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“To the Jew first” הַיְהוּדִים בְּרִאשֹׁנָה (Romans 1:16)

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*“I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, saith the LORD,  
Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, The Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8).*

Dear Friend in the LORD Jesus Christ,

Warmest greetings in The Name of the Great GOD and our Saviour, and Israel's Exalted Redeemer. (Titus 2:13, 14).

Thank you for your fellowship in prayer and by your giving to this ministry. I pray you will know the LORD'S blessing, and that your heart will be strengthened and encouraged by His Presence and His promise to us in 1 Cor. 15:57-58, knowing our labour is not in vain in the LORD.

Last month we looked at The One Book ~ The Bible, and The One Person and One Message ~ The Christ of God. Let us continue to center on the LORD Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures which all speak of Him and reveal Him to the heart.

R.A. Torrey wrote in his book “How to Study the Bible”, **In all your Bible reading and study, look for Christ in the passage under examination.** He wrote, “We read of the LORD Jesus that, *“beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”* (Luke 24:27). Jesus Christ is the Subject of the whole Bible, and the Subject pervades the Book. Some of the seemingly driest portions of the Bible become imbued with a new life when we learn to see (and gain) Christ in them . . .

I remember in my early reading of the Bible what a stupid book Leviticus seemed, but it all became different when I learned to see Jesus in the various offerings and sacrifices, in the high-priest and his garments, in the tabernacle and its furniture, indeed everywhere. Look for Christ in every verse you study, and even the genealogies and catalogues of the names of persons and towns will begin to have beauty and power (when you see Him).”


It was said of Samuel Rutherford from Scotland: ‘Often he was known to fall asleep at night talking of Christ, and he often spoke of Christ during his sleep. Indeed, himself speaks of his dreams being of Christ.’

Charles Spurgeon wrote, “A view of Christ is always beneficial to a Christian, too much of Christ we cannot have. Give us Christ always, Christ ever. There are some who complain that their love to the Saviour is faint and cold. But this would not be if they were more with Jesus. The closer you live to Christ and the more you know Him, the better you will love Him. Do not try to produce in yourself a certain degree of love to Christ; but go into His Presence, meditate upon Him continually, picture to yourself His sufferings for you, and then you will love Him ~ for **He** will draw your poor heart closer to Himself, as you thus think upon Him. And your love to Him will grow just in proportion as you realize His love to you.”

The words **“Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood ~ to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”** with **“Yea, He loveth the People (of Israel)”** (Deut. 33:3a and Rev. 1:5-6) shows The Redeemer's special, continued love for Israel. His love for Israel is seen in its fullest expression at Golgotha and will be revealed at His Second Coming to the Jews. (Rev. 1:7). These words in Revelation have a special reference to the Jews. Deuteronomy 33:3 affirms this precious truth. Let us ask our Lord for His Love for His *“beloved”* Jewish People. **“How shall they (the Jews) hear without a Preacher?”** (Romans 10:14c). **There is no better Preacher of Christ than The Bible!**

Our Lord commands us, *“Give ye them to eat.”* (Mark 6:37). Christ Himself is **“THE BREAD of Life”**. He says, *“I am that Bread of Life. This is that Bread which cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living Bread which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh . . .”* (John 6:47-58). *“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit (breath), and they are life.”* (John 6:63c).

Please continue in prayer to God,

 that this ministry to the LORD Jesus Christ will know His blessing, and that I will be able to continue to serve the LORD faithfully in this Work;

- 📖 that we will be strengthened and protected against the evil one and know the LORD'S Presence, grace and courage;
- 📖 that the LORD Jesus Christ will pour out His mercy and favour upon more and more Jewish hearts that are hard and afraid of *the New Testament*, and soften Jewish hearts in cities throughout America to receive and read His Words, that He will be exalted again and again in His sowing *the Hebrew New Testament and complete Hebrew Bibles* through our hands, especially among Jewish souls who are searching for *the Hebrew New Testament*;
- 📖 that much fruit will result from the faithful sowing of His Word from the offices here, and as I go out in ministry to speak in meetings to believers, and into Jewish communities where they live, study and work with His Word;
- 📖 that many Israelis working in shopping malls throughout America will be truly reached with the Hebrew Scriptures;
- 📖 as we serve more Jewish People in authority who are Jewish leaders and Orthodox Rabbis, and as we assist believers who are reaching out in love to their Jewish friends with the Word of God for their salvation.
- 📖 that Christ, His sufferings and His glory, would be seen, revealed and magnified in this Work.

This encouraging note came recently to us: "Mr. Atwood, Last summer, you sent us a Hebrew Bible and other Scriptures for our Jewish son-in-law in New York. Shay is reading the Bible, and we have been able to answer some questions he has had . . . Thank you again for your ministry. This situation has given a new perspective and a love for the Jewish People. You are in our prayers. Mark and Cindy."

Friends who live in a Jewish area in New Jersey wrote, "Thank you for making it possible to help you spread the Good News, the Word of God, to His Chosen People. In Christ our Lord, Stew and Ruth." Other friends wrote, "Dear Brother Tom Atwood, You will find enclosed some monetary assistance for your ministry. In recent years, we have become aware of, more aware of, the need of reaching God's Chosen People with the truth. May the Lord use this money toward that end. God's blessing and grace upon you, Bill & Marilyn."

A number of times, in recent days, I was thinking of a faithful missionary-friend. After writing to him, he shared with me the desire a pastor in Israel had for pocket size *Russian New Testaments* for Russian Jewish souls and others in Israel who are addicted to drugs and alcohol (to reach their hearts with the Gospel). We were able to send to this pastor two hundred and forty copies of this *New Testament with the Psalms* to reach these Jewish hearts and other hearts, who in turn will bring the Gospel of Christ to Jewish souls after they are reached with these New Testaments. Pray good fruit will result.

A friend who serves at a Jewish mission in Texas phoned the office to say that the LORD put me on his heart. He assured me of his prayers and the prayers of his co-workers who have prayed for me and this ministry for many years. I thanked him. He then in an excited way told me that he has met Israelis in a shopping mall near San Antonio, and that there are many Israelis working in malls throughout America. He shared with me that the Israeli young ladies who have taken *Hebrew/English New Covenants* from him have thanked him for his concern where they will be spending eternity. Brother Ed has asked that we pray for the light of His Word to shine into these and many other Israeli hearts in shopping malls. (If you know or have contact with Israelis, contact us. We will be pleased to send to you for them *the Complete Hebrew Bible* to read, for their salvation). Please pray the LORD Jesus Christ will protect Israelis from satan who is sending others to steal the Word of God from these hearts, and for a great harvest of souls. "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9).

In this New Year I've been waiting on the LORD for my need of strength. Please pray for me. I have also been seeking to gain the help of more godly believers to pray for us. Would you pray more for this special work and the opening of Jewish hearts to receive and read *the Hebrew New Covenant*, and that Jews might see THE MESSIAH, and be brought to repentance and faith in the LORD Jesus through the sowing of His Word and the Holy Spirit being poured out upon them?

If your congregation could use me in meetings to share what marvellous things the LORD Jesus Christ is doing in these last days in Jewish hearts through prayer and the faithful sowing of the precious seed of the Word of God, call the office here at (216) 459-8775.

Please pray the LORD in this New Year will graciously open more very helpful meetings among pastors and believers in major cities where Jewish People live, that He will give His grace and direct, and give excellent contacts that will be used to forward and strengthen His Work throughout America, in Israel and in other countries where Jewish People are living and traveling. Pray we might be His servants and vessels of mercy to bless the Jew for The Messiah's sake, and that Christ will be seen in His glory and in His Sovereignty, as He opens Jewish hearts, doors and meetings, and as He sows the Word of God in fulfillment of the Father's Will "that Israel might be saved". (Romans 10:1-4 & 17).

Thank you again for your friendship, love, prayers and gracious giving to this ministry of Christ in reaching "the Jew first" with the Gospel of Christ through sowing the Old and New Testaments in Hebrew. (Romans 1:16-17). Numbers 6:24-26.

By His grace,

**Tom and Joy Atwood**