

MY DEFENSE! BORN A JEW, DIE A JEW!

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I am a Jew. My mother and father were both Jewish. Neither of my parents believed in God. God was never mentioned in our home, nor did I ever read the Bible until an adult. My parents were both born in Chicago, and all their parents came from Odessa and Kiev, Russia. In 1961, at the age of 17, our family moved to Los Angeles, CA. Later I graduated from U.C.L.A. with a B.A. in biology, and went to work in the medical field.

In the spring of 1973, at age 29, I got myself a Bible and for the first time began reading the Old Testament, and this amazing book of God came Alive for me. For God showed up in my little apartment, as certain Scripture passages I would read actually came 'Alive', and came off the pages and entered my wounded and hurting heart with amazing and wonderful and powerful '**Love**', such '**Love**' as I had never experienced before, '**the Love of God!**'

This experience was so wonderful, and it went on day after day as I read and studied the Jewish Holy Scriptures, that it radically changed my life. It lasted for about three months. God Himself pointed out so many of the Scriptures of the Old Testament concerning our Messiah. I never wanted this experience to come to an end, as the God of the Holy Scriptures would make these Scriptures on our promised Messiah '**come Alive**' with **Love!** For God was healing me as He was teaching me. It seemed at times that I would be drawn right into, or right inside these Living Holy Scriptures, and I would experience them as if I was actually there at that time in history.

The whole Word of God is truly 'Alive'; it is a Living Word!

Prior to this experience, I did not even know that God existed, or that there is '**a Love**' that so transcends the limited love that is found in people; for God showed me that the love of man is like only a drop in a bucket as compared to this limitless **Love of God** that I was experiencing. I had known so little love in my childhood and much abuse as I was growing up.

Then God directed me to read the first four books of the New Covenant. After being first shown by God so many dozens of Old Testament Scripture prophecies concerning our Jewish Messiah, I could easily see now that the life of Jesus (Yeshua) of the New Testament is the fulfillment of these Old Testament Scriptures, and that Yeshua is truly our promised Messiah!

The Living God of Israel is the one who showed and taught me all this!

During that time, God audibly spoke and planted three Living Words deep into me while I was reading a passage from New Covenant Scriptures in the book of John, words that would change my life forever, **“Feed My Sheep!”**

Shortly after these amazing experiences in 1973, only a baby believer in God, and undisciplined, I was tricked by hell and fell deep into a world of great darkness for the next nine years, as I entered into the world of the occult and eastern religions, drugs and demons. And I was terribly destroyed!

Then in 1982, out in the California desert, in the hills above Palm Desert, suffering from constant demonic agony and torment of my soul, I was crying out to God for help, to the God of the Bible who had awakened me nine years prior. Suddenly, with my eyes closed but fully awake, I experienced myself being lifted up into Heaven. This took only a few seconds. And as I was being lifted up, I was shown a vision of a man dying on a wooden pole, and I was also aware that whoever was lifting me up was also empathizing with my great suffering and agony. And when I opened my eyes, I found myself standing before **a MAN, the GOD of HEAVEN!** I could not see HIS face because of the GLORY that emanated from HIS whole being, like the SUN radiating in its **brilliant GLORY**; I could only see the simple golden crown that **this KING** wore on HIS head. He came over to me and Lovingly placed a red crimson robe around my shoulders. No words were spoken. After that I found myself back down in the desert. I knew I was changed, and healed, and I also knew what God was now calling me to do for Him. Later I was to discover that King David had written about this MAN in the book of Psalms. **HE is called ‘The KING OF GLORY!’** Psalm 24:10

I then entered deep into study of the Holy Scriptures for the next 10 years, as I also began doing this assignment of writing my first book. I pulled out all the Scriptures on the Messiah that God had first shown me in 1973, when He woke me and made the Holy Scriptures come ‘Alive’. This first book called ‘The Coming Messiah, the Son of David,’ was finished in 1992. Its purpose was to announce the coming of our Living Jewish Messiah Yeshua.

In 1995 I made Aliyah; later permanently moving to Israel the fall of ‘98. Knowing that I am Jewish, and that the God of Israel is the One who had revealed to me Yeshua as my Jewish Messiah from the Holy Scriptures, and knowing that I have never changed from being a Jew, and that what I was shown by God was from the Old Testament Scriptures, and that all this is Jewish, I therefore wrote on my Aliyah application for Israeli citizenship in Jerusalem ... that I am Jewish, and that my religion is Jewish.

Since moving to Israel and while living here in the land, I have written many new books and booklets in English and Hebrew and Russian from the Old Testament Scriptures on the subject of our coming Jewish Messiah. These books and booklets have been freely distributed by the thousands throughout Israel to my unsaved Israeli Jewish brothers and sisters.

When I was 18, while living in Sherman Oaks, California, my grandfather, Morris Honorof, my dad's father, took me to see a movie called, "Exodus". And God used that movie to plant in me a desire to some day come to Israel.

I am a Jew, who follows the Jewish Messiah Yeshua and studies God's Holy Scriptures, the Words of God found in the Bible! I have never changed my religion of being a Jew, nor have I ever changed my God! I was saved by the One and only Living God of Israel, Himself, and not by any man or by man's persuasion. The revelation of Yeshua being my Jewish Messiah, did not come from any man speaking to me, but it came directly from the Living God, Himself, revealing this Truth to me by making the Old Testament Scriptures come 'Alive' by His Spirit! This experience would happen daily from God as I read and studied the Holy Scriptures. And it lasted for three of the most amazing and wonderful months of my life.

How can the Israeli Government and the Israeli High Court system say to this **Jewish man** that he is not a Jew, when he was spiritually awoken to his true **Jewishness** by the **Jewish God** of Israel, Creator of the heavens and earth, who made the **Jewish Old Testament Scriptures** 'come Alive' for him, and who showed this man from these Holy Scriptures who his true **Jewish Messiah** really is?

Something is terribly wrong today with Israel's Religious mind-set ...

The Jewish people of Israel and worldwide are right now living in such great deception of the Truths about our One God and His Messiah. For the Holy Scriptures clearly show us in so many places that our God exists with many faces and expressions of Himself. God began showing us this mystery of His plurality even in the first chapter of Genesis (Bereshit).

"Let 'Us' make man in 'Our' image, after 'Our' likeness..." Genesis 1:26

"Behold, the man has become like one of 'Us', to know good and evil!"

Genesis 3:22 **"Come, let 'Us' go down and confuse their language..."**

Genesis 11:7 **"Whom shall I send, and who will go for 'Us'?"** Isaiah 6:8

Also, the triune nature of God can be seen in so many Scriptures ...

There are over 300 references to our Messiah in the Old Testament Scriptures, proving that the life of Yeshua has already fulfilled many dozens or perhaps hundreds of these Old Testament Scripture prophecies concerning our Messiah! No one else in history has ever fulfilled any of these Old Testament Scriptures, let alone 100's, which is also impossible for any man to fulfill! Only God Himself could fulfill these prophecies, because the Truth is that Yeshua is a divine expression of the One God!

The Israeli High Court decision of 1989 and 1992, which stated that a Jewish person, [who has studied the Old Testament Scriptures and concludes for himself, from these Scriptures in the Torah and Tanakh who the Messiah really is], who believes Yeshua is our Jewish Messiah, is no longer a Jew ...

Those decisions of those three Israeli High Court judges is a SIN against Israel. But even more important, it is a blatant SIN against the God of Israel!

It is wrong! It is error! It is false and incorrect! And it is also Dangerous! It is contrary to the information and proofs found in the Holy Scriptures that so clearly show and reveal the Messiah from the Old Testament prophecies.

Besides their decision, which denies citizenship to 100's of 1000's of Jews living in the diaspora, this decision has also affected the welfare of Israel, because it hinders all Jews from receiving God's Salvation promised to Israel! And it also denies the good support of ... and has brought unjust persecution to ... many in the Messianic Jewish and Gentile communities, both those living here in Israel and those living abroad. Wake up Israel!

The future Great Sufferings which Israel is about to enter, 'the Time of Jacob's Trouble', Jeremiah 30:7, will reveal the truth of this grave error that Israel has made concerning our God. "I will return again to My place, until they acknowledge their Sin. Then they will seek My face. In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me." Hosea 5:15

However, the Living Jewish Messiah Yeshua will continue to fulfill all the remaining Old Testament Scriptures prophecies concerning Himself in the days ahead until He finally returns from Heaven and saves Israel!

To see just a few of these major Old Testament Scriptures prophecies on the Messiah, which clearly prove that Yeshua is our Jewish Messiah, read my paper called, 'Declaring The Truth of Messianic Judaism!'

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