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Replenishing the Storehouse

Steve Cohen

Shalom dear friends in Messiah!

The Jewish New Year, 5782, began on the evening of September 6, 2021. The shofar sounded to mark a new beginning of restoration in our relationships with one another and with the Lord.

At this season, Israel came up to the temple in Jerusalem and replenished the storehouses. This faithful giving enabled the priests to minister for yet another season.

On behalf of all of us at Apple of His Eye, we are seeking your help to replenish the Apple of His Eye storehouse following a very busy summer.

Please visit our secure giving portal at www.appleofhiseye.org/support/give to donate and see all the ways you can help.

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We also prayerfully ask that your church include us in their missions budget giving.

Due to COVID, we are at 62% of our budgeted support for the year. We want to advance the cause of the Gospel because time is short and lost Jews and Gentiles are facing a Christless eternity.

Your support now is key as we return to service in the United States and Israel. Between these two countries there are over 12 million Jewish people, the majority of which do not know Jesus as their messiah...yet!

We Are Now Available to Speak at Your Church!

Since our beginning in 1996, we have given presentations in over 1,800 churches around the United States and Europe.

As we move through the COVID era, we are trusting the Lord to open churches for us to speak in. We are now solidifying our speaking calendar for 2022-23.

Schedule an Apple of His Eye team member to speak in your church by contacting our itinerary coordinator, Jordan Merrifield. Or just ask your pastor to call us!

Our presentations include:

- The Power of Pentecost
- The Fall Festivals of Israel
- Y'shua the Light of the World
- Unwrapping Romans 11
- To the Jew First
- Our Jewish Roots
- Jewish Evangelism Seminar
- Winsome Witnessing

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Built on a Solid Foundation?

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Nancy and I moved to Georgetown, Texas in 2015 to take our ministry to the next level. Toi, Nancy's daughter, did the leg work in locating the house. After a period of looking at different properties, she landed on our current house. Due diligence was done in having the house inspected to make sure there were no hidden issues. The inspection report gave us the green light to move ahead, and we closed in March of 2015.

As we settled in, we became aware of the nature of the ground under the house. The soil is soft and clayish, making it susceptible to shifting through the rainy and dry seasons. This shifting showed up indoors being askew and minor cracks in the drywall, but after a change of season, the house returns to level, more or less. Our next-door neighbor has had foundation contractors come to his home and shore up the foundation because of major cracking in the interior walls. Our house has remained steady and firm... so far.

This made me think of the spiritual lessons drawn from the foundation to the house built. Y'shua's parable in Matthew 7 comes to mind:



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Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (English Standard Version, Matt. 7:24-28)

At this season of life, I am giving more time to reflection on the foundation of my faith. How firm is it? How stable in a time of adversity? What would a major calamity do? Am I ready for the disappointments and losses that ultimately come into our fallen lives?

I recently attended the funeral of Lori Voges in Red Bud, Illinois. She battled cancer for nine years and her steadfast husband, Kevin, was at her side every step of the way. During the sermon, the pastor told of the huge challenges she endured in chemotherapy, surgeries, doctor's visits, tests, and waiting for the results of tests. It was an all-consuming endeavor, but their faith was on solid ground. Kevin rejoiced at the funeral that Lori had finished her battle and received full healing as she entered the presence of the Lord. What a testimony of solid faith living!

These days of shaking and quaking from Covid, the economy, wars and rumors of wars, political mudslinging, and now supply chain shortages can cause great uncertainty in our lives. But we who know Jesus have a solid hope so that no matter what happens, what illnesses occur, what collapses in the economy or joblessness take place... Jesus is still on the throne, and He loves us so very much. "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58)."

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Squid Game as a Springboard for the Gospel?

Steve Cohen

Over the past 26 years, we have written more than 150 broadsides (Gospel tracts) for distribution in public venues and by individuals. Each one is an invitation to engage in a friendly dialogue over the singular question, "What do you think of Jesus?" Cultural moments give these tracts easy relevance. The hit series *Squid Game* is our latest launching pad.



The media buzz over the Korean TV series *Squid Game* has made this a world-wide phenomena. If you know the backstory to *Squid Game*, then this has relevance as a springboard to move from the world to the Kingdom of God.

If you do not know anything about *Squid Game*, I am not trying to advertise it or urge you to watch it. Rather, I just want to use this moment in time to bring more intention to the conversation about what really is important in life.

Please pray for us!



If you know of someone who has watched *Squid Game*, please share this broadside with them and ask for their opinion.

Download the broadside: <https://www.appleofhiseye.org/images/aohe/docs/aohe-broadside-squidgame.pdf>

P.S.: If you turn the flyer upside down, the inside portion reads, "The wages of Sin is death."

Israel Report



It Never Gets Old!

Bob Roegner

What never gets old, you ask? The privilege that God has given to me over the 40+ years I have served Him in ministry, of baptizing those the Holy Spirit has brought to faith.

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (English Standard Version, Matt. 28:18-20)."

While the numbers of baptisms I have performed reach into the thousands with over 95% of them being adults, it is not about the total number but about each and every individual person. Jesus talks about this in His parable of the lost sheep when He says, "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance (Luke 15:7)."

I was asked this past summer while traveling and speaking to congregations and donors across 18 states and 10,000 miles: What has given me the most joy as I have served God over the years as a missionary in Africa, as a Mission Executive for Lutheran Bible Translators and LCMS World Mission, as a pastor in the United States, and now as a Bible Teacher in Israel? It didn't take me long to respond that the miracle of baptism was my greatest joy because it never gets old!

To watch an individual who has been brought to faith through God's Word and Sacraments; to experience with them the "aha" moment when they came to know Jesus as Messiah; and to see the look on their faces and the changes that are brought to their lives as they live to serve and not be served is...well, joyful! It Never Gets Old!

This is exactly what I went through over the past few months as I disciplined a young woman here in Israel, I will call "Uriela," which means "light of God." She had approached me through a mutual friend because she knew that I was a Bible teacher and a man of God. Just a few months prior to our first meeting, she had begun to read the New Testament Gospels and was intrigued by this Jesus who was claiming to be the Messiah. She was also intrigued by the



fact that when she read Matthew 1, she realized that Jesus was Jewish, like her. The rabbis had always forbidden her to read anything else but the Old Testament. Over a period of six months that I worked with her, answered her many questions, and disciplined her, you could see the changes that were happening within her. The Holy Spirit was helping her to overcome the condemnation of Jesus she had heard much of her life, to begin to think about Him and recognize Him as a Brother, to accept Him as a Teacher and Prophet, and finally, to believe in Him as Messiah.

On September 24th, Uriela made a confession of her faith and asked to be baptized. On October 1st, I had the privilege of performing her baptism in a private ceremony with just a few family members and friends present. It was great to see and have that joy again, both here on earth and in heaven as well. "It Never Gets Old!"

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Every Hanukkah is a Menorah, but not Every Menorah is a Hanukkah

Kristi Roegner

Confused? You're not alone! Read on.

Every year Jews worldwide celebrate Hanukkah – the "Festival of Lights" or the "Feast of Dedication". It starts on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. This year it begins early – on November 28th. (Coincidentally, in 2021, November 28th is also the first day of Advent!)



The basis for Hanukkah is a celebration of the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. In the 160s BC., the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian Greeks). The ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes, persecuted Jews and outlawed Jewish rites and worship. He raided the temple in Jerusalem, stealing its treasures, sacrificing pigs on its altar, and making it into a house of worship to the Greek god Zeus. Eventually, a small band of Jews led by Judah Maccabee defeated Antiochus' mighty army, driving the Greeks from the land. The Temple was recaptured, cleansed, and rededicated.

Jewish tradition teaches that for the rededication of the temple when it was time to light the wicks of the menorah, only one container of oil was found that had escaped contamination by the Greeks – enough for just one day. However, when they filled and lit the lamp, the oil miraculously lasted for eight full days (the amount of time it took for new oil to be prepared under conditions of ritual purity)!

The Hanukkah celebration involves meditations and prayers each evening around a special Hanukkah menorah called a hanukkiah. It is purposely designed to be different from the typical menorah. Whereas the normal menorah has seven lights, the hanukkiah has nine. Eight candles are in a line and the ninth candle is offset, either at a different height or in a different position on the hanukkiah. The one that is out of place is known as the "shamash" or "servant" candle. It is lit before the prayers are said and is used to light the other candles. Each night an additional candle is lit until all are shining in remembrance of the Jews in Maccabean times and the miracle of the oil.

John 10:22-23 indicates that Jesus honored this Jewish festival with His attendance. As Christ-followers, what are some aspects of Hannukah to which we can relate?



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- Hanukkah means “dedication”. As the Temple was rededicated, we should regularly rededicate ourselves to God and strive to live for His purposes.
- Each family is to place its hanukkah so it is visible to the outside. Similarly, Jesus tells us not to light our candle and put it under a basket. Rather, we should put it on a stand and let it shine as a visible testimony to others.
- As an additional candle is lit each night of Hanukkah, so we should always strive to increase in pursuing “righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness” (New International Version, 1 Tim. 6:11).
- The “servant” candle, being lit first and used to light the others, reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World and that He gives His light to each believer.

We are currently living in some difficult times. However, even in these times, God is asking each of us to shine the light of His hope to the hopeless of this world – Jews and Gentiles alike. Per C.S. Lewis, “Don’t shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see Him.” That is our task – to always strive to point people to Jesus, the Light of the world!

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Nan C’s Corner



How Big is Your God?

Nancy Cohen

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you...Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?” (New International Version, Jer. 32:17, 26-27 NIV).

I belong to two groups of women who know the Word of God intimately and live to study and share its truths. One group I join weekly, Bible Study Fellowship. The other, Serving Others Loving Our Savior (SOLOS) is on a yearly schedule. Recently, my daughter Toi and I were blessed to speak to the women of SOLOS.

SOLOS gave us a platform to share more about our love for, and outreach to, the Jewish people. We shared about Apple of His Eye (AOHE) and also spoke on the problem of antisemitism. What a joy to have a receptive audience with a deep-seeded love for God’s Chosen, the Jews.

The founder of SOLOS is a mentor of mine, Jesse Sandberg. She is an author, former instructor at my alma mater Tennessee Temple, and renowned speaker. These are just three areas aspects of her, not even the tip of the iceberg of her long list of credentials. For me, well, she gave me hope at the lowest time of my life. She spoke love into a



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broken spirit and devastating life situation. Because of her constant intimate walk with the Messiah, I eagerly accepted her wisdom. She is one of my hero's. I have heard her say time and again, "How big is your God?"

Her question is a profound sentence that causes us to evaluate our faith, where we are placing it, and to what depth? Are we trusting the Almighty or playing church? Are we religious or are we Christians (believers of the Messiah)? It is so easy to lose sight of our beloved Savior in these days of chaos and uncertainty. Commitments are broken, people are struggling to live peacefully, and our society has become one laced with fear. We have hope. We know how everything is held together and how everything ends. These are exciting times for those of us who have the answers to the craziest of times. HOW BIG IS OUR GOD?

Blessed be you, ADONAI, the God of Isra'el our father, forever and ever. Yours, ADONAI, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. The kingdom is yours, ADONAI; and you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honor come from you, you rule everything, in your hand is power and strength, you have the capacity to make great and to give strength to all. Therefore, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name (Complete Jewish Bible, I Chron. 29:10-13).

We sang a song which took my breath away. It was true worship, and I am sharing it with you. This song is written by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive and sung by Chris Tomlin. The song addresses the brokenness and darkness of the world around us, and the light, newness, and love of the Father and Jesus. It is entitled "Is He Worthy?" Follow this link to listen, sing, and worship Jesus, Yshua our Messiah: [Is He Worthy? by Chris Tomlin](#)

May our God bless and keep you. It is my prayer that you are free from the bondage of sin and living in the new life God has for all who believe in and trust Yeshua.

Love from my heart,

nanC.

P.S. Do you have a prayer request? Please share it with me. I would love to hear from you.

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Jewish Humor

A rabbi was so addicted to golf that he snuck out to play on Yom Kippur.

Up in Heaven, Moses said, "What a disgrace. A Jew playing golf on Yom Kippur. And a rabbi no less!"

The Almighty responded, "I'm going to teach him a lesson."

The rabbi stepped up to the first tee and bombed his drive down the fairway. His ball bounced off a sprinkler head, the bunker rake, hit the green and rolled into the cup.

"This is how you teach him a lesson, Lord? He got a hole in one!"

"Sure, but who's he going to tell?"

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