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YOU ARE THE VOICE OF *MESSIANIC MINUTES*

by Rabbi Ted Simon

Wherever I go, I meet people who are surprised by how I look! “You’re Rabbi Ted from *Messianic Minutes*?” they ask. (Sometimes they’ll add “*Shalom Haverim* – hello to you my friends.) But the surprise in their voices at our first meeting makes me wonder if they are delighted or astonished. I do joke with Jeffrey D. that I have a face for radio, but people’s reactions when we first meet are a little bemusing.

I wonder if people expect more of a movie-star appearance or more of a black-coated “Hasidic” Jew in a black hat and *peyot* (side-curls).

I don’t know what is

expected; I only know that I can be only who God made me to be. I am His ambassador, chosen not because of how I look, but chosen because of my heart to serve Him. He loved me first – even when I was still dead in my sins.

And you are an

ambassador, too. You, like Esther the queen, have been raised up to the Kingdom for such a time as this. Maybe you’ve been called to use some of the



Surprised by Rabbi Ted Simon’s appearance?

teachings from *Messianic Minutes* as a starting place to share the Good News with others. Maybe you’ll

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YOU NEVER KNOW

by Jeffrey D. Miller

Who will God bring across your path today? Will it be someone who gives you a compliment, someone who gives you trouble, someone who gives you money... we surely don’t know. But God does know, and that’s why it is so important for your

heart to be prepared, to be standing on His word. What if the person who crosses your path is in need of salvation, and is Jewish?

As you may know, Rabbi Ted and I live well over a hundred miles away from each other. And while we communicate often, we see each other only once a

month, when we record *Messianic Minutes*. During the rest of the month, we are going about our separate efforts in the ministry to reach Jewish people and bring support for Israel.

We don’t know who God will

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Messianic Minutes relies on support from friends like you. This ministry cannot continue without your aid.

All your prayers and donations are a great blessing to our work. Donations are tax-deductible, and go toward furthering the ministry.

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even be bringing the Gospel to a not-yet-saved Jewish person!

Or maybe you've been called to give financially generous support to this mission work – the work of Messianic Minutes.

Giving to Messianic Minutes is a significant way that you help advance Yeshua's Kingdom. After all the only support for the show comes through people just like you.

See, you don't have to be a

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movie star or a Hasidic Jew to be important to Yeshua. You just have to be you and allow the *Ruach Elohim* (Spirit of God) to move you through those good works – good works ordained for you from before the foundation of the earth. Giving today to

Messianic Minutes might very well be something you could do to help fulfill your destiny and help to significantly advance Yeshua's Kingdom.

As I travel and meet others who give to this ministry, not only are they surprised by how I look, but I am surprised by them as well. I am blessed that such faithfulness and obedience comes powerfully through people – people just like you. It's people just like you who are giving to support this ministry. Please join our team today by praying and giving. Your support at this time is not only necessary, but also surprisingly powerful.

NOW IS THE TIME TO FAVOR ZION

by Rabbi Ted Simon

"You will arise and have mercy on Zion: For the time to favor her, Yes the set time has come."

– Psalm 102:13

There are three keys to understanding and implementing this Truth from the Word of God. Since we know that The LORD will, and today is, going to show his Love to Israel, we want to pray and add appropriate works to our faith

1. Now is the time Since the 1900's, God has been bringing the Jewish people back to the Land promised by Covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There are many scriptural references, and one of the clearest is Jeremiah

30:2-5, especially verse three:

"For Behold the days... that I, The LORD, will bring back from captivity My people and I will cause them to return to the Land that I gave to their fathers."

Also, verse five clearly shows that the era accompanying the return of Israel and Judah will be a time of "trembling and not of peace." Jesus, in Luke 21:24, also helped us to understand this *kairos* era by pointing to Jerusalem and its being restored as a Jewish city (and being prepared for the place of His return).

2. To Favor When you favor someone, you give him or her special

treatment. Ask a good teacher – the object of your friendliness, approval, and liking needs the extra attention, and you must be willing to show partiality, to help further a special undertaking and mission. During the last century, and especially now, the Jewish people need special treatment prompted by friendliness.

3. Zion Up until now, favoring Israel appropriately meant helping establish the physical descendants of Abraham in the Promised Land. As Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians:

"The spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual" (15:27).

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put in our paths either. Here's a couple examples from my files.

I sat next to a Jewish man in an airplane on my way to minister in Puerto Rico. This intelligent, successful man (vice-president of a major investment banking firm) admitted to me he was searching. Then he told me he was studying yoga and looking into Buddhism. I was amazed, but not surprised. You see, many of my Jewish brethren have what I call ABJ, they will look to Anything But Jesus.

As the conversation continued, he said, "I'll tell you why I haven't looked to Jesus."

I said, "You tell me your reasons, then I'll tell you the **real** reason."

After he gave me two really silly excuses (one was my children are my Bible – I still haven't figured out that one), I looked him straight in the eye, saying, "The real reason is you haven't asked God!"

He paused, then said forthrightly but somewhat sadly, "**I don't know how.**"

There, my friends, is a major part of the problem. Jewish people generally don't understand God as a loving, caring Father to whom they can speak. Please understand, **most Jews simply don't know how to communicate with God.** All

those Hebrew prayers they learned in synagogue (though many are scriptural and magnificently praise God), are just mumbo-jumbo to them, things they say with little or no meaning.

Before we left the airplane, this man prayed with me to ask God to show him the truth. After he prayed, he said, "I feel better already." I sent him my testimony tape and am fully expecting him to come into the Kingdom of God.

A few weeks later, I did know a Jewish man was in the congregation where I was preaching because his unchurched Christian wife had called me to ask if I were going to be in their area soon. As the Lord arranged it, I was scheduled there that very weekend. So as I described how Jewish it is to believe in Jesus that Sunday morning, I had great anticipation.

In explaining how I came to accept Jesus as my Savior, I told the story, as I usually do, of how I spontaneously raised my hands to the Lord as the Spirit of God touched me. Later in the service, as I made an invitation for anyone present to make a commitment to Jesus, a man in the congregation looked right at me, then raised both his hands, as unto the Lord. **It was the Jewish man**, and as we prayed for his salvation, his wife tearfully hugged him. Hallelujah!

It turns out this man was really searching and was thinking of calling a Rabbi to give religious Judaism another chance. It wouldn't

have worked, but it would have delayed his entrance into the Kingdom of God. And it may have caused some confusion in the marriage. Now instead of confusion, there will be unity – the unity available only in Jesus. Plus, this man's wife re-committed her life to Jesus at the same time. For the first time in their marriage they were able to worship together, pray together and give their children proper Godly parenting.

If a an unsaved Jewish man sat next to you in church, or next to you on an airplane, would you be ready? The secret is to trust God to give you the words to say. Of course, it doesn't hurt to listen to *Messianic Minutes* either. You never know who might cross your path today.

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Do you have an experience witnessing to a Jewish person? Or are you a Jewish person who has had your life changed by a witness?

Share your story with us! We at Messianic Minutes are always excited to hear stories of success in bringing Jewish people into the Kingdom of Messiah!

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Messianic Minutes is a five minute daily radio program (with seasonal half-hour specials) aimed at bringing the Gospel to the Jewish people through Bible believing Christian listeners. The good news is that the Kingdom is available to you now! The program is hosted by Jeffrey D. Miller and Rabbi Ted Simon, two Jewish men who love Yeshua (Jesus), the Jewish Messiah.

Rabbi Simon and Mr. Miller also travel to various congregations all over the country in order to teach the church about its Jewish roots. They speak on a variety of subjects concerning Israel, the Church, and these last days, offering a Jewish perspective many Christians may have never experienced in the past.



NOW IS THE TIME TO FAVOR ZION

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Up until the last part of the 20th century, Believers around the world had assisted the natural Israel: there was virtually no spiritual Israel to assist. But today, in this *now* time, there are Jewish people in Israel who believe in Jesus the Messiah, and who are sharing their faith with Sabra Israelis and returning immigrants.

The Church has only

begun to wake up to the needs and the calling of the saints in Israel. Paul wrote, "they are not all Israel who are of Israel" (Romans 9:6b). Just because someone is Jewish and living in the Land at this special time – this time to Favor Zion – doesn't mean that we should support them or their mission work. The time to give multiple millions of dollars to *only plant trees or only to give to orthodox (Pharisee) missions work is waning*. Zion is not

every Jewish person; Zion is the remnant of Jewish people who Follow Jesus – living disciples who share His Good News and see that others have the opportunity to hear the Gospel (Romans 9:27).

Paul did not take up missions offerings for trees, heifers, or Pharisees. The Apostle Paul was not hesitant to bring large sums of money to the Believing Community. He boldly wrote: "I am going to

Jerusalem to minister to the Saints" (Romans 15:25).

My appeal to Bible believing Christians who sincerely desire that none would perish, but all would come to eternal life, is to begin to prayerfully rethink how best to bless Israel. I personally want to be doing Kingdom-advancing work. This is a crucial period in history: Now is the time to favor Zion.