FEBRUARY 2021

MATCHING FUND DRIVE

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our matching fund drive.

Because of your generosity, we were able to raise $13,000. The funds will be used in New Orleans, Los Angeles, and worldwide to take the Good News that Messiah has come, to the Jewish people first and to the Gentiles! We praise God for your participation in this fundraising effort. Thank You to everyone who made this campaign possible!

MONTHLY MINISTRY UPDATE

Since January of 2019, I have been emailing a monthly ministry update to those who support us monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If you support this ministry, I want to be sure you receive a monthly update by email. If you have not heard from me, it is because I do not have your current email address. Please, please text your email address to me at 210-410-1034, or email me at michelleb@cjfm.org. I do want to keep in touch with you every month.

GOD IS MOVING AND ANSWERING PRAYERS

I recently finished reading Amy-Jill Levine’s new book, The Bible With and Without Jesus How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently. Amy-Jill Levine is professor of Jewish studies and the New Testament at Vanderbilt University. She is an Orthodox Jewish woman who does not believe that Jesus is our Messiah or God in the flesh. I met her in 2019 at an international Messianic Jewish conference. My daughter was assigned the task to interview her during an evening session.

Did I learn anything from her book? Yes. I did not know that Psalm 22, with its depiction of persecution and death, is read during Purim—the holiday which commemorates release from a despotic adviser to King Ahasuerus, Haman. The Psalm, which foreshadows the crucifixion, is described by Levine as “a psalm concerning those who are sexually trafficked.”

I also did not realize that many consider the book of Jonah to be a fable. We who are disciples of
Yeshua (Jesus) know that Jesus describes Jonah as a prophet and speaks of him being in the belly of a whale for three days and three nights.

Then some of the Torah scholars and Pharisees answered Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But Yeshua replied to them, “An evil and adulterous generation clamors for a sign, yet no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.”

(Matthew 12:38-40 Tree of Life Version)

We also know that Yeshua does not lie. He is the way, the truth, and the life. Thus Jonah is a Jewish prophet who preached repentance to the Gentile inhabitants of Nineveh.

Did I disagree with anything in her book? That goes without saying. My new book, Messiah in Jewish Scripture, addresses some of these issues. You can purchase it here, at our online bookstore https://store.cjfm.org/product/565/messiah-in-jewish-scripture-an-11-week-study

**PASSOVER 2021**

I will be sharing Messiah in the Passover on Sunday, March 7, 2021, from 4:30–6:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you would like to join us for this meeting, send a text message or email to 210-410-1034 or michelleb@cjfm.org. To access Zoom, download the app on your cell phone or go to the zoom.us website and follow the directions to download the program. All you need is an ID and Password to join our meeting.

The meeting ID is 3150717461, and the Password is pray. If you have never accessed Zoom before, it is a good idea to join the meeting 15 minutes before the start if you have trouble logging in. If you need help, it will give you enough time to call or text me so we can troubleshoot your problems.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT**

Thank you for being such an integral part of our ministry through your prayers and financial gifts. As you have blessed us, may you also be blessed. Your partnership enables us to continue sharing God’s love as revealed in Yeshua, with “the Jewish people first and also the Gentiles.”

As the Lord leads, please use the enclosed envelope to send a supporting gift preferenced for Michelle Beadle to CJF Ministries. Your contribution entitles you to receive a subscription to our publication, Messianic Perspectives.

In Messiah’s Love,

Michelle Beadle