

[Mrs. Ruthie Finegold is going to a Sisterhood meeting to study Torah, and didn't take time to make her husband, Mr. Finegold, supper that night. He protested, but she said, "King David taught me to have the priorities, 'Therefore I love your mitzvot more than gold, more than fine gold. That's you, Finegold. Torah and mitzvot comes before finegold.'"

Psalm 119:127 Therefore I love your mitzvot more than gold, more than fine gold.]

מתתיהו Mattityahu
(Matthew) 7:9-11

Matityahu 7.7-8 "Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps asking receives; he who keeps seeking finds; and to him who keeps knocking, the door will be opened.

[Yeshua ישוע makes 3 promises, and repeats them.

Ask → given

Seek → find

Knock → opened.

Persistence

Makes a little joke.

קל וחומר Kal v' khomer, light and heavy]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7.9

מי מכם האיש אשר בְּנוּ יִבְקֹשׁ לֶחֶם וְהוּא יִתֵּן לוֹ אֶבֶן?

For what man among you, when his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

[Loaf of bread looks a bit like a stone.

In His temptation, Satan said to make this very transformation, stones → bread Obvious no human father would so mock his son.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7.10

אוּ אִם יִבְקֹשׁ דָּג הֲיִתֵּן לוֹ נָחָשׁ?

Or when he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

[Fish and a snake, esp and eel, look similar.

Feeding kids just gives joy.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7.11

הֲנִי אִם אַתֶּם הָרְעִים יוֹדְעִים לָתֵת מִתְּנוּת טוֹבוֹת לְבָנֵיכֶם, כֹּל שֶׁכֵּן אֲבִיכֶם שֶׁבְּשָׂמִים יִתֵּן אֵדָּ טוֹב לְמִבְקָשֵׁים מִמֶּנּוּ.

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

[Here is the application of

קל וחומר Kal v' khomer, light and heavy

G-d likes to give, cause us to find, open the door.

Yeshua ישוע lived in a time of a succession of Jewish holy men who took on the mantle of Eliyahu.]

M`lakhim 1 Kings 18.42-45 Eliyahu went up to the top of the Karmel. He bowed down to the ground and put his face between his knees. "Now," he said to his servant, "go up, and look out toward the sea." He went up, looked, and said, "There's nothing

there." Seven times he said, "Go again." The seventh time, the servant said, "Now there's a cloud coming up out of the sea, no bigger than a man's hand." Eliyahu said, "Go up, and say to Ach'av, 'Prepare your chariot, and get down the mountain before the rain stops you!'" A little later, the sky grew black with clouds and wind; and heavy rain began falling;



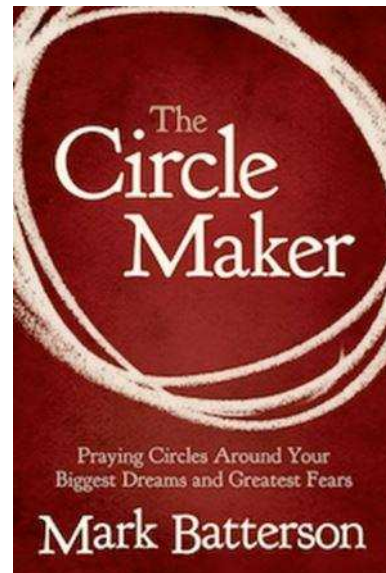
Tomb of Honi ha-M'agel חוני המעגל
Honi the Circle Maker in Hatzor



1st C before Yeshua ישוע

It is reported that, on one occasion, when God did not send rain well into the winter, Honi drew a circle in the dust, stood inside it, and informed God that he would not move until it rained. When it began to drizzle, Honi told God that he was not satisfied and expected more rain; it then began to pour. He explained that he wanted a calm rain, at which point the rain calmed to a normal rain.

[During the 1st century BC, a variety of religious movements and splinter groups developed amongst the Jews in Judea. A number of individuals claimed to be miracle workers in the tradition of Elijah and Elisha, the ancient Jewish prophets.]



Hanina ben Dosa 1st c, CE: חנינא בן דוסא

- member of the ancient Hasidim:
- "Whosoever's fear of sin precedes his wisdom, his wisdom will endure; but where wisdom precedes fear of sin, wisdom will not endure";
- "Where a man's works are greater than his learning, his learning will stand; but where his learning is greater than his works, his learning will not stand";
- Prayed for and received healing for the sons of Yokhan b Zakkai and Gamaliel II, teacher of Shaul
- Lizard bite during prayer story
[Lizard died]
- Rain story: on way home
- A comparatively late mishnah remarks, "With the death of Hanina ben Dosa wonder-workers (*anshe ma'aseh* אנשי מעשי) ceased to exist" Sotah, ix. 15
- A contemporary rabbi, Eleazar of Modi'im, lecturing on *Ex 18. 21*, cited Hanina ben Dosa and his colleagues as illustrations of the scope of the expression "men of truth" (Mek., Yitro, Amalek, 1).

Divrai HaYamim II Chron 20 Some time later, the people of Mo'av and the people of 'Amon with other 'Amonim came up to fight Y'hoshafat. Y'hoshafat was told, "A huge army from beyond the [Dead] Sea, from Aram, is on its way to fight you; right now they are in Hatzatzon-Tamar" (that is, 'Ein-Gedi). Y'hoshafat was frightened, so he determined to seek ADONI. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Y'hudah. "So now, see: the people of 'Amon, Mo'av and Mount Se'ir, whom you would not let Isra'el invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, so that they turned away from them and did not destroy them, are now repaying us [evil]... For we haven't strength enough to defeat this huge horde coming against us, and we don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you." Then, in the middle of the assembly, the Spirit of ADONI came upon Yachzi'el the son of Z'kharyahu, the son of B'nayah, the son of Ye'i'el, the son of Matanyah the Levi, from the descendants of Asaf. He said, "Listen, all Y'hudah, you who live in Yerushalayim and King Y'hoshafat: here is what ADONI is saying to you: 'Don't be afraid or distressed by this great horde; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

Derek Prince:

- B. L. Montgomery and the Battle of El Alamein
- Protection of Jerusalem 1948

Avner Boskey [Canadian born Israeli scholar and recording artist] on Passover:

- The God of Jacob's strategy involved a world leader hardening his heart to God's heart for Israel.
- G-d made things difficult so He could redeem supernaturally
- The greatest failure of Christianity preceded the greatest success in Jewish outreach



R. Michael Stepakoff:

from the testimony of Rose Price. In spite of her faith in Yeshua and ministry of "forgiveness," nevertheless Rose always stressed one point that would never let us forget when we listened to her - that the Holocaust was essentially an embodiment and expression of Christian anti-Semitism.

During her days of speaking and traveling, on every occasion Rose made it clear that during her time of persecution under the Nazis b/t age 11-15, including time spent in the death camps, and times she suffered the medical experimentations, she was constantly being told, "We are doing this to you because your people killed Christ."

R. Michael Stepakoff: Anyone who doesn't sympathize with, contemplate, and seek to comprehend what happened in the holocaust, and why it happened, probably does not get the vision of Messianic Judaism. There are groups out there who claim, or even imply, that they are Israel.

R. Michael Stepakoff: Where were they when Hitler and the Nazis were rounding up Jews in Europe? Were they asserting their Jewish descent at that time? I think not.

Frank Lowinger: [Congregation B'rith Hadoshah, Buffalo, NY]

My father of blessed memory rarely spoke about his life in the camps, most of what I've learned came through his best friend Burt; a childhood friend who were on the same transports out of Hungary. The one thing for which my father did remind me, and he did so soon after I told him I believed in Jesus: "It was the Christians who pointed out the homes of the Jews." In response to my new found faith he would offer me the following: "They (the Christians) used to come after us with a stick, now they're holding out a carrot." And..."Frank, if there is a God and we are the chosen people, where is my family?"

The Commander of Iran's Basij (volunteer) Revolutionary Guards Force, Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Naqdi, was quoted Mar. 31, 2015 as saying

that “*Erasing Israel off the map was non-negotiable,*” was anyone listening; does anyone with a sense of compassion and humanity care?

Why then is there such silence in the face of an impending genocide against Israel? Is it nothing to you that the lives of multitudes hang in the balance?

Ro 11.13-14 **To those of you who are Gentiles I say...somehow I may provoke some of my own people to jealousy and save some of them!**

Ro. 12.30-31 **Just as you yourselves were disobedient to God before but have received mercy now because of Isra'el's disobedience; so also Isra'el has been disobedient now, so that by your showing them the same mercy that God has shown you, they too may now receive God's mercy.**

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Yeshayahu/ Isa 62:1 **For Tziyon's sake I will not be silent, for Yerushalayim's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out brightly and her salvation like a blazing torch.**

Yeshayahu/Is 44.3-5 **For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit on your descendants, my blessing on your offspring. They will spring up among the grass like willows on the riverbanks. One will say, 'I belong to ADONI.' Another will be called by the name of Ya'akov. Yet another will write that he belongs to ADONI. and adopt the surname Isra'el."**

Eph 4.31-32 **Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, violent assertiveness and slander, along with all spitefulness. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted; and forgive each other, just as in the Messiah God has also forgiven you.**