

Researchers found that almost three out of five young Bible believers leave the faith permanently or for an extended period of time after age 15.

[<http://blogs.ajc.com/momania/2011/10/12/fifty-nine-percent-of-young-christians-leave-church-at-some-point-but-why/>]

Even Messianic congregation youth not exempt, who make Aliyah. I had thought, considering the atmosphere when visiting in Israel, that this was the safest place for our kids to be, spiritually. Turns out, in Israel, no guarantee.]

Huffington Post:

- “One in four 18- to 29-year-olds said “[Bible believers] demonize everything outside of the faith.”
- One in three said “Services are boring.”

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Perseverance:
how to keep your faith

Not discussing: If a person was once walking with Messiah, if their salvation is inherently eternal.

Are discussing: If a person was once walking with Messiah, why do some of them stop doing so.

[Personally think “He that endures to the end shall be saved.” If you want to believe that people not walking with G-d still go to heaven, that’s not my issue today.]

Context of reading:]

Bamidbar/Nu 9.15-17 On the day the tabernacle was put up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, that is, the tent of the testimony; and in the evening, over the tabernacle was what appeared to be fire, which remained until morning. So the cloud always covered it, and it looked like fire at night.

[Artist rendering. Might seem juvenile, but I love looking at such renderings.]



*[Similar to fire on Torah cabinet, with words:
Shma Yisrael, Yeshua HaMashiakh, He is the Light of the World, the Or HaOlam.]*



[Cloud by day, got fiery at night.]

Bamidbar/Nu 9.15-17 **Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tent, the people of Isra'el continued their travels; and they camped wherever the cloud stopped.**

Bamidbar/Nu 10.11-12 **On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony; and the people of Isra'el moved out in stages from the Sinai Desert.**

Arrived at Sinai Shavuot

= סיון Sivan 5 = May 15, 2013

Departed אייר Iyar 20 = May 20, 2014

[About a year to receive most of the Torah, build the Mishkan/Tabernacle.]



The Israelites had a permanent visible view of the presence of G-d.

[No small benefit.]

T'hilim/Ps 27. 4-6 **Just one thing have I asked of ADONI ; only this will I seek: to live in the house of ADONI all the days of my life, to see the beauty of ADONI and visit in his temple. For he will conceal me in his shelter on the day of trouble, he will hide me in the folds of his tent, he will set me high on a rock. Then my head will be lifted up above my surrounding foes, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, sing praises to ADONI.**

Shmot/Ex 33.18-23 **Moshe said, "I beg you to show me your glory!" "...my face," he continued, "you cannot see, because a human being cannot look at me and remain alive...When my glory passes by, I will put you inside a crevice in the rock and cover you with my hand, until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand, and you will see my back, but my face is not to be seen."**

2 Cor. 2.18 **So all of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by ADONI the Spirit.**

[People of Israel had it, daily, continually.]

Bamidbar/Nu. 11.1 **But the people began complaining about their hardships to ADONI. When ADONI heard it, his anger flared up, so that fire from ADONI broke out against them and consumed the outskirts of the camp.**

[Had complained before, Shmot/Ex 16, about food, ch 17 water. Supernatural provision each time.

Now, in Presence, should have trusted.

Complained about the Man/manna

Complained, even though directly in the Presence.]

B'Midbar בְּמִדְבָּר

(Numbers) 12.1-3

(from) B'ha'alotkha (When you set up) בְּהֵעֲלִיתְךָ

B'Midbar (Numbers) 12.1

וַאֲהֲרֹן מִרְיָם וְהַדָּבָר 12:1
and Aaron Miriam And spake

בְּמֹשֶׁה עַל אֲדוֹת הָאִשָּׁה
against Moses because of woman

הַכַּשִּׁיית אֲשֶׁר לָקַח
the Ethiopian whom he had married:

כִּי-אִשָּׁה כַּשִּׁיית לָקַח:
for an woman. Ethiopian he had married

[More than one interp

- Moshe took a second wife in addition to Tsiporah. Tsipi was from Midian, not Ethiopia. Racial issue. Rabbi trail: I got saved during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. The prejudice that I discovered in my own heart was my first sense of sinfulness, got me looking for Answer. After saved, to school right on the Mason Dixon line, lots of racism in school. Re interracial marriage, "G-d is not interested if a white and black pagan marry. Only if believer and unbeliever." No place for color in the Kingdom.
- Tsipi was very beautiful, and they were expressing jealousy of Moshe's status.
- יפה מראה = כושית = Cushi = beauty in numerology]

B'Midbar (Numbers) 12.2

בְּמֹשֶׁה אֵךְ הֵרַק וַיֹּאמְרוּ ²
by Moses? indeed only And they said,
בְּנוֹ גַם־ הֲלֹא יְיָ דָּבַר
by us? also not ADONI Hath spoken
יְיָ וַיִּשְׁמַע דָּבַר
ADONI And heard it. hath he spoken

[We can also be prophets, and hear from G-d.
I think this is the key to the issue, and the message. Hearing from G-d was a point of jealousy and contention.]

B'Midbar (Numbers) 12.3

מְאֹד עֲנוּ מֹשֶׁה וְהָאִישׁ ³
very meek, Moses (Now the man
מְכֹל הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר עַל־
upon which the men above all
פְּנֵי הָאָרֶץ:
the earth.) the face of

[Read write issue: yud missing עניו
One problem with this verse. David Chernoff pointed out, who wrote that?]

Bamidbar/Nu 12.5,9-10 ADONI came down in a column of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent...The anger of ADONI flared up against them, and he left. But when

the cloud was removed from above the tent, Miryam had tzara'at, as white as snow.

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- We don't let G-d change our
 - Life habits
 - Relational dynamics: love, forgiveness, bitterness
- We don't ask G-d for ways to serve people.

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Further meaning: revelation

Shmot/Ex 19.16-19 On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then a shofar blast sounded so loudly that all the people in the camp trembled. Moshe brought the people out of the camp to meet God; they stood near the base of the mountain. Mount Sinai was enveloped in smoke, because ADONI descended onto it in fire-its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain shook violently. As the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder...Then God said all these words,



Acts 2.1-4 The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruakh HaKodesh.

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Yn 17.11-13 Holy Father, guard them by the power of your Name, which you have given to me, so that they may be one, just as we are. When I was with them, I guarded them by the power of your Name, which you have given to me; yes, I kept watch over them; and not one of them was destroyed

Revelation → transformation

[Not the pronunciation of the Name, but the identity, love, character of the Name bearer.]

Yn 17.11-13 ...But now, I am coming to you; and I say these things while I am still in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

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[Spoke here at Or Halam Dec. 1, 2012. Russian born Israeli.

Works in Negev with youth, unwed mothers

KISI fest happens each year in upper Austria. It is a unique Christian music festival for children and families.]

On Friday the staff will be taking 10 kids, ages 7-16, to Gmunden, Austria. All of the kids will be performing before an expected 1200+ people. They will be joined

by others from Austria, Germany, Hungary, and the Netherlands, and the musical will be performed in all of those languages. It will be an amazing experience for them!

Our teens will once again be leading worship for the daily teen meetings, and we will once again be doing a workshop teaching the 'basics' of Hebrew.

I was asked to speak tomorrow at 4PM (Vienna time :)) to all the children and adults attending KISIFEST about hearing God's voice and His desire to speak to us. After 10 min sharing I am planning to ask the kids to invite the Lord to speak to them and share what they have heard. I am in awe of this amazing privilege and full of expectation.

[Hearing from G-d

Kept me: Schenectady revelation

Michael Brown: Italian A/G

[yov/Job in suffering]

Julia. It happened on the same very day when the Pope was here. Julia was riding an elevator in Klal Building, going to the weekly service of our Havura. As she entered the elevator, she saw a very religious man, dressed in a black caftan and a black fur hat – unusual visitor for this very busy building. There were no other people in the elevator short of him and her. When Julia pushed 14 - the fourteenth floor, known among believers as the Prayer Tower - he said: *14 is Jesus, right?* She responded: *Yes, it's Yeshua, and we are Jewish Messianic believers.* After that Julia expected him if not to leave the elevator immediately, - at least, to stop any kind of communication: he was very religious, after all. Instead, he asked: *What are you doing there? Praying?*

She answered: *we are praying, and singing songs, and praising the Lord. You are welcome to visit and check it out!* Once again, to her great surprise, instead of saying: *God forbid! I don't want to have anything to do with you!* - he said: *"Maybe, I'll come one day".* With these words he left. It was nothing short of miracle.

[From Victor Blum]



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