

Developing a Spiritual Connection Between China and Israel

Three years ago, I felt the Lord move upon my heart concerning the Far East. Our Maoz board, a few years back, had prophetically felt there would be a connection, especially with China.

Two years ago, I began studying Chinese online. Once a week, I would contact my teacher through a video classroom, and we would have an hour session, and the adventure began. I spent many hours each week learning to read, write and speak Chinese.

Soon after, I had a “chance meeting” with a Chinese pastor from mainland China who was in Israel to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. My desire grew for God to reveal to me how I was to be involved with China.

I was dissatisfied with the speed I was learning with only one-hour sessions, so I searched the Internet and found a program birthed out of the University of Beijing. Last summer, I enrolled for an intensive one-month course there.

For centuries, China has been a place of refuge for Jews, and it has become clear to me, as well as many other people from Israel, that China looks favorably upon Israel—not a common phenomenon!

But I had to admit I did not yet have a clear picture of what God had planned for me in China.

After a second year of once-a-week video studying, last month I was invited to teach (in English!) foundational issues concerning Israel and end-time revival to a conference of

about 500 Chinese Christian leaders in Hong Kong, along with Asher Intrater and Ariel Blumenthal.

China is virgin territory. Today, China has 100 million believers—certainly the largest Christian body by far in any given nation. Very few “replacement theology” ministers have touched this massive church. Chinese believers are hungry and open to the great truths in the Bible as to why Israel is important for revival and blessing in their own nation.

My trip to Hong Kong was stepping into new territory. After the first conference, I was invited to a second (Home Coming) as an observer and guest with 20,000 attendees from all over China. Here I met pastors and leaders who have oversight of hundreds of thousands and even millions of members.

As I watched the masses worship with total abandonment, I was swept away into the sea of praise and adoration of our Messiah and King Yeshua.

It is clear to me that the greatest blessing we Messianic Jews can give these precious Chinese believers is the revelation of God’s plans for revival in Israel—and China!