

# The Future of the Messianic Movement

✘ The Messianic Jewish movement is unified by one distinguishing commitment, that Jews who come to faith in Jesus the Messiah are called to live and identify as Jews. Our very existence is a challenge to the church concerning its own self-identity as one organically connected to the Jewish people from whom it was born.

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## Sincere Love

When we share the message of Jesus with unbelievers, we are fulfilling the Lord's command to Peter to "feed My sheep" (John 21:17). But to genuinely win others to Christ, we must somehow drive home the most basic message of the gospel: God loves them. It's simple, but when sinners experience agape love, their hearts become pliable and open to the truth. If you know Jesus, spread the love and watch the Holy Spirit use you to draw spiritually hungry people to the Lord. Watch the video below.

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## Roll Out the Red Carpet for

# Mom

If you're a mom, by the time you get your children ready for school, go to work, then come home and cook and clean, you're probably too drained to pay attention to your own needs. But single mom Danette Crawford is helping mothers of all types feel appreciated, whether they're married, single, separated or pulling double duty because dad is deployed. To find out what Danette is doing to make motherhood in her community a little less stressful, listen to the podcast below.

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# Dance Unto the Lord

It's true that when I went to Israel last year, I "walked where Jesus walked," sailed the Sea of Galilee and ate wonderful cuisine. But more importantly, I worshiped Jesus in song and dance. The music was unfamiliar to me, but the Holy Spirit's presence was evident in the praises I offered up to God. Want to worship Him Messianic style? Click below to watch a video of Gethsemane Ministries.

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**Messianic Leaders Call on  
U.S. to Retract Israeli**

# Demands

The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (MJAA) has launched an aggressive campaign to protest U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's condemnation of Israel last month for announcing plans to build 1,600 apartments on disputed land in east Jerusalem.

MJAA criticized Clinton for giving a "43-minute tongue-lashing to Israeli Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu," and slammed the presidential aides who denounced Israel in the news media, blaming the Jewish state—and not terrorists—for blocking peace talks.

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## Digging for Oil

✘ A Christian-owned company exploring for oil in Israel plans to expand its drilling operations through a partnership that includes the purchase of a 2,000-horsepower drilling rig.

In a deal announced this week, Zion Oil & Gas will form a subsidiary tentatively called Zion Drilling Inc. through a partnership with Aladdin Middle East Ltd. (AME). The arrangement includes the purchase of \$7 million from AME and a series of \$1 million payments that are expected to coincide with Zion's drilling of seven additional wells in Israel.

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# Learn About Israel With Jack Hayford

✘ In an effort to help Christians understand the spiritual, historical and prophetic significance of Israel, pastor Jack Hayford will teach a biblical online course about the Holy Land.

*Israel: His Land, His Word* is a six-week course that will run May 3 – June 13 at [HisLandHisWord.com](http://HisLandHisWord.com). Hayford says he wants to help others recognize the relationship between Israel and the Bible.

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## Finding Hope in Depression

On a bone-cold night in January 2000, Kristen Anderson made the impulsive decision to take her own life. She walked to the railroad tracks not far from her Chicago home, lay down on the ground, and 33 freight cars roared over her body at 55 miles per hour. The botched suicide attempt left Kristen in piercing pain and with no legs, but she says God would not let her die. She accepted Jesus in her life in 2003, and today she offers hope to people struggling with depression and suicide. To hear Kristen's moving testimony, listen to podcast.

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# **An Encounter With Jews Who Believe in Jesus**

Bob Segal learned early on from his father what it meant to be Jewish. But the elder Segal believed Judaism was a heritage, not a religion, and he passed down his beliefs to his son. Bob was taught that there is no God and that the Bible, even the Old Testament, is a bunch of fairytales. So years later, when Jews for Jesus showed up on Bob's college campus sharing the message of Christ, he says he was infuriated. But what happened next altered the course of his life, and today, Bob has a testimony. To hear his story, watch the video below.

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# **A Message of Hope From Joel Osteen**

Some say Joel Osteen's sermons are too soft and that he doesn't address the reality of sin. But Osteen, pastor of the more than 30,000-member Lakewood Church in Houston, says he will remain true to the message of hope given to him for this generation. He is taking his ministry to the streets with upcoming stadium events where he will inspire attendees and lead them to Jesus. To discover why he's unwilling to change his compassionate approach to reaching others, listen to the podcast below.