

## May 2026 Israel

### ISRAEL

So we made the planned trip to the Galilee region of Israel to meet and baptize our friend ALEX, a local Hebrew speaking Israeli who had downloaded our Hebrew Bible Companion app and attended our Saturday morning Zoom church [you should attend... so many interesting folks turn up]. It was an amazing experience to spend a day with a local Israeli Jew who had truly come to accept Jesus as Messiah. We recorded parts of our meetings with him and also the baptism in the sea of Galilee- [https://youtu.be/9kINL\\_3qCso](https://youtu.be/9kINL_3qCso) . It's an amazing testimony to the Lord's power to reach out to his people. A welder and an atheist, but with a great love of science, logic, animals... an interest in life, he came through those things to the deep persuasion that there is a God. And so he read the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, several times. And devoted his spare time to researching everything. He saw through the errors of churchianity, and came to a strong desire to be baptized into the Lord Jesus, having been deeply impressed by the Old Testament prophecies of Him. And so one morning standing at a bus stop waiting for his bus to work, he came across our Hebrew app and downloaded it. And liked what we teach and our offer of baptism into Jesus as Messiah. And now that process has come to fruition in his baptism. Unlike many in Israel, he is unashamed of his witness for Jesus. At his baptism, he made a special statement in Hebrew, recorded on video, that he was being baptized into Jesus as Messiah. His prayer in the water afterwards, in the Jewish style of lifting hands and head to the sky and then downwards, was just wonderful to witness. It's on the video. He talks a lot about his acceptance of the brit hachadsha ????? ????? , the new covenant, It means a lot to him.









He gives thanks before his meals at work, and is teased by his fellow workers. He was very struck with the Lord's teaching of absolute truthfulness and works hard to live it. He gave the example of asking his boss for an afternoon off work. When asked why, instead of making an excuse, he told the truth: Because it's a nice day and I want to go to the beach. He talks freely to his colleagues and neighbours about his faith in Jesus, and has found that so many Israelis are passively acceptant that Jesus is indeed their Messiah. But are put off going further by their perceptions of "church" and what "Christianity" is meant to be as a religion. We are finding this to be the case with so many who are engaging with us through the Hebrew Bible Companion app. In the video, we discuss why it's hard for Jews to go further and commit to Jesus as Messiah in baptism. He offered two reasons: 1) The strong family and social ties of Orthodox Judaism and 2) The hard economic situation in Israel, people working very long hours, and with constant anxiety about the wars Israel are involved in. These things distract people from going further in their spiritual life. He has the advantage that as an atheist, he didn't have those social ties to lose. We must really pray that trickle of response there is in Israel turns into a mighty stream, and hastens the Lord's return. For this surely is the fruit on the fig tree. Please do pray for this. And for Alex in his witness to so many ordinary Israelis. He invited his friends to his baptism, and although none wanted to take a day off work [as he did] to come along, we did have a meal together with one of his friends.

With a love of the natural creation, he had asked for there to be butterflies at his baptism. And, as recorded on the video, we kept seeing butterflies throughout the day. He also writes poems, some in English. Here are some verses you might like to read, written as he was coming to the conviction about baptism:

god is real he does exist  
he has never ever missed  
~~when~~ mans time is quickly running out  
when it does then I will shout  
well come back holy father  
besides you theres no other  
youve made earth, youve made heavens  
youve made man, youve made angels  
bring the truth, bring the judgment  
my heart is full with excitement  
save the Just, punish sinners  
in you we trust, were the winners

He also explained to us the growth of Rabbinic claims that a Messiah has appeared. There are posters advertising one such false Messiah, the Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, put up in random places. The Hebrew proclaims him as "The Messiah" (זה המשיח) and "Our Lord, Our Teacher, and Our Rebbe, King Messiah" (הרבני שליט"א מליובאוויטש). This gives a new angle on the sign of false Christs appearing, which the Lord gave as one sign of His coming:





#### PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For our outreach to Jewish people both in Israel and worldwide
- Thanksgiving that the Lord is clearly working to bring His people back to Himself
- For our ongoing work at Pub Church in South London UK

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