

## Appreciation

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### Why

Support Our Ministry to the Jewish People?

- There is a biblically- based priority to Jewish evangelism. Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles, declared to the Christians in the heart of the Roman Empire: I am not ashamed of the Good News, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first (Romans 1:16). Messiah Yeshua commanded His disciples to go the entire world with the Good News about Him, starting with Jerusalem and Judea (Acts 1:8).
- Israel is still precious to God, and what He loves, we should love. Rabbi Paul and Messiah Yeshua reflected the heart of God by willingly offering their lives up for the sake of Israel (Romans 9:2-4, 10:1, and Matthew 23:37).
- Christians have a special calling to provoke Israel to spiritual jealousy. Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous (Romans 11:11). Those Christians who obey this mandate will fulfill this part of their calling.
- Christians owe a debt to the Jewish people. Through Israel the promises and covenants were given. Through the Jewish people came the Holy Scriptures, this gives us the knowledge of God and salvation. Through the sons of Israel came the Messiah, who has opened up access to God for all. It was through Jewish apostles that the Good News first went to the nations (Romans 9:4-5, Romans 15:27). This debt must be repaid by helping Jewish people find salvation.
- It is in the best interest of the Gentiles to bring the Jewish people the Good News (Romans 11:12-15). If Israel's failure to recognize the Messiah brought untold spiritual riches for the Gentiles and if Israel's rejection of Messiah brought about the reconciliation of the world, how much more will their acceptance of the Messiah be!
- The God of Israel promises blessings to those who share the Good News with the Jewish people. Those who bless the Jewish people will be blessed, and those who curse Israel will be cursed (Genesis 12:1-3). Bringing the Good News is the best blessing you can give! It is the prayer of the Psalmist that prosperity will come to those who pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122).

