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Praise Report

Greetings from Los Angeles, California (AKA Gomorrah),

PRAISE THE LORD WHO IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED. As the year 2022 begins, I'm living in a daily state of awe as I reflect on the Lord's faithfulness. As many of you know, when the Lord moved me from a large ministry with all the bells and whistles to a small, simpler ministry, I had to start from scratch to raise support. Moved by a passion for the lost that the Lord put in my heart, I turned down several secular job offers to answer the call to minister full time in Los Angeles, and the Lord has blessed this step of faith by providing everything I needed to fulfill this mission. In only two and a half years, I reached my goal of a hundred sponsors (including seventeen churches!) committed to give \$600 or more a year. Thanks to all of you that have played a part in this miracle, I'm able to devote 80% of my time to direct evangelism! I would like to thank all of you that have prayed for me and supported me since I joined the ministry of Jewish Outreach International by declaring a Levitical blessing over all of you to start the year:

Psalm 20

- ¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.*
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.*
- ³ May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.*
- ⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.*
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.
May the LORD grant all your requests.*
- ⁶ Now this I know:
The LORD gives victory to his anointed.
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.*
- ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*
- ⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.*
- ⁹ LORD, give victory to the king!
Answer us when we call!*



Gordon family, left to right: Daniel, Yossi, Rhonda, Gabriella, and Cyril.



Overwhelmed with joy as I hold the handwritten Holy Torah at Ben David Messianic Congregation in Orange

Passover: The True Jewish New Year?



Did you know that according to the Bible, the Biblical holiday of *Rosh Hashanah* is not the Jewish New Year as the rabbis teach? According to God's Word, *Passover* is known as the "First Month" of the year, not *Rosh Hashanah*, as it is written regarding the holiday of *Passover*:

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. (Exodus 12:1-2)

While it is not entirely clear why *Rosh Hashanah* has become the accepted date for celebrating the new year culturally among Jews, it is possible that it has to do with ancient agricultural cycles, and the beginning of the fall harvest. The *Passover* holiday takes place in the spring season — a period of change and renewal. The festival represents the redemption and rebirth of the Israelite people brought

out of slavery to freedom, and their arduous journey to the "Promised Land" (then known as Canaan — an area that included modern day Israel) to ultimately become the Jewish nation. During *Passover*, we clean our home from top to bottom, buy new clothes, and prepare special foods. A special *Seder plate* is arranged using foods that symbolize suffering, freedom, and thanks to God. *Passover* represents a new beginning, and a time to trust the Lord for a blessed and fruitful New Year.

Passover Season is quickly approaching and my schedule is filling up. If your church is interested in having me come do a *Passover Presentation* this year, they need to call me ASAP to reserve a date.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

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Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cyril Gordon'.

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