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Resources for Jewish Evangelism

We are blessed to have many organizations doing missionary work who also create resources that can be used by others. Here are some of those resources.

Ariel Ministries: published Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum's *Jesus was a Jew* and *Messianic Christology*, a study of Old Testament prophecy concerning the First Coming of the Messiah. www.ariel.org.

"Messiah Comes," t-shirts, posters, cards and English and Hebrew websites that feature commentary by leading Jewish believers, e.g. Mottel Baleston; Dr. Jonathan D. Sarfati; Olivier Melnik; Dr. Michael Rydelnik; Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum; Dr. Tuvya Zaretsky; David Bricker, MA; Gideon Levytam; Dr. Sam Nadler; Dr. Dovid Rosenzweig.
T-shirts feature the 22 letters from the Hebrew alphabet, overlaid with references to the Messiah from the Hebrew Scriptures. Posters follow this same pattern. Cards are essentially business cards featuring the Messiah Comes website, http://Messiah.com.es

Tzedakah Ministries: Directed by Amy Downey, this organization offers some excellent tracts and CDs, such as "Abraham was Kosher," which addresses Abraham's righteousness by faith; "Answering Isaiah," which asks, 'Just who is the suffering servant of Isaiah 53?" "Buddhism and Jews" and more. downey@tzedakahministries.org.

Tom Cantor, director of **Israel Restoration Ministries**, has developed some valuable videos including his testimony, Passover, About the Jewish People, and teaching on bible passages in English, Hebrew, Russian, French, Farsi, Spanish, and Japanese. He also has in written form many documents in English, Hebrew, French, Spanish, and Japanese. www.Israelrestoration.org.

Isaiah 53 has been the focus of **Chosen People Ministries** this year. In addition to a book by Drs. Mitch Glaser and Darrell Bock, *The Gospel According to Isaiah 53*, CPM is producing a 4-part DVD, filmed in Israel, complete with a Training Series and Study Guide. This professional evangelistic DVD is an evangelistic tool that can be shared with Jewish people either privately or in a training series.

The Gospel According to Isaiah 53 presents the redemptive work of the Messiah and explores issues of atonement and redemption in light of Isaiah chapter 53. This book clearly demonstrates how Jesus fulfills the descriptions of the "suffering servant" of Isaiah 53, and can be used as a tool to present the Gospel to the Jewish people. It can also be used by pastors preparing Bible studies to help equip believers to share the Gospel with the Jewish people. Believers will also find the material beneficial to their own understanding of Messianic prophecies and Jewish evangelism.

The Mysterious Prophecy of Isaiah 53 – Filmed in Israel, this four-part DVD series explains Isaiah 53 from a Biblical and scholarly perspective. Presenters on the DVD include Dr. Michael Brown, Dr. Walter Kaiser, Dr. Darrel Bock, and Dr. Michael Rydelnik. There is also the Isaiah 53 DVD Training Series and Study Guide – Built off the above four-part DVD series, and an Isaiah 53 Evangelistic DVD – catered for a Jewish audience. www.chosenpeople.com

Jews for Jesus published *Called to Controversy, the Unlikely Story of Moishe* Rosen and the Founding of Jews for Jesus, written by Moishe's daughter, Ruth. Matched by Messiah: Jewish Soul Mates for Jesus. A story of two Jewish people whose similar guests for truth and love led them first to the Messiah, and then to one another. Awakening, narrated by actor Stephen Baldwin, the 30-minute DVD transports you to the streets of New York as Jews for Jesus' next generation of missionaries engages seekers with the gospel. Tackling Tradition: Two Jews, One Truth follows the journeys of Rob and Sandy Wertheim, who found reason to question the common perception that you can't be Jewish and believe in Jesus. Flowers of the Sun—Jews for Jesus missionaries and volunteers work to bring the Gospel to Israel during the 2010 Behold Your God campaign. Hear testimonies of Israeli men and women as their hearts and minds are opened to the Truth. Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus—Dr. Michael Brown refutes the traditional Jewish concept that there is a binding, authoritative Oral Law going back to Moses. While showing great respect for his people's traditions, Brown demonstrates that when there is a conflict between the Bible and tradition, Jews are called to follow the Bible. Stories of Jews for Jesus—Nineteen Jews from various walks of life share the inspiring stories of their singular walk with Jesus. The happy endings of these fascinating testimonies could bring about a new beginning for someone you know! www.iewsforiesus.org

First Fruits of Zion continues publishing excellent resources, focused more on theology and liturgy, but very helpful to Messianic congregations and Jewish missions who do discipleship. A new commentary on *Galatians* addresses the controversial issues in this epistle that need to be understood by both Jews and Christians. The *HaYesod* curriculum, used by many congregations, lays the foundation for Messianic Judaism. The *Delitzch Hebrew Gospels* is an excellent translation by \ this noted scholar.

www. ffoz.com

Gates of Zion is the organization headed by Jeff Bernstein. In addition to ministering successfully and actively in Europe, FSU countries, and recently in India, Jeff has produced an excellent pamphlet called, "5 Steps to Provoke Jewish People to Jealousy," that can also be downloaded from his website: www.gatesofzion.net.

Destiny Image published the New Testament portion of the Family Bible Project's *Tree of Life Bible*, which is a "Messianized" version of the NASB, contributed to by Drs. John and Patrice Fischer, Dr. Jeff Feinberg and others, with illustrations by artist Michael Washer. www.mjcbp.org

Messianic Jewish Publishers, formerly The Lederer Foundation, has been publishing evangelistic books for decades. The first slide shows some of these books, which are still used. They were instrumental in my coming to faith.

The next slide shows Dr. Henry Einspruch and two great works that he and his beloved wife, Marie published—The *Yiddish New Testament* and the *Yiddish Matthew*. *Matthew* is also on CD. I can picture a missionary with a boom box playing this as he or she walked down a street in Brooklyn or Miami.

Since Henry and Marie retired, we've published about 50 more titles, most recently a commentary on Matthew, by Rabbi Barney Kasdan, the first in a Messianic Jewish commentary series on the New Testament we plan to publish; *The Conversation*, endorsed by Drs. Walter Kaiser and Norm Geisler and others, a historical fiction account of the discussion Yeshua had with two disciples on the road to Emmaus, presenting many Messianic prophecies in an interesting way. This is great for sharing with Jewish people.

We also took over publishing all of Dr. Daniel Juster's books; have published three books by Rabbi Russ Resnik; are producing some of Dr. John Fischer's seminary lectures. We've also published these other authors.

Since 1989, MJP has worked with Dr. David Stern to publish the *Jewish New Testament* and the *Jewish New Testament Commentary* in many languages, the *Complete Jewish Bible*, the CJB/NIV with Hendrickson Publishers, and others of his books in a number of languages. We are now working on the *Complete Jewish Study Bible*, starting with the New Testament, an Americanized version of Dr. David Stern's *Jewish New Testament*, combined with a portion of his *Commentary*, along with introductions to each book by scholars, such as Dr. John Fischer, Dr. Ruth Fleischer, Rabbi Derek Leman, Rabbi Jeff Adler, Dr. Darrell Bock, Dr. David Friedman, Rabbi Ariel Berkowitz, Dr. Jeff Seif, Rabbi Russ Resnik, Rabbi Tzaki Shapira, and others. Additionally, there will be short articles and essays. www.messianicjewish.net.

We also have licensed many of our books to these bible software companies.

Let's support the work done by all these fine organizations by using the resources they have produced. Not only will we find more materials than we can produce through our own ministries, but we will encourage our brothers and sisters who are laboring in the Jewish section of the vineyard. There is a new spirit of cooperation among Jewish missions and congregational associations. May we find ways to increase cooperation and decrease competition? We are all on the same team—Yeshua's team!