

The Mystery of Israel

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Benjamin Berger is the son of Orthodox Jews who immigrated from Europe to New York after many other family members were lost at Auschwitz. Benjamin became an architect, practicing in the U.S. and later in Denmark. He left the practice of Orthodox Judaism, but he did not resolve his many questions about the meaning of life and the meaning of being a Jew. After a period of spiritual study and searching, he came to know the God of his fathers, and to recognize Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah of Israel. Benjamin's brother Reuven also came to know Yeshua, and the two brothers moved to Israel in 1971.

Today Benjamin and Reuven lead "Kehilat ha'she al Har Zion" (The Congregation of the Lamb on Mt. Zion). The congregation meets at Christ Church Jerusalem (completed in 1849) which was established by Messianic Rabbi Michael Solomon Alexander. Over 100 years later, Anglican minister Alfred Sawyer invited the Berger brothers to begin a Messianic Jewish congregation there. The church, located at the Jaffa Gate in the Old City, is a simple Gothic building which, on the inside, is more similar to a synagogue. Jews, Arabs and Gentile Christians worship together in Hebrew.



Subjects will be:

1. The place of Israel as God's firstborn son-nation in the plan of God for all of redeemed humanity
2. The right understanding of the epistle to the Romans chapter 11 with regards to the true and final unity of the bridal church
3. Israel's place, in what the book of acts calls „the restoration of all things“ (Acts 3:21) and what the prophet Malachi calls „the turning of the hearts of the fathers to the sons and the turning of the hearts of the sons to the fathers“.

Personal Testimony of Benjamin Berger

I have been living in Israel since 1971 and sharing my life together with my brother Reuven where we have also been ministering together for 46 years.

The first years in Israel were spent in the village of Bethany very near to the tomb of Lazarus. We very much related to Lazarus and his being raised from the dead as a prophetic sign for the spiritual resurrection of the nation of Israel through her Messiah Yeshua. It was a time when we discovered, by studying the word of God, more and more about God's Prophetic Plan for Israel and the place of Israel in God's Kingdom purposes for the redemption of lost humanity. We also, in the beginning of the 70s, began to get understanding about the mystery of The Messiah and his bride. The years passed and the burden for a bride being made ready for her bridegroom continued to grow in our hearts.

After living in Bethany we were called by the Lord to the upper part of the Galilee where we settled in a small town that was founded in 1882 which was called „Rosh Pina“ which translated means „The Chief Cornerstone“. There we experienced a mini revival and a community was born. There we learned what it means to truly live by faith and to trust God for all of our needs without making them known to man. There we also experienced persecution which became known throughout the nation.

Later we moved to the town of Tiberias where we founded „The Pineal Fellowship“. For some years we became fisherman on the sea of Galilee. We sold our fish at the market and also distributed them among believers in Tiberias.

In 1984 the Lord Called us to Jerusalem and some years later we founded the fellowship of „The Congregation of the Lamb on Mount Zion“. We are the only messianic congregation in the old city of Jerusalem and probably the only ones among the many churches represented in that city, that Carry Gods prophetic vision for Jerusalem and the nation of Israel in our teaching and preaching, in the ancient city of Jerusalem. The church where we meet is the place where the first Hebrew - Jewish congregation was born in modern times in the city of Jerusalem. This congregation was founded in 1841 and was the real bridge to the early Hebrew church born on the day of Pentecost nearly 2000 years ago, a 10 minute walk from where our congregation meets today. Our congregation is the successor to the one born in 1841. This feast of Tabernacle's we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary.

My brother Reuven and myself belong to the generation of the pioneers of the messianic movement in the land of Israel. We believe in the spiritual restoration of the city of Jerusalem, which means the restoration of the apostolic prophetic bridal church in the same city where the mother of all the true believing churches was born nearly 2000 years ago. We believe that as this restoration takes place Jerusalem will become the point of unity where the entire scattered body of the true believers in Jesus Christ will be gathered together being made ready as the Lords Bride, for his second coming. Our congregation is a place where all true believers are most welcome, no matter what part of the church they come from. They may come from the ancient historical churches or they may come from the new freer church movements and of course the core of the congregation are the „Hebrews“ who have come to recognize and believe in Yeshua as their King and Lord.

All of this is a great challenge of faith but these are the things that we carry in our hearts.

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