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I am blessed to be participating in an “*I Read with Audra*” blog tour for Rabbi Jason Sobel’s new book: **[Mysteries of the Messiah: Unveiling Divine Connections from Genesis to Today.](#)**

You may be interested to know that the foreword was written by Kathie Lee Gifford, who actually co-authored a previous book with Sobel titled, [The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi](#). Most of the Scripture references in [Mysteries of the Messiah](#) come from the [Tree of Life Version of the Bible \(TLV\)](#), which I find to be an excellent Bible translation and use frequently here on the [Adonai Shalom blog](#).

Book Review

[Mysteries of the Messiah](#) by Rabbi Jason Sobel is absolutely on-topic, as more and more Christians are becoming aware of

the importance of enriching their understanding of the Hebrew roots of their Christian faith. Accordingly, Rabbi Sobel's book is addressed to Christian believers of all denominations. He commends the study of the New Testament, but encourages believers to take a deeper interest in the Old Testament (Hebrew) Scriptures as well, in order to build a more robust theology.

A Primer for Messianic Theology

As a Messianic Rabbi, Sobel does not diminish the Gospel. He uses illustrations from Hebrew to help traditionally-taught Christians encounter deeper meanings behind the words in Scripture that often go overlooked or misunderstood.

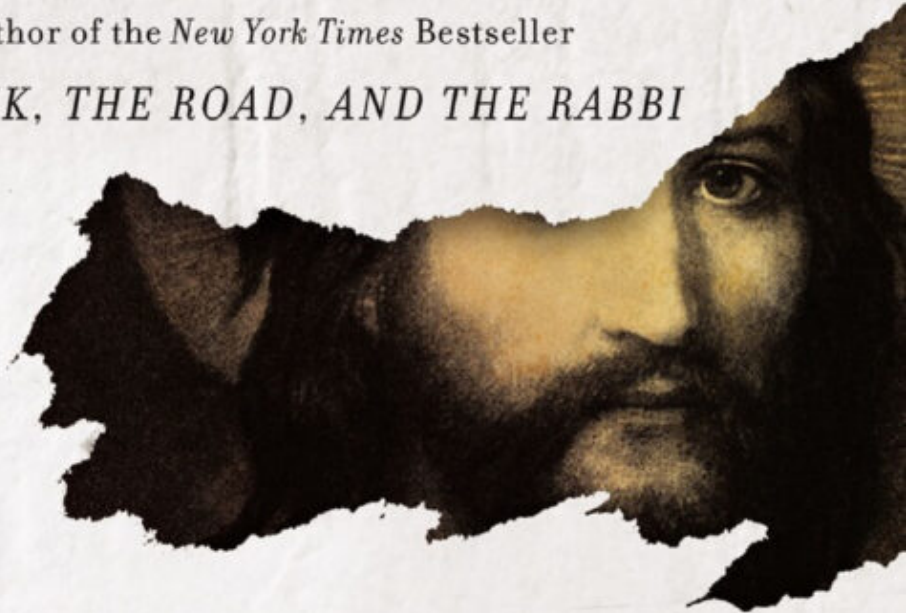
Mysteries of the Messiah is a necessary work for "such a time as this" as Sobel rightly assesses the current spiritual climate: believers are awakening to the true fullness of the Gospel, embracing the continuity of the Hebrew Bible (*Tanakh*) and the New Testament (*Brit Hadashah*). Importantly, Sobel understands that for many American Christians, delving into the riches of the *Tanakh* is a novel enterprise. Mysteries of the Messiah offers a primer for believers to explore Messianic prophecies and Biblical holy days, written in a gentle, conversational tone.

RABBI JASON SOBEL

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THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI

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MYSTERIES OF THE MESSIAH



UNVEILING DIVINE CONNECTIONS FROM GENESIS TO TODAY

Rabbi Jason Sobel's new book: *Mysteries of the Messiah*

Biblical numerology

First, the book itself begins with an accessible introduction into Biblical numerology. Sobel's time spent under the tutelage of Rabbi Jonathan Cahn's ministry in New Jersey becomes evident right from the start as he seeks to uncover hidden meanings and messages using numbers and calculations based on the Hebrew values of the *aleph-bet* letters. Many of Sobel's insights are compelling and will enrich the thoughtful reader, but the reader may occasionally differ with his interpretive conclusions.

Messiah's Identity

One thing that will *not* be disputed by any Messianic Jewish or Christian believer who reads *Mysteries of the Messiah* is Rabbi Sobel's passionate insistence that Jesus of Nazareth, Yeshua ha-Notzri, was and is the promised Messiah of Israel. In the first chapter, Sobel identifies five specific areas that he believes reveal important clues about Messiah's identity and shares his own testimony of receiving Messiah Yeshua as his own Savior. Readers interested in Messianic Jewish apologetics may particularly appreciate this early section of the book.

Great for readers who enjoy Bible Studies

The middle chapters will appeal to any readers who enjoy Bible Studies. Sobel invites readers to explore the extensive ways Messiah is revealed in the Scriptures from creation to beyond Pentecost (*Shavu'ot*) using the numerology he introduced in the earlier chapters. No knowledge of Hebrew or Greek is required for the reader to be able to gain an appreciation of linguistic nuances in the Bible thanks to Sobel's easy-to-read

writing style. Sobel presents Jewish concepts such as *tikkun olam* (*repairing the world*) in a very understandable and relatable way. Moreover, he writes with a pastor's heart, encouraging believers in their faith. He shares his hope and prayer for Jews and Gentiles alike to unite in Messiah Jesus:

"When Jew and Gentile unite in Jesus, we become an unstoppable force for salvation, transformation, and revival."

Sobel, Jason. Mysteries of Messiah: Unveiling Divine Connections from Genesis to Today. Nashville, TN: W Publishing Group, 2021.

Conclusion

Finally, Mysteries of Messiah concludes with an impressive revelation contained within the beloved Isaiah 9:6 passage related to Messiah's lineage as the Son of David. I found it to be an enjoyable and refreshing read, one that may spark the reader to desire to delve deeply into the richness of Scripture's mysteries and the Jewishness of Jesus even after finishing the book.

Excerpt

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Messiah by Jason Sobel



Raised in a Jewish home in New Jersey, Rabbi Jason Sobel dedicated much of his life in pursuit of a spiritual connection with God. After years of seeking and studying, he encountered God and found his true destiny as a Jewish follower of Yeshua (Jesus). Suddenly, all the traditions Rabbi Jason grew up with took on new depth and meaning as God connected the ancient wisdom of the Torah with the teachings of the Messiah.

Rabbi Jason received his rabbinic ordination from the UMJC (Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations) in 2005. He has a B.A. in Jewish Studies (Moody) and an M.A. in Intercultural Studies (Southeastern Seminary). He is a sought-after speaker and has made multiple appearances on national television, including the Trinity Broadcasting Network, the Daystar Network, and the Dr. Oz Show. Rabbi Jason is the author of *Breakthrough: Living a Life That Overflows*, *Aligning with God's Appointed Times*, and *Mysteries of the Messiah* and he is also the coauthor of New York Times bestseller *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi* with Kathie Lee Gifford.

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**Could Tzelophehad's
inheritance be given to
daughters?**

*Parashat Pinchas ([B'midbar/Numbers 25:10 – 29](#)) 5781 B”H
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**The Law had been given, but
clarification was needed**

By [Numbers 25](#), Israel had *Torah* (God's instructions), but different situations arose in Israel's history which needed clarification.

One such instance occurred in [Numbers \(B'midbar\) 27](#) when a man named Tzelophehad (commonly spelled, [Zelophehad](#), in English translations) died in the wilderness.

He was survived by **5 daughters**.

Tzelophehad's family

It appears Tzelophehad had been a decent man.

Nothing is said about his wife, so she may have died many years earlier.

Yet somehow Tzelophehad managed to raise up 5 thoughtful daughters:

Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

Machlach's name refers to "sickness." If she was the firstborn, as suggested by the name-order listing in the Bible, perhaps her mother struggled during childbirth. Noah's name is derived from a word meaning, "movement," referring to "trembling" or "quivering." Perhaps she was seen as "nervous" or "anxious." Choglah's name is a bit more obscure, probably meaning, "partridge" according to Strong's Hebrew Concordance. Maybe she was a crier as an infant, because, according to the [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia](#), partridges were known for their loud cries that attracted plenty of attention. Milcah is a form of Malchah, meaning "queen," and Tirtzah describes a "favored" one or one in whom there is "delight."

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Moses & Eleazar hear the daughters' petition

Tzelophehad was never part of [Korah](#)'s clan. Tzelophehad's daughters made a special point to ensure their father's legacy would in no way be connected to Korah.

Tzelophehad had nothing to do with the rebellious uprising.

[Read about Korah, the \(wicked\) Social Influencer of their day HERE](#)

Machlah, Noah, Choglah, Milcah, and Tirzah appeared before Moses, Eleazar, and the princes of the entire Israelite assembly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

No sickness or nervousness would keep them from walking in favor.

They did not seek attention for attention's sake.

The 5 sisters had in them the confidence that they were daughters of Israel, queens in the royal kingdom of a holy nation blessed by the Almighty One. They were bound as sisters, and they made their petition *together*.

[“Why should our father’s name diminish from his family just because he had no son? Give to us property among our father’s brothers.” \(Numbers 27:4\)](#)

A verdict from on high

Moses didn't make a decision until he had consulted the Supreme Law-Giver, *ADONAI*. Moshe prayed and the LORD responded to him that Tzelophehad's daughters were right:

They ***should*** be given the inheritance of their father, and the commandment would stand for all of Israel.

There was only one caveat (described in [Numbers 36](#)) which was that the daughters had to marry within their tribe.

Individual and community rights

These five brave women took a stand for their human rights. Some would say they remained limited due to the provision that they must marry within their clan, but culturally speaking, they were still granted significant freedom to marry whoever they wished within their tribal grouping.

Rabbi Johnathan Sacks, of blessed memory, delves deeper into the human rights discussion that arises from [Numbers 27](#) in his article titled, [Complexity of Human Rights](#). Of particular

interest, the dichotomy of the individual rights justly pursued by the five daughters of Tzelophehad and the group or tribal rights that are also an important part of wholesome justice.

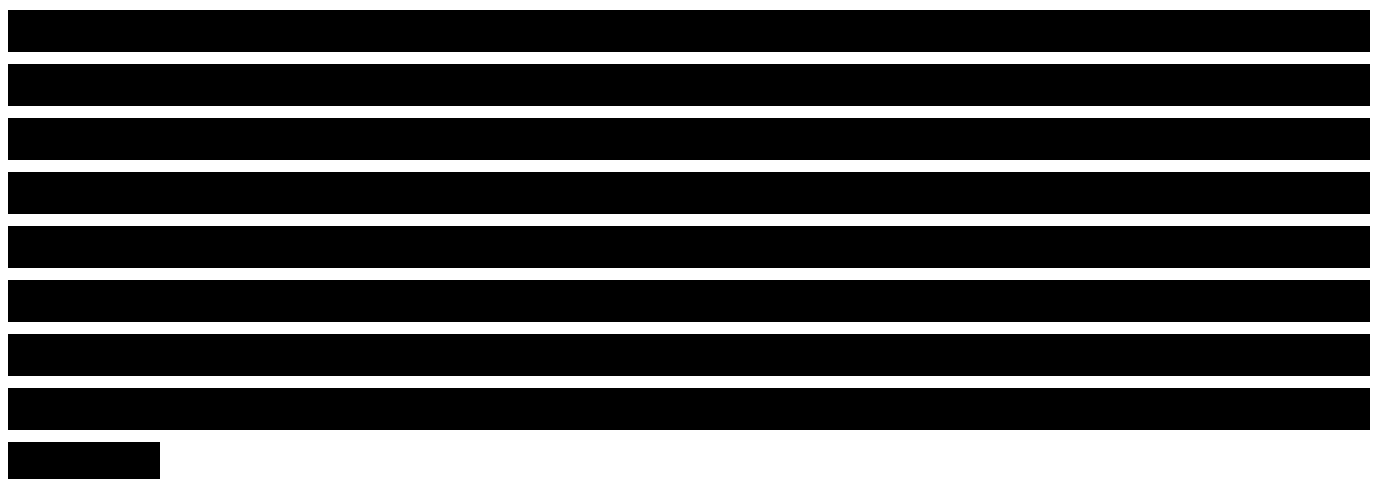
Today, most people are only focused on their *individual* rights, to the exclusion or disregard of the needs and rights of the wider society. This can lead to major distortions in appropriate social justice. The “me” culture of today forces wider society to adapt to *outlandish policies* demanded by at times defiant individuals, in a less-than-holy and unjust way.

The lesson from [Numbers 27](#) is that when an individual pursues justice in a righteous and holy way, then their needs can and should be addressed, and the wider society will benefit from that individual situation.

Machlah, Noah, Choglah, Milcah, and Tirzah would marry within the tribe, for their own benefit, but also for the benefit of the nation of Israel.

Families come first, and this Scripture passage illustrates that.

The 5 daughters of Tzelophehad were blessed and heard because of their faithfulness and obedience, and the nation of Israel prospered, even to this day.



[Korah: the Rebellious Social Influencer](#)

Balaam & Balak: Conspiring to curse Israel

King Balak was terrified of what would come to his kingdom once the Israelites arrived. Israel had just decimated the Amorites, so this king had reason to be concerned. Balak's fear rubbed off on his people. Numbers 22:3 says "Moab was filled with dread because of B'nei Y'Israel [the children of Israel]" (Numbers 22:3). The Moabites knew Israel was strong, both in number and in power.

Dead Bodies, a Red Cow, Snakes, and the King's Highway: The makings of a movie, or an intense Numbers Bible Study?

Parashat Chukat ([B'midbar/Numbers 19-21](#)) 5781 B"H (Updated 7/15/22 5782)

We continue our study through Numbers today.

Most people probably don't count the passages of Scripture in

[Numbers 19-21](#) (known as *Parashat Chukat*) as among the most understandable or relatable of the Bible.

This portion of Scripture definitely won't be the favorite of anyone uncomfortable with dead bodies!

The Red Heifer and Bible Prophecy

These chapters talk about a red heifer that is to be burned so that, mysteriously, its ashes can purify an unclean individual who has touched a dead body. Specific instructions are given about how to be purified if you've touched a corpse, what to do if an open container without a lid fastened on was in the tent when someone died there . . . lessons on decontamination, in a sense. Relatedly, the origins of medical advice, [quarantines](#), and cleanliness are all rooted in Torah: even the serpent symbol used today by the medical community was loosely inspired by Moses' bronze snake in [Numbers 21:9](#).

The puzzling role of the red heifer that is described in [Numbers 19](#) is a source of much debate surrounding the Third Temple and the fulfillment of end times prophecy. *PBS Frontline* has an interesting article in its Apocalypse series describing some of the issues around the red heifer in modern context titled, ["Forcing the End: Why do a Pentecostal cattle breeder from Mississippi and an Orthodox Rabbi from Jerusalem believe that a red heifer can bring change?"](#) Perhaps you will find it interesting reading, along with an article humorously titled, ["In Quest of the Holy Cow"](#) from *Israel my Glory*.

While red cows exist, they have not existed in Israel until very recently, 2018 to be specific. That means that for over 2,000 years, there was no red heifer anywhere in Israel. CBN news reported on the [2018 red heifer](#) and since then, there have been other candidates. Ever heard that Crystal Lewis song, ["People get ready, Jesus is coming?"](#) Yeah. It's true. He's coming back! Get ready.

[LINK: Holy cow! Prophecy fulfilled after red heifer is born at Temple of Israel](#)

A stutterer told to talk . . . to a rock

While it is impossible for us to fully understand the LORD's reasons for each instruction given in His Word, we can rest assured that He **does** have a reason for everything, even if we don't understand.

Moshe (Moses) of all people, knew to obey God's instructions, yet, on one famous occasion, he let his emotions get the best of him. When the people complained that they had no water to drink, *ADONAI* told Moshe to **speak** to a rock, and it would "give out its water" ([Numbers 20:8, TLV](#)).

In [Numbers 20:10](#), Moses called the people "rebels" (an insult in their day) and pounded on the rock twice rather than speaking to it.

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He stuttered... so the idea of talking to a rock in front of the entire nation of Israel was probably not something he was too eager to do.



Was Moses indeed a stutterer? Neurologists and theologians don't collaborate as much as perhaps they should, but an article in [First Things](#) looks at the evidence from *neurological science* that **CONFIRMS the widely-held interpretation/assumption that Moses stuttered.**

The LORD had his reasons for commanding Moses to trust Him and *speak*. The rock contained water and could respond to verbal command. What's more, Jesus Christ the Anointed One, *Messiah Yeshua*, warned the Pharisees that rocks would cry out if the believers ceased from praising their Father ([Luke 19:40](#)). But ultimately, the command to speak to the rock in Meribah was not so much to prove that such a feat could be done as it was a test of faith! Moses failed to obey, and it cost him: he and that generation would not live to see the long-awaited Promised Land.

In any case, water *did* gush out of that rock, quite a sight to see.

Something out of a movie?

The LORD provides for the Israelites' needs, but the people can't seem to shake their grumbling addiction.

They complain there is no bread, no water, and that they are sick of manna.

By [Numbers 21:6](#), ADONAI's patience had grown thin. He sent poisonous snakes which started biting people and many died. God is long-suffering, so even after all of this He makes a way for healing and restoration. Moses is instructed to construct a bronze snake on a pole (*nehushtan*), which would provide healing whenever a bite victim looked at it.

So many supernatural occurrences! These accounts in the book of Numbers really seem like something out of a movie!

Unlike a movie, however; all of what is written in Scripture is completely true. The Author is your Creator, and He will be your Savior if you will turn to Him in faith!

The King's Highway

If all of this wasn't enough trial and tribulation, the Israelites had to traverse land that was controlled by enemies.

In ancient times, there was a highway that connected the north to the south for purposes of travel and trade. This highway was known as the "King's Highway," and it was rightly named, because different *kingdoms* controlled access to the main road.

The King of Edom would not allow Israel to pass through their territory, nor would King Sihon and Og of the Amorites.

Israel had to wage war.

Israel won and began to live in the land which had belonged to

the Amorites.

Israel's history is full of struggle and strife, but ultimately, **Israel wins.**

Today, as believers, we are part of Israel. We, too, have rebelled and fallen short of the expectations set out for us by the Word of God. Yet, in His infinite grace, mercy, and love, the LORD God of Israel has made a way for us.

We do not deserve permission granted to walk upon His Holy Road, but we walk the True King's Highway, and He gives us victory along the way.

I am reminded of a hymn we sang growing up:

The King's Highway

I know not where the road will lead
I follow day by day,
or where it ends: I only know
I walk the King's highway.
I know not if the way is long,
and no one else can say;
but rough or smooth, up hill or down,
I walk the King's highway.

And some I love have reached the end,
but some with me may stay,
their faith and hope still guiding me:
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King's highway, Evelyn Atwater Cummins

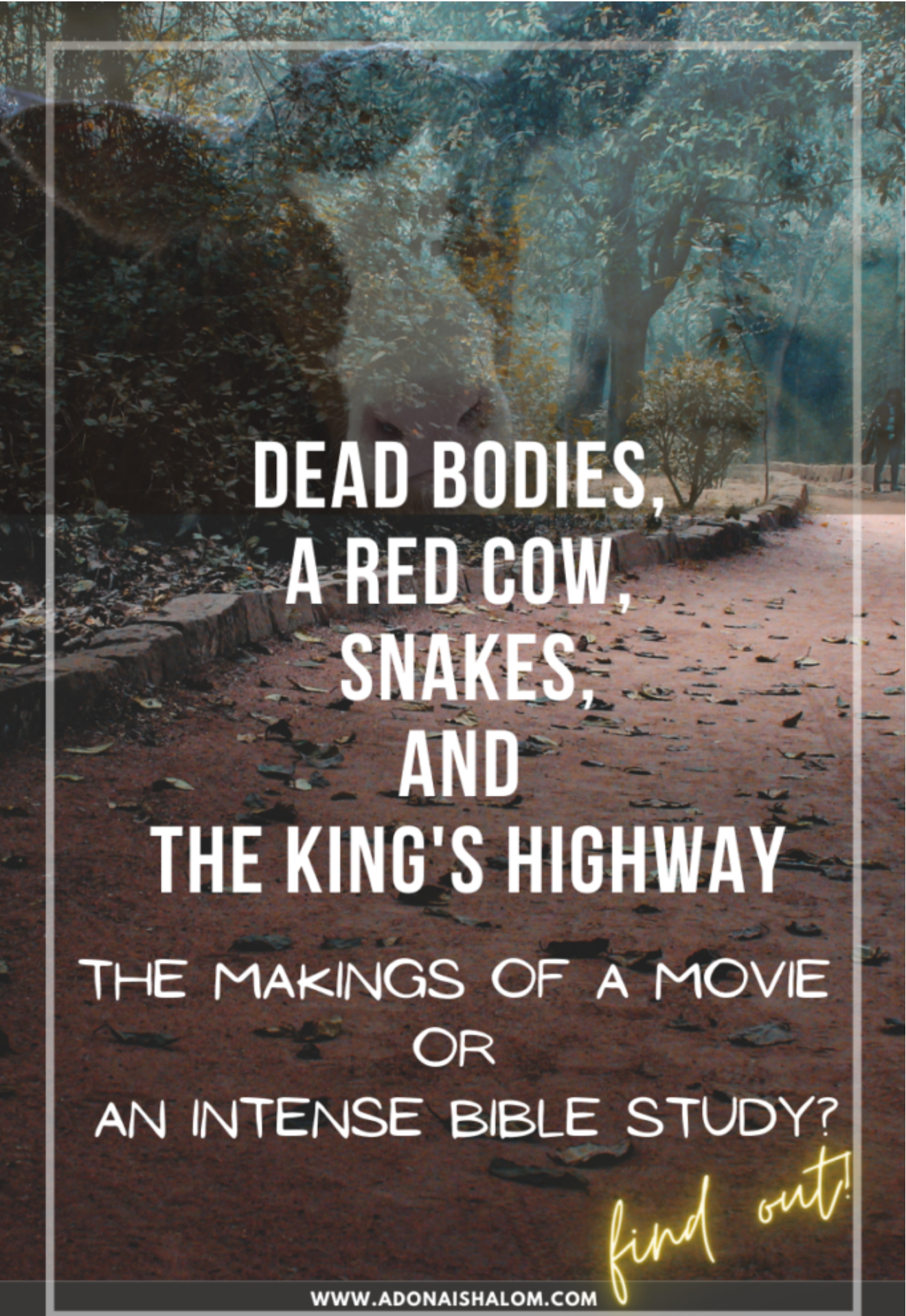


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King's highway, Evelyn Atwater Cummins

Let's continue walking along our King's Highway together as we study the book of Numbers together!

A misty forest path with a large white bull in the background. The path is dirt and covered with fallen leaves. The trees are tall and thin, with some yellow leaves. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and somewhat somber.

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Shabbat Shaḷom!

May you have a restful and blessed Shabbat with your family!

“So there remains a Shabbat rest for the people of God.

For the one who has entered God’s rest

has also ceased from his own work,

just as God did from His.”

Hebrews 4:9-10

Korah: the Rebellious Social Influencer

Today, we have social media “influencers.” Korah was the social influencer in his day. He didn’t get YouTube awards or Facebook fans, but he had enough followers to cause a major disruption. That generation would never make it to the land of milk and honey.

Sticks and Stones on Sabbath

Underneath that pile of stones laid a man who had no understanding of his need for a relationship with his Maker. Bruised and buried, that man represents all of those who do not yet understand that Messiah has come – that Messiah was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

Memorial Day: The Memory of the Righteous is a blessing

What comes to mind when you think of Memorial Day?

If your family is anything like ours, you've probably got outdoor plans and a grill to light up. Memorial Day weekend is a wonderful time to enjoy being with family as most people have extra time off of work, and there is certainly nothing wrong with extra family time!

But while you are preparing to barbecue your burgers and Hebrew National hotdogs, I hope you have taken some time to reflect and thank HaShem for the gift of freedom that we have in the United States.

Just a few weeks ago, Israel was attacked by Hamas rocket fire. Safety, security, and freedom are not without cost. We must be thankful for all of those who have defended the United States, U.S. allies including Israel, and U.S. interests around the world.

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must be thankful for all of those who have defended the United States and U.S. allies including Israel. So many soldiers and their families have sacrificed so much for our freedoms, and of those many have been faithful servants of the Eternal One.

Let their service be honored and never forgotten, and as Proverbs 10:7 says: “The memory of the righteous is a blessing.”

Tzedek, Tzadik, & Tzedakah: Matthew 6:3-4 through a Hebraic lens

Charitable giving is tracked, graphed, sought-after, solicited, pleaded for, telethoned for . . . and for good reason – there is a healthy motivation when all parties involved win. But how charitable is our charitable giving, if it is done for a reward?

How Genesis 1:2 can help you lead a friend to the LORD (and away from the Jehovah's

Witness movement)

Parashat B'reishit ([Genesis 1:1-6:8](#)) (Updated 10/13/2022 5783 B"H)

Beginning at the Beginning

Each year after [Sukkot \(The Feast of Tabernacles\)](#), it is customary to begin re-reading through *Torah* (the first five books of the Bible). I personally believe it is vital to supplement *Torah* reading with readings from the rest of the Bible, including the Prophets and the rest of the *Tanakh* as well as, of course, the New Testament (*B'rit Chadasha*).

So it is the time of year when we begin back at Genesis (known in Hebrew as *B'reishit*).

Beginning at the beginning of time.

We do well to understand that in every undertaking in life, we ought embark only with our understanding framed by the history of creation. If we know our Creator and are in right relationship with Him, then we will understand our role as the created and realize our need for restoration and salvation.

Those who do not yet live in right relationship with the LORD, the Creator of All, cannot be called His children.

But there is Good News!

["See how glorious a love the Father has given us, that we should be called God's children—and so we are!" 1 John 3:1](#)

As God's children, it is imperative that we share this Good News so that those who are perishing around us would be able to repent and know our Savior, too, and so, too, become children of the Most High God.

I will show you today a very simple method to share your

faith, beginning at the beginning.

Are you confident in your ability to share and defend your faith?

As followers of Messiah Yeshua (the Lord Jesus Christ), it is our joyous duty to share with others the Good News of salvation.

We also need to be able to defend our faith.

Demonstrate that our faith is unshakeable!

It is so important to be equipped to share with others the Truth!

This is often called "apologetics."

But rather than *apologizing* for what you believe, your task is to share it!

And be able to explain why you believe what you believe! Be confident! The LORD is with you and will give you the words and wisdom when you need it.

Today, I will focus on how one simple verse from Genesis can be used as a powerful spiritual weapon against one of the fastest growing cults: *The Jehovah's Witness organization.*

The Jehovah Witness sect presents both a challenge and opportunity to Bible-believing Christians.

Are you ready to challenge yourself to share your faith?

Check out a simple and straightforward way to lead a friend to the True LORD of the Bible!

First, we must recognize that Truth is superior to cult religions and teachings

The Jehovah Witness **cult** continues to grow around the world. It is highly likely you will encounter a Jehovah's Witness follower at some point.

You might think I am being very harsh calling it a cult.

However, given the high level of deception and falsehood, softer terms will not do.

Believers: we need to be educated about sects and cults in order to ask the Spirit of Truth to help us evangelize and minister to members of these erroneous organizations.

We also need to pray that the Spirit of all Truth, God's Holy Spirit, the only True God would help us **show genuine love, kindness, and compassion toward all of those who are trapped in confusion.**

In order to properly witness to a member of a cult religion, we must ourselves be confident in Whom we have believed and know the Truth of Scripture for ourselves.



Genesis 1:2 can help you lead a friend to the LORD (and away from cult doctrines!)

Second, it is wise to have a solid understanding of *trustworthy* Bible translations

My husband and I [pastored](#) a mission congregation in the southern USA for many years.

The influence of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the area astounded us.

It was a region impacted by true spiritual darkness.

The Jehovah's Witness cult members were particularly

successful in sowing their seeds of confusion among the Latino/Hispanic community in that area.

The JW movement convinced many Spanish-speaking farm workers in the community that an adulterated bible, their “New World Translation” was superior to any standard (*ie. reputable*) English or Spanish language Bibles such as the King James Version or Reina Valera 1960.

It is important to educate new believers about trustworthy Bible translations.

We had our work cut out for us teaching the Truth of Scripture as many lay folk didn't seem to really care about the scholastic origins of the Bibles they were reading.

Third, be familiar with the unsettling founding of the Jehovah Witness Movement

If you have ever studied comparative religion or sects, you may know the founding of the Jehovah Witness movement sounds more like a **business enterprise** than a revelatory experience.

A group of men (most say about 30) reportedly gathered in a Brooklyn, NY building and invented the religion.

They produced a “translation” of the Bible without knowing the Biblical languages Hebrew or Greek. Again, this is known as the “New World Translation” or NWT.

The men **changed** generous portions of Scripture to suit their doctrinal inventions (in complete defiance of the command in [Revelation 22:18-19](#) to never add to or take away from the LORD's Book):

[“I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of](#)

[this book. If anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his share in the Tree of Life and the Holy City, which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19](#)

It is true many of the first followers of our Messiah Jesus were **not** highly educated men.

However, it is **not** true that folks should wholeheartedly trust translations from people who cannot at least rudimentarily engage the languages they are working to translate.

The sinister nature of the NWT “translation” becomes obvious from the very beginning of the tarnished text: right there in Genesis.

How to use [Genesis 1:2](#) as a Perfect Starting Point for Effective Evangelism (particularly with Jehovah’s Witness followers)

I discovered an easy way to strike up a conversation with Jehovah Witness followers.

Simply ask them about the Holy Spirit:

I would ask a Jehovah’s Witness to open their Bible to [Genesis 1:2](#).

A well known verse, it tells us the Spirit of God hovered over the waters at creation:

[“Now the earth was chaos and waste, darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the *Ruach Elohim* was hovering upon the surface of the water.” Genesis 1:2, TLV](#)

Ruach Elohim is Hebrew for the “Spirit of God.”

You may be more familiar with the New King James Version's phrasing:

["The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Genesis 1:2, NKJV](#)

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Help people recognize the spiritual danger:

In the false translation used by the Jehovah's Witness organization (the New World Translation), the word for the Holy Spirit (*Ruach Elohim* in Hebrew) has been completely **eliminated** and replaced by a lower-case and non-personal term, the "*active force*."

Those who have participated in the JW organization for a long time may be more hostile to you trying to help them, but I found that for those who are newer to the JW ranks, **many would talk to me.**

Many were open to discussing the glaring issue related to [the unpardonable sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit of God \(Matthew 12:31\)](#).

The Holy Spirit gives believers the words we need when we need them.

And I can assure you, He is faithful.

The LORD of Truth can help you to reach those who have been falsely indoctrinated with the lies of the enemy that have been adopted by the Jehovah's Witness organization.

He can save those who have been deceived.

[Nothing is impossible for God! Matthew 19:26](#)

So there is great hope!

The Jehovah Witness cult has injected a stronghold of deception and confusion into vulnerable people looking for answers to life's questions.

There are **SO MANY** false doctrines in the JW religion!

Another easy place to start is with the nature of God.

God has been revealed to humanity as the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We can discuss semantics on "echad," the doctrine of "Trinity," or the "Oneness of God" another time.

But the point is, we believe in the Holiness and Deity of God. We do not diminish the Son's standing by denying His divinity – He is Fully God, and we certainly do not take away our reverence and respect for the Holy Spirit of God.

The Simple Truth

For today, rejoice that you know the God of all Truth!

He is the Eternal One, Heavenly Father, the Prince of Peace, Lord of All, and the Mighty Comforter!

Our LORD is the one who saves, fully God and fully human revealed in Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ our LORD)!

He is the Conquerer of death and the Conquerer of Confusion. He is King forever!

Do not shy away from sharing your faith!

There are SO many people who are hungry for the TRUTH!

You just might be the very person the LORD wants to use to bring others to know Him.

Are you reading this and have questions about the Truth of our Savior Jesus Christ (Yeshua haMashiach)? Please reach out! We would love to help you know more about the True Savior and Messiah who loves you and died for you so you could live eternally with Him. Pray today for members of the Jehovah's Witness organization, that they would come to be free from the lies of the enemy.

Are you a member of the Jehovah's Witness organization? Are you seeking to know the Truth about the Messiah, the Son of God? Please contact us, we would love to help you walk with the LORD:



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ISAIAH 43:4

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