

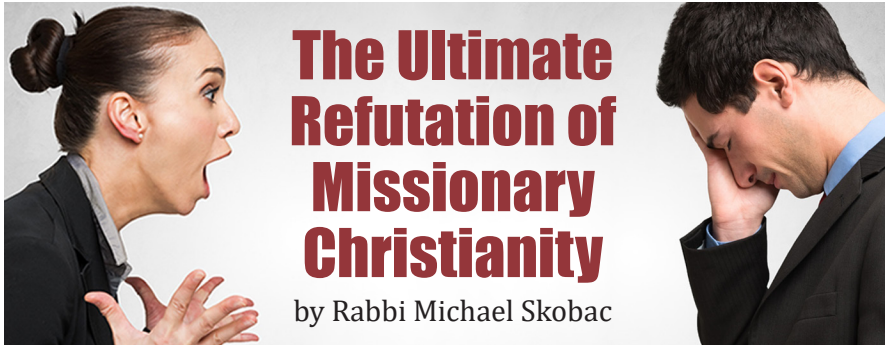
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The Ultimate Refutation of Missionary Christianity

by Rabbi Michael Skobac

The Torah teaches (Deuteronomy 19:15) that based on two witnesses we can establish the truth. In this article I propose to marshal two witnesses to refute one of the central claims of missionary Christianity.

One of the most well-known verses in the Christian Bible is from the Gospel of John, 14:6, where Jesus declares, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The point of this audacious assertion is that it is impossible to have a relationship with G-d unless one goes through Jesus.

The first witness against this claim is the Tanach, the Hebrew scriptures.

First, it is critical to realize that you will not find even one verse in the entire Tanach teaching that

to come to G-d, you need to go through anyone or anything else. In the Biblical Messianic prophecies, none even hints to the idea that we need the Messiah to have a relationship with G-d.

Isaiah, chapter 11, an incredibly clear description of the Messiah, tells us that he will be someone who fears G-d. Nothing is said about him being the door we need to go through to reach G-d.

Furthermore, we find countless examples of people in the Hebrew Bible who have intensely close relationships

with G-d without any knowledge of Jesus. In Psalm 63:9, David says, "My soul cleaves to You ..." — one of the strongest expressions of emotional-spiritual attachment to G-d.

In Deuteronomy 33:11 we read that "G-d spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend." Neither Moses nor any of the Biblical prophets needed Jesus in order to have a prophetic connection with G-d.

This was not just true for great prophets. King David wrote in Psalms 145:18, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth."

In the book of Jeremiah 29:12-14, G-d says, "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart, I will be found by you, declares the Lord."

My second witness is not based on Scripture; it is rooted in experience — it's empirical. It's my lived experience and the lived experience of countless others alive today. We literally feel the presence of G-d in our lives and sense His closeness. We see His hand in guiding the steps of our lives. When we pray to Him, He answers us. And He has performed numerous miracles in my life and in the lives of others who have absolutely no connection to Jesus. ■

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Volunteers are needed to help Jews for Judaism keep Jews Jewish on the 2026 UJA Walk with Israel. Last year, 56,000 people were on the Walk to show their support for Eretz Yisrael. As expected, anti-Israel protesters lined the parade route at two locations to spew their hatred for the State of Israel.

For decades, Christian missionaries have also capitalized on this large gathering of Jews and have marched along with banners and T-shirts emblazoned with their conversionary messages. In response, Jews for Judaism's volunteers monitor these missionaries and provide information for parade-goers confused or disturbed by their presence.

A donor once said, "Jews for Judaism's strong presence on the Walk with Israel is like a Police Force for the Jewish soul. They serve and protect against any missionaries or anti-Israel activists who wish to corrupt the hearts of Jews."

One of our volunteers, once a Messianic Jew, challenged a missionary who couldn't

1. This was a first! Engaging a missionary wearing a cape that says Mashiach (Messiah in Hebrew).
2. Julius Ciss (R) responds to questions from a Walk participant at our 'Walk Festival' booth.
3. Police separate Walkers from Anti-Israel protesters to whom Rabbi Skobac gives the thumbs down.

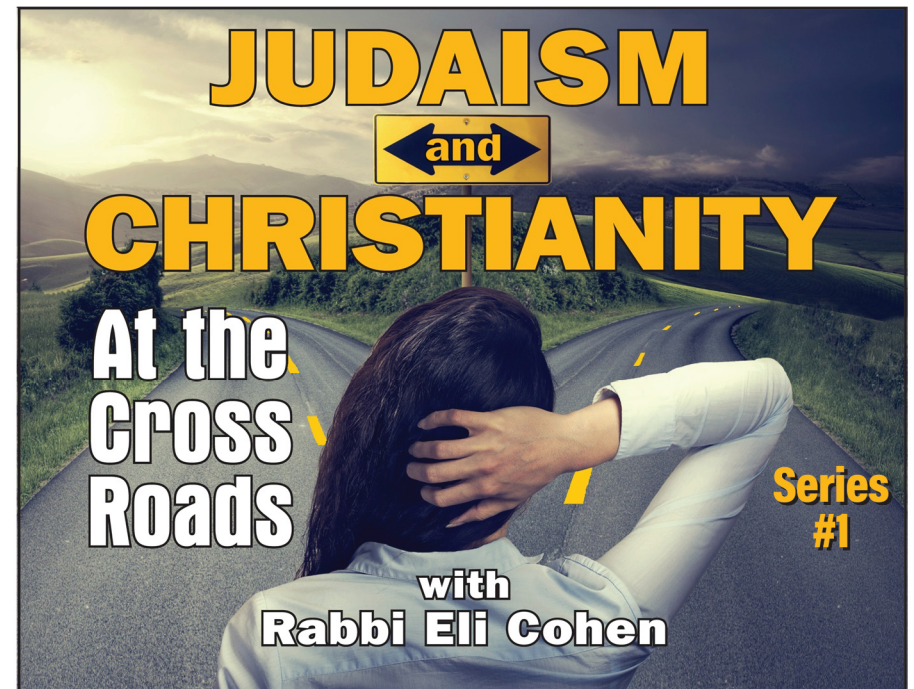


believe that someone who had once embraced Jesus was now volunteering for Jews for Judaism.

Executive Director Julius Ciss, also a former Jew for Jesus, engaged in productive dialogue with many "Walkers" at Jews for Judaism's 'Walk Festival' booth, where we distributed a lot of books and literature.

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What Is the Biblical Portrait of the Messiah?

by Rabbi Yisroel Chaim Blumenthal
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In an email exchange with the leader of a Messianic Jewish congregation, I was asked to define the concept of the Messiah based upon the Biblical text. This is my response: Genesis 49:10 tells us that the Messiah will have the nations gather to him.

Numbers 24:17-19 tells us that the Messiah will achieve military victory over Israel's enemies.

Isaiah 11:1-12:6 describes a leader imbued with a spirit of G-d, wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and fear of G-d. He will be a righteous judge and he will smite the wicked dead. Here too, it speaks of the nations seeking him (11:10, as in Genesis 49:10).

In this passage we get a description of the times of the Messiah. The prophet speaks of universal peace and universal knowledge of G-d (11:6-9). He also speaks of the ingathering of Israel's exiles (11:11-16) and Israel's victory over her enemies (11:14, as in Numbers 24:17-19). The prophet then describes Israel's song and exultation in praise of G-d (12:1-6).

Isaiah 55:3-4 speaks of G-d's kindness towards David and how He has appointed Him

a leader and a commander for the nations. My understanding of this passage is that it refers to David's descendant, the Messiah. G-d's promises to David are fulfilled through this descendant of his. This fits in with the other prophecies that refer to the Messiah (such as Genesis 49:10 and Isaiah 11:10).

The Messiah will be a wise and righteous king of the Davidic dynasty who will rule over Israel in an era when all the nations recognize Israel's role as God's firstborn son

Jeremiah 3:15 speaks of shepherds after G-d's heart, implying that the Messiah will not rule alone but that there will be a plurality of leaders in that time. This concept is repeated in Obadiah 1:21 and Micah 5:4.

Jeremiah 23:5-8 and 33:14-16 describe the Messiah as a king who executes justice and charity, and there will be security for Israel in his days.

Jeremiah 30:9 refers to the Messiah as "David," as does Ezekiel (34:23, 24 and 37:24) and Hosea (3:5). Implement, perform, accomplish, fulfill.

Jeremiah 30:21 tells us that the Messiah will be one of us (the Jewish people at the end of time will consider him one of their own) and that G-d will have to bring the Messiah close to Himself — because who would dare approach G-d.

Ezekiel 34:23-31 speaks of the Messiah as a

shepherd and a prince. The prophet describes the times as a period of peace, security and great bounty.

Ezekiel 37:22-28 also speaks of the Messiah and his times. It speaks of the Temple being rebuilt, Israel's reconciliation with G-d, ingathering of the exiles, observance of the Law, and a covenant of peace.

Ezekiel 44:3 speaks of the privilege of the prince/Messiah to eat his offerings in a special area of the Temple (reminiscent of Jeremiah 30:21).

Ezekiel 45:7-8 speaks of the land that will be designated for the Messiah in the end-times.

Ezekiel 45:16-17 speaks of the Messiah's responsibility to pay for the communal offerings of the holidays.

Ezekiel 45:22 speaks of the Messiah's responsibility to bring a sin-offering for himself and for the nation. Throughout chapter 46 (Ezekiel), we learn of various privileges and responsibilities of the Messiah.

Micah 5:3 speaks of the Messiah shepherding Israel with the might of G-d. Israel will return from the exile, and the fame of the Messiah will reach the ends of the earth. (Note that Micah 5:1 tells us that the Messiah will be

from the Bethlehemite clan, in keeping with the promise to David.)

According to many commentators, Zechariah 9:9-10 also refer to the Messiah. Here he is described as righteous and poor, riding on a donkey. He will rule with peace over the ends of the earth.

Zechariah, chapters 12 and 13, refer to the house of David in a position of leadership in the end-times — also a Messianic reference (12:7, 8, 10, 12; 13:1). Here too, we have a description of a military victory of Israel over her enemies.

I think that these are the Scriptural references of the man Messiah that are most explicit and clear. The picture we gather is that the Messiah will be a wise and righteous king of the Davidic dynasty who will rule over Israel in an era when all the nations recognize Israel's role as G-d's firstborn son. Thus, all of the nations will be subject to the Messiah as part of their submission to Israel (Isaiah 60:12).

The fact that the prophets refer to the Messiah by the name "David" tells us that the Messiah will be like David. Of all of the characters in the Jewish Scripture, we know David best. His entire heart is open for all to read in the Book of Psalms. David loved G-d with all of his heart and his words reflect that love. David was totally self-effacing before

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G-d. He publicly recognized and acknowledged his failings and sins before G-d. The utter humility of David before G-d, and David's all-consuming love of G-d touched the heart of Israel and continues to touch Israel's heart to this very day. The prophet describes David as the one who gives pleasantness to Israel's song (2 Samuel 23:1).

David is the ultimate human king. David was the man who had the ability to lead his people

to spiritual victory, as well as military victory, without diverting the attention of the people to himself. David directed everyone's devotion to G-d and to G-d alone. With David as our king, the sovereignty of G-d is in no way eclipsed. This is what we look forward to. We look forward to a time when everyone is absolutely cognizant of G-d's absolute sovereignty, under a king who continuously inspires us to increase and grow in our awareness of G-d's absolute sovereignty and love. ■

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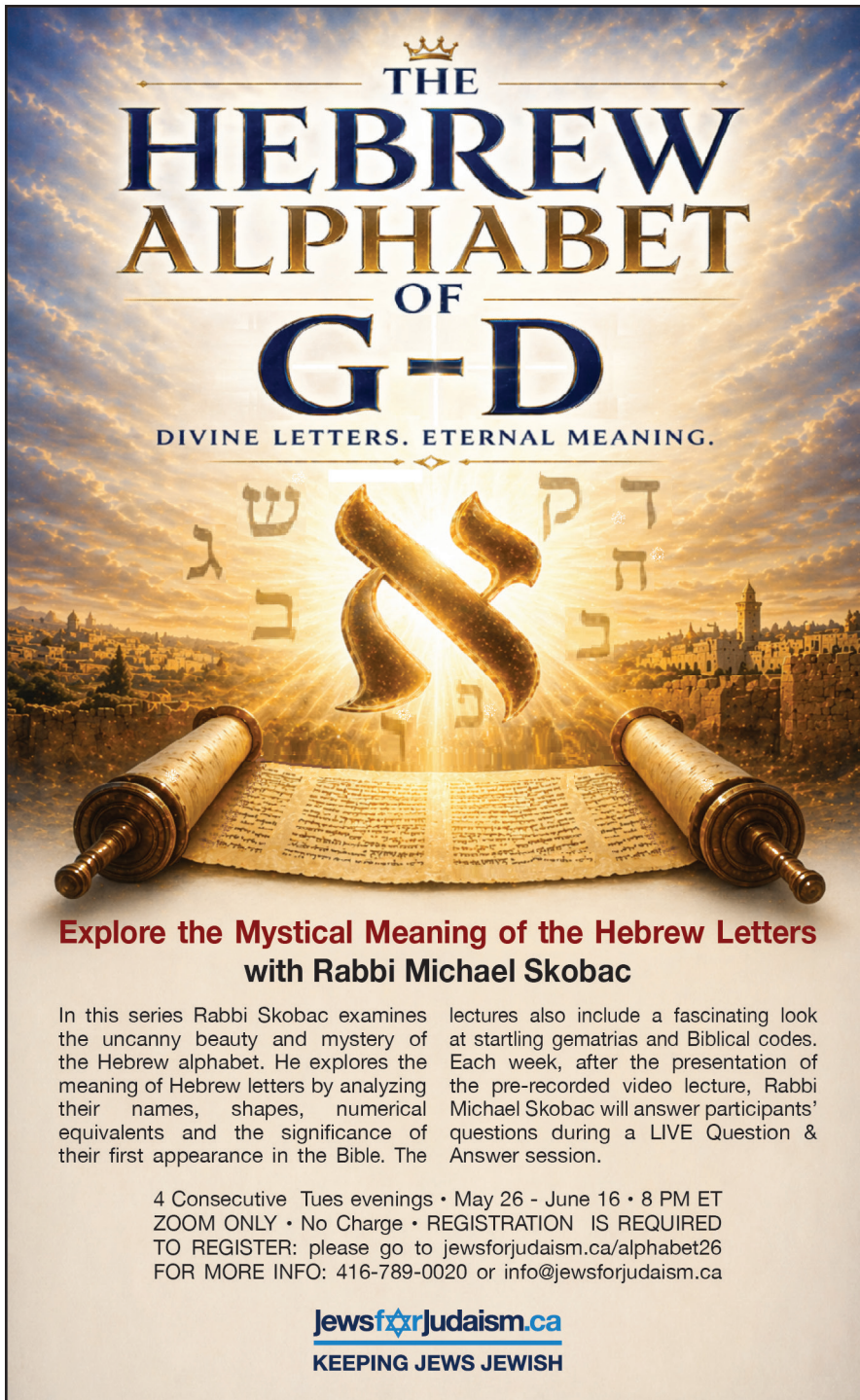
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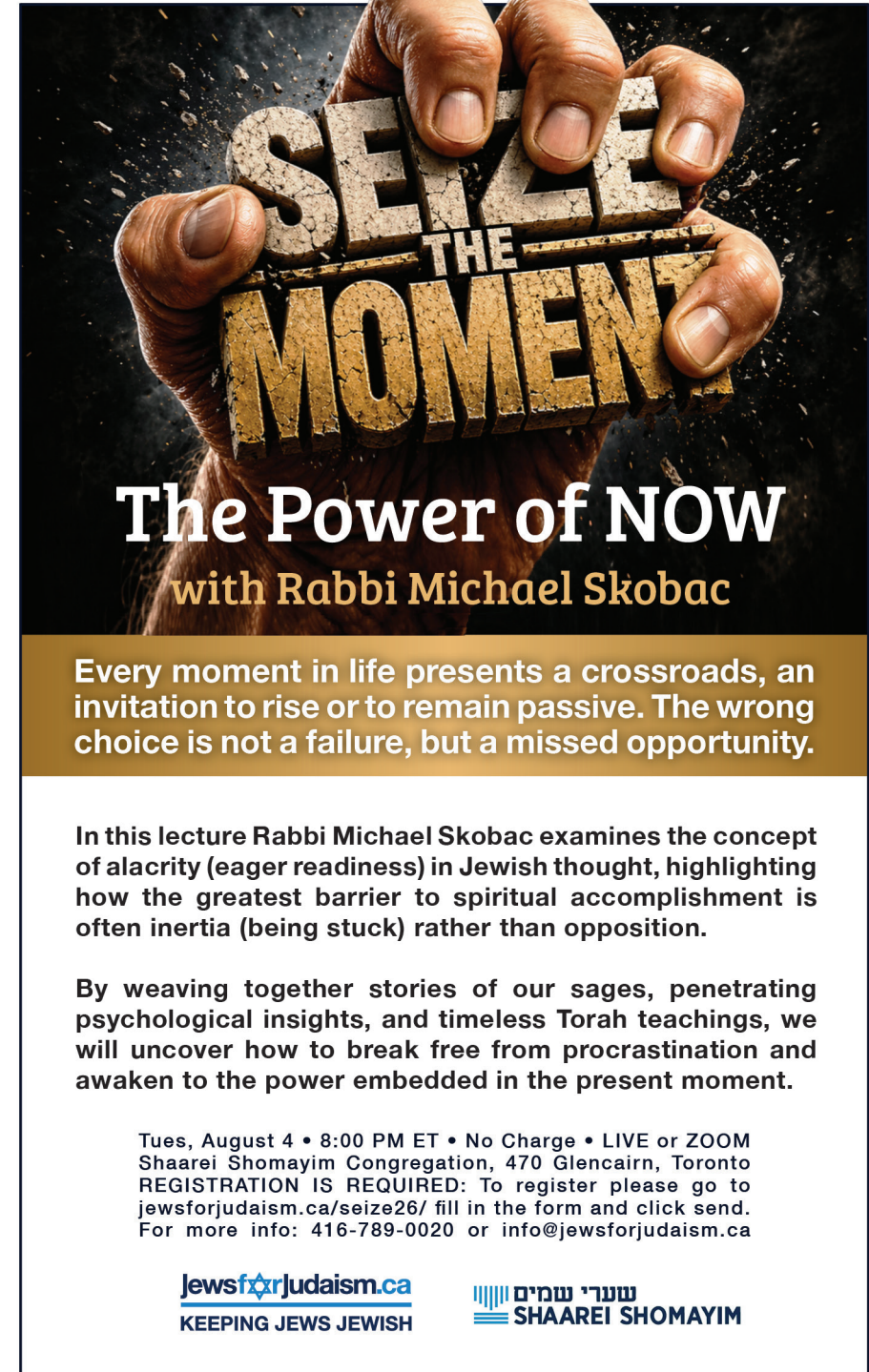
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