

June 13, 2020 Letter to the Messianic Jews 4.12-14  
Surgical Precision

Sabbatical thank you and coming back, I saw how the outreach had developed. I want to show you some beautiful pictures.



*[Lori's idea. Wonderful signs. Rivka Hare's artwork, Mike Boatright project manager and heat survival coach. Manicured lawn: Kent, Deena, Scott Hahn.]*



*[All who have served in this stand please, reach out our hands toward them in prayer.]*



[\[https://www.templeinstitute.org/new-location.htm\]](https://www.templeinstitute.org/new-location.htm)



Cut EXACTLY what is need, and not a nanometer more or less! Sometimes hard to tell.

See with augmented reality in operating room.  
See with anointed reality in scripture.  
Does G-d use surgical precision to cut through the confusion of our age?

<https://disruptive.asia/augmented-reality-ar-next-big-thing-tim-cook/>

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piercing right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. *[G-d breaks through all our excuses.]*

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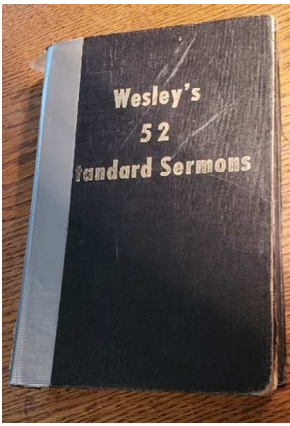
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How can we discern spiritual TRUTH, in a world so filled with lies and accusations?

*[After I became a believer, I would hear preaching on being filled with the Spirit, Sanctified Wholly, losing your salvation → confusion. So I went to the source of that revival movement, as Wesley interpreted the scriptures.]*



These are the messages that transformed England in the 1700s. When I got into confusion about spiritual life, I resolved to spend my lunch with John Wesley. About 2 years. *[Surgically precise spiritual help. We need some surgically precise spiritual help now.]*

*Much confusion in our culture, accusations, anger.]*

Acknowledging our sin is the first step to spiritual LIFE. “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” How do we get spiritual precision with all the deception and excuses?

Excuses for sin:

- I was hurt, need comfort.
- I was hurt, need to hurt back.
- I’m lonely.
- I’m just being myself.
- Everyone else is doing it.
- This “sin” hasn’t hurt me.
- This “sin” hasn’t hurt anyone.
- He made me mad.
- The devil goaded me, made me do it.
- Loose imaginations.
- The system is corrupt anyhow.

*[From CS Lewis’ Screwtape Letters Demon coach to newbie.*

*My dear Wormwood,*

*I’m encouraged to read in your last report that your patient has gotten in the habit of blaming others for his own vices. The way that he lost his temper, and then had the audacity to blame his wife for it, warmed this old devil’s heart. Perhaps something of me is finally penetrating that thick skull of yours.]*

### My Awakening

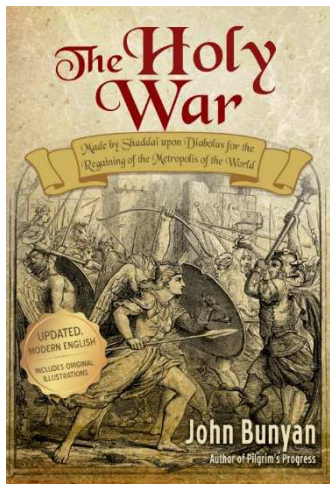
Written four years after *Pilgrim’s Progress*, John Bunyan followed up with this second allegorical classic. [<https://anekopress.com/product/the-holy-war/>]

Great allegory called *The Holy War* by John Bunyan about the conquest of the city of Mansoul by the army and wiles of Diabolis. I heard an audio of it when I was first a believer.

[<https://www.learnoutloud.com/podcaststream/listen.php?url=http://librivox.org/rss/1856&all=1&title=35246>

audio of Holy War John Bunyan

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All the attributes of spiritual life are characters. Mr. Conscience was kept drunk by Diabolis. A line that brought me to weeping was, “Every now and then, Mr. Conscience would wake from his stupor and roar, and the people would tremble.”

How do we get Mr. Conscience to Roar, and cut through cultural lies → spiritual precision?  
Revelation of G-d’s goodness.

In the presence of the Holy One, the “liquid love” of that Pilgrim Holiness church, all my excuses and justifications melted, and I came to faith in the Messiah. [Golden glow up in the laminated rafters. “Cloud of liquid love.” April 13, 1969, I experienced New Birth. Many young people similarly seeking.

Went home few weeks later. “Mom, Dad, I’ve found the answer to life’s problems. It’s not in drugs, or revolution, but in the love of Jesus Christ.” Sent me to psychiatrist. “You’re worse than Hitler. He destroyed our bodies. You are destroying our souls.”

But, what about Jewishness? “Put on altar” I’ll figure out the Jewish piece later. Need to get the salvation piece. Later, I learned ...]

<sup>MJ 4.9-14</sup> We have a great Kohen Gadol who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua Ben-Elohim.



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But ... context.

How did I get to that place of Mr. Conscience waking up?

My first ever sense of sin was relative to racism. I grew up in a secular home, where no Biblical absolutes were taught. So morality was not based on anything fixed, and so my generation ultimately threw out all reasons for morality, such as virginity before marriage, etc. The first sense of unexcused sin and wrongdoing I EVER experienced was when I was playing some ballgame with friends outside of our apartment building, 84-55 Daniel St., Jamaica, NY. I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or so. While we were hanging out there, a black woman came out the front door.



**[Pershing Crescent where Malka Ginenthal lived for a while.]**

I'm pretty sure, based on the patterns of employment in the building and families, that the black lady was a housecleaner. My parents had a black housecleaner once or twice a week. Lots of the families did. My friends and I looked at her, and snickered at her, basically communicating that she was an inferior being, just a black servant.

I can remember to this day her indignant expression. I think she actually said, "What are you laughing at?" I can also remember the sting of guilt in my heart that we had humiliated her, and been really mean. She had gone her way, and there was no way to apologize. But it was my first awakening to evil in my own heart and my culture.

Rabbit trail: later we moved a few blocks away, within sight of Flushing Meadows Park where the UN General Assembly voted for the creation of the Nation of Israel.



**[The United Nations General Assembly approved Resolution 181, for the partition of British Palestine into the nations of Israel for the Jews and Palestine for the Arabs.]**

I felt this guilt again as the Civil Rights Movement developed, and my High School was totally segregated. We had one token black student as a senior, and when he graduated, we had one black boy come in as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

Moreover, just to the north of us, across the Long Island RR tracks, was a gerrymandered district called New Cassel. It was slummy and about 100% black populated. My house was the red dot.

**Long Island  
Railroad  
tracks**



New Cassel was so close to the north, but really another galaxy. So, there was an opportunity for us High School kids to tutor elementary students in New Cassel.

I got involved, and became the organizer. It was part of the Human Rights Club, of which I became president. At max, we had almost 100 tutors going to New Cassel on Friday afternoons to tutor math, reading, whatever. Some in schools, some in the homes.

However, it was while doing this that I realized that even if I could help these kids

academically to succeed and prosper, the best I could hope for them was the prosperity my family had, and we were relationally miserable.

I later learned of the rich man in hell, who begged that Lazarus go and warn people so that they wouldn't come to his place of torment. I felt analogous to that. I didn't want to set these impoverished black kids up for prosperity that was spiritually miserable, and come to my place of torment. So THAT is when I started to seek a spiritual/philosophical ANSWER. This eventually led me to have an open heart to Yeshua, when I was two years out of high school.

#### **The Perfect Christian world**

In Bible College, I met some really prejudiced kids. The school was in Cincinnati, on the Ohio River, which was the Mason-Dixon line in the Civil War. So we had a LOT of boys from Dixie who would freely say disrespectful things about blacks. Maybe use the "n" word. However, there was an older student, a guy who was a mentor to me. *[Mt. Auburn]*

He was a black student, Ray Glenn, who eventually was the best man at our wedding. I had zero patience with the prejudiced boys in the dorm, and told them repeatedly that there is no difference between them and the black kids, and that G-d only forbid intermarriage between believers and non-believers.

That's why Jews couldn't intermarry: not race, but faith. One of my favorite lines was to say that G-d didn't care at all about a white pagan marrying a black pagan. They're all equal pagans to G-d. That precipitated the desired offended reaction. Moreover, those were the days of the race riots. Watts, Detroit, Buffalo, Plainfield, NJ were all recent memories. Others were current. *[Jewish arrogance, but I was 20 years old and belligerent about this.]*

Dr. Martin Luther King and the March on Washington, and Nelson Mandela in South Africa were news. Christians insisted that the problem with S. Africa was NOT apartheid, but communism. "MLK was a communist agitator," people would say.

The neighborhood of Mt. Auburn was all black, and there was NO relationship with neighbors except fear. I would go witnessing around the neighborhood, and the local people didn't know what the school was about. I had a great time connecting with the teens, and actually there was a bit of a youth revival. It really bothered me that the holiness school was so unholy in this issue. The holiness culture was big on giving personal testimonies, so one day I stood up and said that the reason we are not having revival is that too many of our Bible School community have a bad attitude about blacks, and think inter-racial marriage is a sin. I requested we repent of this sin. The whole chapel was in shock.

*[I said that, sort of in the heart of Dixieland. Just north of the Mason-Dixon Line.]*

However, they cut me a lot of slack, since I was the unique Jewish hippy convert that they handled with kid gloves in many ways. One very docile black guy came up to me later and thanked me for standing for them and for justice.

I went to services in an inner-city mission, with all black people. We had some amazing salvations. That's where Dawn and I got to know each other. Barry Cummings, Rob, Leroy and Gayle Kauffman.



Barry Cummings and me in front of Walnut Hills Mission, ~1971



Walnut Hills Mission crowd ~1971

Later, in 1980, I was recommended to a pastorate in Winnipeg, MB, specifically because one of my early mentors knew of my inner-city work. Actually, a lot of Jewish people were involved in humanitarian work like that. So, indigenous Canadians, First Nations, "Indians" were a logical outgrowth of that connection.

The Native people figured it out, that I was a cross-cultural conversion, in some sense, just as they were. And they knew that I knew the heart of a disenfranchised and persecuted people, in a way that the Anglo missionaries could not. So, it was a great and supernatural 6 years there.

*[They learned and loved Heenay Mah Tov, and sang it at Baruch's circumcision, for which my mother flew in and made Knedelach and Kreplach.*

Long story, but I have a real sensitivity to the wounds and needs of people of color.]

#### Ongoing effect

At Or HaOlam we've had a pattern of speakers from Africa

- May 4, 2019 – Ugandan Umar Mulinde
- June 8, 2019 – Ethiopian Kokeb Gademu
- Sept. 26, 2020 – Rwandan Lambert Bariho

Bought this building from Neema Kenyan Church and Pastor David Nzioka. He gave us a greeting on July 16, 2016.

Kenyans are special to Jews

- Entebbe rescue July 4, 1976
- Mombasa Paradise Hotel attack, Nov. 28, 2002

I personally have a great sense of compassion for the suffering of persons of color. Their history is like ours, in slavery.

Suffering often elicits wrong response.

#### Release from bitterness

In 2008, I was asked to speak at a prayer conference in Nuremburg, Germany, by Pastor Ekkehart Hoefing, between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. We did a teaching and demo of Teerosh at Messiah Conference that he attended.

*[And other relevant topics. Obviously, the season of forgiveness. But when I arrived, every street and store sign, every spoken word, was a hateful reminder of odiousness!]*

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*[How could I speak on forgiveness with such resentment at every nuance of the culture there?]*

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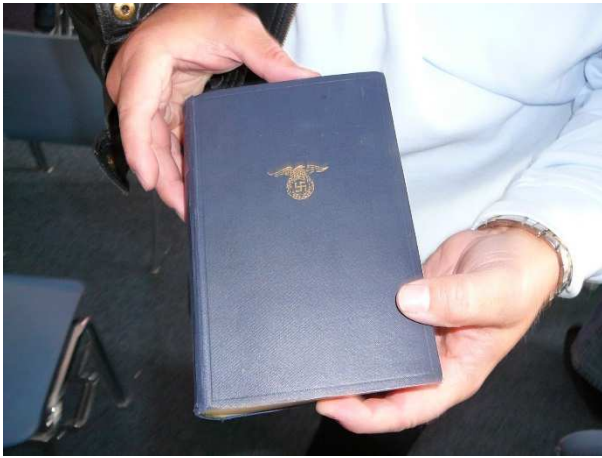
*[Distinguish between offense and Truth.]*

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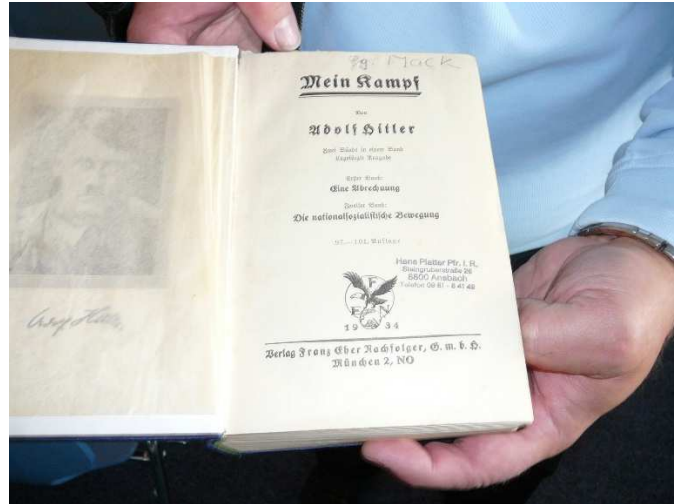
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*[Pastor Ekkehard and his people had a great sense of Jewish wounding by the Germans, and determined to help me get free.]*





Oct. 6, 2008  
Nazi book  
Pastor Ekkehart Hoeffing's mother was given this vintage copy of *Mein Kampf* for her wedding in the 1930s. He showed it to me like it was something special. I looked on it as if it was a bottle of sarin/nerve gas. Ekkehart said, we want to burn this and break the curse while YOU are here.



Note: Mein Kampf, 1934



Set afire by descendants of Nazis





Burning *Mein Kampf* singing Am Yisrael Chi עם ישראל חי The People of Israel Live!

One of the men there was related to Eva Braun, Hitler’s mistress ... now celebrating the LIFE of Israel and the Jewish people and the destruction of this relic of Nazi teaching!!

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2. If we are harshly, destructively accused of sin.

False Accusations that Jewish people are still facing

In a February 2020 polling of 3011 adults from across UK by Focaldata, the HOPE Not Hate Charitable Trust found that, in answer to the question “Do Jews have an “unhealthy control of the banking system,”

[[www.hopenothate.org.uk/2020/04/26/trust-no-one-findings/](http://www.hopenothate.org.uk/2020/04/26/trust-no-one-findings/)]

13% of the respondents agreed with this anti-Semitic propaganda, while 38% couldn’t say that this Nazi-like declaration was either true or false, or answered that they didn’t know.

[Avner Boskey newsletter. *Unreasonable accusations!*]

The University of Oxford published a recent survey in the journal Psychological Medicine on May 22, 2020 revealing that 20% of surveyed Brits believe that Jews created COVID-19 to collapse the economy for financial gain.

[Avner Boskey newsletter

<http://jpost.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>]

Democratic Socialists of America:

“The police violence happening tonight in Minneapolis is straight out of the IDF playbook,” adding, “US cops train in Israel.”

- “The racist and brutal tactics used by Israeli military and US cops are purposefully one and the same,” it charged, citing no evidence.
- “So-called ‘less lethal’ weapons like tear gas are manufactured in the US and sold to Israel where they are tested and used on Palestinians,” the group claimed, before going on to say, “Surveillance tech is made in Israel & brought to the US to invade the privacy of Black, brown, Muslim, poor, and otherwise marginalized people.”

[[https://unitedwithisrael.org/pro-bds-group-links-israel-to-minneapolis-police-violence-causing-outrage/?utm\\_source=MadMimi&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Temple+Mount+Reopens%3A+Hundreds+of+Jews+Visit+Judaism%E2%80%99s+](https://unitedwithisrael.org/pro-bds-group-links-israel-to-minneapolis-police-violence-causing-outrage/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Temple+Mount+Reopens%3A+Hundreds+of+Jews+Visit+Judaism%E2%80%99s+)

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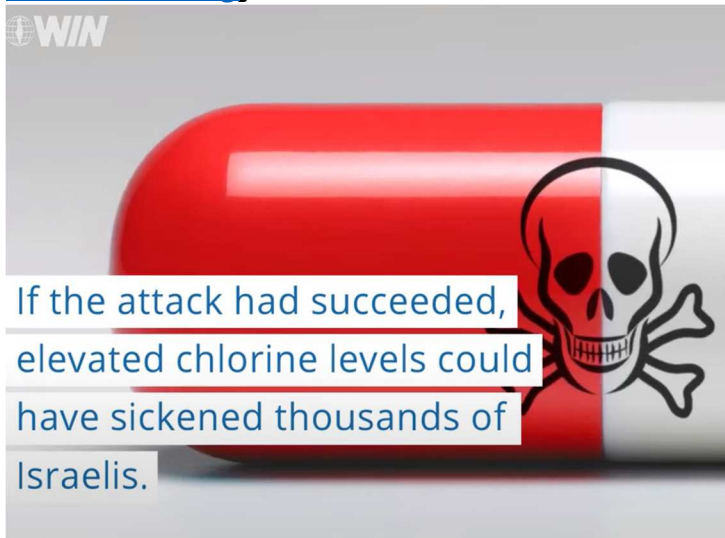
Corbyn appeared with veteran left-wing activist Tariq Ali, listening quietly as Ali linked Israel to the killing of George Floyd last month in Minnesota.

“I would now like to come to another part of the world which ironically links the knee on the neck to George Floyd to this region because a lot of the American police forces have been trained in Israel,” Ali said. “And the method in dealing with protests or ordinary citizens is virtually the same. You can find lots of photos of Israelis when these people are brave enough to take photographs with their knees on the neck of Palestinians.”

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Last week Iran is said to have attempted to poison Israel’s population by hacking Israel’s water system to increase the amount of chlorine in it. Authorities say the attack revealed a weak spot in Israel’s security and that the hack should have been successful. They don’t know why it didn’t work but will be taking steps to increase security.

*[Ari and Shira Sorko-Ram, Kobi and Shani Ferguson and the entire Maoz Israel Team [maozisrael.org](http://maozisrael.org)]*



[\[https://worldisraelnews.com/watch-daily-israel-news-recap-june-1-2020/?utm\\_source=MadMimi&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Netanyahu%2C+Kushner+Discuss+Israeli+Annexation%3B+July+1+is+Deadline%3B+Silent+Corona+Carriers+Without+Symptoms+Big+Unknown%3B+Jews+Defend+LA+Synagogue+from+Rioters&utm\\_campaign=20200601\\_m158635\]](https://worldisraelnews.com/watch-daily-israel-news-recap-june-1-2020/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Netanyahu%2C+Kushner+Discuss+Israeli+Annexation%3B+July+1+is+Deadline%3B+Silent+Corona+Carriers+Without+Symptoms+Big+Unknown%3B+Jews+Defend+LA+Synagogue+from+Rioters&utm_campaign=20200601_m158635)

So, Jewish people and Black people have been falsely accused, berated.

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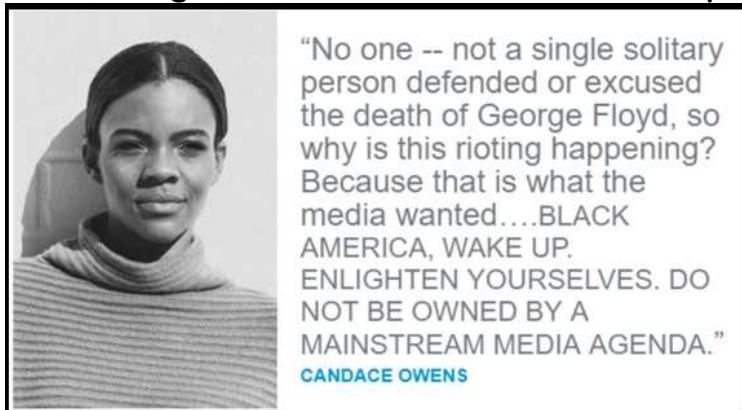
It's time to use the word of G-d to discern. What is going on REALLY?

Justice

Mercy

Remember 1968? All the country was going to hell, but revival was happening hidden in plain sight.

Two courageous and counter cultural black spokespersons:



[Candace Owens is a conservative commentator and political activist. She was a journalism student at the University of Rhode Island. A staunch Democrat all of her life, Owens began to question the Left's policies toward black Americans, and investigate the harm they inflict on the community. She has thousands of followers across many social media



[Laurence Allen Elder is an American libertarian talk radio host, author, and attorney who hosts The Larry Elder Show. The show began as a local program on Los Angeles radio station KABC in 1993 and ran until 2008, followed by a second run on KABC from 2010 to 2014. (Wikipedia) Born

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Examine our hearts.

- Promise Keepers: do we tend to prioritize, elevate, or diminish any racial group in our deepest emotions?
- Do we fear any group?

Connection?

- The enemy loves to sow suspicion, division. Jews have experienced accusations. Blacks have experienced accusations. Everyone has experienced accusations.

A sad example of blame → destructive behavior.

A Seattle Councilwoman says the six-block, warlord-controlled 'Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone' (CHAZ) should permanently remain in the hands of the public, according to *KOMO News*.



[\[https://www.oann.com/seattle-police-warn-  
businesses-within-citys-autonomous-zone-about-possible-extortion-from-protesters/\]](https://www.oann.com/seattle-police-warn-businesses-within-citys-autonomous-zone-about-possible-extortion-from-protesters/)

Councilwoman Kshama Sawant says she plans to introduce legislation which would officially convert the neighborhood into a "community center for restorative justice."

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**From Dr. Michael Brown:** Many observers are comparing the year 2020 with 1968, the year Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, leading to riots all over America. Not long after that, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated. By 1969, there was Woodstock, the Stonewall riots and more. Yet behind the scenes, under the surface, something else was going on.

The rebellion was certainly real and the generation gap undeniable. And the obsession with sex, drugs and rock-n-roll was anything but a myth. But underneath it all, often in plain sight, there was a deep spiritual search. Young people were looking for the meaning of life.

They were asking deep questions, and the simple answers of the American dream no longer satisfied. (Why work hard in school, to get into the best college, to get the best job, so your kids could simply repeat the cycle?)

Traditional religion didn't seem to have the answers either, and so young people sought after Eastern religions and new philosophies. Still, Yeshua seemed pretty cool, and many were open to find out more about Him. And so, right there in the middle of these rebellious, fleshly times, the Jesus Revolution began.

(The starting date is normally put at 1967.) The results were dramatic, illustrated by these two headlines from *Time Magazine*, one from April 1966, the other from June 1971.

The first asked in stark, bold letters: "Is God Dead?"

The second, just five years later, announced, "The Jesus Revolution."

The real tragedy is that most pastors and churches did not understand what was happening. They didn't see the spiritual search going on in the midst of the counterculture revolution. Instead, they saw the outward, the obvious. They saw the rebellion.

They saw the outlandish costumes and heard the scandalous lyrics. But they missed the spiritual pain. The longing. The searching. Then, when tens of thousands of hippies and radicals and rebels began showing up in large numbers at many small, traditional churches, in many cases, the churches didn't know what to do with them.

Consequently, what could have been a much greater, long-lasting spiritual harvest fell far short of its potential.

Now, when it comes to 2020, we have never had another year like it. How, then, should we look at the current state of affairs in America? What is the divine perspective?

This does not mean that we do not take concrete steps to stop the anarchy. It does not mean that we seek spiritual solutions alone while ignoring a host of practical issues that must be addressed. But it means that we look beyond the sin, the anger, the violence. It means we get God's heart for the looters and the vandals, along with His heart for the peaceful, aggrieved protesters.

And while we recognize that force must be used to stop the lawbreakers, we know this will not address the boiling anger and lawlessness. Only the gospel can transform lives. In short, the greatest thing we can do is point people to Yeshua. There, the ultimate act of injustice was carried out, as the perfect Son died for the sins of the world.

And from that bloodied place, redemption flows for the entire human race. Let's step back from the news for a moment and lift our hearts in prayer, asking God to give us His perspective on the protests and riots and to enable us to be part of a lasting, transformative solution. Isn't that what He desires?

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So, my thrust from the Sabbatical on building community by small groups, to strengthen ourselves, and prepare to welcome newcomers, IS relevant to this time!

<sup>MJ 4.9-14</sup> For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword—piercing right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

<sup>MJ 4.9-14</sup> No creature is hidden from Him, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account, Yeshua, our **Compassionate Kohen Gadol**.

### **Surgical Precision: outline**

- **Cause of Repentance**
  - See oneself without excuse Ro.1.20
  - Goodness/Kindness of G-d → see our sin Ro. 2.4
  - **My repentance Saga**
- **Hindrances to Repentance**
  - Diverting guilt → blame
  - False guilt / accusations
- **What is G-d doing to bring real repentance**

<sup>[Ro 1.20</sup> *His invisible attributes—His eternal power and His divine nature—have been clearly seen ever since the creation of the world, being understood through the things that have been made. So people are without excuse.*

<sup>Ro. 2.4</sup> *God's kindness leads you to repentance.]*

