



# iShalom!

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How do you feel when someone makes you a promise and then breaks it? Or maybe you know what it's like to be the one who broke a promise.

But the wonderful news is that God will never break His promises to us. Never. He alone has the ability to keep any and every promise He makes or had ever made.

Next month the world gives us special opportunities to celebrate the most amazing evidence of God's promise-keeping power – the birth of the Messiah Jesus. (Even if he were not born on 25 December, we can make the most of all the media the next few weeks)

The origins of the promise for a Messiah date back to the beginning of time. It was God's response to the first and most far-reaching human tragedy: the sin and rebellion that broke the relationship between God and His creation. The promise came on the heels of the curse caused by sin; it was a guarantee of God's intention to right the wrong. God had a plan to heal the horrible breach that not only separated humanity from Him, but also alienated human beings from one another.

God chose to fulfill this promise through Abraham, who along with his wife Sarah had no children and seemed too old to have them. Nevertheless God chose this couple to become part of His amazing promise. He proved His

power and great love through the supernatural birth of Isaac, and then the promise passed to Isaac's son Jacob, and from Jacob to his sons – the twelve tribes of Israel.

And so the people of Israel became the vessel God chose to keep His promise, to bring blessing to all the nations of the earth, ultimately through the Messiah. That precious promise, and many more promises necessary to keep it, were articulated over and over through Israel's prophets. The promise would be kept. God would restore the remnant of Israel to be a light to all the nations. And the Messiah of Israel would bring salvation "to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

Salvation! That was the promise, and that quite literally was the name the angel instructed Joseph to give to the baby born to Mary nearly 2000 years ago: "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus (Yeshua), for He will save (yesha) His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21).

The devout Simeon recognized the promise had been kept when he held the baby in his arms saying, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32)

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Oh, that the Jewish people today in Australia, Singapore, and New Zealand might see as Simeon did that this Jesus is none other than the promise God made and kept for Israel's salvation and the salvation of the world.

The Jews were the people through whom this promise was fulfilled, and yet so many have missed the glory of the baby Simeon held in his arms that day. In fact, most Jewish people today have given up on God's promise of a personal Messiah.

That's why Jews for Jesus increases our efforts to hold up The Promised One for all Jewish people to see at this season. We know from experience that Jewish people are often more open to the Gospel at this time of the year than any other. So all around the world – from North America to Israel to Australia – our missionaries are out and about, lifting high the name of Yeshua. We are handing out seasonal literature, meeting one-on-one with interested enquirers and inviting Jewish people to enter into the real “reason for this season.”

It is only because of the prayers and financial support of people like you that Jews for Jesus has been able to boldly continue to “make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide.” So I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider

making an additional gift to help Jews for Jesus during this all-important time of year.

Perhaps you can think of it as a “Christmas gift” to Jewish people so that many more might be able to hear the Good News of Jesus. (Some call this a “Messiah-mas gift!)

And also please pray. Pray that the glory of Jesus will shine out as a revelation for our Jewish people and for all people, reconciling us first to God, and then also to one another.

As we consider God's glorious promise kept in the Christ child, may your faith be strengthened during this Christmas season, and may your hope in all of His promises become the very ground of your joy, this Christmas and until we see Him face to face.

Your Jewish Brother in Jesus,

David Brickner

Ps: Please send a special Christmas gift now so Jews for Jesus may continue to reach out boldly, and so more Jewish people might come to know their Messiah



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