

# **ISRAEL'S HOPE**

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### **ISRAEL TOURS**

Visiting Israel is transformative for a Christian. Reading the Bible will never be the same after your trip to the land of the Bible. Rev. Robinson is available to lead your church group or personal group. Devotions at most sites. An April 2, 2024



11-day tour
to Israel is
together now.
Israel's Hope
website will
have details.

Join us!



Israel's Hope logo expresses in graphic form what the ministry verse, Jeremiah 17:13, communicates.

"O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters."

The *yarmulke*, in Hebrew *kippa*, has a Cross inside the Star of David. The Jewish man is looking up, as this is where Israel's Hope comes from heaven. The Star of David represents the Jewish Messiah and the Cross represents Him as the Savior.

There are 3 emphasises in this verse to consider.

1. The LORD is the hope of Israel.

There is no hope for Israel (Jewish people), or, for that matter, Gentiles as well. Governments, religions, careers, family are no substitutes for the LORD. He is the Creator and sustainer of life. In Him is life and hope.

- 2. Those that reject the LORD have no future in God's kingdom
- 3. The LORD is the fountain of living waters.

"Of the ten measures of beauty that came down to the world, Jerusalem took nine." Babylonian Talmud, Kiddushin 49b

## MASTER THE POSSIBILITIES UPDATE

On June 28, I received the following email from the *Staff Accountant* at Master the Possibilities.

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your interest in teaching at Master the Possibilities Lifelong Learning Center and submitting information for a prospective course. We are contacting you today to let you know that we are moving onto the next step!

We will be placing your course information in our next course interest survey, which gets posted on our website and goes out in a weekly eblast to our subscribers. This gives the community a chance to decide if they think this course should be added to our curriculum. The survey will stay active for about 3 weeks. If you would like to subscribe to our email blast, please visit our website:

The process may take 4-6 weeks. We will reach out to you once we have the results and make a decision. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (352) 861-9751 or email .

Much appreciated,

Staff Accountant





## Join Our Faculty

Master the Possibilities' greatest asset is more than 200 faculty who share their time and talents to make each term better and better. Over 50 percent donate their time to help us build our not-for-profit center. Other faculty members are independent contractors.

These highly qualified and credentialed instructors come with diverse and fascinating backgrounds.

Our outstanding faculty design classes with the adult learner in mind - no tests, no stress.

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PLEASE PRAY THAT THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THIS COURSE THAT IT WILL BE APPROVED.



# Life & Outreach in Ocala, FL

## Rhett's birthday



Rhett celebrated his 3rd birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. His birthday was celebrated on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> with friends and family attending.

#### **Home Church**

On Sunday, July 2, we joined Friendship Baptist Church. We believe there will be opportunities to serve in this fellowship as well as develop friendships.

On Sunday, June 25, Mark preached in the evening service. There were many excellent comments on the sermon. His topic? Israel!!! What did you expect?





## **Garden Tomb Ministry**



We have decided not to apply for a volunteer position at the Garden Tomb. The primary reason is the physical requirements and Mark's health.

## **Preaching**

The *GRACE CONFERENCE* in Lake Zurich, IL went very well. Mark had two workshops in the main auditorium. Both of his messages were well received.



## **Jewish Club**

We have been accepted as members of the Jewish Club. The first event we will be attending is a pizza party on Monday July 24. We are looking forward to September 10 with a "welcome back bagel and lox brunch." We hope to make some friends at these events and, ultimately, share the love of Messiah with them.



More on *Israel's Hope* logo and
Jeremiah 17:13

"Mikveh literally translated as a "collection" or "gathering", is a pool or bath of clear water in which immersion renders ritually clean a person who has become ritually unclean."

https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/mikveh



The late introduction of the mikveh around 100 B.C. was providential in God's plan.

Mikveh is used 11 times in the Old Testament. It is often translated with concept of water - pools, plenty of water, ditch...for the water, gathering together of the waters, Consider the use of mikveh in the 3 Jeremiah passages and how they are translated in almost all translations: Jeremiah 14:8, 17:13, 50:7 (Bold added)

"O the hope [mik-veh' מקוֹה] of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?"

"O LORD, the hope [mik-veh' מקוַה] of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters."

"All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even **the LORD, the hope** [mik-veh' מקוָה] **of their fathers."** 

Mikveh is translated "hope of Israel." The "hope of Israel" is Messiah, here referred to as the "mikveh of Israel."

The *baptism* of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-31,33), and God's approval of Him, *symbolized* that the "hope (*mikveh*) of *Israel*" has now come. In the same way, every usage of baptism (Acts 2, Romans 6, 1 Peter 3, etc.) should be understood as *symbolic*, representing the "hope of Israel," Messiah Jesus!

#### PREACHING AVAILABILTY

Mark is available for meetings in churches. It can be a Sunday or a longer conference. For more than 40 years Mark has preached in churches in most of the 50 states of the U.S.A. Topics include:

#### Israel in the Plan of God

Israel: THE Sign of the Times (Ezekiel 37); Birth pains of the Messiah; Israel: For His Names Sake; From 1917 to 2017: A History of Modern Israel; Israel: God's Answer to Sceptics; *and more* 

#### **Jewish Culture and the New Testament**

Christian Baptism in Light of Jewish Baptism; A Rabbi Meets the Messiah (John 3:1-10); What Should We understand About the Old and the New Testament?; Yom Kippur and Messiah; The Feasts of the LORD (Leviticus 23); and more

- Missions With an emphasis on the place of Jewish missions in God's plan Isaiah and the Glory of God; Ezekiel and the Glory of God; Key to World Evangelism; Abraham? Avraham! Dialogue with a Hasidic Jew; and more
- Christ in the Passover a pulpit presentation of about 40 minutes of a full Passover Seder (3 hours including a meal)
  - Bible prophecy and the Last Days

    Anti-Christ: The Coming World Ruler; Isaiah and the Mini-Apocalypse; The Rapture of the Church; Daniel's 70 Weeks

    Prophecy; The Russian Invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38-39); Where is the U.S.A. in Prophecy?; and more
  - Messianic Prophecy
    The Servant of Isaiah; Tri-unity of God in the Old testament; Psalm 45; 70 Weeks Prophecy of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27; Isaiah 53; and more