

# Encountering Messiah

*A Journey for Jewish Hearts*

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# Who Is Yeshua?

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## The Messiah Revealed in Scripture and History

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### Before We Begin

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Have you ever spoken with a *Christian* about their faith? Maybe you know some, or maybe this is all new to you! Either way, you might have heard a little word called “*the Gospel*.” It’s a small word with a powerful message: the *Good News* that *God loves you* and has a plan to restore you to Him. We’re about to embark on a spiritual journey called “*Encountering Messiah*.” Curious about what *Messiah* means? In the Hebrew Scriptures, it simply means *Anointed One*—God’s chosen Redeemer. Let’s start this journey by exploring the heart of this *Good News*!

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### What is The Gospel?

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In the beginning, God created a perfect world, but humanity fell into sin, breaking our relationship with Him (Genesis 1–3). Yet, God promised a Redeemer, *Yeshua the Messiah*, who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to pay for our sins, and rose three days later, defeating Satan and proving His deity (Isaiah 53; Matthew 1:23; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4). He ascended to heaven, commissioned His followers to share this *Good News*, and will return to renew all creation, bringing a new heaven and new earth (Acts 1:11; Revelation 21:1). This is *the Gospel*—God’s plan to restore us through *Yeshua*. This promise echoes in the ancient Scriptures, and we’ll explore how it comes to life. Hop on this journey, “*Encountering Messiah*,” to meet *Yeshua* personally. Let’s get started!

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## A Word from the Scriptures

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The Gospel's promise of a Redeemer was foretold centuries ago. Let the ancient words of the prophet Isaiah guide us as we begin. Written long before *Yeshua's* birth, they paint a vivid picture of the *Messiah's* mission. These words may stir your heart or even challenge you, but they invite you to discover the One who fulfills God's promises. Take a moment to let this truth settle in as we prepare to explore *Yeshua's* story together:

***"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him. But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds."***

***(Isaiah 53:3,5)***

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## Dear Friend, Who Is Yeshua?

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Beloved, the question of the *Messiah* is the heartbeat of God's plan for humanity. As Jewish people, you carry the sacred calling of God's covenant, His Torah, and His promises. The Tanakh points to a singular *Anointed One*, and we proclaim with joy: *Yeshua of Nazareth* is that *Messiah*! Far from dividing, He fulfills Israel's story, offering salvation to all through His life, death, and resurrection. Come, let us explore this truth together, rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures and confirmed in the New Testament.

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## The Messianic Hope: God's Promise in the Tanakh

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The Tanakh weaves a clear portrait of the *Messiah*:

- **Seed of the Woman** (*Genesis 3:15*): He crushes the serpent's head, defeating sin.
- **Son of Abraham** (*Genesis 12:3*): Through Him, all nations are blessed.
- **Lion of Judah** (*Genesis 49:10*): The scepter of rule belongs to Him.
- **Prophet Like Moses** (*Deuteronomy 18:15-19*): He speaks God's words with authority.
- **Son of David** (*2 Samuel 7:12-16*): His kingdom endures forever.
- **Suffering Servant** (*Isaiah 53*): He bears our sins, bringing healing by His wounds.
- **Righteous Branch** (*Jeremiah 23:5-6*): He reigns with justice as King.
- **Messenger of the Covenant** (*Malachi 3:1*): He comes to the Temple before its destruction.

These prophecies converge on one *Messiah*—*Yeshua*, who alone fulfills them all.

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## Yeshua in History: The First-Century Fulfillment

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In the first century, under Roman oppression, Israel longed for the *Messiah*. Into this world came *Yeshua of Nazareth*, a Jewish rabbi whose life, miracles, death, and resurrection are recorded in Jewish and Roman sources (Josephus, Tacitus, the Talmud) and the Gospels. He declared, "I have not come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets but to fulfill them" (**Matthew 5:17**). *Yeshua* is the culmination of Israel's hope.

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# The Gospels: A Jewish Testimony to Yeshua

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The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are Jewish writings that proclaim *Yeshua* as *Messiah*.

## Matthew: The King of Israel

Matthew reveals *Yeshua* as the promised **Son of David** and **Son of Abraham**:

- His genealogy traces to David and Abraham (**Matthew 1:1-17**).
- His virgin birth fulfills **Isaiah 7:14**: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel.”
- His miracles echo **Isaiah 35:5-6**, healing the blind and lame.
- His teachings, like the Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 5–7**), deepen the Torah, calling us to heart obedience.

## Luke: The Savior of All

Luke shows *Yeshua*’s love for Israel and the nations:

- Simeon declares Him “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to Your people Israel” (**Luke 2:32**).
- He restores outcasts—lepers, sinners, and even a Roman centurion’s servant (**Luke 7**).
- His parables, like the Prodigal Son (**Luke 15**), reveal God’s relentless grace.
- He weeps over Jerusalem’s rejection, longing to gather her (**Luke 19:41-44**).

## John: The Divine Messiah

John proclaims *Yeshua*’s divine identity:

- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us” (**John 1:1-14**).

- His “I AM” statements echo God’s name in **Exodus 3:14**.
  - As the **Lamb of God (John 1:29)**, He fulfills the Passover sacrifice (**Exodus 12**).
  - His death at Passover and resurrection on the third day confirm He is the *Messiah* (**Matthew 12:40**).
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## The Cross: The Atonement Foretold

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The cross is no defeat but the fulfillment of prophecy. Isaiah saw the *Messiah*’s suffering:

*“He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities... by His wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)*

**Psalms 22:16-18** describes His crucifixion: “They pierced my hands and feet... they divide my garments.” *Yeshua*’s death is the ultimate **Korban**, the atoning sacrifice for sin, fulfilling the Torah’s demands once for all (**Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9-10**).

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## The Resurrection: God’s Victory

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*Yeshua*’s resurrection, witnessed by over 500 (**1 Corinthians 15:3-8**), proves His triumph over sin and death (**Isaiah 25:8; Hosea 13:14**). It launches the **New Covenant** of **Jeremiah 31:31-34**, where God writes His law on our hearts and forgives our sins forever.

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## The New Covenant: Israel’s Renewal

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The New Covenant is God’s promise fulfilled:



*“I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts... I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

*“I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit... I will put My Spirit within you.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)*

*Yeshua* seals this covenant, pouring out His Spirit on **Shavuot** (Pentecost, Acts 2), transforming hearts to follow God.

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## The First Jewish Believers: Finding the Messiah

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*Yeshua*’s earliest followers were Jewish—**Peter (Shimon)**, **James (Yaakov)**, **John (Yochanan)**, and **Paul (Shaul)**, a Pharisee. They saw *Yeshua* as the fulfillment of the Tanakh:

*“We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Yeshua of Nazareth.” (John 1:45)*

Believing in *Yeshua* was not leaving Judaism but embracing its promised hope.

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua, the Messiah

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Dear friend, *Yeshua* is the Messiah—Israel’s King, the Suffering Servant, the Prophet like Moses, and the Son of David. No one else in history matches the Tanakh’s prophecies. He alone lived perfectly, died for your sins, and rose to give you life.

We urge you: Turn to *Yeshua* today. Repent of sin and trust in His atoning sacrifice. As **Romans 10:9** declares, “If you confess with your mouth that *Yeshua* is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Ask God to reveal His Messiah to you, and find the peace only *Yeshua* brings.

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## Final Word: God’s Faithful Promise

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God’s covenant with Israel endures. *Yeshua* is its fulfillment, ensuring God’s promises stand forever. One day, all Israel will see Him, as **Zechariah 12:10** foretells: “They will look on Me, the One they have pierced.” Until then, His invitation is open: Come to *Yeshua*, the *Messiah*, and live.

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him.” (Revelation 3:20)*

**This is just the beginning!** You’ve taken the first step on the “*Encountering Messiah*” journey, and there’s so much more to discover about *Yeshua*’s life, teachings, and love. Keep reading our series to dive deeper into the Scriptures, uncover the richness of God’s plan, and meet the *Messiah* who changes everything. Join us for the next chapter—your journey with *Yeshua* awaits! **Shalom.**

# Did Yeshua Really Exist?

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## The Undeniable Evidence of the Messiah

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*"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Real

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Beloved, if you're Jewish and wondering about Yeshua of Nazareth, or if you carry questions about His claim to be the Messiah, know this: you're not alone, and your questions are precious to God. With love and boldness, we proclaim that **Yeshua is the promised Messiah**, a historical figure whose life, death, and resurrection fulfill the Tanakh's prophecies and offer salvation to all. Let us walk together through the evidence, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His truth.

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## The Historical Evidence: Undeniable and Clear

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Yeshua of Nazareth lived in first-century Judea—this is a fact affirmed by secular and religious historians alike. His existence is not a matter of faith alone but of documented history.

**Non-Christian sources confirm Yeshua's life.** Roman historian Tacitus records that "Christus" was executed under Pontius Pilate during Emperor Tiberius' reign. Jewish historian Josephus describes Yeshua as a wise teacher who performed remarkable deeds and whose followers persisted after His death, even

calling Him “the brother of James, the so-called Messiah.” The Talmud, though critical, acknowledges Yeshua’s execution and reputation as a miracle worker. These sources, written by non-believers, had no reason to invent Him.

**The Gospels are reliable historical records.** Written by Jewish believers, they brim with precise details—names, places, customs—verified by archaeology. Luke’s references to political figures and locations align with modern findings. The New Testament’s manuscript evidence surpasses any other ancient text, with thousands of copies preserved remarkably intact, as scholars like Bruce Metzger confirm.

If Yeshua were a myth, how could His followers proclaim His resurrection in Jerusalem, where He was crucified, just weeks later? They faced death for their testimony, yet none recanted. People don’t die for a lie they know is false. Their courage points to the truth of Yeshua’s life and resurrection.

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## Fulfilled Prophecies: The Messiah Revealed

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For Jewish hearts seeking the Messiah, the Tanakh’s prophecies align unmistakably with Yeshua’s life:

- **Born in Bethlehem** (*Micah 5:2*): Yeshua’s birthplace fulfills this promise.
- **From David’s Line** (*Isaiah 9:7; Jeremiah 23:5*): His genealogy traces to David.
- **Miraculous Ministry** (*Isaiah 35:5-6*): He healed the blind, deaf, and lame.
- **Suffering Servant** (*Isaiah 53*): Pierced for our sins, He bore our punishment, bringing healing.
- **Messiah’s Timing** (*Daniel 9:24-27*): Daniel foretold Messiah’s death before the Second Temple’s destruction in 70 CE—Yeshua’s crucifixion fits perfectly.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, predating Yeshua, reveal Jewish expectations of a divine, atoning Messiah, aligning with His identity. Only Yeshua fulfills this intricate mosaic of prophecy.

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## Addressing Jewish Objections with Love

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We cherish the Jewish people and understand concerns about Yeshua's messianic claims. Let's address them with Scripture and grace:

- **“The Messiah brings peace, but the world remains broken.”**

The Tanakh speaks of a suffering Messiah (*Isaiah 53*) and a reigning King (*Zechariah 9:9*). Yeshua fulfills both in two comings: first to atone for sin, then to establish eternal peace. This unites all prophecies in one Messiah.

- **“Why didn't more Jews accept Him?”**

Thousands of Jews, including His disciples, did believe. **Romans 11:25-26** explains Israel's partial hardening allows Gentiles to enter, but God promises all Israel will be saved. **Zechariah 12:10** foretells a day when Israel will recognize “the One they pierced.”

- **“Isn't a divine Messiah idolatry?”**

We affirm one God (*Deuteronomy 6:4*). Yeshua's incarnation doesn't diminish God's oneness but reveals His love. **Isaiah 9:6** calls Messiah “Mighty God”; the Angel of the Lord in Genesis speaks as God. A divine Messiah is rooted in the Tanakh.

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## The Martyrs' Witness: Lives Given for Truth

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Yeshua's Jewish disciples—Peter, James, John—saw Him die and rise. They faced torture and death rather than deny Him. Their transformed lives, from fear to boldness, testify to the reality of the risen Messiah. No one dies for a fabrication they know is false.

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua Today

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Dear friend, the evidence is overwhelming: Yeshua lived, died, and rose again, fulfilling the Tanakh's promises. He is the Messiah, the only way to God (*John 14:6*). With love, we urge you: Repent of sin and trust in Yeshua's atoning sacrifice. **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Psalms 22**, **Daniel 9**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua doesn't mean abandoning your Jewish identity; it means embracing its fulfillment in the One who completes God's covenant.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Israel's Hope

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Yeshua is the Messiah, the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel and the world. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced." Until that day, His invitation stands: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (*Revelation 3:20*).

Beloved, Yeshua calls you today. Will you trust Him?

# Was Yeshua Really Sinless?

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## The Perfect Messiah Who Redeems Us

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*"He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully." (Isaiah 53:9)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the Sinless Messiah

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Beloved, the claim that Yeshua of Nazareth lived a sinless life is not just bold—it's the cornerstone of God's redemptive plan. As Jewish people, you know the Tanakh's teaching that "there is no one who does not sin" (1 Kings 8:46). Yet, Scripture also promises a Messiah unlike any other: perfectly righteous, bearing our sins. With love and certainty, we proclaim that **Yeshua is that sinless Messiah**, fulfilling the prophets' words and offering salvation through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. Come, let's explore this truth together.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: A Righteous Messiah

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The Hebrew Scriptures declare humanity's sinfulness but also point to a unique figure: God's **Righteous Servant**. Isaiah prophesies:

*"He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth." (Isaiah 53:9)*

This Servant would suffer for our sins, pure and blameless. The Passover lamb, “without defect” (Exodus 12:5), foreshadows this truth. Unblemished, it saved Israel from death, pointing to the Messiah who would be the ultimate Lamb, sinless and perfect, to atone for all sin.

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## **The New Testament Witness: Yeshua’s Perfect Life**

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The New Testament, written by Jewish followers of Yeshua, boldly affirms His sinlessness:

- “He committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth.” (*1 Peter 2:22*)
- “God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.” (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)
- “Tempted in every way, yet without sin.” (*Hebrews 4:15*)

Even non-believers testified to His innocence. Pontius Pilate declared, “I find no fault in Him” (John 19:4). A criminal crucified beside Him confessed, “This man has done nothing wrong” (Luke 23:41). Yeshua’s life, observed closely by friends and foes, was flawless.

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## **Did Yeshua Break the Torah?**

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Some claim Yeshua violated Torah, such as by healing on Shabbat. Yet, He never broke God’s law—He challenged man-made traditions that obscured its heart. When criticized, Yeshua affirmed, “It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath” (Matthew 12:12). His healings fulfilled Torah’s purpose: mercy and restoration. Far from a lawbreaker, Yeshua embodied perfect obedience, teaching us to live out God’s commands with love.

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## Why Yeshua's Sinlessness Matters

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Yeshua's sinless life is no mere detail—it's essential to His mission. The Torah demands unblemished sacrifices (Leviticus 22:20). Only a sinless Messiah could become the perfect Passover Lamb, bearing our sins:

*"The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)*

Because Yeshua was sinless, His death atoned for our guilt. His resurrection proves His victory: "Death could not hold Him" (Acts 2:24). Only a sinless Savior could reconcile us to God, fulfilling the Tanakh's promise of redemption.

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## The Call: Trust the Sinless Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua's sinless life sets Him apart as the Messiah foretold in Scripture. No one else fulfills Isaiah's vision of the Righteous Servant or Daniel's prophecy of the Anointed One (Daniel 9:24-26). He alone lived perfectly, died for your sins, and rose to offer you eternal life.

We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust in Yeshua today. As **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Psalms 22**, **Daniel 9**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's covenant.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Perfect Hope

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Yeshua is the sinless Messiah, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. His perfect life and atoning death fulfill God's promises to Israel and all nations. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced."

Until then, Yeshua calls you: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in” (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the sinless Savior, today?

# Was Yeshua Really Born of a Virgin?

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## The Miraculous Birth of Israel's Messiah

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*"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Immanuel

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Beloved, the claim that Yeshua was born of a virgin is a cornerstone of God's redemptive plan for Israel and the world. As Jewish people, you cherish the Tanakh's promises of a Messiah, and with joy we proclaim: **Yeshua, born of a virgin, is that Messiah!** This miracle fulfills prophecy, reveals His divine nature, and offers salvation through His sinless life, death, and resurrection. Come, let's explore this truth together, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to guide us.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: A Miraculous Birth

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The Hebrew Scriptures foretell a Messiah whose birth is extraordinary. Isaiah prophesies:

*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin (almah) will conceive and bear a son, and will call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)*

While *almah* means “young woman,” it typically denotes a virgin maiden. Jewish scholars, translating the Tanakh into Greek (the Septuagint) centuries before Yeshua, used *parthenos*—meaning “virgin”—for *almah*, affirming a miraculous conception. Isaiah 9:6 further calls this child “Mighty God,” and Jeremiah 23:5-6 names Him “The Lord Our Righteousness,” pointing to a divine Messiah.

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## The New Testament Witness: Yeshua’s Virgin Birth

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The Gospels of Matthew and Luke, rooted in Jewish hope, declare that Mary (Miriam), a virgin, conceived Yeshua by the Holy Spirit. Gabriel told her:

*“The Holy Spirit will come upon you... therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)*

Joseph, her betrothed, “knew her not until she had given birth” (Matthew 1:25). This miracle, unlike pagan myths, upholds God’s holiness and Mary’s purity, reflecting the Tanakh’s promise of Immanuel—God with us.

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## Addressing Jewish Objections with Love

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We honor your questions about the virgin birth and answer with Scripture and grace:

- **“The Messiah wasn’t expected to be born of a virgin.”**

While not all Jewish interpreters anticipated a virgin birth, God’s ways surpass our expectations. Just as many missed the suffering Messiah (Isaiah 53), the virgin birth fulfills Isaiah 7:14, revealing God’s sovereign power.

- **“God can’t become man.”**

The Tanakh shows God drawing near: the *Shekinah* dwelt in the Tabernacle

(Exodus 40:34), and Isaiah 9:6 calls Messiah “Mighty God.” Yeshua’s incarnation fulfills God’s promise to dwell among us (Ezekiel 37:27).

- **“‘Almah’ doesn’t mean virgin.”**

Though *almah* means “young woman,” its context in Isaiah 7:14 and the Septuagint’s *parthenos* support a virgin birth. Matthew, inspired by the Spirit, sees Yeshua as the fulfillment of this sign (Matthew 1:23).

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## Why the Virgin Birth Matters

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The virgin birth is essential to Yeshua’s identity and mission:

1. **God’s Work Alone:** No human father means salvation is entirely God’s gift, not human effort.
2. **Fully God, Fully Man:** Born of Mary, Yeshua is human; conceived by the Spirit, He is divine, bridging God and humanity.
3. **Sinless Savior:** Free from Adam’s sinful nature, Yeshua is the holy Son of God (Luke 1:35).
4. **Immanuel Fulfilled:** The virgin birth brings God near, as promised—Yeshua is “God with us.”

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua, the Virgin-Born Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua’s virgin birth marks Him as the Messiah foretold in Isaiah. No one else bears the titles “Mighty God” or “Immanuel.” His miraculous birth prepared Him to live sinlessly, die for your sins, and rise to offer eternal life.

We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** declares, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Read **Isaiah 7**, **Isaiah 9**, **Psalms 22**, **Zachariah 12**, and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, God With Us

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Yeshua, born of a virgin, is Israel's Messiah and the world's Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced." Until then, Yeshua calls: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, Immanuel, today?

# Did Yeshua Really Die on a Cross?

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## The Crucified Messiah Who Redeems Us

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*"But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds." (Isaiah 53:5)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua's Cross Is Our Salvation

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Beloved, the claim that Yeshua of Nazareth was crucified as the Messiah may challenge Jewish expectations, but it is the heart of God's redemptive plan. With love and certainty, we proclaim: **Yeshua, crucified and risen, is Israel's Messiah!** His death on the cross fulfills the Tanakh's prophecies, atones for our sins, and offers eternal life to all who trust Him. Let's explore this truth together, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Messiah.

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## The Historical Evidence: Undeniable Truth

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Yeshua's crucifixion is a historical fact, affirmed by diverse sources. The four Gospels record His public execution under Pontius Pilate. Non-Christian witnesses confirm this:

- **Tacitus** (Roman historian, c. 116 CE) wrote that "Christus" suffered "the extreme penalty" under Pilate.
- **Josephus** (Jewish historian, c. 93 CE) noted Yeshua was "condemned to be crucified and to die."

- **Babylonian Talmud** references “Yeshu the Nazarene” being “hanged” on Passover eve, a term for crucifixion.
- **Lucian** (pagan writer) mocked Christians for worshiping a “crucified sage.”

Historians—Jewish, Christian, secular—agree: Yeshua was crucified. As Jewish scholar Jodi Magness states, “The Romans were very efficient. When they meant to kill you by crucifixion, they did.”

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## Why a Crucified Messiah?

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Some ask, “How could the Messiah die on a cross, cursed under the Torah?” (Deuteronomy 21:23). This is no contradiction but the fulfillment of prophecy. The apostle Paul, a Torah-trained Jew, declares:

*“Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” (Galatians 3:13)*

Yeshua took our curse upon Himself. The Tanakh foretold this:

- **Isaiah 53:5-6**: “He was pierced for our transgressions... the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”
- **Psalms 22:16**: “They pierced my hands and feet.”
- **Zechariah 12:10**: “They will look on Me, the One they have pierced.”

Far from disqualifying Him, Yeshua’s crucifixion marks Him as the Suffering Servant who bears our sins.

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## The Cross: The Ultimate Sacrifice

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The Torah teaches that sin demands atonement through sacrifice (Leviticus 17:11). The Passover lamb's blood saved Israel from death (Exodus 12). Yeshua, proclaimed by John the Baptist as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), fulfills this. His crucifixion, timed with Passover, is the perfect sacrifice—satisfying God's justice and extending His mercy to all who believe.

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## The Resurrection: God's Triumph

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The cross is inseparable from the resurrection. Three days after His death, God raised Yeshua, proving His sacrifice was accepted and His claims true. Isaiah 53:10-11 foretells the Servant living after suffering. Over 500 witnesses saw the risen Yeshua (1 Corinthians 15:6), and His Jewish disciples, transformed from fear to boldness, died proclaiming this truth.

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## The Call: Trust the Crucified Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua's crucifixion is no failure—it's God's plan to redeem you. He bore your sins on the cross, fulfilling the Tanakh's promises. No one else matches the prophecies of Isaiah, Psalm 22, or Zechariah. He alone is the Messiah who died and rose to save us.

We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Psalm 22**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's covenant.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Passover Lamb

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Yeshua, crucified and risen, is the Messiah who fulfills God's promises to Israel and the world. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced." Until then, Yeshua calls: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the Lamb of God, today?

# Did Yeshua Really Rise From The Dead?

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## The Risen Messiah Who Conquers Death

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*"For you will not abandon me to Sheol; you will not allow your faithful one to see decay." (Psalm 16:10)*

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### Dear Friend, Yeshua Lives!

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Beloved, the resurrection of Yeshua of Nazareth is the cornerstone of God's redemptive plan and the hope of Israel and the world. As Jewish people, you cherish the Tanakh's promises of a Messiah, and with joy we proclaim: **Yeshua, risen from the dead, is that Messiah!** His bodily resurrection fulfills prophecy, defeats death, and offers eternal life to all who trust Him. Let's explore this truth together, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Messiah.

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### The Tanakh's Promise: A Risen Messiah

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The Hebrew Scriptures foretell a Messiah who triumphs over death:

- **Psalm 16:10:** "You will not let Your Holy One see decay." David spoke prophetically of Messiah, whose body would not rot in the grave.
- **Isaiah 53:10-11:** The Suffering Servant, "cut off" for our sins, will "prolong His days" and see life again—a clear resurrection promise.
- **Hosea 6:2:** "On the third day He will raise us up." This foreshadowed Yeshua's third-day resurrection.

Yeshua Himself pointed to Jonah's sign: "As Jonah was three days and nights in the fish, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40). The resurrection was woven into the Tanakh, awaiting fulfillment in Yeshua.

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## **The Witnesses: Undeniable Testimony**

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The Gospels record Yeshua's burial in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb, which was found empty on the third day. Women, including Mary Magdalene, were the first witnesses—an unlikely detail if invented, given the era's view of women's testimony. Then, Yeshua appeared alive:

- To Mary Magdalene in the garden (John 20:16).
- To Peter and the apostles (Luke 24:34-36).
- To over 500 at once (1 Corinthians 15:6).
- To skeptics like James, His brother, and Saul (Paul), a persecutor turned apostle (Acts 9).

These were not visions but physical encounters—eating, touching, speaking. The disciples, once fearful, became bold, dying for their testimony. Liars don't die for a known falsehood.

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## **Addressing Objections with Truth**

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Some claim the disciples stole the body. Yet they faced torture and death for their message—liars make poor martyrs. Others suggest a wrong tomb, but Joseph's tomb was known, and authorities could have produced the body if it remained. Hallucinations don't explain group sightings, physical interactions, or the empty tomb. A "spiritual" resurrection contradicts the disciples' insistence on a bodily rising—Yeshua's body was gone, and He stood among them (Luke 24:39).

Even His enemies admitted the tomb was empty, claiming theft (Matthew 28:13), not a body's presence. The evidence points unmistakably to resurrection.

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## Why the Resurrection Matters

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Yeshua's resurrection is the climax of God's plan:

- **It Proves He Is Messiah:** God's raising of Yeshua confirms Him as the Son of David and Son of God (Romans 1:4).
  - **It Defeats Death:** "He will swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8). Yeshua's victory begins this promise.
  - **It Secures Atonement:** "He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).
  - **It Guarantees Our Resurrection:** As "the firstfruits" (1 Corinthians 15:20), Yeshua's rising ensures ours.
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## The Call: Trust the Risen Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua's resurrection fulfills the Tanakh and changes everything. No one else matches Psalm 16, Isaiah 53, or Hosea 6. He alone died for your sins and rose to give you life. We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Open the Tanakh—read **Psalm 16**, **Isaiah 53**, **Hosea 6**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's covenant.

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## Final Word: The Messiah Lives!

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Yeshua, risen from the dead, is Israel's Messiah and the world's Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced." Until then, He calls: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Lord, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives!**

# Did Yeshua Really Ascend Into Heaven?

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## The Exalted Messiah Who Reigns and Returns

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*"This is the declaration of the Lord to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."" (Psalm 110:1)*

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### Dear Friend, Yeshua Reigns!

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Beloved, the ascension of Yeshua into heaven is a glorious truth that fulfills God's promises to Israel and the world. As Jewish people, you hold dear the Tanakh's hope for a Messiah, and with joy we proclaim: **Yeshua, risen and ascended, is that Messiah!** His bodily ascension confirms His victory, establishes His reign, and assures His return. Let us explore this truth, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Messiah.

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### The Biblical Witness: Yeshua's Ascension

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After His resurrection, Yeshua spent 40 days with His disciples, teaching and eating with them. On the Mount of Olives, He blessed them and "was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). Angels declared, "This same Yeshua... will come back in the same way" (Acts 1:11). This was no vision but a physical ascent, witnessed by His Jewish followers, transforming them into bold proclaimers of the Messiah.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: A Messiah Exalted

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The Hebrew Scriptures foretell a Messiah lifted to God's presence:

- **Daniel 7:13-14:** The "Son of Man" comes "with the clouds of heaven" to receive an eternal kingdom.
- **Psalms 110:1:** "The Lord says to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand.'" This Messianic prophecy points to Yeshua's exaltation.
- **Isaiah 52:13:** The Servant is "raised and lifted up and highly exalted" after suffering.
- **Enoch and Elijah:** Their ascensions (Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11) show God taking the righteous to Himself, prefiguring Yeshua's greater ascent.

Yeshua's ascension fulfills these prophecies, marking Him as the promised Messiah.

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## Why the Ascension Matters

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Yeshua's ascension is the cornerstone of God's plan:

1. **Enthroned as King:** Peter proclaimed, "God has made this Yeshua... both Lord and Messiah" (Acts 2:36). He reigns from heaven, guiding history to its fulfillment.
  2. **Our High Priest:** Yeshua intercedes for us, entering heaven with His atoning blood (Hebrews 4:14-16), securing forgiveness for all who trust Him.
  3. **Sender of the Spirit:** On Shavuot (Pentecost), Yeshua poured out the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), empowering His followers to proclaim His name.
  4. **Promise of Return:** The angels' words assure His return to establish His kingdom on earth (Acts 1:11).
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## Addressing Objections with Truth

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We honor your questions and answer with Scripture and love:

- **“Isn’t the Messiah to rule on earth?”** Yes, and He will! Psalm 110 says He reigns “until” His enemies are defeated. Yeshua’s first coming atoned for sin; His return will bring the Messianic kingdom.
  - **“Is this a myth?”** The Jewish disciples, risking death, proclaimed what they saw. Their testimony, rooted in the Tanakh, reflects truth, not fiction.
  - **“Why so few witnesses?”** God often reveals wonders to chosen witnesses (e.g., Moses, Isaiah). The apostles, transformed by the ascension, became faithful proclaimers.
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## The Call: Trust the Ascended Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua’s ascension confirms He is the Messiah of Daniel, Psalm 110, and Isaiah. No one else fulfills these prophecies. He died for your sins, rose, and ascended to reign, offering you salvation. We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Daniel 7, Psalm 110, Isaiah 52-53, Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant.

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## Final Word: The Messiah Reigns!

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Yeshua, ascended to God’s right hand, is Israel’s Messiah and the world’s Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: “They will look on Me, the One they have pierced.” Until then, He calls: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in” (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the exalted Lord, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives!**

# Is Yeshua Still Alive Today?

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## The Living Messiah Who Offers Eternal Life

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*"I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades." (Revelation 1:18)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Alive!

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Beloved, the truth that Yeshua of Nazareth lives today is the heartbeat of God's redemptive plan for Israel and the world. As Jewish people, you cherish the Tanakh's promise of a Messiah, and with joy we proclaim: **Yeshua, risen and reigning, is that Messiah!** His resurrection and ongoing life fulfill prophecy, conquer death, and offer salvation to all who trust Him. Let us explore this truth, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Messiah.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: A Messiah Who Lives Forever

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The Hebrew Scriptures foretell a Messiah who triumphs over death:

- **Psalms 16:10:** "You will not let Your Holy One see decay." David spoke prophetically of Messiah, whose body would not rot.
- **Isaiah 53:10-11:** The Suffering Servant, "cut off" for our sins, will "prolong His days," pointing to resurrection.
- **Daniel 7:13-14:** The "Son of Man" receives eternal dominion, fulfilled in Yeshua's ascension.

- **Jonah, Joseph, Isaac:** Their stories of death and return prefigure Messiah's resurrection.

The Tanakh lays a clear foundation for a Messiah who dies yet lives forever, fulfilled in Yeshua.

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## The New Testament Witness: The Risen Yeshua

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After His crucifixion, Yeshua's disciples were broken. Yet, on the third day, they encountered the risen Yeshua, transforming their despair into bold faith:

- Mary Magdalene saw Him in the garden (John 20:16).
- He walked with disciples to Emmaus (Luke 24:15).
- He ate with the apostles (Luke 24:41-43).
- Over 500 saw Him at once (1 Corinthians 15:6).
- Skeptics like James, His brother, and Paul, a persecutor, became believers after meeting Him (Acts 9).

These physical encounters—touching, eating, speaking—spanned forty days. The disciples, once fearful, died proclaiming Him. As Paul declared, “Since Messiah has been raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him” (Romans 6:9).

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## Why Yeshua's Life Matters Today

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Yeshua's resurrection and ongoing life are the foundation of our hope:

1. **High Priest Forever:** “He always lives to intercede for those who come to God through Him” (Hebrews 7:25), securing forgiveness.
2. **Reigning Lord:** “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me” (Matthew 28:18). Yeshua rules, advancing His kingdom.

3. **Present by His Spirit:** “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:18). His Spirit empowers and comforts believers.
  4. **Returning King:** His resurrection guarantees His return to bring peace to Israel and the world (Isaiah 11).
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## Addressing Objections with Truth

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We honor your questions and answer with Scripture and love:

- **“Where’s the Messianic peace?”** Yeshua’s first coming fulfilled the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53); His second will bring the kingly reign (Isaiah 11).
  - **“A divine Messiah isn’t Jewish!”** The Tanakh calls Messiah “Mighty God” (Isaiah 9:6) and “The LORD Our Righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6). Daniel 7 shows Him worshipped. Yeshua’s divinity fulfills these.
  - **“Where’s the evidence?”** The empty tomb, 500+ witnesses, transformed disciples, and global Church growth confirm His resurrection. Even Jewish scholar Pinchas Lapide found it the best explanation.
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## The Call: Trust the Living Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua lives, fulfilling Psalm 16, Isaiah 53, and Daniel 7. No one else conquered death to reign forever. He died for your sins and lives to save you. We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Psalm 16, Isaiah 53, Daniel 7, Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant.

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## Final Word: The Messiah Lives!

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Yeshua, alive forever, is Israel's Messiah and the world's Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced." Until then, He calls: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the Living One, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives!**

# Is Yeshua the Messiah Foretold in the Hebrew Bible?

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## A Bold Call to Truth for Our Jewish Brothers and Sisters

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*"I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)*

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### **Shalom, beloved friends,**

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The heart of our Jewish faith pulses with longing for the Messiah promised in the Hebrew Bible. With unwavering love and urgency, we proclaim a transformative truth: Yeshua of Nazareth is that Messiah, the one our prophets foretold, who fulfilled the Scriptures through his life, death, and resurrection, and will return to reign in glory. As followers of Yeshua, rooted in the sacred Tanakh, we invite you to confront this question with courage: Has the Messiah come, and is he calling you today? With hearts full of grace, let us dive into the Scriptures and declare the undeniable truth of Yeshua, the Anointed One.

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### **The Messiah Unveiled: One Savior, Two Comings**

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The Tanakh reveals a Messiah who is both a reigning king and a suffering servant, a truth only Yeshua fulfills. He is the Son of David, destined to rule with

justice and bring peace to all nations (Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5; Daniel 7:13-14). Yet, he is also the servant pierced for our sins, bearing our guilt to redeem us (Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; Zechariah 12:10). Some rabbis, confused by this duality, imagined two messiahs—Messiah ben Joseph to suffer, Messiah ben David to reign. But the Scriptures proclaim one Messiah, Yeshua, who comes twice: first to die for our redemption, then to establish his eternal kingdom. Any other interpretation misses the clear testimony of God's Word. Let's examine the evidence.

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## **Isaiah 53: The Servant Who Redeems Us**

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Isaiah 53 paints a vivid portrait of a servant despised, pierced, and led like a lamb to slaughter, bearing our sins to bring forgiveness. Some claim this servant is Israel, but the text's singular pronouns ("he was wounded for *our* transgressions") and substitutionary language point unmistakably to an individual. Ancient rabbis, as noted in the Talmud (Sukkah 52a), saw this as the Messiah. Yeshua's crucifixion fulfills every detail: rejected by men, pierced on the cross, buried with the wicked yet in a rich man's tomb (Matthew 27:57-60). To deny this fulfillment is to overlook the Tanakh's clear prophecy. Yeshua is the servant who redeems us through his suffering.

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## **Psalm 22: The Pierced One in Agony**

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Psalm 22 describes a righteous sufferer mocked, surrounded by enemies, with hands and feet pierced and garments divided by lots. Yeshua, on the cross, quoted its opening cry: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). The details of his crucifixion—piercing, mockery, and lots for his clothing (John 19:23-24)—match this psalm with astonishing precision. To attribute this to coincidence or another figure is to ignore the Tanakh's prophetic power. Yeshua is the pierced one of Psalm 22.

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## **Micah 5:2: Born in Bethlehem, Eternal in Origin**

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Micah 5:2 declares that the Messiah will come from Bethlehem, David's city, with origins "from ancient days." The Targum Jonathan, an ancient Jewish translation, confirms this as a Messianic prophecy. Yeshua was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1), and his eternal origin points to his divine nature (John 1:1). No other figure in history matches this prophecy. Denying Yeshua's fulfillment requires dismissing Micah's clear words.

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## **Daniel 7: The Son of Man in Glory**

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Daniel 7:13-14 envisions "one like a son of man" coming with the clouds, receiving eternal dominion and worship. Rashi and other Jewish scholars identify this as the Messiah. Yeshua called himself the Son of Man (Mark 14:62) and will return in glory to fulfill this vision (Revelation 1:7). To reject him as this figure is to miss the Tanakh's promise of a divine Messiah.

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## **Zechariah 12:10: The Pierced One Mourned**

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Zechariah 12:10 foretells a day when God says, "They will look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as for an only son." The Talmud applies this to Messiah ben Joseph. Yeshua's crucifixion fulfills this prophecy, and his return will bring Israel's repentance and recognition (Romans 11:26). To interpret this as anything but Yeshua is to sidestep the Tanakh's clarity.

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## **Objections Answered with Truth and Love**

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Some raise objections to Yeshua's Messianic claim, but the Scriptures provide clear answers:

- **“The world is not at peace.”** The Tanakh shows two Messianic roles. Yeshua’s first coming brought peace with God through his atoning death (Isaiah 53:5). His second coming will establish universal peace (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3). The kingdom has begun in the hearts of those who trust him, Jew and Gentile alike. To demand peace now is to misunderstand the Tanakh’s timeline.
- **“He did not rebuild the Temple.”** Yeshua declared himself the true Temple (John 2:19-21), providing direct access to God through his sacrifice. The physical Temple’s destruction, which he foretold (Matthew 24:2), confirms his words. Believers now form God’s living Temple (Ephesians 2:19-22), and Yeshua will fulfill all restoration prophecies at his return. To wait for a physical Temple is to miss the greater reality.
- **“The Messiah must be a descendant of David.”** The Gospels trace Yeshua’s lineage to David through both Joseph (legally) and Mary (biologically) (Matthew 1:1-16; Luke 3:23-38). Crowds hailed him as “Son of David” (Matthew 21:9). Denying his Davidic descent ignores the evidence.
- **“The Messiah cannot be divine.”** The Tanakh says otherwise: Isaiah 9:6 calls him “Mighty God,” Jeremiah 23:6 names him “The LORD our Righteousness,” and Daniel 7 shows him receiving worship. Yeshua is not a second god but God himself revealed in the Messiah. To reject his divinity is to limit God’s revelation.
- **“Most Jews have not accepted him.”** Isaiah 53:1 asks, “Who has believed our report?” Psalm 118:22 speaks of the stone rejected by the builders. A faithful remnant believed in Yeshua, and many Jewish people today are turning to him. Romans 11:26 promises that “all Israel will be saved.” Rejection does not negate the truth.

These objections, while sincere, crumble under the weight of Scripture. To cling to them is to miss the Messiah standing before us in the pages of the Tanakh.

## A Loving and Urgent Call

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Beloved friends, we share this truth with hearts overflowing with love: Yeshua is the Messiah, the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. The Tanakh's prophecies converge on him alone—born in Bethlehem, pierced for our sins, risen from the dead, and coming again in glory. No other figure in history matches this portrait. If not Yeshua, then who?

We urge you to read the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—as Jewish texts rooted in the Tanakh. See Yeshua as the Son of David, the Prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15), and the Suffering Servant. Pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: “Reveal Your Messiah to me.” As Zechariah 12:10 promises, one day Israel will look on the One they pierced and mourn, embracing their Savior. Why wait for that day?

Trust in Yeshua today. He is your Messiah, your hope, and your coming King. His love calls you to redemption now.

*Shalom* and blessings,

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# Has the Messiah Already Come?

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## Yeshua, the Promised Messiah Fulfills God's Plan

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*"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the house of David and the residents of Jerusalem, and they will look at me whom they pierced. They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child and weep bitterly for him as one weeps for a firstborn." (Zechariah 12:10)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the Messiah!

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Beloved, as Jewish people yearning for the Messiah, you carry the sacred hope of God's promises in the Tanakh. With love and certainty, I proclaim: **Yeshua of Nazareth is that Messiah!** He has come, fulfilling the prophecies of a suffering servant and initiating God's kingdom, and He will return to complete His reign. Let us explore this truth together, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Anointed One.

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## The Suffering Messiah: Fulfilled in Yeshua

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The Tanakh paints a vivid portrait of a Messiah who suffers for our sins:

- **Isaiah 53:** The Suffering Servant is "pierced for our transgressions," dies, yet "prolongs His days." Yeshua's crucifixion, burial in a rich man's tomb, and resurrection perfectly fulfill this. Ancient Jewish texts, like Talmud Sukkah 52a, link this to a suffering Messiah.
- **Psalms 22:** A righteous sufferer, mocked, pierced in hands and feet, with garments divided by lots, mirrors Yeshua's crucifixion (Matthew 27:35).

- **Zechariah 12:10:** “They will look on Me whom they have pierced.” The Talmud ties this to a suffering Messiah. Yeshua’s death and Israel’s future repentance fulfill this prophecy.

Yeshua’s suffering is no contradiction but the heart of God’s redemptive plan, rooted in Jewish tradition.

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## The Prophetic Timeline: Messiah Before 70 CE

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The Tanakh sets a clear timetable for Messiah’s arrival:

- **Micah 5:2:** Messiah is born in Bethlehem, as Yeshua was (Matthew 2:1).
- **Genesis 49:10:** The scepter departs from Judah before Messiah comes. Judah’s autonomy ended by 70 CE, pointing to Yeshua’s time.
- **Daniel 9:24-27:** Messiah is “cut off” before the Temple’s destruction in 70 CE. Yeshua’s death around 30 CE fits this precisely.

No other figure aligns with this timeline, confirming Yeshua as the promised Messiah.

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## The Divine King: Yeshua’s Reign Begun

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The Tanakh also foretells a divine, reigning Messiah:

- **Isaiah 9:6-7:** A Davidic child called “Mighty God” and “Prince of Peace.” Yeshua claimed this identity (John 10:30).
- **Daniel 7:13-14:** The “Son of Man” receives eternal dominion. Yeshua, calling Himself Son of Man, ascended to reign (Acts 1:9).

Yeshua’s resurrection and ascension launched His spiritual kingdom, to be completed at His return (Isaiah 11).

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## Addressing Objections with Truth

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We honor your questions and answer with Scripture and love:

- **“Where’s the world peace?”** The Tanakh shows a suffering Messiah (Isaiah 53) and a reigning King (Isaiah 2). Yeshua fulfilled the first; His second coming will bring the second.
  - **“Why didn’t all Jews believe?”** Thousands of Jews followed Yeshua (Acts 2:41). Romans 11:25-26 explains Israel’s partial hardening, yet promises all Israel’s salvation (Zechariah 12:10).
  - **“A divine Messiah?”** Isaiah 9:6 calls Him “Mighty God”; Daniel 7 shows Him worshipped. Yeshua’s divinity fulfills these prophecies.
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## The Call: Trust Yeshua, the Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua has come, fulfilling Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Daniel 9, and more. No one else matches the Tanakh’s portrait. He died for your sins, rose, and reigns, offering eternal life. We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Psalm 22**, **Zechariah 12**, **Daniel 9**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant.

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## Final Word: The Messiah Has Come!

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Yeshua, the Suffering Servant and Divine King, is Israel’s Messiah and the world’s Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: “They will look on Me, the One they have pierced.” Until then, He calls: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in” (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives!**

# What Will the Messiah Do?

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## Yeshua, the Messiah Who Redeems and Reigns

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*"They will live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your ancestors lived. They will live in it forever with their children and grandchildren, and my servant David will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be a permanent covenant with them. I will establish and multiply them and will set my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. When my sanctuary is among them forever, the nations will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel."*  
**(Ezekiel 37:25-28)**

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the Messiah!

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Beloved, as Jewish people, you hold fast to the Tanakh's promises of a Messiah who will redeem and restore. With love and certainty, I proclaim: **Yeshua of Nazareth is that Messiah!** He has come as the Suffering Servant, atoning for sin, and will return as the Reigning King to fulfill God's kingdom promises. Let us explore this truth together, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His Anointed One.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: Messiah's Mission

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The Hebrew Scriptures unveil a Messiah who fulfills God's redemptive plan:

- **Davidic King:** "I will raise up for David a righteous Branch" (Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 11:1). Messiah rules with justice and righteousness.



- **Bringer of Peace:** “The wolf will dwell with the lamb,” and the earth will know God (Isaiah 11:6-9; Micah 4:3-4).
  - **Restorer of Israel:** He gathers Israel’s exiles and establishes peace (Ezekiel 37:21-28), with a renewed Temple (Ezekiel 40-48).
  - **Judge of Nations:** The “Son of Man” receives eternal dominion (Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 2).
  - **Atoner for Sin:** The Servant is “pierced for our transgressions,” bringing healing (Isaiah 53:5).
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## Yeshua’s Mission: Fulfilled and Forthcoming

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Yeshua fulfills these prophecies in two divine phases:

- **First Coming: Suffering Servant**  
Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), from David’s line, Yeshua lived perfectly, was rejected, and crucified, fulfilling Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22. His resurrection confirms His identity: “After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life” (Isaiah 53:11). He became the ultimate sacrifice, atoning for sin.
  - **Second Coming: Reigning King**  
Yeshua inaugurated God’s kingdom spiritually (Luke 17:21). At His return, He will bring world peace, gather Israel, judge nations, and establish His eternal throne, fulfilling Isaiah 11, Micah 4, and Daniel 7.
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## Addressing Objections with Truth

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We honor your questions and answer with Scripture and love:

- **“Where’s the world peace?”** The Tanakh shows a suffering Messiah (Isaiah 53) and a reigning King (Isaiah 11). Yeshua fulfilled the first; His return will fulfill the second.

- **“Why no rebuilt Temple?”** Yeshua’s sacrifice made animal offerings obsolete (Hebrews 10:12). His followers are now God’s temple, indwelt by His Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16).
  - **“Why didn’t most Jews believe?”** Isaiah 53:1 predicted rejection: “Who has believed our report?” Yet thousands of Jews followed Yeshua (Acts 2:41), and Romans 11:26 promises “all Israel will be saved.”
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## The Call: Trust Yeshua, the Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the Messiah who atones and reigns. No one else fulfills Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Daniel 9, or Micah 5. He died for your sins, rose, and will return to complete God’s promises. We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Psalm 22**, **Daniel 7**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant.

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## Final Word: The Messiah’s Work Continues!

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Yeshua, the Lamb who was slain and the coming King, is Israel’s Messiah and the world’s Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: “They will look on Me, the One they have pierced.” Until then, He calls: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in” (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives!**

# What Does the Tanakh Say About the Messiah?

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## Yeshua, the Anointed One Who Fulfills God's Promises

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*"For dogs have surrounded me; a gang of evildoers has closed in on me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people look and stare at me. They divided my garments among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing." (Psalm 22:16-18)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the Messiah!

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Beloved, as Jewish people, you carry the sacred hope of the Messiah, the Anointed One promised in the Tanakh. With love and certainty, I proclaim: **Yeshua of Nazareth is that Messiah!** He fulfills every role foretold—King, Prophet, Priest, Suffering Servant, and Redeemer—and will return to establish God's eternal kingdom. Let us explore the Tanakh's rich portrait of the Messiah, trusting the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal His truth.

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## The Tanakh's Portrait: The Messiah's Divine Roles

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The Hebrew Scriptures unveil the Messiah, the *Mashiach* (Anointed One), in vivid detail through distinct yet unified roles:

- **Davidic King Forever:** In **2 Samuel 7:12-16**, God promises David, "I will raise up your offspring after you... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." This eternal King is reiterated in **Jeremiah 23:5-6**: "Behold, the days are coming... when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and execute justice and

righteousness... His name will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”  
The Messiah is a just, divine ruler from David’s line.

- **God’s Anointed Son: Psalm 2:7-8** declares, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance.” This Messianic King, God’s Son, rules Zion and the world with divine authority.
- **Prophet Like Moses: Deuteronomy 18:15-19** promises, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you... I will put My words in his mouth.” The Messiah speaks God’s truth with unmatched authority, leading His people as Moses did.
- **Priest of Melchizedek: Psalm 110:4** states, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” The Messiah mediates between God and humanity, offering atonement.
- **Suffering Servant: Isaiah 52:13–53:12** portrays a Servant who suffers: “He was pierced for our transgressions... by His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). **Psalm 22:16** adds, “They pierced my hands and my feet,” fulfilled in Yeshua’s crucifixion.
- **Redeemer and Shepherd: Micah 5:2** foretells, “From you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... shall come forth... one who is to be ruler in Israel.” **Ezekiel 34:23-24** promises a Davidic shepherd to unite and lead Israel.
- **Bringer of Peace: Isaiah 2:2-4** envisions nations streaming to Jerusalem, where “nation shall not lift up sword against nation.” **Isaiah 11:6-9** adds, “The earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD.”

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of Every Role

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Yeshua perfectly fulfills these prophecies in two divine phases:

- **First Coming: Servant, Prophet, Priest**  
Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), from David’s line, Yeshua taught with divine authority as the Prophet like Moses (John 7:16). He offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice, fulfilling **Isaiah 53:5** and **Psalm 22:16**: “They

pierced my hands and my feet.” As the eternal Priest (Psalm 110:4), His death atoned for sin, and His resurrection confirmed His victory.

- **Second Coming: King and Peace-Bringer**

Yeshua inaugurated God’s kingdom spiritually (Luke 17:21) and ascended to God’s right hand (**Psalm 2:7; Psalm 110:1**). At His return, He will rule as the righteous Branch (**Jeremiah 23:5-6**), bringing peace and restoring Israel (Isaiah 11; Ezekiel 37).

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## Addressing Objections with Truth

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We honor your questions and answer with Scripture and love:

- **“Why no peace yet?”** The Tanakh shows a suffering Messiah (**Isaiah 53**) and a reigning King (**Isaiah 2**). Yeshua fulfilled the first; His return will fulfill the second.
- **“Is the Servant Israel or Messiah?”** While some see Israel in **Isaiah 53**, its individual language (e.g., “pierced for our transgressions”) and ancient Jewish texts (e.g., Talmud Sukkah 52a) point to a personal Messiah, fulfilled by Yeshua.
- **“Why didn’t all Jews believe?”** **Isaiah 53:1** predicted rejection: “Who has believed our report?” Yet thousands of Jews followed Yeshua (Acts 2:41), and **Romans 11:26** promises “all Israel will be saved.”

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua, the Messiah

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the Messiah—King (**2 Samuel 7:12-16**), Prophet (**Deuteronomy 18:15-19**), Priest (**Psalm 110:4**), and Suffering Servant (**Isaiah 53; Psalm 22:16**). No one else fulfills these roles. He died for your sins, rose, and reigns, offering eternal life. We lovingly urge you: Repent and trust Yeshua today. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **2 Samuel 7, Jeremiah 23, Psalm 2, Deuteronomy 18, Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Zechariah 12**—and ask God to reveal His Messiah. Believing in Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant.

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## **Final Word: The Messiah Fulfills All!**

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Yeshua, the pierced Servant and coming King, is Israel’s Messiah and the world’s Savior. **Zechariah 12:10** awaits: “They will look on Me, the One they have pierced.” Until then, He calls: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in” (Revelation 3:20).

Beloved, will you trust Yeshua, the Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives!**

# When Was the Messiah Supposed to Come?

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## A Loving Call to See Yeshua in Daniel 9

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*"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city—to bring the rebellion to an end, to put a stop to sin, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until an Anointed One, the ruler, will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be rebuilt with a plaza and a moat, but in difficult times. After those sixty-two weeks the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the coming ruler will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come with a flood, and until the end there will be war; desolations are decreed. He will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and offering. And the abomination of desolation will be on a wing of the temple until the decreed destruction is poured out on the desolator." (Daniel 9:24-27)*

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### Shalom, beloved brothers and sisters,

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The heart of our Jewish people has always yearned for the Messiah—the Anointed One promised to redeem Israel, bring peace to the world, and establish righteousness forever. The Hebrew Scriptures (Tanakh) shine with this hope, and one prophecy stands as a blazing beacon of God's perfect plan: the "Seventy Weeks" of Daniel 9. With love and unwavering confidence, I invite you to see how this passage points unmistakably to Yeshua of Nazareth, the Messiah who has come and will come again.

## Daniel's Prayer and God's Faithful Answer

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In Daniel 9, we find Daniel, exiled in Babylon, pouring out his heart in prayer for Israel's forgiveness and restoration. Moved by Jeremiah's prophecy of seventy years of exile, he seeks God's mercy. The Lord responds with breathtaking clarity through the angel Gabriel, revealing not just the end of captivity but a divine timetable for the Messiah's arrival—a plan spanning seventy "weeks." Dear friend, this is no vague promise; it is God's precise roadmap to redemption through Yeshua.

## The Seventy Weeks: God's Timetable for Redemption

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Gabriel declares, "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city" (Daniel 9:24). In Hebrew, "weeks" (*shavuim*) means "sevens"—here, seventy sets of seven years, totaling 490 years. This period fulfills six glorious purposes: to finish transgression, end sin, atone for iniquity, bring everlasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy. These are the very works of the Messiah, and they find their fulfillment in Yeshua alone, who atoned for our sins and will bring eternal righteousness at His return.

## The Messiah's Arrival: A Precise Prophecy

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Gabriel continues: "From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until an Anointed One, the ruler, will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks" (Daniel 9:25). That's 69 weeks, or 483 years, from the decree to the Messiah's arrival. The decree of Artaxerxes to Nehemiah in 445 BCE, authorizing the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls, sets the clock ticking. Counting forward 483 years lands us in 30–33 CE—the very years when Yeshua ministered, was crucified, and rose from the dead. Alternatively, Artaxerxes' earlier decree to Ezra in 457 BCE points to 27 CE, when Yeshua began His public ministry. Both timelines converge on the early first century, before the Second Temple's destruction in 70 CE. This is no coincidence—it is God's truth, fulfilled in Yeshua.



## **The Messiah Cut Off: Yeshua's Atoning Sacrifice**

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Daniel 9:26 proclaims, "After those sixty-two weeks the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing." The Hebrew word for "cut off" (*yikkaret*) signifies a violent, sacrificial death. This is Yeshua, crucified not for His own sin but as the perfect atonement for ours, fulfilling Isaiah 53's suffering servant. Following this, Daniel foretells the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple: "The people of the coming ruler will destroy the city and the sanctuary." This was fulfilled in 70 CE when the Romans razed Jerusalem, just as God's Word declared. The precision of this prophecy points unerringly to Yeshua as the Messiah.

## **The Final Week: Yeshua's New Covenant**

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Daniel 9:27 describes a final "week" (seven years), during which a covenant is confirmed, and sacrifice ceases. Yeshua, through His three-and-a-half-year ministry, confirmed the New Covenant promised in Jeremiah 31:31–34. By offering Himself as the final, perfect sacrifice, He rendered the Temple's offerings obsolete, fulfilling Daniel's prophecy. Some see this final week as pointing to future events, but even these await Yeshua's return as the glorious King. Every detail of Daniel 9 finds its anchor in Him.

## **Addressing Other Interpretations**

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Some Jewish sages, like Rashi, have suggested the "anointed one" refers to Cyrus or other figures like Agrippa. With respect, these interpretations fall short. Daniel 9's scope is not merely political but redemptive, pointing to the Messiah who atones for sin and brings everlasting righteousness. Only Yeshua fulfills this divine mission, aligning perfectly with the prophecy's timeline and purpose. God's Word is clear, and we proclaim it with love: Yeshua is the Messiah foretold.

## **Yeshua: The Messiah Who Has Come**

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Beloved, Daniel 9 is God's unmistakable timetable, fulfilled in Yeshua's life, death, and resurrection. The 483 years pinpoint His first-century ministry, His atoning death fulfilled the promise to "make an end of sin," and the Temple's

destruction confirmed the prophecy's truth. Yeshua came first as the suffering servant (Isaiah 53) to deal with sin, and He will return as the King of glory (Isaiah 11, Micah 4) to establish His everlasting kingdom.

## **A Loving and Urgent Call**

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Dear friend, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is faithful, and His Word is true. Daniel 9 reveals that the Messiah has come—Yeshua, who bore our sins and offers salvation to all who turn to Him. As Zechariah 12:10 promises, a day will come when “they will look on Me whom they have pierced and mourn,” but that mourning will lead to healing and joy in His redemption. The time to recognize Yeshua is now, for the prophecy has been fulfilled, and His return draws near.

With all my heart, I urge you to look to Yeshua, the Messiah who loves you and gave Himself for you. Read Daniel 9, seek the Lord, and ask Him to reveal His truth. The invitation is open, and His grace is boundless.

In the love and truth of Yeshua,

A fellow servant of Israel's Messiah.

# Who is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53?

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## A Loving Call to See Yeshua, the Messiah

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*"See, my servant will be successful; he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted. Just as many were appalled at you—his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being—so he will sprinkle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths because of him, for they will see what had not been told them, and they will understand what they had not heard. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn't have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him. Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth. He was taken away because of oppression and judgment, and who considered his fate? For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was struck because of my people's rebellion. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully. Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished. After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied. By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities. Therefore I*

*will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels." (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)*

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## **Shalom, beloved brothers and sisters,**

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Isaiah 53 is a radiant jewel in the Hebrew Scriptures, revealing the heart of God's redemptive plan through a Servant who suffers, dies, and rises to bring atonement and peace. This passage has stirred the souls of our Jewish people for centuries, and with love and unwavering confidence, I proclaim that it points unmistakably to Yeshua of Nazareth, the Messiah who bore our sins. Let us explore this sacred text together, not to debate, but to embrace the truth of God's Word in Yeshua.

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## **The Suffering Servant: Not Israel Alone, but Yeshua**

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Some Jewish traditions, including revered sages like Rashi and Ibn Ezra, interpret Isaiah 53 as describing Israel's collective suffering in exile. Truly, our people have endured unimaginable affliction, shining as a light to the nations through their faithfulness. Yet, with respect, this view falls short of the prophecy's full weight. Isaiah 53 speaks not of a nation but of a singular figure: "*He* was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was... *He* was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:3–5). The consistent use of singular pronouns—"he," "him," "his"—points to an individual, not a collective.

This individual is none other than Yeshua, the Messiah. The New Testament confirms this truth, with Matthew 8:17 tying Yeshua's healing ministry to Isaiah 53:4 and Philip in Acts 8 declaring that Isaiah 53 speaks of Yeshua, who was crucified and rose again. God's Word is clear: Yeshua is the Suffering Servant who fulfilled this prophecy.

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## The Servant's Mission: Atonement Through Yeshua's Sacrifice

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Isaiah 53 unveils a breathtaking mission: “He was pierced because of *our* rebellion, crushed because of *our* iniquities; punishment for *our* peace was on him” (Isaiah 53:5). The Servant suffers not for His own sins but as a substitute for ours, echoing the Temple’s sacrificial system yet surpassing it. Only Yeshua, who lived a sinless life and offered Himself on the cross, perfectly fulfills this role. He alone bore the sins of Israel and the world, securing atonement and peace through His blood.

No other figure—neither Israel as a nation nor any other individual—can fulfill this prophecy’s demand for a sinless substitute who dies and rises to justify many (Isaiah 53:11). Yeshua’s life, death, and resurrection align precisely with Isaiah’s vision, confirming He is the Messiah.

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## Ancient Jewish Insights and the Suffering Messiah

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Even within Jewish thought, the idea of a suffering Messiah is not foreign. Some rabbinic texts speak of “Messiah ben Joseph,” a figure who suffers and dies before the triumphant “Messiah ben David.” The Targum of Isaiah 52:13 declares, “Behold, My Servant, the Messiah, will prosper,” linking the Servant to the Messiah. These ancient insights, though not universal, affirm that Isaiah 53’s vision of a suffering redeemer resonates within our tradition. Yet only Yeshua fulfills this role, as He suffered, died, and rose again, exactly as Isaiah foretold.

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of Isaiah 53

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Beloved, Isaiah 53 is God’s unmistakable portrait of Yeshua, the Messiah who came to bear our sins. He was despised, rejected, and pierced for our transgressions, just as the prophet declared. His resurrection fulfills the promise that “out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied” (Isaiah 53:11),

and His return will bring the full redemption we long for. No other interpretation captures the depth of this prophecy, for only Yeshua embodies the sinless Servant who atones for all.

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## **A Loving and Urgent Call to Faith**

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Dear friend, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has spoken through Isaiah, revealing His Messiah, Yeshua, who bore your sins and mine on the cross. The door of salvation is open now, for Jew and Gentile alike. As Isaiah 55:6 urges, “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.” The time to recognize Yeshua as the Suffering Servant is now, for He has fulfilled God’s promise of atonement, and His return as King draws near.

With all my heart, I urge you to read Isaiah 53 and seek the Lord. Ask Him to reveal His truth, and you will find the Messiah who loves you and gave Himself for you. The peace and righteousness promised in Isaiah are yours in Yeshua today.

In the boundless love and truth of Yeshua,

A servant of Israel’s Messiah.

# The New Covenant that was Promised

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## A Loving Call to Embrace Yeshua's Fulfillment of Jeremiah 31

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*"Look, the days are coming"—this is the Lord's declaration—"when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt—my covenant that they broke even though I am their master"—the Lord's declaration. "Instead, this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days"—the Lord's declaration. "I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know me, from the least to the greatest of them"—this is the Lord's declaration. "For I will forgive their iniquity and never again remember their sin." (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

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### Shalom, beloved brothers and sisters,

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The prophet Jeremiah's words pulse with the heartbeat of God's love for His people. Amid the sorrow of Jerusalem's fall and the First Temple's destruction, God spoke through Jeremiah a promise of breathtaking hope: the New Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31–34. With unwavering confidence and tender care, I proclaim that this promise finds its fulfillment in Yeshua of Nazareth, the Messiah who has come to forgive sins, transform hearts, and draw us into intimate communion with God. Let us explore this sacred prophecy together, seeking the truth of God's Word in Yeshua.

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## The Promise of a New Covenant

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“Look, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.” (Jeremiah 31:31). In Hebrew, this is a *brit chadashah*—a “new covenant,” a term unique in the Tanakh. God speaks directly to His chosen people, Israel and Judah, not to replace them but to restore and redeem them. This covenant is God’s pledge to heal the brokenness of His people, and it is fulfilled through Yeshua, the Messiah.

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## A Covenant Unlike Sinai’s

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“This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt—my covenant that they broke even though I am their master” (Jeremiah 31:32). The Sinai covenant was glorious, delivering the Torah—God’s holy instruction. Yet, our people repeatedly broke it through idolatry and rebellion. God, ever faithful like a loving husband, now promises a new covenant, not to abolish the Torah but to enable its perfect fulfillment through transformed lives. Yeshua’s atoning sacrifice makes this possible, as He alone provides the forgiveness and power to live righteously.

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## The Torah Written on Hearts

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“Instead, this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days. I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (Jeremiah 31:33). What a radiant vision! God promises to inscribe His Torah not on stone but on human hearts, creating an inner desire to love and obey Him. Through Yeshua, the Holy Spirit fulfills this promise, transforming believers from within so that obedience flows naturally from love. This is the heart of the New Covenant, realized in Yeshua’s redemptive work.

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## Forgiveness and Intimate Knowledge of God

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“No longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know me, from the least to the greatest of them. For I will forgive their iniquity and never again remember their sin.” (Jeremiah 31:34). This is the world as God intends: every person, from the least to the greatest, knowing Him intimately. At the core is complete forgiveness—sins fully atoned for and forgotten. Only Yeshua’s sacrificial death on the cross accomplishes this, offering forgiveness that cleanses and a relationship with God that endures forever.

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## Addressing Other Interpretations

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Some Jewish sages, like Rashi, view the New Covenant as a future Messianic Age when Israel perfectly keeps the Torah. With deep respect, this interpretation misses the mark. Our history shows that human effort alone cannot achieve perfect obedience or atonement. Jeremiah’s promise requires a divine act of forgiveness and transformation, which only Yeshua provides. His death and resurrection inaugurated the New Covenant, fulfilling Isaiah 53’s suffering servant and Jeremiah 31’s promise. God’s Word is clear: Yeshua is the mediator of this covenant, bringing forgiveness and heart transformation now.

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of the New Covenant

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Beloved, Jeremiah 31 points unmistakably to Yeshua, the Messiah. At the Last Supper, He declared, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20), echoing Jeremiah’s prophecy. Through His atoning sacrifice, Yeshua provides the forgiveness promised in verse 34, and through the Holy Spirit, He writes God’s law on our hearts, fulfilling verse 33. The New Covenant does not replace Israel but restores her, opening the door of salvation to both Jew and Gentile. Yeshua is the only way to the forgiveness and intimacy with God that Jeremiah foretold.

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## A Loving and Urgent Call to Faith

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Dear friend, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has fulfilled His promise through Yeshua, the Messiah who bore our sins and offers us new life. The New Covenant is active now—forgiveness, transformation, and a personal relationship with God are yours through faith in Yeshua. As Isaiah 55:6 urges, “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.” The time to embrace Yeshua is now, for He has inaugurated the New Covenant, and His return will bring its full consummation.

With all my heart, I urge you to read Jeremiah 31 and seek the Lord. Ask Him to reveal His truth, and you will find the Messiah who loves you and gave Himself for you. The promise of forgiveness and a transformed heart awaits you in Yeshua today.

In the boundless love and truth of Yeshua,

A servant of Israel’s Messiah.

# Yeshua: The Fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures

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## Proclaiming Our King Yeshua as the Messiah Foretold

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*"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)*

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### Shalom, beloved brothers and sisters,

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From the Torah of Moses to the visions of the prophets, the Hebrew Scriptures proclaim the hope of the Messiah—the Anointed One who redeems Israel and restores the world to God. With unwavering confidence and tender love, I declare that Yeshua of Nazareth is this Messiah, fulfilling the promises of the Tanakh with divine precision. Let us explore together how Yeshua brings the Scriptures to their glorious fulfillment, inviting you to embrace the truth of God’s Word in Him.

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### Fulfillment, Not Replacement

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Yeshua does not abolish the Law and the Prophets; He brings them to their perfect completion. He Himself declared, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17). In Hebrew thought, fulfillment is a seed blossoming into its full flower. The Torah, sacrifices, festivals, and prophetic promises form God’s covenant story with Israel, and Yeshua is its radiant culmination. Through

Him, every word of Scripture shines with divine purpose, revealing God's unchanging love for His people.

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## Prophetic Promises Fulfilled in Yeshua

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The Tanakh overflows with prophecies that Yeshua has fulfilled:

- **Born in Bethlehem:** Micah 5:2 foretold a ruler from Bethlehem, and Yeshua was born there (Matthew 2:1–6), confirming His messianic identity.
- **Riding on a donkey:** Zechariah 9:9 promised Zion's King would come humbly on a donkey, which Yeshua fulfilled entering Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1–5).
- **A suffering servant:** Isaiah 53 portrays a servant "pierced for our transgressions," bearing the sins of many. Yeshua's sacrificial death on the cross perfectly fulfills this prophecy.
- **Pierced and mourned:** Zechariah 12:10 declares, "They will look on Me whom they have pierced," pointing to Yeshua's crucifixion and the future repentance of Israel at His return.

These are but a few of the countless prophecies Yeshua has fulfilled, proving He is the Messiah promised to Israel and the world.

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## The Festivals and Sacrifices Find Their Meaning in Yeshua

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Our sacred calendar and sacrifices point directly to Yeshua:

- **Passover (Pesach):** The Passover lamb's blood saved Israel in Egypt. Yeshua, the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29), was crucified during Passover, shedding His blood for our eternal redemption.

- **Firstfruits:** The first sheaf offered to God prefigures Yeshua's resurrection on the day of Firstfruits, as "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20).
- **Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement):** The high priest's annual atonement foreshadowed Yeshua, our great High Priest, who entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood, securing eternal forgiveness (Hebrews 9:11–12).

These holy observances are not abolished but fulfilled in Yeshua, revealing Him as the heart of God's redemptive plan.

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## The New Covenant Through Yeshua

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Jeremiah 31:31–34 promised a *brit chadashah* (New Covenant), where God would write His Torah on hearts and forgive sins forever. Yeshua inaugurated this covenant through His atoning death, declaring, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood" (Luke 22:20). Through His sacrifice and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Yeshua transforms hearts, enabling us to live out God's Torah in love and obedience. This covenant does not replace Israel but restores her, opening salvation to all who trust in Him.

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## Addressing Jewish Objections

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Some Jewish sages argue that Yeshua cannot be the Messiah, noting that global peace, the rebuilt Temple, and Israel's full restoration remain unfulfilled. With deep respect, these objections miss the dual nature of messianic prophecy. Yeshua's first coming fulfilled the promises of atonement and heart transformation (Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31), while His return will bring global peace and Israel's restoration (Isaiah 11, Micah 4). Ancient Jewish thought, including texts about a suffering "Messiah ben Joseph" and a victorious "Messiah ben David," supports this two-fold mission. Yeshua alone fulfills both roles, as the suffering servant and the coming King.

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## A Loving and Urgent Call to Faith

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Beloved, Yeshua is the Messiah who fulfills the Hebrew Scriptures with divine precision. He is the Lamb who bore our sins, the High Priest who offers eternal atonement, the King who will return in glory, and the Servant who brings healing through His wounds. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has spoken through His Word, and Yeshua is its living fulfillment. As Isaiah 55:6 urges, “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.”

With all my heart, I urge you to search the Scriptures and seek the Lord. Ask Him to reveal His truth, and you will find Yeshua, the Messiah who loves you and gave Himself for you. The door of salvation is open now—embrace Him today, for His return draws near.

In the boundless love and truth of Yeshua,

A servant of Israel’s Messiah.

# Redemption in the Hebrew Scriptures

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## A Loving Call to Embrace Yeshua, Israel's Redeemer

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*"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have appointed it to you to make atonement on the altar for your lives, since it is the lifeblood that makes atonement." (Leviticus 17:11)*

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### Shalom, beloved brothers and sisters,

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The Hebrew Scriptures sing of redemption—a divine promise woven through the Torah and Prophets, revealing God as our Redeemer who rescues, restores, and forgives. With unwavering confidence and tender love, I proclaim that Yeshua of Nazareth is the Messiah, the ultimate *Go'el* who fulfills God's redemptive plan for Israel and the world. Let us journey through the Tanakh together, seeing how Yeshua brings the promise of redemption to its glorious completion, and let us embrace the truth of His salvation today.

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## The Meaning of Redemption

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Redemption in the Hebrew Scriptures is God's act of rescuing His people from slavery, danger, and sin, often at a great cost. The Hebrew words reveal its depth:

- **Go'el** (גֹּאֵל) — the kinsman-redeemer who restores family and inheritance.
- **Padah** (פָּדָה) — to ransom or set free.
- **Kapar** (כָּפַר) — to atone, covering sin to restore relationship with God.

These truths shine throughout Scripture:

- God redeemed Israel from Egypt's bondage (Exodus 6:6).
- The Jubilee restored land to its rightful owners (Leviticus 25).
- Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi's family line (Ruth 4).
- The High Priest atoned for Israel's sins on Yom Kippur (Leviticus 16).

Redemption is the heartbeat of God's covenant love, and it finds its ultimate fulfillment in Yeshua, our Redeemer.

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## Redemption in the Prophets: Fulfilled in Yeshua

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The prophets proclaimed a future redemption beyond political restoration—a cleansing from sin, a renewed relationship with God, and an age of peace. Isaiah declared, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1). Jeremiah promised a New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31–34), and Isaiah foresaw swords turned into plowshares (Isaiah 2:4). These promises find their source in Yeshua, who through His death and resurrection provides forgiveness, reconciliation, and the hope of eternal peace. He is the Redeemer who fulfills the prophets' vision.

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## Yeshua: The Ultimate Redeemer

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Yeshua is Israel's *Go'el*, fulfilling the Tanakh's redemptive patterns with divine precision:

- As the Passover lamb (Exodus 12), Yeshua shed His blood during Passover, securing eternal deliverance (John 1:29).
- As the kinsman-redeemer (Ruth 4), He restores our spiritual inheritance, redeeming us from sin's curse.
- As the Yom Kippur sacrifice (Leviticus 17:11), Yeshua offered His own blood, securing eternal atonement as our great High Priest (Hebrews 9:12).
- As Isaiah's Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53), He was "pierced for our transgressions," bearing our sins to bring healing.



Through His sacrificial death and resurrection, Yeshua provides the ultimate redemption—forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God—available now to all who trust in Him.

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## **Addressing Objections**

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Some Jewish sages argue that the Messiah cannot be Yeshua, as the Temple remains in ruins, exiles persist, and global peace is unfulfilled. With deep respect, these objections overlook the dual nature of messianic prophecy. Yeshua's first coming fulfilled the promises of atonement and spiritual restoration (Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31), while His return will bring the physical restoration of Israel, the rebuilt Temple, and worldwide peace (Isaiah 11, Ezekiel 37). Ancient Jewish thought, including references to a suffering "Messiah ben Joseph" and a victorious "Messiah ben David," supports this two-fold mission. Yeshua alone fulfills both roles, having suffered for our sins and soon returning as King.

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## **A Loving and Urgent Call to Faith**

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Beloved, redemption is both national and personal, and Yeshua is the Redeemer who fulfills it all. Psalm 130:7–8 declares, "With the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Yeshua has paid the ransom price with His life, offering forgiveness and a restored relationship with God. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has spoken through His Word, and Yeshua is its living fulfillment.

With all my heart, I urge you to seek the Lord in the Scriptures. Read Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31, and Psalm 130, and ask God to reveal His truth. As Isaiah 55:6 urges, "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near." The time to embrace Yeshua, your Redeemer, is now, for His salvation is available today, and His return draws near.

In the boundless love and truth of Yeshua,

A servant of Israel's Messiah.

# What Is Sin?

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## The Messiah's Sacrifice Restores Us to God

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*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua." (Romans 3:23-24)*

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## Dear Friend, Sin Separates, but Yeshua Saves!

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Beloved, the world around us aches with injustice, selfishness, and pain. Why? The Tanakh and New Covenant reveal the root: **sin**, a spiritual condition that breaks our connection with God, tainting every heart. Yet, God's love shines brighter! Through **Yeshua, the Messiah**, He offers forgiveness, healing, and eternal life. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua's sinless life, death, and resurrection conquer sin and restore us to God**. Let us explore this truth, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Origin and Impact of Sin

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The Hebrew Scriptures reveal where sin began and its devastating effects:

- **Genesis 3:6-7:** Adam and Eve, tempted by the serpent, disobeyed God, breaking their perfect fellowship with Him and bringing sin and death into the world.
- **Isaiah 59:2:** "Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God." Sin creates a barrier, exiling us from our Creator.

- **Isaiah 64:6:** “All our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.” Even our best efforts are tainted by sin’s corruption.
- **Psalms 51:5:** “I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” Sin is woven into our nature from birth.

The Tanakh shows that all humanity shares this condition, unable to bridge the gap to God without divine intervention.

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## Yeshua: The Only Solution to Sin

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Dear friend, Yeshua is God’s answer to sin’s curse. The New Covenant declares:

- **The Perfect Sacrifice:** “Messiah died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3). His death atones for our sins, satisfying God’s justice (Romans 3:25).
- **The Victory Over Death:** “He was raised on the third day” (1 Corinthians 15:4), proving His triumph over sin and death, securing our justification (Romans 4:25).
- **The Way to God:** “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Yeshua alone reconciles us to God.
- **The Gift of Grace:** “By grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God, not a result of works” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Faith in Yeshua brings forgiveness and new life.

Through Yeshua, sin’s penalty is paid, its power is broken, and we are adopted as God’s children (Galatians 4:4-5).

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## The Jewish Perspective: Sin and Atonement

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren’s understanding of sin. Rabbinic tradition views sin as a violation of God’s mitzvot (commandments), addressed through teshuvah (repentance), tefillah (prayer), and tzedakah (charity).

Maimonides emphasized teshuvah as central, citing Hosea 14:2, “Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God.” Yom Kippur’s sacrifices and liturgy reflect this, seeking atonement through repentance and righteous deeds. The Talmud teaches that sincere teshuvah can transform sins into merits (Yoma 86b), and many Jews hope for a future messianic redemption.

Yet, the Tanakh reveals human efforts fall short: “No one can ransom another... but God will redeem my soul” (Psalm 49:7-8, 15). The repeated Temple sacrifices could not perfect (Hebrews 10:1-4), pointing to a greater atonement. Yeshua fulfills this need, offering forgiveness not by works but by faith (Romans 3:28), completing the Tanakh’s hope.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you place your faith in Yeshua, sin’s hold is shattered:

- **Forgiveness:** “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Every sin is washed away by Yeshua’s blood.
- **New Life:** “You were dead in your trespasses and sins... but God made us alive together with Messiah” (Ephesians 2:1, 5). You are born anew by the Spirit.
- **Freedom:** “Sin shall not have dominion over you” (Romans 6:14). Yeshua breaks sin’s power, giving you strength to live righteously.
- **Transformation:** The Holy Spirit reshapes your heart, producing love, joy, and peace (Galatians 5:22-23).

Good works—obedience and charity—flow from this salvation, not to earn it, but as fruit of a changed life (James 2:17).

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua to Overcome Sin

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Beloved, sin is our greatest problem, but Yeshua is God's perfect solution. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 5:8** declares, "While we were still sinners, Messiah died for us." His love runs toward you, offering forgiveness and restoration.

Open the Tanakh—read **Genesis 3, Isaiah 59, Psalm 51, Isaiah 53**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's plan of redemption. His sacrifice, not our works, cleanses us perfectly.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you feel the weight of sin and long for God's forgiveness, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess that I am a sinner, separated from You by my actions and nature. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again to give me life. I trust in His sacrifice alone for my forgiveness. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, cleanse me, and make me Your child. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Victory Over Sin

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who conquers sin and restores us to God. **1 John 2:2** proclaims, "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forgiven and free forever!**

# Atonement: Yeshua's Blood Fulfills God's Plan

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## The Messiah's Sacrifice Restores Us to God

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*"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have appointed it to you to make atonement on the altar for your lives, since it is the lifeblood that makes atonement." (Leviticus 17:11)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the Perfect Atonement!

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Beloved, the Torah shines as God's holy Word, revealing His perfect standard and our deep need for reconciliation with Him. At its heart lies atonement—the divine provision to cleanse sin and restore us to our Creator. The Tanakh declares that atonement demands blood, a truth that echoes through the ages. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua, the Messiah, is the perfect sacrifice who fulfills the Torah's demand for atonement, offering eternal redemption to all who trust Him.** Let us explore this truth together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: Blood for Atonement

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The Hebrew Scriptures are unwavering: atonement for sin requires blood:

- **Leviticus 17:11:** "The life of the flesh is in the blood... it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." Blood is God's ordained means of forgiveness.
- **Leviticus 16:15-16:** On Yom Kippur, the high priest sprinkled blood on the mercy seat, securing atonement for Israel's sins.

- **Leviticus 4:20, 5:13:** Sin offerings (*chatat*) and guilt offerings (*asham*) required blood to cover both unintentional and specific sins.
- **Leviticus 16:21-22:** The scapegoat carried Israel's sins into the wilderness, symbolizing a substitute bearing sin's penalty.

These sacrifices were not mere rituals but God's command, requiring a repentant heart (Leviticus 5:5). Isaiah 1:11-17 and Hosea 6:6 emphasize sincerity, but never negate blood's necessity. The Tanakh offers no alternative for serious sins—blood alone atones.

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of God's Atonement Plan

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the ultimate sacrifice, fulfilling the Torah's requirements. The New Covenant declares:

- **The Perfect Offering:** "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins" (Hebrews 9:22). Yeshua's sinless death on the cross provides eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12).
- **The Passover Lamb:** "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Yeshua fulfills the Passover lamb's role (1 Corinthians 5:7).
- **The Scapegoat and Servant:** Isaiah 53:4-6 describes a Suffering Servant bearing our sins, fulfilled in Yeshua's death (1 Peter 2:24).
- **The New Covenant:** "This cup is the new covenant in My blood" (Luke 22:20). Yeshua fulfills Jeremiah 31:31-34, writing God's law on our hearts.

Unlike temporary animal sacrifices, Yeshua's perfect offering atones for all sins—past, present, and future (Hebrews 10:10). He is the mediator of a better covenant (Hebrews 8:6).

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## The Jewish Perspective: A Respectful Consideration

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's view of atonement. After the Temple's destruction in 70 CE, rabbinic tradition emphasized *teshuvah* (repentance), *tefillah* (prayer), and *tzedakah* (charity) as atonement's means, citing texts like Hosea 14:2 and the Talmud (Yoma 86b). The *unetaneh tokef* prayer claims these cancel judgment. Yet, the Torah never equates these with blood atonement. Leviticus 5:11-13 allows grain offerings for the poor, but only for minor sins. The prophets call for repentance, but not as a substitute for sacrifice (Deuteronomy 4:29-30).

The Tanakh reveals human efforts fall short: "No one can ransom another... but God will redeem my soul" (Psalm 49:7-8, 15). Yeshua fulfills this need, offering atonement through faith, not works (Romans 3:28), completing the Torah's hope.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you place your faith in Yeshua, atonement transforms your life:

- **Forgiveness:** "The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Every sin is forgiven through His sacrifice.
- **Reconciliation:** "We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Romans 5:10). You are restored to fellowship with God.
- **New Covenant Life:** The Holy Spirit writes God's law on your heart, empowering righteous living (Hebrews 8:10).
- **Eternal Security:** "No one will snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28). Yeshua's atonement secures you forever.

Good works—repentance, prayer, and charity—flow from this salvation, not to earn it, but as fruit of a transformed heart (James 2:17).

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua for Atonement

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Beloved, atonement is God's gift through Yeshua, the Lamb who fulfills the Torah. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Hebrews 9:12** proclaims, "With His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

Open the Tanakh—read **Leviticus 16, Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's redemptive plan. His blood, not our works, atones perfectly.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you long for reconciliation with God, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins have separated me from You. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, whose blood atones for my sins, fulfilling Your Torah. I trust in His sacrifice alone for my forgiveness. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, cleanse me, and draw me near to You. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Perfect Atonement

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who fulfills the Torah's demand for blood atonement. **1 John 2:2** declares, "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are reconciled to God forever!**

# Atonement Without the Temple: Yeshua's Perfect Sacrifice

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## The Eternal Answer to Sin's Debt

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*"For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified."*

**(Hebrews 10:14)**

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Our Atonement!

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Beloved, the question of atonement without the Temple stirs the heart of every seeker after God. The destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE left Israel without its sacrificial system, yet God's plan for reconciliation was never thwarted. With unwavering confidence, we proclaim: **Yeshua, the Messiah, is the once-for-all atonement for sin.** His death and resurrection fulfill the Tanakh's promises, surpass the Temple's shadows, and offer eternal forgiveness to all who trust Him. Let us explore this truth together, resting in the warmth of God's mercy and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Foundation: Atonement Through Sacrifice

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The Hebrew Scriptures declare that atonement requires blood: "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" (Leviticus 17:11). The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) centered on the High Priest's offerings—sacrifices for the nation's sins and the scapegoat bearing iniquity into the wilderness (Leviticus 16). Yet these were temporary,

repeated yearly, pointing to a greater reality. The Tanakh foreshadows a final atonement:

- **Isaiah 53:5-6:** The Suffering Servant is “pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”
- **Psalms 40:6-8:** God desires not sacrifice but obedience, fulfilled by the One who says, “I have come to do Your will.”
- **Zechariah 12:10:** Israel will “look on Me, the One they have pierced,” mourning and receiving grace.

These prophecies point to a Messiah who would bear sin once and for all, transcending the Temple’s rites.

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## Yeshua: The True Temple and Sacrifice

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the fulfillment of Yom Kippur and the entire sacrificial system. The New Covenant reveals Him as:

- **The Perfect Lamb:** “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). Yeshua’s sinless life and death fulfill the Passover lamb and the scapegoat, bearing our sins into oblivion.
- **The Eternal High Priest:** Unlike earthly priests, Yeshua “entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption” (Hebrews 9:12). His priesthood in the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 7:17) needs no successor.
- **The True Temple:** Yeshua declared, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). His body, crucified and risen, is the ultimate dwelling place of God’s presence.

When the Temple’s veil tore at Yeshua’s death (Matthew 27:51), God signaled the end of the old system. The Holy of Holies was no longer confined to a building—through Yeshua, God’s presence dwells with His people (1 Corinthians 6:19). His cry, “It is finished” (John 19:30), sealed the completion of atonement. No further sacrifice is needed.

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## The Jewish Perspective: A Partial Truth

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's response to the Temple's loss. Rabbinic tradition teaches that teshuvah (repentance), prayer, and charity replace sacrifices, citing Hosea 14:2, "Take words with you and return to the LORD." Maimonides declared, "Teshuvah atones for all sins," and Yom Kippur's liturgy emphasizes fasting, confession (vidui), and ethical living. While these reflect God's mercy, they fall short of the Tanakh's demand for blood atonement (Leviticus 17:11). Without a Temple, rabbinic Judaism leans on human effort, yet the Tanakh points to a divine provision—a Messiah who bears sin Himself (Isaiah 53:10-11). Yeshua fulfills this, offering what no human act can: complete reconciliation with God.

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## Why Yeshua's Atonement Matters

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Yeshua's sacrifice transforms everything:

- **It Fulfills the Law:** The Torah's sacrifices were "a shadow of the good things to come" (Hebrews 10:1). Yeshua is the substance, perfecting atonement forever.
  - **It Cleanses Completely:** "The blood of Messiah Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). No yearly repetition is needed.
  - **It Grants Access to God:** Through Yeshua, "we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by His blood" (Hebrews 10:19). Every believer is a priest, indwelt by the Spirit (1 Peter 2:9).
  - **It Secures Eternal Life:** "He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). His resurrection guarantees our redemption.
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## The Call: Trust Yeshua's Finished Work

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Beloved, the Temple's absence is no barrier to atonement because Yeshua has completed the work. He is the Suffering Servant, the Lamb, the Priest, and the Temple. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Leviticus 16**, **Psalms 40**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's covenant. His blood, not our works, atones perfectly.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Eternal Atonement

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Yeshua's sacrifice stands as the unassailable truth of God's redemptive plan. **Hebrews 7:27** declares, "He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself." The Temple's rites were shadows; Yeshua is the reality. He lives, interceding for us (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and His atonement endures forever!**

# Right Relationship with God: United with Yeshua

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## The Covenant Fulfilled in the Messiah

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*"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Romans 8:15)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Our Way to God!

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Beloved, to be in right relationship with God is the deepest longing of the human heart, a call to walk in intimacy with the Creator of Israel and all the world. The Tanakh and the New Covenant together reveal that this relationship is not earned by human effort but graciously given through faith in Yeshua, the Messiah. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua's life, death, and resurrection secure our standing before God, uniting us to Him as beloved children.** Let us explore this truth, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His promises.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: A Covenant of Closeness

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The Hebrew Scriptures establish God's covenant (brit) with Israel, a sacred bond of mutual love and faithfulness. From Abraham's call—"I will be your God, and you shall be My people" (Genesis 17:7)—to Sinai's commandments (Exodus 19:5-6), God invites Israel into relationship through obedience to His Torah. Yet, the prophets foretold a deeper fulfillment:

- **Jeremiah 31:31-33:** “I will make a new covenant... I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”
- **Ezekiel 36:26-27:** “I will give you a new heart... and I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes.”
- **Isaiah 53:5-6:** The Suffering Servant, pierced for our sins, bears our iniquities to restore us to God.

These promises point to a Messiah who would renew the covenant, not through external works but by transforming hearts and bridging the gap caused by sin.

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of the Covenant

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the mediator of the new covenant, fulfilling the Tanakh's promises. The New Covenant reveals Him as:

- **The Perfect Sacrifice:** “He was pierced for our transgressions... and by His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). Yeshua's death atones for sin, satisfying God's justice (Romans 3:25).
- **The Risen Savior:** His resurrection proves His victory over sin and death, securing our justification (Romans 4:25).
- **The Living Mediator:** “There is one mediator between God and men, the man Messiah Yeshua” (1 Timothy 2:5). Through Yeshua, we are united to God, adopted as His children (Galatians 4:4-5).

In Yeshua, we are not slaves striving to earn God's favor but sons and daughters welcomed into His family. The Holy Spirit seals this adoption, enabling us to cry, “Abba, Father!” (Romans 8:15). This is the heart of right relationship: union with Yeshua, through whom we receive forgiveness, righteousness, and intimacy with God.

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## The Jewish Perspective: A Covenant of Works

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's understanding of right relationship through the covenant of Sinai. Rabbinic tradition teaches that faithfulness to the mitzvot—Torah study, prayer (tefillah), and acts of kindness (gemilut chasadim)—maintains the bond with God. Maimonides emphasized teshuvah (repentance) as the path to restore this relationship, citing Malachi 3:7: “Return to Me, and I will return to you.” Liturgies like the Shema and Yom Kippur's vidui express this commitment, while Shabbat and festivals reinforce God's presence.

Yet, the Tanakh reveals that human efforts fall short: “All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6). The repeated sacrifices of the Temple could not fully cleanse (Hebrews 10:1-4), pointing to a greater need—a Messiah who fulfills the Law perfectly. Yeshua completes this covenant, offering what no amount of mitzvot can: a heart transformed by God's Spirit and a righteousness imputed by faith (Galatians 2:16).

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## Why Yeshua's Work Matters

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Yeshua's finished work transforms our relationship with God:

- **Justification by Faith:** “A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Messiah Yeshua” (Galatians 2:16). Yeshua's righteousness is credited to us, making us right with God.
- **Adoption as Children:** Through Yeshua, we are “heirs of God and fellow heirs with Messiah” (Romans 8:17), welcomed into His family.
- **Transformation by the Spirit:** The Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering us to live holy lives (Titus 2:14). Sanctification flows from justification, not as a work to earn favor but as a fruit of grace.
- **Eternal Communion:** “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). Yeshua's mediation ensures unbroken fellowship with God.



## The Call: Trust Yeshua for Right Relationship

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Beloved, right relationship with God is found in Yeshua alone. He fulfills the Torah and the prophets, offering a new covenant written on the heart. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Jeremiah 31, Isaiah 53, Ezekiel 36, Psalm 51**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua does not abandon your Jewish heritage; it completes it, embracing the One who fulfills God’s promises. His sacrifice, not our works, secures our standing before God.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Eternal Mediator

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Yeshua is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), the One who brings us into right relationship with God. **Hebrews 7:25** declares, “He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” The covenant is fulfilled in Him, and His Spirit transforms us into His likeness.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, we are forever reconciled to God!**

# What Must I Do to Be Saved?

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## The Messiah's Finished Work Secures Eternal Life

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*"If you confess with your mouth, "Yeshua is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)*

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## Dear Friend, Salvation Is Found in Yeshua Alone!

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Beloved, the question "What must I do to be saved?" echoes through the ages, stirring the heart of every soul seeking peace with God. The Tanakh and the New Covenant proclaim one clear answer: **Salvation comes through faith in Yeshua, the Messiah, who died for our sins and rose again.** His finished work fulfills God's promises, offering eternal life to all who trust Him. With unwavering confidence and tender love, we invite you to embrace this truth, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Promise: A Savior for Sinners

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The Hebrew Scriptures reveal humanity's need for salvation and God's provision through a Messiah:

- **Isaiah 53:5-6:** "He was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." The Suffering Servant bears our sins to restore us to God.
- **Psalms 49:7-8, 15:** No human can redeem another, but "God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol."

- **Zechariah 12:10:** Israel will “look on Me, the One they have pierced,” receiving grace through the Messiah’s sacrifice.

The Torah’s sacrifices, like those on Yom Kippur, were shadows pointing to a greater atonement (Leviticus 17:11). They could not fully cleanse (Hebrews 10:1-4), but they foretold a Savior who would.

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## Yeshua: The Way of Salvation

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the fulfillment of God’s redemptive plan. The New Covenant declares:

- **The Atoning Sacrifice:** “Messiah died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3). His death satisfies God’s justice, paying the penalty for sin (Romans 3:25).
- **The Risen Lord:** “He was raised on the third day” (1 Corinthians 15:4), proving His victory over death and securing our justification (Romans 4:25).
- **The Only Mediator:** “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

To be saved, you need only trust in Yeshua. **Ephesians 2:8-9** declares, “By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works.” Faith in Yeshua’s finished work—His death and resurrection—brings forgiveness, righteousness, and adoption as God’s child (Galatians 4:4-5).

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## The Jewish Perspective: A Covenant of Works

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren’s view of salvation through covenant faithfulness. Rabbinic tradition teaches that keeping the mitzvot (commandments), teshuvah (repentance), tefillah (prayer), and tzedakah (charity)

align one with God's will. Maimonides emphasized teshuvah as central, citing Malachi 3:7, "Return to Me, and I will return to you." Yom Kippur's liturgy and ethical living reflect this, with hope in a future messianic redemption and resurrection (Daniel 12:2).

Yet, the Tanakh reveals human efforts fall short: "All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). The repeated Temple sacrifices could not perfect (Hebrews 10:1), pointing to a divine Savior. Yeshua fulfills this need, offering salvation not by works but by grace through faith (Galatians 2:16).

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## What Must You Do?

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The New Covenant answers clearly: **Repent and believe in Yeshua.**

- **Repent:** Turn from sin, acknowledging your need for God's mercy (Acts 3:19). Repentance is a gift from God, enabled by His Spirit (2 Timothy 2:25).
- **Believe:** Trust that Yeshua's death paid for your sins and His resurrection guarantees your life (John 3:16). Confess Him as Lord, believing God raised Him (Romans 10:9).
- **Receive Grace:** Salvation is God's gift, not earned by mitzvot, charity, or prayer (Ephesians 2:8). Yeshua's righteousness is imputed to you, making you right with God.

Good works—obedience, charity, and holy living—flow from salvation, not to earn it. As James 2:17 says, "Faith without works is dead," but these works are the fruit of a saved life, not its root.

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## Why Yeshua's Salvation Matters

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Yeshua's work transforms everything:

- **Justification:** You are declared righteous by faith in Yeshua, not by works (Romans 3:28).

- **Adoption:** You become God’s child, crying “Abba, Father!” by the Spirit (Romans 8:15).
  - **Eternal Life:** “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life” (John 3:36). Yeshua guarantees your resurrection (John 11:25).
  - **Unshakable Security:** “No one will snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:28). Those who trust Yeshua are kept by God’s power.
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## The Call: Trust Yeshua Today

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Beloved, salvation is not found in human effort but in Yeshua’s finished work. He is the Suffering Servant, the Lamb of God, the Risen King. With tender urgency, we call you to trust Him. **Acts 16:31** promises, “Believe in the Lord Yeshua, and you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Psalms 40, 118, 136**, **Zechariah 12**, **Daniel 12**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God’s covenant. His sacrifice, not our works, saves perfectly.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Eternal Savior

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Yeshua is the only way to salvation, fulfilling God’s plan from the Tanakh to the New Covenant. **John 14:6** declares, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” He lives, interceding for us (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, we are saved forever!**

# How Do I Become a Jewish-Christian?

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## Embracing Israel's Messiah Without Losing Your Heritage

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*"For through faith you are all sons of God in Messiah Yeshua... And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:26, 29)*

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### Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Israel's Messiah!

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Beloved, the longing to unite your Jewish identity with faith in Yeshua, the Messiah, is a beautiful journey toward the heart of God's redemptive plan. To become a Jewish-Christian—or, as many prefer, a Messianic Jew—is to embrace Yeshua as the promised Savior while cherishing your Jewish heritage. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Salvation comes through faith in Yeshua, who fulfills the Tanakh's promises and invites you into God's covenant family.** Let us explore this path together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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### The Tanakh's Promise: A Messiah for Israel

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The Hebrew Scriptures proclaim a Messiah who brings salvation to Israel and the nations:

- **Isaiah 53:5-6:** "He was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." The Suffering Servant atones for sin, restoring us to God.

- **Jeremiah 31:31-33:** “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.”
- **Zechariah 12:10:** Israel will “look on Me, the One they have pierced,” receiving grace through the Messiah’s sacrifice.

These prophecies point to Yeshua, who fulfills the Torah and Prophets, not abolishing them but completing them (Matthew 5:17). As a Jew, trusting Yeshua aligns with the Tanakh’s hope, embracing the One who brings God’s covenant to its fullness.

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## The Path to Becoming a Jewish-Christian

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To become a Jewish-Christian, you need only trust in Yeshua as Messiah and Savior. The New Covenant outlines this simple yet profound step:

- **Repent and Believe:** Acknowledge your sin and need for God’s mercy (Acts 3:19). Trust that Yeshua’s death paid for your sins and His resurrection secures your life (Romans 10:9). “By grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God, not a result of works” (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- **Receive the Holy Spirit:** At the moment of faith, God’s Spirit indwells you, making you a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) and sealing your adoption as His child (Galatians 4:6).
- **Live as Abraham’s Heir:** “Those who have faith are children of Abraham” (Galatians 3:7). Your Jewish identity is not erased but fulfilled, as you inherit the promises through Yeshua (Romans 11:29).

In practice, this faith may be expressed through a prayer of trust, confessing Yeshua as Lord and Savior. Baptism often follows as a public testimony of your faith, symbolizing union with Yeshua’s death and resurrection (Romans 6:4). You may join a Messianic congregation or a Christian church, where you can worship with others who share this faith.

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## Cherishing Your Jewish Heritage

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Dear friend, trusting Yeshua does not mean abandoning your Jewish identity. The first believers in Yeshua were Jews who continued to live as Jews—attending synagogue, observing Shabbat, and celebrating biblical feasts like Passover (Acts 2:46; 21:20). Today, many Messianic Jews maintain these practices, reinterpreting them in light of Yeshua:

- **Shabbat and Feasts:** You may observe Shabbat or festivals like Passover, seeing Yeshua as the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) or the fulfillment of Shavuot through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2).
- **Jewish Customs:** Some keep kosher or use Hebrew prayers, not to earn salvation but to honor their heritage and reach others with the Gospel.
- **Scripture:** Study the Tanakh alongside the New Covenant, seeing Yeshua as the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

Messianic Judaism offers a framework to live as a Jew who follows Yeshua, often blending traditional liturgy with Messiah-centered worship. You might attend a Messianic synagogue that uses a siddur with references to Yeshua or celebrates Communion during a Passover Seder.

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## The Jewish Perspective: A Challenge to Consider

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With love, we acknowledge the mainstream Jewish view that belief in Yeshua is incompatible with Judaism. Rabbinic tradition, rooted in halakha, considers faith in Yeshua as idolatry, viewing a Jew who trusts in Him as an apostate (Maimonides, Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Avodat Kochavim 10:1). Orthodox and Conservative authorities often exclude such individuals from synagogue membership or communal roles, while Reform Judaism, though more open to personal belief, still sees Yeshua as outside Jewish theology. This can lead to painful consequences, such as family estrangement or exclusion from Jewish institutions.

Yet, the Tanakh's own words challenge this view. Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 point to a Messiah who suffers and dies for sin, and Jeremiah's new covenant promises a



heart transformed by God's Spirit. Yeshua fulfills these prophecies, not negating Jewish identity but completing it. As Romans 11:26 declares, "All Israel will be saved," through faith in the Messiah. Trusting Yeshua does not abandon your Jewishness but fulfills the hope of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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## Why Yeshua Matters for Jewish-Christians

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Yeshua's work is the cornerstone of your salvation:

- **Atonement:** His death fulfills the Yom Kippur sacrifices, providing eternal forgiveness (Hebrews 9:12).
  - **New Covenant:** He writes God's law on your heart, empowering you to live righteously (Hebrews 8:10).
  - **Abraham's Heir:** Through faith, you remain part of God's chosen people, joined with all believers as "one new man" (Ephesians 2:15).
  - **Eternal Hope:** Yeshua guarantees your resurrection and eternal life (John 11:25).
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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as Your Messiah

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Beloved, becoming a Jewish-Christian means trusting Yeshua as the Messiah foretold in the Tanakh. With tender urgency, we invite you to take this step. **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Jeremiah 31**, **Psalms 22**, **Zechariah 12**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who completes God's covenant. You may face challenges from family or community, but Yeshua's love and the Holy Spirit's strength will sustain you.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Israel's Living Messiah

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Yeshua is the Messiah who unites Jews and Gentiles in God's family. **John 14:6** declares, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai!**  
**The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forever God's child!**

# What Does It Mean to Go to Heaven?

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## The Messiah's Victory Secures Our Eternal Home

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*"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2)*

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## Dear Friend, Heaven Is Life with Yeshua Forever!

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Beloved, the question "What does it mean to go to heaven?" touches the deepest hope of the human heart: to dwell forever with God. The Tanakh and New Covenant together reveal that heaven is the eternal presence of God, where those saved by faith in Yeshua, the Messiah, live in glorified bodies, free from sin, in a renewed creation. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Through Yeshua's death and resurrection, we are promised eternal life in God's presence.** Let us explore this truth, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Hope: A Future with God

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The Hebrew Scriptures lay the foundation for the hope of eternal life, though often veiled:

- **Daniel 12:2:** "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt." This hints at resurrection and a blessed afterlife.
- **Isaiah 26:19:** "Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise... the earth will give birth to the dead." A promise of bodily restoration.

- **Psalm 16:10-11:** “You will not abandon my soul to Sheol... in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

These passages point to a future where the righteous dwell with God, a hope fulfilled in Yeshua. The Tanakh’s sacrifices and prophecies, like the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53, foreshadow a Messiah who conquers death and opens the way to eternal life.

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## Yeshua: The Door to Heaven

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the fulfillment of God’s promise of heaven. The New Covenant declares:

- **Salvation by Faith:** “By grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God, not a result of works” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Trusting Yeshua’s atoning death and resurrection secures your place in heaven (John 3:16).
- **A Prepared Place:** Yeshua assures, “I go to prepare a place for you... that where I am you may be also” (John 14:2-3). Heaven is intimate fellowship with God through Yeshua.
- **Bodily Resurrection:** “The dead in Messiah will rise first... and so we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Believers receive glorified bodies, like Yeshua’s resurrected body (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).
- **New Creation:** Heaven is not a disembodied state but a renewed creation. “I saw a new heaven and a new earth... the dwelling place of God is with man” (Revelation 21:1, 3). The New Jerusalem, with the Tree of Life, reflects a restored Eden where God reigns (Revelation 22:1-2).

To “go to heaven” is to enter God’s presence immediately after death (Philippians 1:23) and ultimately to live forever in a glorified body on a redeemed earth, where “God Himself will be with them as their God” (Revelation 21:3).

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## The Jewish Perspective: Gan Eden and Olam Ha-Ba

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's view of the afterlife. Rabbinic tradition speaks of Gan Eden (paradise) and Olam Ha-Ba (the World to Come), often blending a spiritual afterlife with a future Messianic Age. The Talmud teaches that the righteous enter Gan Eden after a period of purification in Gehinnom, a temporary cleansing (Shabbat 33b). Maimonides affirmed resurrection and the soul's immortality, emphasizing Torah observance and righteous deeds as the path to divine reward (Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Teshuvah 8:2). Modern Jewish views vary: Orthodoxy holds to literal resurrection, while Reform and Reconstructionist Judaism often see Olam Ha-Ba as symbolic, focusing on ethical living now.

Yet, the Tanakh reveals human efforts cannot fully secure eternal life: "No man can ransom another... but God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol" (Psalm 49:7-8, 15). Yeshua fulfills this need, offering eternal life not through works but through faith (Romans 3:28), completing the hope of Gan Eden with the reality of the New Jerusalem.

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## What Going to Heaven Means

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Through Yeshua, going to heaven means:

- **Eternal Fellowship:** Living in God's presence, where "He will wipe away every tear" and there is no more death or pain (Revelation 21:4).
  - **Glorified Existence:** Receiving an imperishable body, free from sin, to worship and serve God forever (1 Corinthians 15:53).
  - **Restored Creation:** Dwelling in a new heaven and earth, a physical reality where God's glory fills all (Revelation 21:22).
  - **Assured Hope:** "No one will snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28). Faith in Yeshua guarantees eternal security.
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## The Call: Trust Yeshua for Heaven

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Beloved, going to heaven is not earned by works but received through faith in Yeshua, who said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live” (John 11:25). With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Daniel 12, Isaiah 26, Psalm 16, Isaiah 53**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who opens heaven’s gates. His sacrifice secures your eternal home.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Way to Heaven

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Yeshua is the door to heaven, fulfilling God’s promises from the Tanakh to the New Covenant. **Revelation 22:14** declares, “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.” He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you will dwell with God forever!**

# Does Hell Exist?

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## The Messiah's Love Offers Escape from Eternal Separation

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*"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:46)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Reveals the Truth About Hell!

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Beloved, the question "Does hell exist?" touches the heart of our eternal destiny, stirring both fear and hope. The Tanakh and New Covenant reveal a sobering reality: hell, or eternal separation from God, awaits those who reject His mercy, but God's love shines brighter through Yeshua, the Messiah. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua's death and resurrection offer the only way to escape judgment and enter God's eternal presence.** Let us explore this truth together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: Shadows of Judgment

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The Hebrew Scriptures provide glimpses of a place of judgment, though often veiled:

- **Psalm 6:5:** "For in death there is no remembrance of You; in Sheol who can give You praise?" Sheol is a shadowy underworld where all go, hinting at separation from God's presence.

- **Daniel 12:2:** “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.” This suggests a future judgment with consequences for the unrighteous.
- **Isaiah 66:24:** “Their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched.” This imagery points to a place of enduring punishment for the wicked.

While the Tanakh focuses on this life, these passages foreshadow a reality of divine justice for those who reject God, setting the stage for clearer New Covenant teachings.

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## Yeshua: The Truth About Hell and Salvation

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Dear friend, Yeshua’s teachings in the New Covenant clarify the reality of hell and God’s merciful solution:

- **Eternal Punishment:** “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). Yeshua describes hell as a place of eternal, conscious punishment for those who reject God (Matthew 25:46).
- **Unquenchable Fire:** “Where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:44-48). Hell is a state of unending separation from God’s presence.
- **Destruction of Soul and Body:** “Fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28). Hell is the ultimate consequence of unrepentant sin.
- **Salvation Through Faith:** “Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Yeshua’s death atones for sin, offering escape from hell through faith (Romans 5:8).

Yeshua’s resurrection proves His victory over sin and death, ensuring that those who trust Him are saved from eternal punishment and welcomed into God’s kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

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## The Jewish Perspective: Gehinnom and Ethical Living

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's view of the afterlife. Rabbinic tradition speaks of Gehinnom, not as eternal torment but as a temporary purification process, often lasting up to 12 months (Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 17a). Described as a "spiritual washing machine," Gehinnom cleanses most souls before they enter Olam Ha-Ba, the World to Come (Chabad.org, 2011). Only the most wicked face prolonged punishment. The Tanakh's Sheol (Psalm 6:5) is a vague underworld, and modern Jewish thought, especially Reform and Reconstructionist, often de-emphasizes the afterlife, focusing on mitzvot (commandments) and ethical living now, as seen in Avot 4:17: "Better one hour of repentance and good deeds in this world than the whole of the life in the world to come."

Yet, the Tanakh warns of a final judgment (Daniel 12:2), and human efforts cannot fully satisfy God's justice: "No one can ransom another... but God will redeem my soul" (Psalm 49:7-8, 15). Yeshua fulfills this need, offering eternal life through faith, not works (Romans 3:28), completing the Tanakh's hope.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you place your faith in Yeshua, the threat of hell is replaced with eternal hope:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** "The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Yeshua's sacrifice atones, sparing you from judgment.
- **Eternal Life:** "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life" (John 3:36). You are promised God's presence forever.
- **Freedom from Fear:** "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). Yeshua's love secures your destiny.
- **Transformation:** The Holy Spirit produces righteousness and peace in your life (Galatians 5:22-23), preparing you for eternity with God.

Good works—mitzvot and charity—flow from this salvation, not to avoid hell, but as fruit of a transformed heart (James 2:17).

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua to Escape Judgment

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Beloved, hell is a real consequence of rejecting God's mercy, but Yeshua offers the way to eternal life. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Open the Tanakh—read **Psalm 6, Daniel 12, Isaiah 66, Isaiah 53**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, embracing the One who conquers sin and death. His sacrifice ensures you will not face eternal punishment but dwell with God forever.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you fear judgment and long for God's mercy, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins separate me from You. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again to save me from judgment. I trust in His sacrifice alone for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, cleanse me, and secure my place in Your presence. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Our Deliverer from Judgment

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who rescues us from the penalty of sin. **John 3:36** declares, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." He lives,

interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai!**  
**The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are saved from judgment forever!**

# Can Someone Be Jewish and Believe in Yeshua?

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## The Messiah's Call Unites Jewish Identity with Eternal Salvation

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*"And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:29)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Fulfills Your Jewish Identity!

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Beloved, the question "Can someone be Jewish and believe in Yeshua?" touches the heart of identity and faith, stirring deep longing for truth. The Tanakh and New Covenant reveal that Jewish identity—rooted in ethnicity, culture, and God's covenant—can be beautifully fulfilled through faith in Yeshua, the Messiah. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua is Israel's promised Savior, and trusting Him completes, not cancels, your Jewish heritage.** Let us explore this truth together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: A Messiah for Israel

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The Hebrew Scriptures promise a Messiah who brings salvation to Israel and the nations:

- **Isaiah 53:5-6:** "He was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." The Suffering Servant atones for sin, restoring us to God.

- **Micah 5:2:** A ruler from Bethlehem, whose origins are eternal, will lead Israel.
- **Psalms 22:16:** “They pierced my hands and my feet,” foretelling the Messiah’s suffering.
- **Jeremiah 31:31-33:** “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.”

These prophecies point to a Messiah who suffers, dies, and establishes a new covenant. Yeshua fulfills these promises, aligning faith in Him with the Tanakh’s hope for Israel’s redemption.

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## Yeshua: The Jewish Messiah Who Fulfills the Torah

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Dear friend, Yeshua is the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel. The New Covenant declares:

- **Messianic Fulfillment:** Yeshua, born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-6), suffered for our sins (1 Peter 2:24), and rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10), fulfilling Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, and more.
- **New Covenant Mediator:** “This cup is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20), fulfilling Jeremiah 31:31-34 by offering forgiveness and a transformed heart.
- **Salvation by Faith:** “By grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Faith in Yeshua reconciles Jews and Gentiles to God (Romans 3:29-30).
- **Preserving Jewish Identity:** “If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham’s seed” (Galatians 3:29). Faith in Yeshua makes you an heir of God’s promises to Israel, not an apostate.

Yeshua’s first followers were Jews who observed Torah practices like Shabbat and Passover while trusting Him (Acts 2:46, 21:20). Messianic Judaism continues this, blending Jewish liturgy with faith in Yeshua, proving you can be Jewish and believe in Him.

## The Jewish Perspective: Challenges and Considerations

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's perspective. Mainstream Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—rejects Yeshua as the Messiah, citing unfulfilled prophecies like universal peace (Isaiah 11:1-9) and the rebuilding of the Temple. Maimonides' principles emphasize a human, non-divine Messiah, viewing Yeshua's divinity as incompatible with monotheism (Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Melachim 11:4). The Talmud (Sanhedrin 99a) and historical tensions, including Christian persecution, reinforce this rejection, with groups like Jews for Jesus seen as proselytizing (Chabad.org, 2004). In Israel, Messianic Jews face social exclusion and legal challenges under the Law of Return, as belief in Yeshua is often deemed adherence to another faith (Haaretz, 2019).

Yet, the Tanakh's Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) and new covenant promise (Jeremiah 31) point to Yeshua. His first coming fulfills the servant's role, with His return to bring peace. The Tanakh declares, "No one can ransom another... but God will redeem my soul" (Psalm 49:7-8, 15), suggesting human efforts fall short. Yeshua's sacrifice fulfills this need, offering redemption through faith (Romans 3:28).

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you, as a Jew, place your faith in Yeshua, your identity is enriched:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** "The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Yeshua's sacrifice atones, fulfilling the Torah's demand for blood (Leviticus 17:11).
- **Covenant Fulfillment:** You become an heir of Abraham's promises (Galatians 3:29), rooted in God's covenant with Israel.
- **Spiritual Renewal:** The Holy Spirit writes God's law on your heart (Hebrews 8:10), empowering a life of mitzvot as fruit of faith (James 2:17).

- **Eternal Hope:** “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life” (John 3:36).  
Yeshua secures your place in God’s kingdom.

You can continue observing Shabbat, Passover, or other traditions, seeing Yeshua as the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) or the fulfillment of Shavuot (Acts 2), enriching your Jewish identity.

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as Your Messiah

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Beloved, you can be Jewish and believe in Yeshua, embracing the Messiah who fulfills the Tanakh. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53, Micah 5, Psalm 22, Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua does not abandon your Jewishness but completes it, fulfilling God’s promises to Abraham’s seed. Though you may face challenges from family or community, Yeshua’s love and the Holy Spirit’s strength will sustain you.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you long to embrace Yeshua as your Messiah while cherishing your Jewish identity, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins and my need for Your redemption. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again, fulfilling Your Torah and prophets. I trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, strengthen my Jewish identity, and guide me in Your truth. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua’s name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, Israel's Messiah

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who unites your Jewish heritage with God's redemptive plan. **John 1:29** declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forever God's child, a true heir of Israel!**



# Why Do Some Jewish People Believe in Yeshua Today?

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## The Messiah's Call Completes the Jewish Story

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*"But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds." (Isaiah 53:5)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is Israel's Promised Messiah!

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Beloved, the question "Why do some Jewish people believe in Yeshua today?" opens a door to the heart of God's redemptive plan for Israel and the world. While mainstream Judaism awaits a Messiah, some Jews—known as Messianic Jews—have found in Yeshua the fulfillment of the Tanakh's promises. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua, the Messiah, fulfills the Torah and prophets, offering salvation while embracing Jewish identity.** Let us explore why some Jewish people embrace Him today, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: A Messiah Foretold

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The Hebrew Scriptures proclaim a coming Messiah who brings redemption to Israel:

- **Isaiah 53:4-6:** "He has borne our griefs... He was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." The

Suffering Servant atones for sin.

- **Micah 5:2:** A ruler from Bethlehem, “whose coming forth is from of old,” will lead God’s people.
- **Psalms 16:10:** “You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption,” hinting at resurrection.
- **Jeremiah 31:31-33:** “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.”

These prophecies point to a Messiah who suffers, dies, rises, and establishes a new covenant. For Messianic Jews, Yeshua fulfills these promises, confirming His identity as Israel’s Savior.

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## Yeshua: The Jewish Messiah of the New Covenant

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Messiah who fulfills the Tanakh’s hope:

- **Prophetic Fulfillment:** Born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-6), Yeshua suffered for humanity’s sins (1 Peter 2:24) and rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10), fulfilling Isaiah 53, Psalm 16, and Micah 5.
- **New Covenant Mediator:** “This cup is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20), fulfilling Jeremiah 31:31-34 by offering forgiveness through His sacrifice.
- **Salvation by Faith:** “Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Yeshua’s atonement brings Jews and Gentiles to God (Romans 3:29-30).
- **Jewish Roots:** Yeshua, a Jew, lived according to Torah, observing Passover and teaching in synagogues (Luke 4:16, 22:15). His first followers were Jews who remained faithful to their heritage (Acts 2:46, 21:20).

Messianic Jews, numbering 175,000 in the U.S. and up to 1.7 million worldwide, believe Yeshua enhances their Jewishness, blending Torah observance with faith in Him as the Messiah.

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## The Jewish Perspective: Why Many Do Not Believe

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With love, we acknowledge our Jewish brethren's perspective. Mainstream Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—rejects Yeshua as the Messiah for several reasons:

- **Unfulfilled Prophecies:** The Messiah is expected to rebuild the Temple (Ezekiel 37:26-28), gather all Jews to Israel (Isaiah 43:5-6), and establish world peace (Isaiah 2:4). Since these await fulfillment, many Jews continue to await the Messiah (Aish.com, 2009).
- **Theological Concerns:** Yeshua's divinity and the Trinity are misunderstood to conflict with modern Jewish monotheism—although this is not true, as The Shema is actually a call of exclusivity to the God of Israel and the Triune God is three-in-one as opposed to tritheism or the worship of three gods. Maimonides' principles require a human Messiah who upholds Torah, while Yeshua's teachings, like Sabbath healings (John 9:14), are seen as violations (Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Melachim 11:4).
- **Historical Tensions:** Centuries of Christian anti-Semitism, from Crusades to pogroms, have created resistance to Yeshua, with groups like Jews for Jesus viewed as proselytizing (My Jewish Learning, 2016).

Yet, the Tanakh's Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) and new covenant promise (Jeremiah 31) align with Yeshua's first coming, with His return to fulfill remaining prophecies. Psalm 49:7-8, 15 declares, "No one can ransom another... but God will redeem my soul," pointing to Yeshua's atoning sacrifice.

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## Why Some Jews Believe in Yeshua Today

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Some Jewish people embrace Yeshua for compelling reasons:

- **Scriptural Conviction:** They see Yeshua fulfilling Isaiah 53's Suffering Servant, Micah 5's Bethlehem-born ruler, and Psalm 16's resurrection

promise, believing He will complete prophecies like world peace at His return.

- **Jewish Identity Enhanced:** Messianic Jews observe Shabbat, Passover, and other traditions, seeing Yeshua as the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) and the fulfillment of Jewish hopes, not a rejection of them.
- **Personal Encounters:** Many come to faith through personal experiences, often during the 1960s “Jesus people” movement, finding Yeshua as the culmination of their Jewish faith (Jews for Jesus, 2021).
- **Historical Continuity:** They view their faith as a continuation of first-century Jewish believers like Peter and Paul, who remained Jewish while following Yeshua (Acts 21:20).

Though mainstream Judaism views this as incompatible, Messianic Jews find in Yeshua a deeper connection to their heritage.

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as Israel’s Messiah

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Beloved, some Jewish people believe in Yeshua because He fulfills the Tanakh’s promises, offering salvation while honoring their Jewish identity. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Micah 5**, **Psalms 16**, **Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua does not forsake your Jewishness but fulfills it, making you an heir of Abraham’s promise (Galatians 3:29). Despite challenges from family or community, Yeshua’s love will guide you.

## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you feel drawn to Yeshua as Israel's Messiah, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins and seek Your redemption. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again, fulfilling Your Torah and prophets. I trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, deepen my Jewish identity, and guide me in Your truth. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The Hope of Israel

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who completes God's covenant with Israel. **John 1:29** declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forever God's child, a true heir of Israel!**

# Why Do Some Jewish People Reject Yeshua as Messiah?

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## The Messiah's Love Fulfills God's Promises to Israel

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*"Look, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah... I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."*  
(Jeremiah 31:31,33)

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the Messiah Who Calls to You!

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Beloved, the question "Why do some Jewish people reject Yeshua as Messiah?" touches the heart of Israel's hope and God's redemptive plan. Many Jews, rooted in the Tanakh's promises, await a Messiah who has not yet come, while others—Messianic Jews—see Yeshua as the fulfillment of those promises. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua is Israel's promised Messiah, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfill the Torah and prophets, offering salvation to all who trust Him.** Let us explore the reasons for this rejection and the hope found in Yeshua, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Messiah's Mission

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The Hebrew Scriptures outline the Messiah's role, setting expectations for Israel's redeemer:

- **Isaiah 53:4-6:** “He has borne our griefs... He was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” The Suffering Servant atones for sin.
- **Micah 5:2:** A ruler from Bethlehem, “whose coming forth is from of old,” will lead God’s people.
- **Psalms 16:10:** “You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption,” pointing to resurrection.
- **Ezekiel 37:26-28:** The Messiah will establish God’s sanctuary, signaling a restored covenant.

These prophecies depict a Messiah who suffers, dies, rises, and restores Israel. For Messianic Jews, Yeshua fulfills these, but many Jews see unfulfilled expectations as a barrier.

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## Yeshua: The Messiah Who Fulfills the Tanakh

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Messiah who fulfills God’s promises:

- **Prophetic Fulfillment:** Born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-6), Yeshua suffered for humanity’s sins (1 Peter 2:24) and rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10), fulfilling Isaiah 53, Micah 5, and Psalm 16.
- **New Covenant Mediator:** “This cup is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20), fulfilling Jeremiah 31:31-34 by offering forgiveness through His sacrifice.
- **Spiritual Kingdom:** “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). Yeshua’s first coming established a spiritual redemption, with physical restoration to come at His return.
- **Salvation for All:** “Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Yeshua’s atonement unites Jews and Gentiles in God’s family (Romans 3:29-30).

Yeshua, a Jew who observed Torah, is embraced by Messianic Jews (175,000 in the U.S., up to 1.7 million globally) as the fulfillment of their heritage, blending

Jewish practices with faith in Him.

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## The Jewish Perspective: Reasons for Rejection

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With love, we acknowledge why many Jewish people reject Yeshua as the Messiah, rooted in theology, scripture, and history:

- **Unfulfilled Prophecies:** The Messiah is expected to rebuild the Temple (Ezekiel 37:26-28), gather all Jews to Israel (Isaiah 43:5-6), and establish world peace (Isaiah 2:4). Since these await fulfillment, many Jews believe the Messiah has not yet come (Aish.com, 2009).
- **Theological Conflicts:** Yeshua's divinity and the Trinity are misunderstood to contradict modern Judaism's monotheism (Deuteronomy 6:4)—although this is not true, as The Shema is actually a call of exclusivity to the God of Israel and the Triune God is three-in-one as opposed to tritheism or the worship of three gods. Maimonides' principles require a human Messiah who upholds Torah, but Yeshua's teachings, like Sabbath healings (John 9:14), are seen as violations (Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Melachim 11:4).
- **Davidic Lineage:** The Messiah must be a patrilineal descendant of David (2 Samuel 7:12-14). Yeshua's virgin birth negates a biological father, disqualifying Him in Jewish eyes (Jews for Judaism)—this is also a misunderstanding and also ignores entirely the absolute miracle of Yeshua's virgin birth! *Who else can claim they were born of a virgin?*
- **Historical Tensions:** Centuries of Christian anti-Semitism—Crusades, pogroms, and the Holocaust—have fostered distrust. The charge of deicide and forced conversions deepen resistance to Yeshua (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum).
- **Scriptural Misinterpretations:** Jews view Christian readings of Isaiah 53 (Israel as the servant) and Isaiah 7:14 ("alma" as "young woman," not "virgin") as mistranslations, rooted in the collective revelation at Sinai (Deuteronomy 5:3).



Yet, the Tanakh's promise of a Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) and a new covenant (Jeremiah 31) points to Yeshua, whose first coming fulfilled spiritual redemption, with physical restoration to follow.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you trust Yeshua as the Messiah, your Jewish identity is fulfilled, not forsaken:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** “The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Yeshua's sacrifice atones, fulfilling Leviticus 17:11's requirement for blood.
- **Covenant Heir:** “If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). You remain part of God's covenant with Israel.
- **Spiritual Renewal:** The Holy Spirit writes God's law on your heart (Hebrews 8:10), empowering a life of mitzvot as fruit of faith (James 2:17).
- **Eternal Life:** “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life” (John 3:36). Yeshua secures your place in God's kingdom.

Messianic Jews continue observing Shabbat and Passover, seeing Yeshua as the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7), enriching their Jewish faith.

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as Israel's Messiah

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Beloved, though many Jews reject Yeshua due to unfulfilled expectations and historical pain, He is the Messiah who fulfills the Tanakh's hope. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53, Micah 5, Psalm 16, Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your Jewish heritage, making you an heir of God’s promises. Despite challenges from community or tradition, Yeshua’s love and the Holy Spirit’s strength will uphold you.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you long to see Yeshua as Israel’s Messiah, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins and seek Your redemption. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again, fulfilling Your Torah and prophets. I trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, strengthen my Jewish identity, and guide me in Your truth. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua’s name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The Hope of Israel

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who completes God’s covenant with Israel. **John 1:29** declares, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forever God’s child, a true heir of Israel!**

# Do I Need to Follow All 613 Mitzvot?

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## The Messiah's Grace Frees Us to Live in God's Love

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*"Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Completes the Torah's Purpose!

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Beloved, the question "Do I need to follow all 613 mitzvot?" touches the heart of God's covenant with His people and His plan of salvation. The 613 mitzvot, central to Jewish life, raise questions for those who encounter Yeshua, the Messiah. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua fulfilled the Torah, freeing us from the obligation of all 613 mitzvot while calling us to live out its moral heart through faith in Him.** Let us explore this truth together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Torah's Role

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The Hebrew Scriptures reveal the Torah's purpose, given to guide Israel in righteousness:

- **Exodus 20:1-17:** The Ten Commandments, including "You shall not murder" and "Honor your father and mother," establish God's moral standards.
- **Leviticus 17:11:** "The life of the flesh is in the blood... it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." The sacrificial laws point to atonement for sin.

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-5:** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart.” The Shema calls for devotion to God.
- **Jeremiah 31:31-33:** “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.” A new covenant is promised.

The 613 mitzvot—248 positive and 365 negative, as enumerated by Maimonides—guided Israel, but many, like Temple sacrifices (Leviticus 12:6), cannot be observed today without a Temple (Chabad.org).

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of the Torah

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Messiah who fulfills the Torah’s purpose:

- **Fulfilling the Law:** “I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17). Yeshua’s life and sacrifice complete the Torah’s requirements (GotQuestions.org).
- **Atonement Through His Blood:** “The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7), fulfilling Leviticus 17:11’s need for atonement.
- **New Covenant Mediator:** “This cup is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20), fulfilling Jeremiah 31:31-34 by writing God’s law on our hearts through faith.
- **Freedom from the Law’s Burden:** “You are not under the law, but under grace” (Romans 6:14). Salvation comes through faith in Yeshua, not works of the Law (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Yeshua, a Jew who observed Torah, taught the heart of the Law: “Love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-40). This fulfills the moral essence of the mitzvot, freeing believers from the 613’s full obligations.

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## The Jewish Perspective: The Centrality of the Mitzvot

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With love, we acknowledge the Jewish perspective, where the 613 mitzvot are central to covenant life. Maimonides' *Mishneh Torah* enumerates these commandments as God's will for Israel, guiding ethical, ritual, and communal life (Jewish Virtual Library). Many mitzvot, like those for Temple sacrifices or tithing cattle (Leviticus 27:32), are currently unobservable without a Temple, yet Jews uphold applicable mitzvot like Shabbat, kosher laws, and tzedakah (charity) as expressions of devotion (Chabad.org). Mainstream Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—rejects the idea that a Messiah could nullify the Torah's commands, viewing them as eternal (Deuteronomy 29:29).

Messianic Jews (175,000 in the U.S., up to 1.7 million globally) may observe some mitzvot, like Shabbat or Passover, to honor their heritage, but they believe Yeshua's sacrifice fulfills the sacrificial laws, making full observance optional (119ministries.com). Mainstream Judaism, however, does not recognize Messianic Judaism as Jewish due to its acceptance of Yeshua's divinity (My Jewish Learning).

The Tanakh's promise of a new covenant (Jeremiah 31) and atonement through a Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) points to Yeshua, who fulfills the Torah's purpose while preserving its moral heart.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you trust Yeshua as the Messiah, you are freed to live in God's love:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** “The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Yeshua's sacrifice fulfills the Torah's atonement (Leviticus 17:11).
- **Heir of the Covenant:** “If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). You remain part of God's plan for Israel.
- **Transformed Heart:** The Holy Spirit writes God's law on your heart (Hebrews 8:10), empowering you to live out love and righteousness

(Matthew 22:37-40).

- **Freedom in Faith:** “It is for freedom that Messiah has set us free” (Galatians 5:1). You are not bound by the 613 mitzvot but live by faith, producing good works (James 2:17).

You may choose to observe mitzvot like Shabbat or Passover to connect with your heritage, as some Messianic Jews do, but this is a personal choice, not a requirement for salvation.

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as the Torah’s Fulfillment

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Beloved, you do not need to follow all 613 mitzvot, for Yeshua has fulfilled the Torah, offering salvation through faith. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Exodus 20, Leviticus 17, Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your heritage, whether Jewish or Gentile, aligning you with God’s covenant. His love and the Holy Spirit’s guidance will sustain you, even amidst differing views.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you seek freedom from the Law’s burden and desire God’s grace, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins and seek Your redemption. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who fulfilled Your Torah through His life, death, and resurrection. I trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, guide me in love and righteousness, and strengthen my faith. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua’s name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The Fulfillment of God's Law

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who completes the Torah's purpose. **John 1:29** declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forever free in God's love, a true heir of His promises!**

# Do Jewish-Christians Keep Kosher?

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## The Messiah's Grace Fulfills God's Covenant and Guides Our Choices

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*"I know and am persuaded in the Lord Yeshua that nothing is unclean in itself. Still, to someone who considers a thing to be unclean, to that one it is unclean."*  
**(Romans 14:14)**

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Offers Freedom in Faith!

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Beloved, the question "Do Jewish-Christians keep kosher?" touches the heart of how faith in Yeshua, the Messiah, intersects with Jewish identity and the Torah's laws. Jewish-Christians, often called Messianic Jews, navigate their heritage and faith in unique ways. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua fulfilled the Torah, freeing believers from the obligation to keep kosher while honoring those who choose to for cultural or spiritual reasons.** Let us explore this question together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Role of Kashrut

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The Hebrew Scriptures outline the dietary laws of kashrut, guiding Israel's covenant life:

- **Leviticus 11:1-7:** God specifies clean animals (e.g., those with split hooves and chewing the cud, like sheep) and unclean ones (e.g., pork), setting Israel apart.



- **Deuteronomy 14:3-21:** Reinforces which animals, fish, and birds are permissible, emphasizing holiness through dietary obedience.
- **Leviticus 17:10-14:** Forbids consuming blood, as “the life of the flesh is in the blood,” linking kashrut to atonement.
- **Deuteronomy 6:4-5:** The Shema calls Israel to love God wholly, with kashrut as a practical expression of devotion.

These laws, part of the 613 mitzvot enumerated by Maimonides, distinguished Israel, but many, like ritual slaughter (shechita), are challenging today without a Temple (Chabad.org).

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of the Torah’s Dietary Laws

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Messiah who fulfills the Torah, including its dietary laws:

- **Fulfilling the Law:** “I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17). Yeshua’s life and sacrifice complete the Torah’s purpose (GotQuestions.org).
- **Freedom in Faith:** “Nothing is unclean in itself” (Romans 14:14). Peter’s vision in Acts 10:9-16, where God declares all foods clean, suggests dietary laws are not binding for believers.
- **Atonement Through His Blood:** “The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7), fulfilling Leviticus 17:11’s atonement requirement, making ritual blood laws obsolete.
- **Moral Focus:** Yeshua summarizes the Torah: “Love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-40). This fulfills the heart of kashrut’s call to holiness.

Messianic Jews (175,000 in the U.S., up to 1.7 million globally) vary in practice. Some keep kosher to honor their Jewish heritage or reach traditional Jews, while others, citing New Testament freedom, do not (Jews for Jesus; Netivyah).

## The Jewish Perspective: Kashrut as Covenant Identity

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With love, we acknowledge the Jewish perspective, where kashrut is central to covenant life. Mainstream Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—views dietary laws as divine commands to maintain holiness and Jewish identity (My Jewish Learning). Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 outline permissible foods, while rabbinic traditions, like separating meat and dairy, enhance observance (Chabad.org). Even Reform Jews, who may observe kashrut less strictly, see it as a cultural marker. Mainstream Judaism rejects Messianic Judaism as non-Jewish due to its belief in Yeshua's divinity, viewing their kosher practices as an imitation rather than authentic (ABC News).

Messianic Jews who keep kosher often do so partially, avoiding pork or shellfish (Leviticus 11:7-12) but not always rabbinic rules, due to practical challenges or theological freedom (Reddit). The Tanakh's promise of a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-33) and atonement through a Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) points to Yeshua, who fulfills kashrut's deeper purpose of holiness.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you trust Yeshua as the Messiah, you are freed to live in God's love, with kashrut as a choice, not an obligation:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** “The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Yeshua's sacrifice fulfills Leviticus 17:11, replacing ritual dietary laws.
- **Covenant Heir:** “If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). Your faith aligns you with God's covenant.
- **Spiritual Holiness:** The Holy Spirit empowers you to live holy lives (Hebrews 8:10), fulfilling kashrut's call to be set apart through love and righteousness (Matthew 22:37-40).
- **Freedom in Choice:** “Let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink” (Colossians 2:16). You may keep kosher to honor your

heritage, as some Messianic Jews do, but it's not required.

Whether you choose to avoid pork or observe Shabbat, your faith in Yeshua produces good works as fruit of a transformed heart (James 2:17).

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as the Torah's Fulfillment

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Beloved, Jewish-Christians do not need to keep kosher, for Yeshua fulfilled the Torah's dietary laws, offering freedom through faith. Some choose to observe kashrut to honor their Jewish roots, but this is a personal decision, not a requirement. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, "If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Open the Tanakh—read **Leviticus 11, Deuteronomy 14, Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your heritage, whether Jewish or Gentile, aligning you with God's promises. His love and the Holy Spirit's guidance will sustain you, whatever your dietary choices.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you seek freedom in faith and God's grace, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins and seek Your redemption. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who fulfilled Your Torah through His life, death, and resurrection. I trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, guide me in holiness and love, and strengthen my faith. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The Fulfillment of God's Law

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who completes the Torah's purpose. **John 1:29** declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you are forever free in God's love, a true heir of His promises!**

# Do Jewish-Christians Keep Shabbat?

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## The Messiah's Grace Brings True Sabbath Rest

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*"Therefore, a Sabbath rest remains for God's people. For the person who has entered his rest has rested from his own works, just as God did from his."*  
(Hebrews 4:9-10)

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Is the True Sabbath Rest!

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Beloved, the question "Do Jewish-Christians keep Shabbat?" touches the heart of God's covenant with Israel and the freedom found in Yeshua, the Messiah. Jewish-Christians, often called Messianic Jews, navigate their Jewish heritage and faith in unique ways, especially regarding the Sabbath. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua fulfilled the Torah's Sabbath, offering true rest through faith while honoring those who observe Shabbat for cultural or spiritual reasons.** Let us explore this question together, resting in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Gift of Shabbat

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The Hebrew Scriptures establish Shabbat as a sacred gift for Israel's covenant life:

- **Exodus 20:8-11:** "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth... and rested on the seventh day." Shabbat commemorates God's creation rest.

- **Deuteronomy 5:12-15:** “Observe the Sabbath day... you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out.” Shabbat recalls the Exodus.
- **Isaiah 58:13-14:** Honoring the Sabbath brings delight and blessing, setting Israel apart as God’s people.
- **Leviticus 23:3:** “Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest,” emphasizing rest and worship.

Shabbat, a core commandment among the 613 mitzvot, involves refraining from work and engaging in prayer, meals, and community, as a sign of God’s covenant (Hebrew4Christians).

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## Yeshua: The Fulfillment of the Sabbath

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Messiah who fulfills the Torah’s Sabbath:

- **Fulfilling the Law:** “I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17). Yeshua’s life and sacrifice complete the Sabbath’s purpose (GotQuestions.org).
- **True Sabbath Rest:** “There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God” (Hebrews 4:9-10). Faith in Yeshua offers spiritual rest, fulfilling the Sabbath’s intent.
- **Freedom in Faith:** “Let no one pass judgment on you... with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath” (Colossians 2:16-17). The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:28-29) did not impose Sabbath observance on believers, suggesting freedom from strict Torah laws.
- **Lord of the Sabbath:** “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath” (Matthew 12:8). Yeshua’s healings on the Sabbath (John 5:8-10) show His authority to define its purpose—rest and restoration.

Many Messianic Jews (175,000 in the U.S., up to 1.7 million globally) observe Shabbat on Friday evening to Saturday, with services, prayers, and meals, to honor their heritage or reach traditional Jews. Others, citing New Testament

freedom, may observe it flexibly or worship on Sunday (Jewish Voice; Beth Immanuel).

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## The Jewish Perspective: Shabbat as Covenant Core

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With love, we acknowledge the Jewish perspective, where Shabbat is a cornerstone of covenant life. Mainstream Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—views Shabbat as a divine commandment, central to Jewish identity, even more significant than Yom Kippur due to its inclusion in the Ten Commandments (Hebrew4Christians). Orthodox Jews strictly observe halachic prohibitions (e.g., no work, no electricity), while Reform Jews may keep it symbolically (My Jewish Learning). Mainstream Judaism rejects Messianic Judaism as non-Jewish due to its belief in Yeshua’s divinity, viewing their Shabbat observance as part of a Christian framework rather than authentic Jewish practice (ABC News).

Messianic Jews who keep Shabbat often do so to maintain Jewish identity, holding services like those of the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship, but may not follow all halachic rules due to practical challenges or theological freedom (Wikipedia). The Tanakh’s promise of a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-33) and a Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) points to Yeshua, whose rest fulfills the Sabbath’s deeper call to holiness.

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## What Happens When You Trust Yeshua?

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When you trust Yeshua as the Messiah, you enter His rest, with Shabbat as a choice, not an obligation:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** “The blood of Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Yeshua’s sacrifice fulfills the Torah’s atonement, aligning with the Sabbath’s rest (Leviticus 23:3).
- **Covenant Heir:** “If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham’s seed, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). Your faith connects you to

God's covenant.

- **Spiritual Rest:** The Holy Spirit grants “a Sabbath rest for the people of God” (Hebrews 4:9), fulfilling the Sabbath's call to holiness through faith (Matthew 11:28-30).
- **Freedom in Choice:** “One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike” (Romans 14:5). You may observe Shabbat to honor your heritage, as many Messianic Jews do, but it's not required.

Whether you light Shabbat candles or worship on Sunday, your faith in Yeshua produces good works as fruit of a transformed heart (James 2:17).

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## The Call: Trust Yeshua as the Sabbath's Fulfillment

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Beloved, many Jewish-Christians keep Shabbat to honor their Jewish roots, but you are not required to, for Yeshua fulfilled the Torah's Sabbath, offering true rest through faith. With tender urgency, we invite you to trust Him. **Romans 10:9** promises, “If you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Open the Tanakh—read **Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, Isaiah 58, Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Trusting Yeshua fulfills your heritage, whether Jewish or Gentile, aligning you with God's promises. His love and the Holy Spirit's guidance will sustain you, whatever your Sabbath practice.

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## A Prayer to Trust Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you seek the true rest of God's grace, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I confess my sins and seek Your redemption. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who fulfilled Your Torah through His life, death, and resurrection. I trust in His sacrifice for**



my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, guide me in holiness and rest, and strengthen my faith. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The True Sabbath Rest

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who completes the Torah's Sabbath. **John 1:29** declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you trust Yeshua, the risen Messiah, today? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you find eternal rest, a true heir of God's promises!**

# How Can I Personally Encounter Yeshua Today?

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## Yeshua's Love Calls You into His Eternal Presence

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*"Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Awaits to Meet You Today!

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Beloved, the longing to personally encounter Yeshua, the Jewish Messiah, is a sacred call to experience His transformative love and eternal hope. Yeshua invites you to know Him as the Savior who fulfills God's promises. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah, and meeting Him personally through faith is all you need for salvation—no works, no rituals, just Him!** Start today by diving into the Gospels and finding a local church to meet Him in community. Rest in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word as we explore how you can encounter Yeshua today.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Jewish Messiah's Invitation

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The Hebrew Scriptures foretell a Jewish Messiah who draws near to His people, preparing the way for a personal encounter:

- **Isaiah 53:5-6:** "He was pierced for our transgressions... the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." The Suffering Servant offers atonement, inviting us to know Him.

- **Jeremiah 29:13:** “You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.” God promises to be found by those who seek Him.
- **Psalms 16:11:** “You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy.” God’s presence brings fullness of life.
- **Isaiah 55:6-7:** “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call to Him while He is near.” The call to encounter God is urgent and personal.

These verses point to Yeshua, the Jewish Messiah who fulfills the Tanakh’s promises and invites you to meet Him today through faith.

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## Yeshua: The Jewish Messiah Who Meets You Personally

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah who seeks a personal relationship with you:

- **The Gospels Reveal Yeshua:** The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are your gateway to knowing Yeshua. Start with the Gospel of John or Matthew in the CSB translation, a clear and faithful rendering of His life and words. John 15:4-5 says, “Remain in me, and I in you... I am the vine; you are the branches.” Reading these accounts brings you face-to-face with Yeshua’s heart.
- **Faith Alone Saves:** “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Yeshua is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). There’s nothing else you need—no works, no rituals—just a personal encounter with Yeshua through faith.
- **Born Again for Eternal Hope:** “Yeshua replied, ‘Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God’” (John 3:3). Meeting Yeshua transforms you, granting eternal life through a spiritual rebirth.
- **Community Amplifies His Presence:** Joining a local church or Messianic congregation brings you into fellowship where Yeshua’s presence is felt powerfully. Acts 2:42-47 shows early believers meeting together, experiencing God’s presence in community.

Today, grab a CSB Bible and read John 1 and Matthew 5. Find a local church—whether Christian or Messianic—and attend an in-person service to worship and pray with others. This is where Yeshua meets you, offering salvation and hope through faith alone.

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## What Happens When You Encounter Yeshua?

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When you meet Yeshua personally through faith, your life is transformed:

- **Salvation Through Faith:** “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Yeshua is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). This simple act of trust secures your eternal hope—no additional works required.
- **Spiritual Rebirth:** “Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). Encountering Yeshua renews your heart, filling you with His Spirit.
- **Joy in His Presence:** Reading the Gospels reveals Yeshua’s love, bringing joy as Psalm 16:11 promises. A local church service, with worship and teaching, amplifies this joy.
- **Covenant Heir:** “If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham’s seed, heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). You are officially adopted into God’s family.
- **Unexpected Encounters:** Be open to Yeshua meeting you in prayer, a kind act, or a quiet moment. Your testimony of salvation can bring life-changing peace.

Start today: read John 1 in the CSB Bible, visit a local church, and pray for Yeshua to reveal Himself. That’s all it takes to encounter Him and receive eternal hope.

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## The Call: Meet Yeshua Today in the Gospels and Church

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Beloved, you can encounter Yeshua today by opening the Gospels and stepping into a local church. There's nothing else you need to do—His grace is enough! **Romans 10:9** assures, “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Yeshua is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” **John 3:3** adds, “Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Dive into the Gospel of John and Matthew in the CSB translation—its clarity will bring Yeshua's words to life. Find a local Christian or Messianic congregation and attend an in-person service this week to worship, pray, and meet others who know Him.

Open the Tanakh—read **Isaiah 53**, **Jeremiah 29**, **Psalms 16**, **Isaiah 55**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Jewish Messiah. Then, grab a CSB Bible and start with John 1 and Matthew 5. Visit a church nearby—check their website or call to find service times. Yeshua is waiting to meet you, offering salvation through faith alone, no matter your background.

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## A Prayer to Encounter Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you long to meet Yeshua personally and receive His eternal hope, pray this prayer from your heart:

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I seek You with all my heart. I believe Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again, fulfilling Your promises. I confess with my mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, reveal Yourself through Your Word, and guide me to a local church to know You more. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.**

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The Messiah Who Meets You

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who invites you into His presence today. **John 1:29** declares, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you meet Yeshua today through the Gospels and a local church? **HaMashiach** **chai!** **The Jewish Messiah lives, and in Him, you find eternal hope, a true heir of God’s promises!**

# What Does It Mean to Have a Personal Relationship with the Messiah?

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## The Messiah's Grace Invites You into His Eternal Fellowship

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*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:1,14)*

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## Dear Friend, Yeshua Longs for You to Know Him Personally!

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Beloved, to have a personal relationship with the Messiah, Yeshua, is to enter an intimate, life-changing bond with the Savior who loves you and gave Himself for you. Yeshua invites you to know Him as the Jewish Messiah who fulfills God's promises. With bold confidence and tender love, we proclaim: **A personal relationship with Yeshua means trusting Him as your Savior, communing with Him through prayer and His Word, and being transformed by His Spirit—no works or rituals can replace this intimate fellowship!** Dive into the Gospel of John, join a local church, and let the Holy Spirit guide you to know Yeshua deeply. Rest in the warmth of God's grace and the certainty of His Word as we explore this sacred relationship.

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## The Tanakh's Testimony: The Messiah's Call to Relationship

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The Hebrew Scriptures reveal God's desire for a personal relationship with His people, pointing to the Messiah who makes it possible:

- **Genesis 1:26-27:** "Let us make man in our image." God creates humanity for relationship, reflecting His love and purpose.
- **Exodus 34:6-7:** "The LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." God seeks covenant love with His people.
- **Jeremiah 31:31-33:** "I will make a new covenant... I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts." The promised new covenant offers intimate communion.
- **Isaiah 53:5:** "He was pierced for our transgressions... by his wounds we are healed." The Suffering Servant brings us near to God through His sacrifice.

These verses foreshadow Yeshua, the Messiah who fulfills God's desire for a personal relationship with you, made possible through His atoning work.

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## Yeshua: The Messiah Who Knows You Intimately

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Dear friend, the New Covenant reveals Yeshua as the Messiah who seeks a personal, transformative relationship with you:

- **Faith in Yeshua Saves:** "If you confess with your mouth, 'Yeshua is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). This faith begins your relationship with Yeshua, requiring no works—only trust in His sacrifice.
- **The Gospel of John Reveals Him:** "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Reading John's Gospel in the CSB translation unveils Yeshua's divine nature and love, showing Him as the pre-existent Word who invites you to abide in Him (John 15:4-5). His words, "I am the



way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), call you to know Him personally.

- **The Holy Spirit Sustains You:** “The Spirit of truth... will be in you” (John 14:17). The Holy Spirit dwells in you when you trust Yeshua, guiding you into deeper fellowship and transforming your heart to reflect His love (Galatians 2:20).
- **Community Nurtures Your Faith:** Joining a local church or Messianic congregation amplifies your relationship with Yeshua. Acts 2:42-47 shows believers growing through fellowship, worship, and teaching. Attend an in-person service to experience His presence in community.
- **Transformation Through Love:** “I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). Your relationship with Yeshua changes you, producing great energy for God and great contentment in God.

Start today: read John 1 in the CSB Bible, pray to Yeshua, and find a local church to worship with others. The Holy Spirit will draw you closer to Him, making your relationship vibrant and real.

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## What Happens When You Know Yeshua Personally?

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When you enter a personal relationship with Yeshua through faith, your life is transformed by His love and the Holy Spirit’s presence:

- **Salvation Through Faith:** “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Yeshua is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). This trust secures eternal life, with no additional works needed.
- **Adoption into God’s Family:** “He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Messiah Yeshua” (Ephesians 1:5). You become God’s child, an heir of His promises (Galatians 3:29).
- **Guided by the Holy Spirit:** The Spirit, “the down payment of our inheritance” (Ephesians 1:14), lives in you, guiding you to know Yeshua

more deeply (John 16:13).

- **Transformed by Love:** Your relationship with Yeshua produces great thoughts of God and boldness for God, as you live out His command to love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40).
- **Strengthened in Community:** Joining a local church fosters your relationship with Yeshua through worship, prayer, and fellowship, as seen in the early church (Acts 2:42-47).

Begin today: read John 1 or 15 in the CSB Bible, pray for Yeshua's presence, and attend a local church service to grow in this relationship. The Holy Spirit will make Yeshua real to you.

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## The Call: Know Yeshua Personally Today

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Beloved, a personal relationship with Yeshua means trusting Him as your Savior, knowing Him through His Word, and walking with Him by the Holy Spirit's guidance. Nothing else is required—His grace is enough! **Romans 10:9** assures, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Yeshua is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Dive into the Gospel of John in the CSB translation—its clarity reveals Yeshua's heart. Find a local Christian or Messianic congregation and attend an in-person service this week to worship and connect with others who know Him.

Open the Tanakh—read **Genesis 1**, **Exodus 34**, **Isaiah 53**, **Jeremiah 31**—and ask the God of Israel to reveal His Messiah. Then, grab a CSB Bible and start with John 1 or 15. Visit a church nearby—check their website or call for service times. Yeshua longs to know you personally, offering eternal fellowship through faith alone.

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## A Prayer to Know Yeshua

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Dear friend, if you yearn to know Yeshua personally and receive His love, pray this prayer from your heart:

Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I seek You with all my heart. I believe Yeshua is the Messiah, who died for my sins and rose again, fulfilling Your promises. I confess with my mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in His sacrifice for my salvation. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, reveal Yourself through Your Word, and guide me to a local church to know You more. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Yeshua's name, Amen.

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## Final Word: Yeshua, The Messiah Who Knows You

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Yeshua is the promised Messiah who invites you into His eternal fellowship. **John 1:29** declares, "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He lives, interceding for you (Hebrews 7:25), and one day, as Zechariah 12:10 foretold, Israel will look upon Him and receive grace.

Dear friend, will you know Yeshua personally today through His Word and a local church? **HaMashiach chai! The Messiah lives, and in Him, you find eternal love, a true heir of God's promises!**