



Newsletter



Dear partner in Jewish missions,

Shalom in Jesus the Messiah! In the deep cold of Canadian winter, we celebrate Purim, a powerful reminder of God’s faithfulness to His people Israel.

In the Bible, we read of Esther who becomes Queen of Persia, and through her cousin Mordechai, discovers Haman’s plot to annihilate the Jewish people. After Esther brings this plot to the attention of King Ahasuerus, he has Haman hanged on the very gallows the villain had constructed for executing Mordechai. All ends well for the Jewish people, and Esther establishes the annual Feast of Purim to celebrate God’s faithfulness.

Why is this important to you and me as believers in Jesus? Because the story teaches us that God can be **trusted**. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the Father of our Messiah Yeshua—is a promise-keeping God!

He continues His faithfulness to our Mission. By His grace and mercy, and through your generous prayers and financial support, we’re still sharing the Good News of salvation and life in Jesus, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.

I and our missionaries Anna Bortsova, Charles Hopkin, Marcello Araujo, and Michael Wodlinger, minister in our communities in Toronto, Winnipeg, Hamilton, and Quebec. Daniel Nessim and Alan Shore of our US sister mission, minister in BC. Online outreach and events are also a big part of our mission to reach even more people.

The need is great! (See Prayer Points.) We’re so grateful for your prayers. May the Lord bless you according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus!

Until all Israel is saved,

Jorge Sedaca

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Hebrew Manuscripts. Megilat Ester. [to 1899, 1700] Manuscript/Mixed Material. Library of Congress, Washington, DC. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2011482137/>.

For such as time as this

Have you ever heard the phrase “for such a time as this”? It’s a phrase that speaks of destiny.

It’s also part of Mordechai’s reply to Queen Esther as she weighs the consequences of appearing before the king unbidden so she can intervene on behalf of her people. Normally, the penalty for appearing before King Ahasuerus in his inner courtyard without being summoned, was death.

Mordechai tells Esther, if she seeks to save herself by not taking the risk, then she and her family will perish anyway, and help for her people will come from another place. Then he suggests it may be providential, and her destiny, that she intervene for the sake of her people.

Each of us has a role to play in God’s Kingdom. Whether we abdicate by trying to play it safe, or step up and do the better thing, His purposes will be fulfilled.

In many places in Canada and across the world, it’s unpopular and even unsafe to stand up for what is right. Standing up for Israel today, speaking out for Jewish neighbours and businesses, and taking the side of fellow followers of Messiah, isn’t always the easy path. But it’s the right one.

Where has God placed **you** for such as time as this? Your name may not be on a scroll read out loud at Purim, but He knows your name and has a destiny for you.

“And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

STORIES OF IMPACT

A man’s legs are healed in Toronto

Recently, Anna Bortsova, a Chosen People Ministries missionary in Ontario, shared about a modern-day miracle.

Anna’s husband Vladimir had offered to pray for Saul*, a middle-aged man in the neighborhood who’d been walking with a cane because of pain in his legs. Saul agreed, and after receiving prayer, he went on his way.

Later that week, when he approached Vladimir, Saul was jumping up and down. All the pain had gone—he’d been healed!

Stunned by this miracle, Saul prayed with Vladimir and received Jesus as his Saviour. Praise Adonai! ♥



* name changed to protect identity; image does not depict Saul (AI image).

Prayer Points

Jewish seekers and new followers of Yeshua discover and grow most often through **people and relationship**. The harvest is ready but the workers are few! Please join us in praying over these points.

- **Wisdom** for our Media team to make best use of digital technologies to reach people and draw them to our Mission.
- **Opportunities** to minister in other parts of Canada with significant Jewish populations.
- **New workers** for the Lord’s harvest.



Celebrate Purim with us

Join us at one of our Messianic congregations in Toronto, Hamilton, and Winnipeg for Shabbat and other services throughout the Purim season.

- 10:30 am at Kehillat Eytz Chaim
225 Bridgeland Avenue, North York, ON
- 10:30 am at Kehilat Kumi Ori
465 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton, ON
- 10:30 am at Kehilat HaTikvah
450 Lilac Street, Winnipeg, MB

Hebrew word of the month

Tzedakah (tsuh-dah-KAH) is one of the four *mitzvot* (“meets-VOTE”) or “commandments” of Purim. It derives from the word for “just” or “righteous”.

The word *tzedakah* does not appear in the Book of Esther, but when Esther and Mordecai establish the Feast of Purim, Esther specifies that the people of Israel must give to those in need as part of the celebration. Throughout the Bible, humble acts of justice and righteousness are a moral obligation for God’s people, helping to create a fair and balanced society. Over time, the word *tzedakah* has become synonymous with



“charity” because of the association with doing acts of kindness for righteousness.

Tzedakah is also where the surname “Sedaca” comes from. 😊

Free Purim e-booklet

Download our [free Purim e-booklet](#) to learn more about Purim and what the story of Queen Esther means for you today.

Inside, you’ll discover...

- Purim’s traditions
- Four mitzvot (commandments) of Purim
- Deep spiritual lessons of resilience and hope
- Delicious Purim recipes.

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