

April 3, 2021  
Resurrection Hope

**I hired a handy man and gave him a list. When I got home, only items #1, 3, & 5 were done.**

**Turns out, he only does odd jobs.**

[from Brian Kaufman, I think]



Scholarly debate between Lucy and Linus



Whatever the Oral Roberts men's basketball team manages to do on the court can't obscure the dangerous and hateful ideology of its core institution."

"It is the school's **discriminatory and hateful anti-LGBTQ+** policy that fans should protest as the Golden Eagles advance in the tournament ... [A]s part of their honor code, the university requires students to abide by a pledge saying that they will not engage in 'homosexual activity,' and that they will not be united in

marriage other 'than the marriage between one man and one woman.'" *Tony Perkins*

Note: "**discriminatory and hateful**" [<https://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WA21C56&f=WU21C18>]

It seems that the culture is against our biblical lifestyle, and we are labelled as hateful, with consequences. How can we be optimistic, have hope?



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    - c. Transhumanism
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- [Eternal life is built into the warp and woof of our being.]

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### A. Eternal Life in the Logic of Eden

Ber./Gen 2.15-17 Then Adoni Elohim took the man and gave him rest in the Garden of Eden in order to cultivate and watch over it. Then Adoni Elohim commanded the man saying, “From all the trees of the garden you are most welcome to eat. But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you must not eat. For when you eat from it, **you most assuredly will die!**

*The implication is that if they avoid the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, **they would live ... forever.** Physical death is really a mercy. If we lived forever in this depraved state, we would do anything. No consequence. Eternal consequence plus or minus.]*

### B. Eternity in our hearts

Kohelet/Ecc 3.11 He has made everything suited to its time; also, he has **given human beings an awareness of eternity**; but in such a way that they can't fully comprehend, from beginning to end, the things G-d does.

אֶת-הַכֹּל עָשָׂה יְפָה בְּעֵתוֹ ; גַּם אֶת-הָעֵלֶם נָתַן בְּלִבָּם מִבְּלֵי אִשׁוֹר לֹא-יִמְצָא הָאָדָם אֶת-הַמַּעֲשֵׂה אִשׁוֹר-עָשָׂה הָאֱלֹהִים, מִרֹאשׁ וְעַד-סוֹף

1 Cor. 15.16-19 For if the dead are not raised, not even Messiah has been raised. And if Messiah has not been raised, your faith is futile—you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Messiah have perished. **If we have hoped in Messiah in this life alone, we are to be pitied more than all people.**

So, eternal life is in the warp and woof of our consciousness, from the beginning of time. That's why death is an enemy. Eternal life will be somewhere, without G-d...terrifying.

### B. Eternal life embedded in Transhumanism

*[New word? Transvestite, transgender, transitioning]*

transhumanism

- A belief that humans should strive to transcend the physical limitations of the mind and body by technological means.
- a philosophy favouring the use of science and technology, especially neurotechnology, biotechnology, and nanotechnology, to overcome human limitations and improve the human condition

*[<https://www.wordnik.com/words/transhumanism> sent to me by Vicki Kline]*

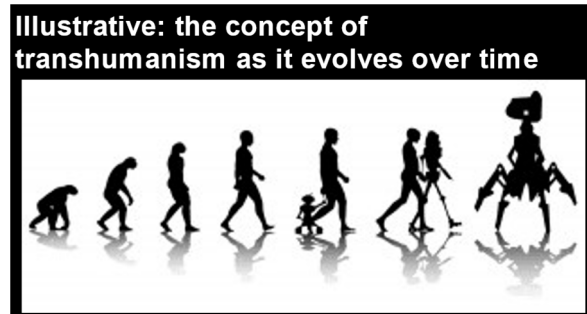


Photo: transhumanity.net

<https://www.israel365news.com/90921/transhuman-tendency-man-machines-trumping-god/>

Russian transhumanists and life extensionists Alexey Turchin and Maxim Chernyakov suggests combatting aging by replacing diseased organs with bioengineered ones or staying alive in a nanotech body, when that technology develops. If those methods are unavailable or

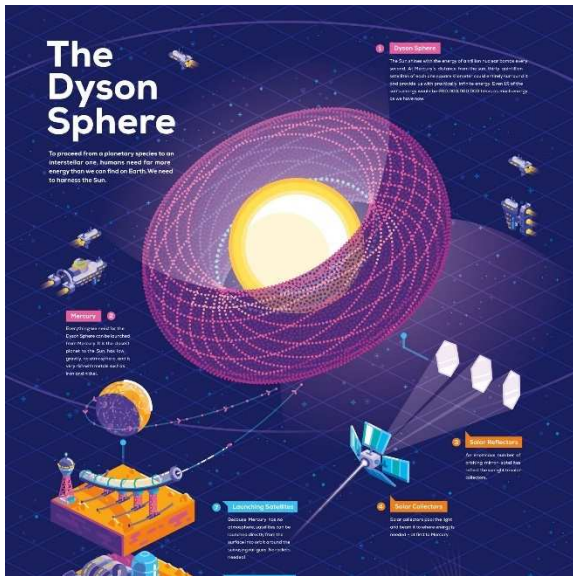
unsuccessful, Turchin recommends cryonics, or freezing the body.

Another method they explore is referred to as "indirect mind uploading," or "digital immortality." This involves the preservation of data about a person to allow for future reconstruction by a powerful computer artificial intelligence (AI). Turchin is already doing this in his own life by recording every detail of his life as it happens.

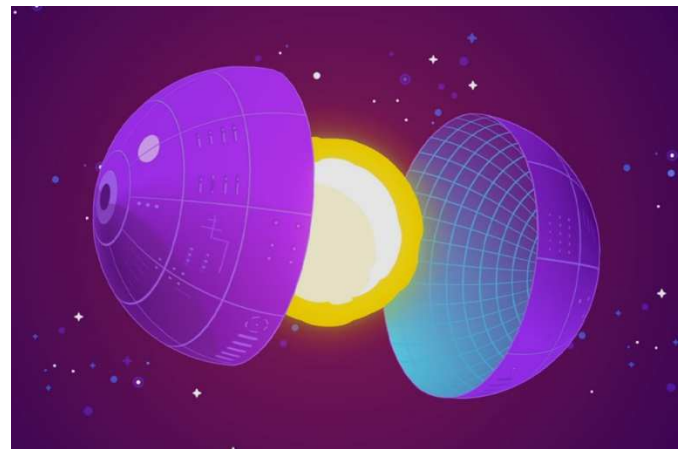
One possible scenario would involve downloading the digitalized version of the individual into a host body reconstructed from the original via cloning. Cells for the cloning process could be obtained by digging up the graves of the deceased. "If we want to do it with a good probability of success, then count on [the year] 2600, to be sure."

The major obstacle the two researchers foresaw to the technologies required to manifest immortality and resurrection for billions of people would be a sophisticated AI and the energy required to power the systems. Their vision included power being provided by a Dyson Sphere, a hypothetical megastructure that completely encompasses a star, in this case, the sun, and captures a large percentage of its power output. In this case, a Dyson Sphere around the sun would produce roughly 400 septillion watts per second.

[<https://www.israel365news.com/188609/scientists-propose-surrounding-the-sun-with-supercomputer-to-resurrect-the-dead/>]



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[<https://uncrate.com/p/2018/12/building-a-dyson-sphere.jpg>]

**Raymond Kurzweil, born 1948, is an American inventor and futurist.**



Kurzweil has joined the Alcor Life Extension Foundation, a cryonics company. In the event of his declared death, Kurzweil plans to be perfused with cryoprotectants, vitrified in liquid nitrogen, and stored at an Alcor facility in the hope that future medical technology will be able to repair his tissues and revive him.

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray\\_Kurzweil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Kurzweil)]

**Conclusion #1: Eternal life is an expectation planted deep in the human spirit. But how can we obtain it?**





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Vayikra/Lev 23.5-8 During the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is Adoni's Passover. On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Matzot to Adoni. For seven days you are to eat matzah. *[Hag Festival Matzot = Pesakh]* On the first day you are to have a holy convocation and you should do no regular work ... On the seventh day is a holy convocation, when you are to do no regular work."

1<sup>st</sup> day = work cessation Mar. 27 Exodus from Egypt ... Seder meal  
7<sup>th</sup> day = work cessation Apr. 3 Reed Sea crossing ...

*[The Baal Shem Tov (founder of Hassidism) remarked that on the last day of Passover, the rays of the messianic redemption are already shining bright. He instituted that a special meal be held during the waning hours of the day. Known as "Moshiakh's Meal," this rich and multifaceted custom was vigorously encouraged by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.*

*Mandatory for Jews or Gentiles? NO, but celebratory]*

Lev 23.9-11 Adoni spoke to Moses saying: "Speak to people of Israel and tell them: When you have come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you are to bring the omer of the **firstfruits** of your harvest to the kohen. He is to wave the omer before Adoni, to be accepted for you. **On the morrow after the Shabbat, the kohen is to wave it.**  
*[There is NOTHING in Jewish liturgy, the Siddur, the Makhzor, to celebrate this holiday in post-Biblical times. To Messianics, it is the BIG event. The biggest holiday. Not enough Messianic songs about the Resurrection.]*

There are two interpretations as to the "morrow after the Shabbat" phrase, for firstfruit waving.

- Monday, March 29 or
- Sunday, April 4.
- We are doing barley / firstfruits / resurrection today on Saturday, April 3.
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In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea established a formula for the date of Resurrection celebration as the Sunday following the full moon that falls on or after the spring equinox = Mar. 21.

Separated from Heb calendar

*[<https://www.learnreligions.com/how-date-of-easter-is-calculated-542413>*

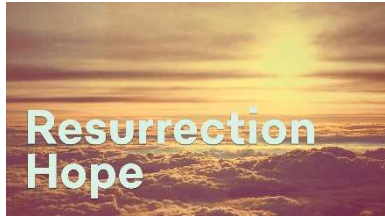
*Gruber Church and the Jews p. 28-29 But sometimes Passover and the Church's Resurrection Day are in sync.]*

1 Cor. 15.20-23 **The Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man ... But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits.**

Ro 8.15-16 **For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall again into fear; rather, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Ruakh Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of G-d. <sup>Ro 8.23</sup> We ourselves...have the firstfruits of the Spirit**

Lev 23.15-16 **From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks, until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to Adonai.”**

*[The count connects Resurrection with Ruakh receiving]*



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Jonathan Mann: I look forward to Messiah conference every year - the worship, ... Joshua Aaron and Aaron Shust, teachings, catching up with friends ...

I have to admit that I am weird because what I look forward to the most is going down to the Jews for Judaism to dialogue and debate on whether the resurrection of Yeshua was actually an event that occurred in history.

I have been involved in studying this evidence for the past 5-6 years. Throughout college I have been in numerous conversations with atheists, agnostics, Muslims and other skeptics debating this evidence for the resurrection. I have gotten to know some of the top scholars in this area including Dr. Gary Habermas, Dr. William Lane Craig, Dr. Mike Licona, and have been able to debate this evidence with a couple of leading

Here is a picture of Erik and I from Tuesday. I have actually spent time on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at the tent – about 7 hours total.

You are here because you care about your Jews – you believe I am wrong about Yeshua, I have left Judaism and you want to bring me into traditional Judaism. I am a Messianic Jew because Yeshua rose from the dead.

## Orthodox Jewish counter missionaries.



If Yeshua did not rise from the dead, Messianic Judaism is false.

It's possible I am wrong about this. This is the conclusion I have come to after my examination of the evidence. I want to know if I am wrong, truth is what is most important, if you could show me that Yeshua did not rise from the dead I will leave Messianic Judaism.

In 1 Cor 15 Paul says that if Yeshua did not rise from the dead our faith is meaningless and we have no hope.



He started – there is no evidence for this event happening in history. These counter missionaries brought in a scholar who use to teach at Ben Gurion University in Israel to debunk my argument for the resurrection and a younger Jewish guy to watch this happen (both guys are not in this picture ... Result

After, their scholar had no objections to the reliability of the facts – he respected scholarship

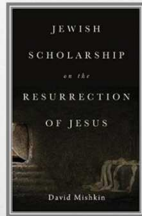
I asked the same question – which has superior evidence?

The central argument that the former head of Jews for Judaism –

Akiva – when I showed him why his central argument against the resurrection – that Yeshua did not exist – he said “I have no evidence for my position.”

### Summary

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4. The disciples had experiences they believed were appearances of the risen Yeshua.
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What is the best explanation of the facts?

### What I am **not** arguing:

“Yeshua rose from the dead because most traditional Jewish historians accept these five facts.”

### What I am arguing:

“The best historical explanation of these five facts that are well evidenced and accepted by most traditional Jewish historians is that Yeshua rose from the dead.”

What historical explanation do traditional Jewish historians provide?



Dr. Paula Fredriksen

“I know in their own terms what they saw was the raised Jesus. That’s what they say and then all the historical evidence we have afterwards attest to their conviction that that’s what they saw. I’m not saying that they really did see the raised Jesus. I wasn’t there. I don’t know what they saw. But I do know that as a historian that they must have seen something.”



- Interview by Peter Jennings in *The Search for Jesus* (ABC), July 2000, qtd. in *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*, pg. 60.

Dr. Joseph Klausner

“There can be no question but that some of the ardent Galileans saw their lord and Messiah in a vision.”



- *Jesus of Nazareth: His Life, Times, and Teaching*, pg. 359

## Were these experiences subjective visions or physical appearances?

Dr. Naomi M. Simon’s study

• **4% of grieving adults experience visual hallucinations**



**MD – Harvard Medical School, Professor at NYU in the Department of Psychiatry  
Director, Anxiety and Complicated Grief Disorders**

Dr. Gary Sibcy

“I have surveyed the professional literature (peer-reviewed journal articles and books) written by psychologists, psychiatrists, and other relevant healthcare professionals during the past two decades and have yet to find a single documented case of a group hallucination, that it, an event for which more person purportedly shared in a visual or other sensory perception where there was clearly no external referent.”



- Email to Gary Habermas, March 10, 2009, qtd. in Michael Licona *Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historical Approach*, 484.

**Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Piedmont Psychiatric Center, Centra Health Hospitals, Virginia**

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“simultaneous identical collective hallucinations are not found in peer reviewed medical literature . . . the concept of collective hallucination is not part of current psychiatric understanding . . .”

- “The Resurrection of Jesus: A Clinical Review of Psychiatric Hypotheses for the Biblical Story of Easter,” *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 80 (2), 162

Dr. Pinchas Lapide

“Already at the beginning of the first century, the chief Pharisaic schools of Hillel and Shammai believed in the bodily resurrection.”



- *The Resurrection of Jesus: A Jewish Perspective*, pg. 57

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## Paul's trial before the Sanhedrin

(Acts 23:6-7, 9)

“When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, ‘Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead.’ When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. . . certain scribes of the Pharisees’ group stood up and contended, ‘We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?’”

1 Corinthians 15:11

“Whether then it is I or they, so we proclaim, and so you believed.”

Acts 13:36-37

“For after David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he went to sleep and was laid with his fathers and saw decay. But the One whom God raised up did not see decay.”

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“the bereavement experiences actually convince those grieving that the individual is dead.”

- “The Resurrection of Jesus: A Clinical Review of Psychiatric Hypotheses for the Biblical Story of Easter,” *Irisb Theological Quarterly*, 80 (2), 171



If the disciples hallucinated, Rome or the Sanhedrin could have disproven the resurrection by pointing people to the occupied tomb, just outside Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 15:20

“But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

Dr. Jon D. Levenson

“In both the Pauline and rabbinic texts at hand, the beneficiaries of the new way of being are not disembodied spirits.”



- *Resurrection and the Restoration of Israel: The Ultimate Victory of the God of Life*, pg. 189

Dr. Yehezkel Kaufmann

“There are scholars who opine that the belief in Jesus' resurrection derived wholly from his appearance before his disciples (that is, in a vision unconnected with bodily resurrection), which opinion is, however, in error. . . . The appearance . . . Of the ‘spirit’ or ghost of the departed in a vision would not have been a miracle.”



- *Christianity and Judaism: Two Covenants*, pg. 133

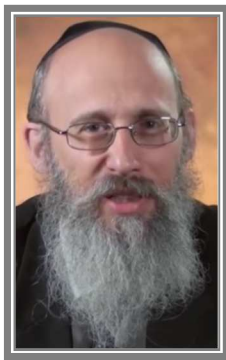
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“no vision or hallucination is sufficient to explain such a revolutionary transformation [of the disciples].”



- *The Resurrection of Jesus: A Jewish Perspective*, pgs. 125-26





# Rabbi Yisroel Blumenthal

“There are many scenarios that would have the disciples believe that their leader is resurrected which are more plausible than an actual resurrection . . . [it is] possible that some of the disciples removed the body from the grave . . . If this were the case it is obvious that the disciples who actually removed the body would not believe the resurrection story, but the rest of the following would have no problem believing it.”

- jewishpodcast.com/knowledge/articles/resurrection/

It is possible that . . .

- Daniel ate pork and lied that he ate only vegetables.
- Maimonides secretly believed Yeshua was the Messiah.
- Neil Armstrong landing on the moon was fake.

## DOES THE THEORY EXPLAIN THE FACTS?

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Dr. Joseph Klausner

“Here again, it is impossible to suppose that there was any conscious deception.”



- Jesus of Nazareth: His Life, Times, and Teaching, pp. 339.

Dr. Pinchas Lapide

“Any kind of deception is excluded in any case, be it the theft of the body, trance, or the invention of a miracle.”



- The Resurrection of Jesus: A Jewish Perspective, pp. 97

Dr. Geza Vermes

“All in all, none of the six suggest theories stands up to stringent scrutiny.”

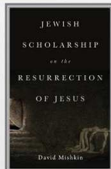


- The Resurrection: History and Myth, pp. 148

## The Jews for Judaism scholar Taught at Ben Gurion University – story – the facts

### The Historical Facts

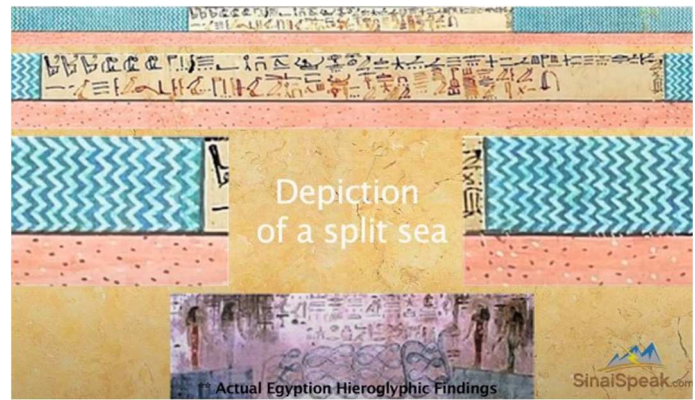
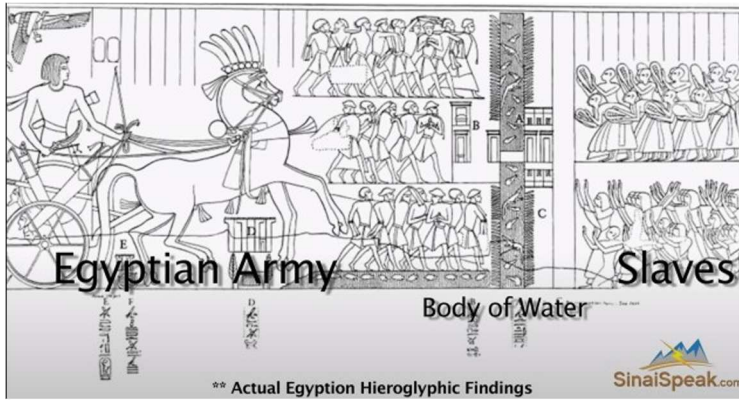
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Comparison of Historical Evidence



Another issue of the Bible's historicity and evidence ... from *Rabbi Ken Spiro, a licensed Israeli tour guide with a Master's degree in history.*]



Screenshots from <https://youtu.be/5GnEdLaU6yo>



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South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem won't sign transgender sports bill,

**CNN** politics The Biden Presidency Facts First US Elections

Though the two executive orders signed by Noem do not explicitly mention transgender athletes, they reference the supposed harms of the participation of "males" in women's athletics -- an echo of the transphobic claim, cited in other similar legislative initiatives, that transgender women are not women. The orders also reference "biological sex," a **disputed** term that refers to the sex as listed on students' original birth certificates.

**It's not possible to know a person's gender identity at birth, and there is no consensus criteria for assigning sex at birth.**



Supporters of the ban have argued that trans women have a physical advantage over cisgender women in sports, but trans advocates and some Democratic

**CNN CLAIMS 'IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO KNOW A PERSON'S GENDER IDENTITY AT BIRTH'**

March 31, 2021

CNN: It's not possible to know a person's gender identity at birth. [!!!] We are losing our sanity.



Lil Nas "Old Town Road" spent 19 weeks atop the US Billboard Hot 100 chart, becoming the longest-running number-one song since the chart debuted in 1958



His Grammy-winning song, "Old Town Road," has been a massive hit with "the elementary school set." Yet, as he boasted in a tweet, "i literally sing about lean & adultery in old town road. u decided to let your child listen. blame yourself." ("Lean" refers to "an illicit substance made with codeine cough syrup, soda, and hard candy." It is "highly addictive and potentially damaging to the body.")

According to Vox.com, "Lil Nas X put human blood into 666 Nikes because being queer means embracing your villainy."

[[https://www.charismanews.com/opinion/in-the-line-of-fire/84912-5-takeaways-from-the-new-satan-sneakers?utm\\_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=subscriber\\_id:5160390&utm\\_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202021-03-31](https://www.charismanews.com/opinion/in-the-line-of-fire/84912-5-takeaways-from-the-new-satan-sneakers?utm_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm_medium=email&utm_content=subscriber_id:5160390&utm_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202021-03-31)]

Lk 10:18-19 Yeshua said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Remember, I have given you authority; so you can trample down snakes and scorpions, indeed, all the Enemy's forces; and you will remain completely unharmed.

He has been open about feeling spiritually rejected and hated because of his gayness, pushing back aggressively with his new, satanic association.

But, just as Paul could say about his previous life as a blasphemer of G-d and a persecutor and even murderer of Jewish followers of Jesus, perhaps this rapper is also operating in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>1 Timothy 1:13</sup> Perhaps he, too, does not fully realize the depth of his own depravity.

[<https://askdrbrown.org/library/5-takeaways-new-satan-sneakers>]



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**Winning!** Orthodox Rabbi discovers Yeshua and leads his family to Messiah

One For Israel Ministry – Every day we are receiving testimonies from Israelis whose eyes have been opened to their Messiah.

(Video: 1 minute, 26 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgHLm27ZVIk>



Yermiyahu/Jer 23: 'Behold, days are coming', says Adoni, 'when they will no longer say, 'As G-d lives, who brought the Jews out of the Egypt,' but, 'as G-d lives, who raised and returned the Jews from the northern lands and from every country into which I had driven them, and they will dwell on their own Land.'

The first Israeli Chief Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935) explained that this is precisely why the miracle of our future/current redemption is even greater than the miraculous Exodus. It would have been easier for G-d to break the laws of nature like He did with the Ten Plagues and the Splitting of the Sea, than to orchestrate our return to Israel through natural means.

Yet, He has begun to do just that with the miraculous restoration of the Hebrew language, the in-gathering of Jews from Arab and African countries, the upheaval of the Holocaust and the rebirth of the Jewish State after 2,000 long years of exile.

*[[https://unitedwithisrael.org/passover-miracles/?utm\\_source=newsletters\\_unitedwithisrael\\_org&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Israeli+Cancer+Breakthrough%3B+US+Human+Rights+Report+Based+on+Anti-Israel+Bias%3B+Majority+of+US+Jews+Experienced+Anti-Semitism%3B+Israeli+High-Tech+%E2%80%98Passover+Breakdance%E2%80%99&utm\\_campaign=20210402\\_m162684169\\_Israeli+Cancer+Breakthrough%3B+US+Human+Rights+Report+Based+on+Anti-Israel+Bias%3B+Majority+of+US+Jews+Experienced+Anti-Semitism%3B+Israeli+High-Tech+%E2%80%98Passover+Breakdance%E2%80%99&utm\\_term=more\\_btn\\_dark\\_jpg](https://unitedwithisrael.org/passover-miracles/?utm_source=newsletters_unitedwithisrael_org&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Israeli+Cancer+Breakthrough%3B+US+Human+Rights+Report+Based+on+Anti-Israel+Bias%3B+Majority+of+US+Jews+Experienced+Anti-Semitism%3B+Israeli+High-Tech+%E2%80%98Passover+Breakdance%E2%80%99&utm_campaign=20210402_m162684169_Israeli+Cancer+Breakthrough%3B+US+Human+Rights+Report+Based+on+Anti-Israel+Bias%3B+Majority+of+US+Jews+Experienced+Anti-Semitism%3B+Israeli+High-Tech+%E2%80%98Passover+Breakdance%E2%80%99&utm_term=more_btn_dark_jpg)]*

On the basis of the Resurrection of Messiah, we HAVE hope.

- We may lose the cultural norms.
- We may lose our facility for "hate speech."
- We have each other: small groups, prepare mentally.

*[City Wide Prayer: Village Fire group. Redeemer fellowship guy: prepare]*

- Omer count ... to Shavuot. Time for fasting, intercession. Not "Lent."
- 24/7 prayer: [admin@OrhaOlam.com](mailto:admin@OrhaOlam.com)
- Shavuot: All night prayer?

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In order to fight for the togetherness of seeking first the kingdom of G-d in all of life, we organize our congregation into what we call missional communities.

A missional community is a small family of believers committed to living out G-d's mission together in everyday life, to particular people and places.

They are called missional communities because we believe that both concepts of mission and community are essential for maximum impact. Community without mission becomes selfish, codependent, and complacent. Mission without community forfeits one of the greatest apologetics for the gospel.

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1. Do you KNOW Him and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you surrendered to Him, body, soul, spirit? Walking in relational love, confessing?
3. Are you filled with His Spirit, transforming your life?