEMENT)

Turn to **Leviticus 16:1-34** and read it through with your prospect.

**Point out the following to him:-**

- a) Aaron could only come into God's presence with the blood of an animal once a year.
- b) The animal was used as a substitute for the sins of the Israelites.
- c) The scapegoat was to be led out of the camp or city (type of Yeshua being crucified outside Jerusalem).
- d) This sacrifice is to be made once a year during Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).

**Re-affirm to your prospect, that according to the Tenakh, only the blood of an animal could atone for sins under the Mosaic Law.**

Fasting and doing good works are not sufficient to atone for sins.

**Read Isaiah 64:6 (JB):-**

*"And we are all as one that is unclean, and all our righteousnesses as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind."*

Remind him that sin leads to death and that in His mercy, God accepted the animal's blood as a substitute until the New Covenant was established.

**If your prospect is not convinced then ask him:-**

**"Why did God accept Abel's sacrifice and reject Cain's?"**

**Show him Genesis 4:3-7 (JB):-**

*"And in process of time it came to pass, the Qayin (Cain) brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the Lord. And Hevel (Abel), he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat parts thereof. And the Lord had respect to Hevel (Abel) and to his offering: but to Qayin (Cain) and to his offering he had not respect.*

*And Qayin was angry, and his face fell. And the Lord said to Qayin, Why art thou angry? and why art thou crest fallen? IF THOU DOEST WELL, SHALT THOU NOT BE ACCEPTED?...*

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*And Qayin was angry, and his face fell. And the Lord said to Qayin, Why art thou angry? and why art thou crest fallen? IF THOU DOEST WELL, SHALT THOU NOT BE ACCEPTED?...*

Explain to your prospect that God would not accept Cain's fruit offering because He Himself had said, "...I have given you the blood upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: **FOR IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKES ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL.**"

God then told Cain to "do well" or, **"MAKE THE RIGHT SACRIFICE"** then he would be accepted.

**If your prospect is still not convinced then show him the following scriptures:-**

Leviticus 16:1-34

Leviticus 1:1-17

Leviticus 3:1-17

Leviticus 4:1-35

Leviticus 5:1-19

You might want to tell him that Abraham made all the above sacrifices to God before entering into a covenant with him (Genesis 15:9-17)

### ACCORDING TO THE TENAKH, WHEN ARE WE TO EXPECT MESSIAH

Ask your prospect:

**Do you know that the Tenakh gives us the exact year in which to expect Messiah?**

Read Daniel 9:25 (KJ):-

*"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince, [there] shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks..."*

**Who gave the command and when did the command go out?**

According to Isaiah 44:27&28 (JB):-

*"That says to the deep, be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: that says of Koresh (Cyrus), he is my shepherd, and shall perform all my good pleasure: and saying to Yerusalavim, thou shalt be rebuilt: and to the temple, thy foundation shall be laid."*

Cyrus, ruler of the Media-Persian Empire gave the command to restore and build Jerusalem in 486 BC according to Bible historian, Penan in his book *Bible Chronicles*.

From **Ezra 1:1-4** we see the above prophecy being fulfilled as well as Jeremiah's prophecy of Israel's 70 year captivity in Babylon; **Jeremiah 25:11&12**.

Isaiah's prophecy came to pass some 150 years later. Use these as examples of the Divine inspiration of the prophets writings as some Rabbi's teach that the Neviim (prophets) are not inspired of God.



Now show your prospect:-

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \times 7 &= 49 \\ 62 \times 7 &= 434 \\ &= 483 \text{ years until Messiah} \end{aligned}$$

the command went out in 486 BC - 483 years = 3 BC

**3 BC WAS THE YEAR THAT YESHUA WAS PROCLAIMED AS MESSIAH BY THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN, SIMEON AND ANNA IN LUKE CHAPTER 2.**

There are numerous other ways of calculating Daniel's prophecy, however they all work out to within 10 years of Yeshua's earthly ministry.

Here is another example:-

According to **Nehemiah 2:1-10**, Artaxerxes I also gave a command to rebuild Jerusalem in **445 BC**. The Jewish year has **356 days** in it compared to our **365**. We must therefore convert the Hebrew calender to correspond with our dating system because Biblical dates are taken according to modern dating systems.

Therefore:-

$$\begin{aligned} 483 \text{ Hebrew years} \times 365 \text{ days to a year} &= 171\,948 \text{ days} \\ &= 171\,948 \text{ days divided by } 365 \\ &= 471 \text{ modern years} \end{aligned}$$

$$445 \text{ BC} + 471 \text{ years} = 26 \text{ AD}$$

**26 AD WAS THE YEAR THAT YESHUA WAS PROCLAIMED AS THE MESSIAH BY JOHN THE BAPTIST.**

**Daniel 9:26&27 (JB):-**

*"And after sixty two weeks shall the Anointed one be cut off, and none will be left to him: and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and his (Jerusalem's) end shall be with a flood, and to the end of the war desolations are decreed. And he (the prince who is to come) shall make a strong covenant with many for one week: and during half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease;....."*

**Point out the following:-**

- Messiah will be killed (cut off).
- That after His death, the Adversary (Satan) would send his followers to destroy Jerusalem.
- After the above, the Adversary will make a covenant for seven years (one week; seven years) which he will break after just three and a half years.

Ask your prospect:

**"Did you know that Yeshua was killed after he was proclaimed as Messiah by thousands of Jews?"**

Then ask:

"Did you know that in AD 70, Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed by the Romans (who were idol worshippers) under Titus.

You could explain the last part of the prophecy with your knowledge of the end times and the New World Order system.

**THIS MAY BE ALL YOU WILL NEED TO CONVINCE YOUR PROSPECT THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH.**

Say to your prospect:

"Yeshua the Messiah fulfilled these and many other Messianic prophecies, may I share these with you?"

### THE COMING OF MESSIAH WOULD BE ANNOUNCED

Isaiah 40:3-5 (JB):-

*"A voice cries, prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway FOR OUR GOD... and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."*

Malachi 3:1 (JB):-

*"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of Hosts."*

Show your prospect the New Covenant scriptures on John the Baptist especially Luke 3:1-22.

### THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Genesis 3:15 (JB):-

*"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and HER SEED; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

Way back in the Garden God said that the Adversary would be defeated by the seed of the woman. This is the only place in the scriptures where the seed of the woman is mentioned. Every other scripture talks of the man's seed.

God was saying that He would intervene in natural reproduction in order to redeem fallen man.

Back up Genesis 3:15 with Isaiah 7:14 (JB):-

*"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold, the young woman (almah/virgin) is with child, and she shall bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us)."*

The Jerusalem Bible translates *almah* as young woman. However the correct Hebrew for young woman is *na'arah*. As in other instances, the translators have mistranslated the Hebrew in order to hide the reality of Yeshua as the Messiah.



The sign of the Messiah is the virgin birth.

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### MESSIAH'S BIRTH PLACE

Micah 5:2 (JB):-

*"But thou, Bethlehem-efrata, though thou art little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth to me to be ruler of Israel; AND HIS GOINGS OUT ARE FROM ANCIENT TIME, FROM DAYS OF OLD."*

Micah tells us that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem in the region of Efrata thus distinguishing it from the ancient city of Bethlehem which was located some five miles from Nazareth. He also tells us that the Messiah is not a mere man as *"his goings out are from ancient times."* (We will get into the Deity of Yeshua later).

### THE MINISTRY OF MESSIAH

#### Place of Ministry

Isaiah 9:1&2 (NKJ):-

*"...In Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined."*

Yeshua spent most of His time ministering in the region of Galilee.

#### Healing Ministry

Isaiah 29:18 (JB):-

*"And on that day shall the deaf hear the words of a book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness."*

Isaiah 35:5&6 (JB):-

*"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 a hart and the tongue of the dumb sing:..."*

Isaiah 61:1-3 (JB):-

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to announce good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and a day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."*

Compare these scriptures with their New Covenant fulfilments.

Isaiah 29:18 - Matthew 11:4&5

Isaiah 35:4-6 - Matthew 11:4&5

Isaiah 61:1-3 - Luke 4:16-21

John 1:32  
Luke 7:22

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**HOMEWORK**

- 1) Mark these Messianic prophecies in your Bible for easy reference when witnessing.
  - 2) Remember to pray for the Jews as God does not move without our prayers.
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# Lecture 4

- Messiah, God's perfect Lamb
- How did Messiah redeem Mankind
- The Deity of Messiah
- The Trinity

## HOW TO PRESENT THE JEWISH GOSPEL

### LECTURE FOUR

#### THE MINISTRY OF MESSIAH (Continued)

#### YESHUA, GOD'S PERFECT LAMB OF ATONEMENT

In Daniel 9:26, the Tenakh tells us that the Messiah would be cut off i.e. killed for His people. **IT IS IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION THAT MESSIAH FULFILLS GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION.**

Because Jews are taught that the Messiah will usher in an era of world peace in which Israel will be a super power, as in the days of King David and Solomon, we must disprove this teaching in order to show our prospect Messiah's **true ministry** of redemption.

**THROUGH MESSIAH GOD WOULD FULFIL HIS PROMISE TO ABRAHAM FOUND IN GENESIS 12:3:-** *"And in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."*

**Ask your prospect:-**

- a) **Do you feel that Rabbinical Judaism has blessed the entire world or just the Jews?**  
The answer to the above should most definitely be NO.
- b) **Do you know that Moses said that God would provide one atonement for both Jew and Gentile and that through that one atonement Jew and Gentile would be united to God?**

**Remind your prospect of Deuteronomy 32:43 (JB):-**

*"Rejoice, O nations (goyim-Gentiles), with His people: for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His adversaries (Satan) and will forgive (kaw-fer-atone) His land, and His people."*

**Isaiah 42:6 (JB):-**

*"I the Lord have called Thee in righteousness, and will hold Thy hand, and will keep Thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations (goyim-Gentiles)."*

**And Isaiah 49:6 (JB):-**

*"And He said, it is to slight a thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya'aqov (Jacob), and to restore the preserved of Yisra'el (Israel): I will also give Thee for a light to the nations (goyim-Gentiles), **THAT MY SALVATION MAY BE TO THE END OF THE EARTH.**"*

Remind your prospect that God's main agenda is the restoration of all mankind back to Himself through the Messiah. God chose Israel as the nation from which Messiah would come **AS SAVIOUR OF ALL MANKIND**; thereby fulfilling His promise to Abraham.

**N.B.** Tell your prospect that:- **"THE ONLY BELIEF THAT HAS COME FROM JUDAISM THAT HAS BLESSED MANKIND IS THE BELIEF THAT YESHUA IS THE MESSIAH, SENT FROM GOD TO REDEEM MAN FROM HIS SINS AND RESTORE HIM BACK INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIMSELF.**



HOW DID MESSIAH REDEEM MANKIND?

BY BECOMING THE PERFECT SACRIFICE.

Isaiah 52:13&14 (JB):-

*"Behold, My Servant shall prosper, **He shall be exalted and extolled**, and be very high. Just as many were astonished at Thee; saying, surely His visage is too marred to be that of a man, and His form, to be that of the sons of men: so shall He startle (nazah -sprinkle) many nations; kings shall shut their mouths: for that which had not heard shall they perceive."*

Isaiah 53:1-12 (JB):-

*"Who would have believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For He grew up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: He had no form nor comeliness, that we should look at Him, and no countenance, that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected of men; a man of pains, and acquainted with sickness: and we hid as it were our faces from His: He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. But in truth He has borne our sickness and endured our pains; yet we did esteem His stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

**BUT HE WAS WOUNDED BECAUSE OF OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, BRUISED BECAUSE OF OUR INIQUITIES: HIS SUFFERINGS WERE THAT WE MIGHT HAVE PEACE, AND BY HIS INJURY WE ARE HEALED.**

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; **AND THE LORD HAS CAUSED THE INIQUITY OF US ALL TO FALL ON HIM.** He was oppressed but He humbled Himself and opened not His mouth: **AS A LAMB WHICH IS BROUGHT TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND AS A SHEEP BEFORE HER SHEARERS IS DUMB, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH.***

*By oppression and false judgement was He taken away; and of His generation who considered? **FOR HE WAS CUT OFF FROM THE LAND OF THE LIVING, FOR THE TRANSGRESSIONS OF THE PEOPLE TO WHOM THE STROKE WAS DUE.***

*For they made His grave among the wicked, and His tomb among the rich; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.*

**BUT IT PLEASED THE LORD TO CRUSH HIM BY DISEASE: (KJ) WHEN THOU SHALT MAKE HIS SOUL AN OFFERING FOR SIN, (JB) HE SHALL SEE HIS SEED,** *He shall prolong His days, **AND THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD SHALL PROSPER IN HIS HAND.***

*He shall see the travail of His soul, He shall be sated (satisfied) with seeing: **BY HIS KNOWLEDGE SHALL MY RIGHTEOUS SERVANT JUSTIFY MANY; FOR HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES.***

*Surely I will give Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; **BECAUSE HE HAS POURED OUT HIS SOUL TO DEATH, AND WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS, BUT HE BORE THE SIN OF MANY, AND MADE INTERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS."***

Go through the above scripture with your prospect and draw his attention to the Tenakh's description of the life and Ministry of Messiah.

CHAPTER 52:13-15

In these three verses, point out the following to your prospect:-

- a) The Messiah will **be extolled** or you might say praised or worshipped. Remember that to the Jewish mind, only God can be praised and worshipped. Emphasize this to your prospect in order to prepare his heart when you share with him on the deity of Messiah and the Trinity.



- b) He was going to be **marred** (mish-khawth: - disfigured). This again refers to Messiah's suffering for mankind's sin.
- c) Like the blood of an animal was sprinkled on the altar to make atonement for the sins of the Israelites under the Mosaic Covenant so Messiah's blood will be sprinkled as the perfect atonement for the sins of humanity under the New Covenant.

### Isaiah Chapter 53

This is the single most descriptive prophecy of Messiah's ministry found in the Tenakh. **Spend time going through it with your prospect.**

**verse 1:** Tell your prospect that according to scripture, Messiah's ministry would not be believed by all. This would then explain why many did not and still don't accept Yeshua as Messiah.

**verses 2&3:** As we now know, the Jews believe that the Messiah will be a man of great political power and religious charisma who will gain the hearts of all Israel and the Jews world-wide. However the Tenakh tells us that the true Messiah will be **despised and rejected by men and forsaken**. Mention to your prospect that Yeshua was rejected by all including His disciples.

**verses 4-6:** According to the Tenakh the Messiah was going to be **wounded, bruised and smitten of God** in order to pay the price of our iniquity. Point out to your prospect that Yeshua was esteemed stricken and mocked by all those who watched His crucifixion. Yet in truth He was suffering for all their, and our sin as foretold.

**verses 7-9:** As in Daniel's prophecy, Isaiah confirms that Messiah was going to die for the iniquity of mankind. He compares the Messiah to the sacrifice lamb of the Mosaic Covenant. As a lamb is silent before it's slaughter so Yeshua did not try to defend Himself when He was falsely accused and crucified.

Isaiah tells us that Messiah would die with the wicked and be buried among the rich. Yeshua was crucified next to two thieves and buried in the tomb prepared for a wealthy man named Joseph of Arimathea in fulfilment of this prophecy. Again Isaiah reiterates that Messiah would suffer all the above to make atonement for the sin of mankind.

**verses 10-12:** Tell your prospect that God took pleasure in the death of the Messiah, as in His death the New Covenant was established and God could once and for all forgive man's sin. Messiah's death **justified**; tsadaq: - to make righteous, **many**. After His death, Messiah would be resurrected to life again as the Tenakh tells us that He would be given as an inheritance because of His sacrificial death.

**BY NOW YOUR PROSPECT SHOULD ACCEPT THAT JESUS IS HIS MESSIAH. HOWEVER IF HE NEEDS MORE CONVINCING THEN CONTINUE WITH:-**

### Psalm 22:16-18 (NKJ):-

*"For dogs have surrounded Me; the assembly of the wicked has enclosed Me. **THEY HAVE PIERCED MY HANDS AND FEET**; I can count My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."*



(The reason we use the New King James quotation is because the Jerusalem Bible translates verse 16b, *"they seize my hands and feet like a lion."* The Hebrew for lion is *ariy* which has a dual meaning; it can refer to a lion, or mean to pierce through. The translators of the Jerusalem Bible have very obviously chosen the former in order to hide Jesus from the Jews).

Tell your prospect that the Roman soldiers who oversaw Yeshua's crucifixion cast lots for the cloak that He wore.

**If the above is not received then turn to:-**

**Zechariah 12:10 (NKJ):-**

*"...then they will look on Me whom they have pierced;....."*

Point out to your prospect that the above two scriptures refer to a type of execution, namely crucifixion, which was totally foreign and at the time of these prophecies unheard of to the Jews.

**Other scriptures referring to the death of the Messiah are:-**

**Zechariah 13:7 (JB):-**

*"Awake , O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is associated with Me, says the Lord of Hosts: smite the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."*

Tell your prospect that when Yeshua was arrested, all those who followed Him left Him and fled.

**Psalms 69:21 (JB):-**

*"And they gave Me poison in my food; and for My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink."*

Compare with Matthew 27:48

**Psalms 129:3 (JB):-**

*"The ploughers ploughed upon My back: they made long their furrows."*

Compare with Matthew 27:26

**Isaiah 49:8 (JB):-**

*"Thus says the Lord, in an acceptable time I have answered thee, and in a day of salvation have I answered thee: and I will preserve Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people..."*

The covenant sacrifice was slain so that it's blood could seal the covenant between the parties. In like manner, Messiah's blood sealed the New Covenant between God and Man.

**Isaiah 50:6 (JB):-**

*"I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheek to those who plucked off My hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting."*

Compare with Matthew 26:67 & 27:26 and John 18:22

**Isaiah 63:9 (JB):-**

*"In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them."*

Yeshua became the redeemer of mankind through bearing the curse that came to all the descendants of Adam.

**AT THIS TIME, ASK YOUR PROSPECT IF HE ACCEPTS THAT YESHUA IS THE MESSIAH OF THE JEWS. IF HE ANSWERS YES, THEN PRAY WITH HIM SO THAT HE TOO MAY ENTER INTO GOD'S NEW COVENANT.**

**IF YOUR PROSPECT STILL DOES NOT ACCEPT YESHUA AS HIS PERSONAL SAVIOUR THEN SHOW HIM THE FOLLOWING PROPHECIES WITH THEIR FULFILMENT IN THE NEW COVENANT.**

Isaiah 65:1	Romans 9:23&24
Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10
Zachariah 11:12&13	Matthew 26:15 & Matthew 27:3-7
Psalms 35:11	Mark 14:56
Psalms 69:3	John 19:28
Psalms 22:14	John 19:34
Psalms 38:11	Luke 23:49
Psalms 109:25	Matthew 27:39&40
Psalms 22:8	Matthew 27:43
Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46
Exodus 12:46	John 19:33-36
Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
Zachariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-11

**IF AFTER MUCH PRAYER YOUR PROSPECT STILL DOES NOT ACCEPT YOUR WITNESS THEN MOVE ON AND DO NOT GET DESPONDENT AS THE LORD WILL LEAD YOU TO ANOTHER WHO WILL RECEIVE.**

**FOLLOW UP**

Once your prospect has accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour invite him to a **Jewish/Christian Home Fellowship** and an **orientation course** where he will learn the basic Christian beliefs from the Old Covenant. Remember to reassure him that he is still Jewish and that no matter how much he gets involved in the local church he will always remain a descendent of God's chosen people.

**IF THE DEITY OF CHRIST AND THE TRINITY ARE HINDERING YOUR PROSPECT FROM ACCEPTING JESUS AS HIS MESSIAH THEN CONTINUE YOUR WITNESS WITH:-**



## THE TRINITY AND THE DEITY OF MESSIAH

Most of those you witness to will not readily accept the deity of Jesus and the concept of the Trinity. However, these are minor obstacles to overcome as the Tenakh makes no attempt to hide the Trinity. You will more than likely be confronted with:-

**Deuteronomy 6:4:- "HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE!"**

The above scripture is part of the thirteen Articles of the Jewish Faith and is the foundation of modern Judaism. With it Jews argue that the Trinity is pagan because the Tenakh says that God is one. However, Deuteronomy 6:4 does just the opposite, in fact it argues very strongly for the Trinity when it is understood in its native form i.e. ... Hebrew. Break down Deuteronomy 6:4 for your prospect as follows:-

**SHAMI YISRA'EL ADONAY ELOHAA'NU ADONAY ECHAD**  
**HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE!**

According to the Hebrew there are three root words for God, they are:-

**ELOHIYM:-** Used in the plural for the supreme God, literally translated in the plural as, Gods.

**ADONAY:-** Translated, the Lord.

**YEHOVAH:-** Jewish national name for God, often translated as Lord.

Tell your prospect that the concept of two or more beings being one is clearly illustrated in the Tenakh.

**Genesis 2:24 (JB):-**

*"That is why a man leaves his father and mother, and cleaves to his wife: **AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH.**"*

The word **one** in this passage is the Hebrew word **echad** meaning not only one numerically but also **one in unity** or **to be alike**.

Bearing this in mind, a more literal translation of the above would be:-

*"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our Gods, the Lord is one in unity, plan and purpose; alike."*

To further illustrate this, show your prospect:-

**Genesis 1:26 (JB):-**

*"And God said, let Us make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness..."*

**Genesis 3:22 (JB):-**

*"And the Lord God said, behold, the man has become like one of Us..."*

**Genesis 11:7 (JB):-**

*"Come, let Us go down, and there confound their language..."*

**Isaiah 6:8 (JB):-**

*"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"*

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HOMEWORK

1. Mark the Messianic prophecies and their fulfilment in your Bible for easy reference when witnessing.
  2. Remember to spend time daily in prayer for the Jews.
  3. Pray and ask God if He wants you to get involved in a Jewish outreach ministry.
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# Lecture 5

- The Trinity continued
- Arousing Interest in your Prospect

## HOW TO PRESENT THE JEWISH GOSPEL

### LECTURE FIVE

#### THE DEITY OF MESSIAH AND THE TRINITY (CONTINUED)

Ask your prospect if he knows that the Messiah would be God Himself manifested in a human body. Then show him Isaiah 9:5&6 (JB):- [9:6&7 other versions]:-

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given: and the government is on his shoulder: and his name is called **Pele-yo'ez-el-gibbor-avi'ad-sar-shalom**,....."*

N.B. The Jerusalem Bible does not translate the Hebrew name of "the child" into English, as it clearly shows this "child" the Messiah to be God Himself.

Translated, His name is **WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.**

If the Messiah is called God, then the belief that Yeshua Ha'Mashiach is Deity cannot be Biblically incorrect.

#### Genesis 18:1-33 (JB):-

*"And the Lord (Jehovah) appeared to him (Abraham) by the terebinths of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; and he raised his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the ground, and said, my Lord (Adonay), if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:....."*

*(v6) And Avraham hastened into the tent of Sara, and said, make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. And Avraham ran into the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it to the young man; and he hurried to prepare it. **AND HE TOOK BUTTER, AND MILK, AND THE CALF WHICH HE HAD DRESSED, AND SET IT BEFORE THEM; and he stood by them under the tree, AND THEY ATE.***

*(v13) And the Lord (Jehovah) said to Avraham,.....*

*(v14) Is anything too hard for the Lord (Jehovah)?.....*

*(v16) And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Sedom (Sodom): and Avraham went with them to bring them on the way. And the Lord (Jehovah) said, shall I hide from Avraham that thing which I intend to do;.....*

*(v20) And the Lord said, because the outcry of Sedom and 'Amora (Gomorra) is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry of it, which is come to Me; and if not, I will know.*

*And the men turned their faces from there and went toward Sedom: **BUT AVRAHAM STOOD YET BEFORE THE LORD (JEHOVAH).....***

*(v26) And the Lord (Jehovah) said,.....*

*(v27) ...I have taken it upon me to speak to the LORD (ADONAY)...*

**ABRAHAM REFERS TO GOD AS ADONAY TILL VERSE 33.**

Draw your prospect's attention to the following:-



- a) Jehovah God appeared to Abraham and was entertained by him for a few hours.
- b) Although it was Jehovah who appeared to him, Abraham referred to Him as Adonay.
- c) Jehovah violated modern Kosher laws by eating meat and milk together.

Now compare with Exodus 19:21 (JB):-

*"And the Lord (Jehovah) said to Moses, go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the Lord (Jehovah) to gaze, AND MANY OF THEM PERISH."*

And Exodus 33:18-23 (JB):-

*"And the Lord (Jehovah) said to Moses,...(v20) THOU CANST NOT SEE MY FACE; FOR NO MAN SHALL SEE ME AND LIVE...(V22) And it shall come to pass, while My glory passes by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by: and I will take away My hand and thou shalt see My back: BUT MY FACE SHALL NOT BE SEEN."*

Ask your prospect how come Abraham was allowed to gaze upon the face of Jehovah but Moses and the rest of humanity are not?

Either God sets double standards and contradicts Himself, which is too preposterous to even consider, or else, as we have already seen there exists at least two beings called Jehovah who relate to man on different levels. The One, who in His Holy Perfection cannot be beheld face to face by fallen man and the other who because He is the Redeemer and Mediator can freely interact with man.

To further prove the above turn with your prospect to, Genesis 19:24 (JB):-

*"Then the LORD (Jehovah) rained upon Sodom and 'Amora brimstone and fire from the LORD (Jehovah) out of heaven."*

Now explain to your prospect, that after Jehovah had finished negotiating with Abraham, He went to render judgement on Sodom and Gomorrah. Whilst Jehovah was on earth punishing the two cities, Jehovah in Heaven was supplying the fire and brimstone.

### THE TRINITY

If your prospect still does not believe in the plurality of God then turn to, Isaiah 44:6 (JB):-

*"Thus says the Lord (Jehovah) the King of Yisra'el, and His Redeemer the Lord (Jehovah) of Hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and beside Me there is no God (Elohiym/Gods)."*

Note:-

- a) There are two Lord's called Jehovah. One is called the King of Israel and the other, the Redeemer the Lord of Hosts.
- b) Again we see the plural noun for God namely Elohiym being used to describe the plurality of God.

Having established this, turn now to Isaiah 48:16&17 (JB):-

*"Come near to Me, hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time it was, there have I been: and now the Lord (Jehovah) God (Adonay) and His Spirit, has sent Me, Thus says the Lord (Jehovah), thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Yisra'el: I am the Lord (Jehovah) thy God (Elohiym) who teaches thee for thy profit..."*

In the above scripture we can clearly see the three Persons of the Godhead working in unity to redeem humanity.

Firstly, there is the Jehovah God or you might say the Father.

Secondly, there is the Holy Spirit (Ruach Ha'Codesh).

Thirdly, both of them are sending the Redeemer/Messiah (Yeshua), who is also called Jehovah God.

Point out to your prospect that the Messiah's name is *The Holy One of Israel* and *The Lord Your God*.

Expounding on this, show your prospect Isaiah 44:6 (JB):-

*"Thus says the Lord (Jehovah) the King of Yisra'el, and His Redeemer the Lord (Jehovah) of Hosts: I AM THE FIRST, AND I AM THE LAST; AND BESIDE ME THERE IS NO GOD (ELOHIYM)."*

The Tenakh clearly shows that Jehovah God is at least two Persons working in absolute unity and beside them and the Holy Spirit there exist no other Gods.

N.B. GENESIS 1:26:-

*"And God (Elohiym/God's) said, let US make Mankind in OUR image, after OUR likeness....."*

Ask your prospect:-

If man is a triune being i.e. consisting of a spirit, soul and body; and was created in **THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD**, does it not make sense that our likeness is after His likeness therefore He too must be a triune being, hence a Trinity?

SHOULD YOUR PROSPECT STILL NOT GRASP THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF THE TRINITY, THEN YOU CAN SHARE THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES WITH HIM:-

Psalms 110:1-7:- *"The Lord (Jehovah) said to my Lord (Adonay)....."*

Psalms 45:6&7:- *"Your throne, O God (Elohiym/Gods) is forever and ever.....Therefore God (Elohiym/Gods) has anointed you."*

Isaiah 55:5:- *"...because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel..."*

Isaiah 60:9:- *"...to the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel,...."*

NOW THAT WE KNOW HOW TO PRESENT THE JEWISH GOSPEL, HOW DO WE AROUSE IN OUR PROSPECT A DESIRE TO HEAR IT?

There are a number of ways that you can arouse your prospect's interest.

FIRSTLY BY USING LITERATURE AND TRACTS.

E.g. Would you like to read the testimonies of some Rabbis who claim that the Messiah has already come?

or:-

I have this book which claims to prove who the Messiah is, based on the Tenakh. I would like you to read it so that you could give me your opinion.



Use any other suitable tract to arouse interest in your prospect.

## SECONDLY, NAME DROP.

E.g. Did you know that Professor Block from Wits University is a Jewish believer?

or:-

We have a Jewish Pastor at our church.

## THIRDLY, DISCUSS MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUES

Jewish people are always very concerned with the political goings on in the Middle East. Use Biblical prophecies to show that current event were foretold thousands of years ago by the Prophets.

Examples:-

- i) The re-establishing of Israel (Isaiah 11:12 & Jeremiah 16:14&15).
- ii) The reclaiming of the desert into fertile land (Isaiah 35:1&2).
- iii) The proposed seven year Middle East peace treaty (Daniel 9:27).

## FOURTHLY, USE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Do not tell your prospect about the financial blessings of God, chances are, he is a lot better off than you are. Rather share with him about your personal relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. An excellent approach to use, is saying, ***"your Messiah lives in my heart!"***

## FIFTHLY, BY SHARING WITH YOUR PROSPECT MIRACULOUS ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Most Jewish people have resigned themselves to the lie that God does not answer prayer. By sharing how God has answered your prayers you will arouse in your prospect a desire to have what you have.

## FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRAY AND ASK GOD TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SHARE YOUR WITNESS.

**Remember Mark 16:20:-** *"And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word through the accompanying signs."*

It is in the will of God that Israel be saved. All you need to do is make yourself available to be a labourer ***to the Jew first and then the Greek*** and God will work with you in order to bring to pass His divine will.