

General Topics :: To the Jew first ?

To the Jew first ? - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/7/30 18:12

What if Jesus really is the King of the Jews?

Did you know Christ was not Jesus's last name?

It was a title 'Messiah'; the anointed one, from the tribe of Judah, throne of David. He would usher in the 'Kingdom of God' on earth (Acts 1:6), which would be centered in Jerusalem, Israel. Unfortunately, today too many within the evangelical church are denying the clear Scriptural mandate to share the Gospel to the Jew first (Rom. 1:16).

http://www.gnfi.org/King_of_Jews_ad.pdf

I found this today, and thought about you guys and decided you needed a farewell present, as I am off on a 6 month sabbatical to complete my book.

Bless God, and keep sharing the love you have found in Jesus,

Aeryck
:-P:-P:-P

'How odd of God to choose the Jew, but not as odd as those who choose the Jewish God, but hate the Jew.' Francis Schaffer

Re: To the Jew first ? - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/7/30 19:24

Here is a wonderful sermon on the subject by Art Katz. The Eternal Gospel.

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid173&min80&orderbytitleA&show20>) <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=173&min=80&orderby=titleA&show=20>

It is well worth a listen. Art really make you think and brings up some things we don't usually hear and talk about.

I'm not quite sure what I think and am interested in what other have to say about this subject.

One thing I think for sure - is that every Christian church should have an ongoing Jewish evangelism program! I haven't heard of many that do.

Re: To the Jew first - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/7/31 1:57

Hi Christ-is-King,

Thanks for the comment and link to AK

I was meant to be on sabbatical, but your post brought to mind a lot of stuff, that goes back to the early years in the Assemblies of God circa. '76 - '81, during which time I met some of the people from ~ 'International Christian Embassy Jerusalem.'

They had this Friday night prayer meeting. Years later the the Embassy helped me out of a dark place.

Aren't we supposed to **pray for the Peace of Israel....**

In Yeshua ha Massiach,

Aeryck
:-P

The Feast of the Tabernacles :-D

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/7/31 3:35

Quote:

-----I'm not quite sure what I think and am interested in what other have to say about this subject.

At least one of 'us' has expressed on opinion. ;-)

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id3095&forum34) Art Katz - Israel and the Church - a critique

Re: International Christian Embassy Jerusalem - the Jew first. - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/1 3:12

Hi Philologos,

'Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.'

getting involved

'In my opinion Art's theology is chained to his eschatology; I cannot accept either as being biblically based.'

This thread is **not about Art Katz's eschatology or theology**, which you have certainly covered well on your linked thread.

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem's ministry to Israel has been going on for many years and I was hoping that the loving and caring ministry that has been towards Israel for many years, might be shared and learned from by us here at Sermon Index.

Obviously this is not the total focus of this thread. **The thread is about Jesus' love for Israel.** Maybe if you were to give us a simple outline about this, it would inspire.

I have a nice link for those interested of a discussion held between a young Messianic Jew and a Rabbi. It is pretty heavy going but certainly insightful. click here!

In Messiah,
Aeryck
:-P

Once again, what I think really blesses my heart is the fact that Gentiles are welcome in this celebration and from the joy and blessing that is central to this, we have much to understand about our Lord's heart towards Israel.

edit-add: Y E S H U A

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/1 15:32

Quote:
-----The thread is about Jesus' love for Israel. Maybe if you were to give us a simple outline about this, it would inspire.

I had thought that to the Jew first probably implied that you had wanted to discuss 'Jewish priority in evangelism'. You ask for a simple outline about 'Jesus' love for Israel'. My understanding of Jesus' love is expressed in the verse "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16, KJVS)...which, interesting enough, was originally said to the people of Israel.

I see your sign off is a quotation thought to be from Hilaire Belloc
"how odd
of God
to choose
the Jews" I am not sure whether or not Hilaire Belloc was being anti-semitic or just trying to be funny. The Jewish rejoinder is certainly funny, but might also show the attitude that has sometimes provoked anti-semitism;"Not odd
of God.
Goyim
annoy 'im.";-)

Re: To the Jew first. - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/1 17:41

Philologos,

Perhaps it might be nicer to use the word 'agape' instead of 'evangelism' it is such a cold word, for what we are to be doing in this life.

I forgot to thank~you for turning me on to Alfred Edersheim. I was really reluctant to go for his writings, but after finding that so many reputable scholars pour accolades over his work, I have now more to read than ever before.

Perhaps you don't remember, well here it is for anyone else who really wants to learn about Judaism from a very reliable source:

<http://philologos.org/online.htm>

Alfred Edersheim

The Temple: Its Ministry and Services
Sketches of Jewish Social Life
Bible History, Old Testament
The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah

Regarding the quote there seems to be some confusion as to who originally wrote it, this one site I went to a Hebrew Christian site seemed to believe it was originally said, by none other than Benjamin Disraeli.

Now seeing that you have opened this topic up so wide. Tell me how do you feel about the ministry of International Christian Embassy Jerusalem? Do you think that we have some emphatic destiny to fulfill with Israel, or not?

In Jesus,
Aeryck
:-P

Shalom

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/1 17:48

Quote:
-----Perhaps it might be nicer to use the word 'agape' instead of 'evangelism' it is such a cold word, for what we are to be doing in this life.

The process of declaring the glorious good news a 'cold word'. How so?

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/1 17:55

Quote:
-----Now seeing that you have opened this topic up so wide. Tell me how do you feel about the ministry of International Christian Embassy Jerusalem?

I don't know much about its work but I always thought the idea a misguided one. Christians are a spiritual people and Israel is a nation state. Christians have no territorial rights while a nation state may claim many territorial rights. I think the idea of a Christian embassy to a nation state is not applicable. If it were there ought to be such embassies to USA, RSA, UK, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Syria, and every other nation state.

Re: To the Jew first - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/1 18:00

Slow down, Please.

Boet you have got to come to South Africa, and let me cook you a potjie.

When my Mom was alive; she would go into that kitchen and cook and what came out of there you could not buy at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

As my Dad said, it had that 'magic ingredient'. He would then look all sort of misty eyed, and say it the same everytime. 'Son, it's the love. Never leave the love out of the preparation'

It is just sometime our big sounding theological terms are really sterile, don't you think?

Did you read anything else I wrote or do you have an agenda, for this thread?

Come on you are not being very friendly at all. Play a little.

In Jesus,
Aeryck
:-P

alt-add

You will have to wait until this old man replies, or consider a little longer before replying so quickly. So you are not in favour of ICEJ, wait, do you then say we should do nothing at all for the Jewish people?

Re: To the Jew first - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/1 18:10

Hey Philologos,

Sorry it is my turn to double post, I only noticed that it is running really late and with my goose in London, I have to wake up super early tomorrow. It is 12.11pm here so it is bedtime for me. Sweet dreams friend. Time to sleep on your meditations and preparations and we will pick this up again on Tuesday sometime.:-P

In Jesus,
Aeryck

alt-add: 'It seems one of International Christian Embassy's Roles in Jerusalem is to obey Ps 122:6 by providing 'comfort' to Israel

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comfort Seems like a good thing to me, hey?

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/1 18:26

Quote:

-----So you are not infavour of ICEJ, wait, do you then say we should do nothing at all for the Jewish people?

Please define 'we' and 'Jewish people'.

Re: To the Jew first. - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/2 16:05

Dear Philologos and brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Philologos, you requested that I define **'we'** and **'Jewish people'**~ These are the passages from the comfort section at International Christian Embassy Jerusalem:

And I will bless **them that bless thee**, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Comfort ye, **comfort ye my people**, saith your God.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: **they shall prosper that love thee.**

Even so have these also now not believed, that **through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.**

They seem to be fulfilling Jesus' command to love his brothers. With a 'Social Assistance Program' & 'Home Care' & 'Jerusalem Ministry Center' & 'Beit HaTikvah'.

"For I was Hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me." The Lord said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of **these brothers of mine, you did for me.**"

In Jesus love,
Aeryck
:-P

International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is represented in 46 countries, check this link

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'Now back to my working sabbatical, take care everyone'

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/4 15:07

There are some interesting Bible reference points for 'Jews' which we should keep in mind. Rom. 2:17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, In this passage Paul speaks of those who are 'called' or 'named' as 'Jews'. He does not dispute their right to this label, but he has some challenging statements to follow. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." (Rom. 2:28-29) Now Paul is denying that one 'called a Jew' is in reality a Jew, unless he has a circumcision which... "is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." (Rom. 2:29)

There are frequent references to 'the synagogues of the Jews' in the period up to Paul's house arrest in Acts 28, but when John recorded the Revelation there is an ominous reference; "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan." (Rev.

2:9, NKJV) This is some 30 later than the Act's references. What is this thing that Christ calls 'a synagogue of Satan'? Is this the synagogue in Ephesus?

Paul says only those who are circumcised in heart are Jews. Christ says that those who call themselves Jews in Ephesus are actually 'Satan's gathering'. Perhaps my question needs to be rephrased;" who are the Jews, biblically?"

Re: To the Jew first - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/5 6:29

Dear Philologos,

I suppose we could keep dancing around in a circle.

"Please define 'we' and 'Jewish people'?"

I answered your question.

"Who are the Jews, biblically?"

You answered your question.

I think I was pretty clear in my presentation, don't you think?

In Yeshua ha Massiach

Aeryck

:-P

Re: - posted by Nasher (), on: 2005/8/5 13:55

Quote:

-----"Please define 'we' and 'Jewish people'?"

I answered your question.

I'm sorry, but I don't think you did, I see nothing in your response about who your "we" is referring to and nothing about "Jewish people".

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/5 15:01

Quote:

-----"Please define 'we' and 'Jewish people'?"

I answered your question.

"Who are the Jews, biblically?"

You answered your question.

Perhaps we are talking past each other. Can I just ask the simple question what do you mean when you say 'Jewish'? Do you mean the Israeli nation state? or do you mean the physical descendents of Abraham? or do you mean people who are committed to Rabbinic Judaism? Or do you not see any distinctions between these options?

Re: To the Jew first ? - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/5 19:45

Hi Philologos, thank-you for your good reply. I am not really that complicated at all, the verses that I found on International Christian Embassy, I believe address how I feel about the matter. I am aware that Paul, said that a real Jew is one who has received the circumcision of the heart. However, when it comes to reaching out to Jewish people, I guess that is everyone who is of Jewish descent, however I am not an exclusivist, if that is the word people use. I think we are to love all men, and be at peace with them, it is just over the years I have experienced a strong prompting by the Holy Spirit when I am in the company of a Jewish person, be that a zealot or just a wayward soul who goes to Synagogue ever so once in a while, I cannot explain it, it is just something inside, so when I read the verses, something jumped in me, and a witness with the Scripture that it is right to care for people from the Israeli nation, I have been in over thirty bands in my short life, grown up in a school that had a very large Jewish contingent, been to barmitzva's, I think that is how one spells it, played rugby with, and well, finally when the Lord Jesus revealed himself to me, at

eighteen, I seemed to get really wierd when I am around people that are Jewish, I suppose it is because they have grown up celebrating the Sabbath that we find completion in the rest, the Passover, where we experience the sprinkling of the blood, and well, when they talk, it is strange it is like my heart wants to jump out of my body and hug them and tell them that their Messiah is loving them through me. Maybe I am just wierd, but it has been about 30 years that I have felt this way, even when I was a little boy, I have had a deep awareness and understanding of a unique difference in the way they behave, and the way the just are different to any other race on this planet, God certainly did touch his people in a very peculiar way, even when they are not saved....just a personal observation of living with Jewish people for 5 and a half years. Now as to who is a physical descendant of Abraham, how one would determine that, certainly James I think addressed 12 tribes and Paul was prepared to lose his faith so that they could be saved, I am not sure if I can keep going much longer as doo-doo time commenced an hour and thirty five minutes ago..lol. But my energy levels are up after ministering in song, for four hours earlier today... I do not know what Rabbinic Judaism is. I would presume people who are now Jews who are living under the teaching of the Jews, I did a little study on the Kabbalah, the Chuck Missler stuff and read a little, still to go to your main boy...what is his name, I have the site like Philologos, like your alias. Oh, you are right there are distinctions, between.

1. Jewish
2. Israeli Nationalists
3. Physical Descendants of Abraham
4. Rabbinic Judaism

I personally think though so many Jews I know here in South Africa, like a friend of mine Hoshi who plays manic guitar, is Jewish, has lived in Israel the Nation, is a physical descendant of Abraham, I guess, as he is an authentic Jew? ... and though he grew up learning the way every Jew does around here, going to Shool(?) my spelling is terrible, sorry. He also has has Christian education and prefers the teachings on Jesus though he hates Jews for Jesus, and other Messianic Jew breakaways.

I shared a cup of coffee in the pub, one night and he broke most of this down to me, I cannot remember all, just that I was really overjoyed to listen to him, talk, I don't know what it is, there is a holiness (whoops) that seems to permeate through them, something about JHWH, like a seal, I could be wrong, but that is just some of my crazy rambling.

Gnasher, did you get your name from a philosopher? I think my verse choices really did give a feeling rather than a direct answer, I love to read God's word and when verses like that pop up, I just wanna obey them and experience the joy of God's blessing simple obedience, maybe I am a nutjob, and my theology sucks, but I am enjoying my life in Jesus, it is the twilight, 30 years and trucking, fallen and had some big dings, but it is nice when the Mansion Builder breathes in his life, and one can walk in that Grace, mentioned at the end of Hebrews.

By the way do any of you have a copy of Mansion Builder, I lent it to a young singer who did not know Jesus, and it used to help me worship the Lord in the mornings, and it is so hard to find...maybe I will see if I can order it at Kingdom Music...well that's a rap.

Take care and thanks for the love, blessings in Jesus to you both and God allow to make know the mystery hid from all ages as you minister this weekend.

Aeryck.
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ps. Here are these verses again, I gotta write them down and memorize...sho.

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

alt-add:

Do you listen to Lamb...I got nearly everything and most of Jews for Jesus, that music is also great in the mornings, started out with Prepare ye the Way, sing Scripture, but there is a reverence not in CCM and other, that is nowhere else found but in this music...Lamb..is cool, Jews for Jesus, is a bit older but still cool.

Re: Doin' nuthin', or what? - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/8 19:03

Hi Philologos,

I went back to the one site where the young Messianic Jew was talking to his Rabbi and noticed this section of the site dealing with the problem of anti-semitism. How should we as Christians respond to this? It was Paul by the Holy Spirit, who said he wished that he were cut off for his brethren's sake....?

<http://www.gnfi.org/anti-semitism.html>

In Jesus,

Aeryck

Re: Multimedia Anti-Semetism Update! - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/11 17:23

Hi, brothers and sisters, instead of starting a new thread, and seeing this is from the same site check out this 'multi-media presentation' regarding current anti-semitism.

clicketh hearith and seeith

In Jesus,

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:-)

alt-add: This is a site showing the History of the Middle East Conflict, some really eye opening stuff... [click here](#)

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/12 2:58

Wow, that multi-media page is power propoganda. It has a few factual errors in it, but it is certainly a powerful statement. I am not anti-semitic, nor anti-Jew, not even anti-Israeli, but anti-Zionist, yes I think I am probably anti-Zionist.

Glad! - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/8/22 19:28

Hi Philologos,

What exactly is anti-Zionist? Yes, that is some seriously powerful propoganda. Have you ever read any magazines by Jews for Jesus?

I am a little tired now, so I will get back with what I read it was quite wonderful.

In Jesus,

Aeryck

Re: Glad! - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/24 3:34

Zionism has to do with territorial objectives. Both Sinaitic Judaism and Islam are territorial. Christianity was never territorial although Christendom, in the form of the Roman church, became territorial at the time of the Crusades. It is territory that has brought the Zionism, Islam and Christendom into unresolvable conflict. The Muslim world is still smarting over Christendom's crusades and Zionism's expansionist aspirations.

By anti-Zionist, btw, I mean the idea not the people.

Yes, I used to get Jews for Jesus stuff regularly, but stopped some time ago.

Re: To the Jew first ?, on: 2005/8/24 18:30

Hi,
I just read over the thread on 'To the Jew first?'. Very interesting. :-)
An article I just came upon by Robert Murray M'Cheyne ties in very well with what aeryck had to say

aeryck wrote:

...Unfortunately, today too many within the evangelical church are denying the clear Scriptural mandate to share the Gospel to the Jew first (Rom. 1:16)...

Here is the link to the article:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/d.haslam/mccheyne/To%20the%20Jew%20first.htm>

It's kind of lengthy but well worth the read for those interested in this very important topic. Robert M'Cheyne was right on!

Shalom,
Roniya
Ps. 122:6

Ron Bailey, on: 2005/8/24 18:55

anti-zionist, but not anti-Israel?

lol.

"Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates--all the Hittite country--to the Great Sea on the west".

Joshua 1:4

I'd say Israeli policy makers have some room for expansion.

Ronnie, Britain's a wonderful little Kingdom that I dearly love, but I do think they invoked some Divine displeasure post 1945 when they worked overtime opposing the Hand of God in the creation of the State of Israel.

Most of the British foreign service from the time of the Balfour declaration was decidedly pro-arab, and from that time period 1917 till 1948 coincided with the long slide from world imperial power for the UK. and if I'm not mistaken those twilight years in the UK, post war, was a dismal period of lack in the life of England. It's a very dangerous national proposition to toy with God's chosen people. Soon the mullahs in Iran will discover this, much to their ruin.

Ronnie, in my opinion, it seems a very difficult balancing act to call oneself "anti-zionist", but not "anti-Israel".

gently I say that.