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**...teaching & admonishing one another
with psalms & hymns & spiritual songs,
singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Colossians 3:16b

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Dear Canadian Jewish Missions Partner,
Shalom in Messiah's wonderful name! Here in Canada, we try to enjoy every minute of every day when there is sunshine and warm weather. Why? Because our summers are short and August is usually the end of this great season! I hope you have many outdoor opportunities to enjoy God's creation before the other weather begins.

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

The theme of this month's issue of *The Chosen People* is Messianic music. You may know that my first call to ministry was in music and worship. My Master's degree was in Choral Conducting, so for many years I led choirs and orchestras, as well as smaller ensembles, in a variety of settings.

I served in several congregations and churches in Argentina and the USA. I taught at many conferences and seminars around the world and was Professor of Music and Worship at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires for many years. I still occasionally get to sing or lead in worship at our congregation or some other special event. During my years in the music ministry, the Lord allowed me to write a number of



compositions to the praise of His Name, some of which have been published.

Growing up, I remember helping my late father, Victor Sedaca, during his years of service with Chosen People Ministries (then called American Board of Missions to the Jews) in Argentina. The services were Hebrew-Christian in character and in form. Many of the songs we sang back then were Christian hymns that made reference to Israel or the Messiah or the Lamb of God who suffered on our behalf. Then in the sixties, a few songs began to emerge that were more Messianic in style and that we translated into Spanish.

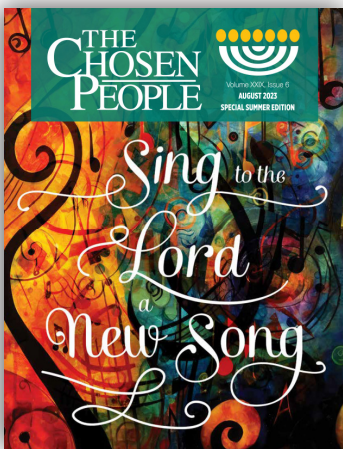
Since then, Messianic music has grown and multiplied exponentially around the world. Thanks to the Internet and YouTube, we're able to hear new Messianic songs from many parts of the globe.

I have to confess that I like music from all time periods and in different styles, as long as the music is well written, with a good, singable melody and harmony, and with a good message. The music has to match the mood of the text, whether it's exuberant and joyful, or whether it is more subdued and introspective. The same is true for the rhythm and speed of the song; it has to match the message of the text. This does eliminate many songs for one reason or another.

Offer Him Our Best!

A few weeks ago, we had a wonderful time of worship and singing during our Chosen

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People Global Ministries conference in Jerusalem. It was moving to sing praises to the Lord in English and Hebrew, led by several different musical groups and individuals.

Whatever we do in worshipping and singing praises to God, we should always strive to offer Him our best. That means preparing prayerfully, selecting the best music possible for the occasion, practicing as much as necessary, and delivering the music in a worshipful and God-honouring way. Worship music – Messianic or otherwise – should lead people to the Lord and not attract attention to ourselves.

One of my favourite passages – among many – that I try to apply when leading worship and music is found in 2 Samuel 24:24. In the second part of the verse, King David says, “for I will not offer burnt offerings (sacrifices, worship) to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.” Even though David is referring specifically to burnt offerings (all translations use this term for the Hebrew עֹלוֹת or *olot*), it is a good reminder to us to strive to offer something costly to God in everything we do, especially in our acts of worship.

I could write a lot more about the subject, but let me conclude with a word of encouragement to you. As you worship God



Our own president, Dr. Mitch Glaser, has written or co-written a number of songs that are now part of the legacy of North American Messianic music. In the lyrics of this one, you can hear his heart for our Jewish people.

Come Back, People


Mine eyes have seen the Piercèd One
 Descending from the clouds
 Ten thousand angels at His side
 The trumpet sounding loud

Chorus:
*Come back, people, children of Abraham
 Come back, people, sons of Jacob
 The Lord has come, He's heard your cry
 Open up your eyes, your redemption is nigh*

My soul did mourn at Yeshua's death
 And I was born anew
 He filled me with His holy breath
 And I was piercèd, too

The mountain split beneath His feet
 The heavens opened wide
 My Lord amidst Shechinah Light
 His glory fills the sky

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in your church or congregation through singing, playing an instrument, reading Scripture, offering your gifts, praying, teaching or even preaching His word, strive to always give your best to the Lord in your attitude, your words and your actions. After all, He always gives us His best, especially through His Son, Jesus our Messiah, who gave everything for our salvation!

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support of Chosen People Ministries. Every day of the week, 365 days of the year, we depend on God's power and your support to fulfill our calling as your Mission to the Jews:

“Pray for, evangelize, disciple, and serve Jewish people everywhere, and partner with fellow believers to do the same.”

Singing praises to His name until all Israel is saved,



Jorge Sedaca
 Executive Director



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