



IBAA NEWSLETTER



CHURCH KIDS

Camp Aviv in Yad Hashmona, Israel
October 7–13, 2022

At camp, teachers introduced children to the Bible, where they listened to Bible stories, sang songs, played, and praised the Lord. Thank God for everything!

*"Children are an inheritance from the LORD."
– Psalm 127:3*

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RABBI ERIC'S REFLECTIONS

Shalom Friends,

It is amazing how fast this year has gone by & how much ministry has taken place! At this time, it's beneficial to reflect on how much the IBAA has accomplished.

In January I represented the IBAA at the Annual Conference of the International Alliance of Messianic Congregations & Synagogues, of which I am also a member and a Steering Committee member as well. IBAA vice president Dr. Doug Taylor joined me at the conference and many in attendance were stirred up to consider the importance of apologetics in ministry.

In March, I was invited to speak at the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Mexico's annual conference in Guadalajara. While I do not speak Spanish, my wife does, & my message was translated.

While this alliance is small, many of us came from other countries to strengthen the believers there. I shared a message called "Revival in the Seventh Month." Even though we are now in the first month of the Hebrew calendar, I shared how Passover corresponds to the Fall Feasts of Israel and made comparisons to the environment we live in today with what our people faced upon returning from Babylon &



Immanuel Karpovetzki

Immanuel celebrates Purim in Israel this year (2023).

How wonderful to see our youth learning and commemorating the history of the Jewish people!





TEACHING AT THE OLIVE TREE CONGREGATION

Dr. Igal German has enjoyed teaching an ongoing Shabbat School series at the Olive Tree Congregation. Starting January 2023, Igal has been able to give insightful presentations. Some featured topics were creation, the historicity of the Bible, the divinity of Yeshua, Messianic prophecies, Israel in Bible prophecy, and effective witnessing.



Dr. Igal German enjoys teaching biblical apologetics classes at the Olive Tree Congregation in Chicago, IL.

STRENGTHENING MESSIANIC JEWS OF MEXICO

Messianic Rabbi Eric Lakatos spoke on Jewish revival at the 33rd annual conference of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Mexico at Lake Chapala, Jalisco, March 24–26, 2023, strengthening those in attendance!



Eric Lakatos, his wife, and friends at the conference.

DR. DOUG TAYLOR'S LECTURE

Dr. Doug Taylor, IBAA apologist and professor, presented a paper "No God Necessary? A Case for the Resurrection from the Pulpit" March 21, 2023, in Atlanta.



Dr. Doug Taylor gives a thought-provoking lecture in Atlanta.

attempting to rebuild the Temple under Ezra and Nehemiah. Many other encouraging teachers and leaders gave messages that were powerful & inspiring.

Upon returning to the U.S., we prepared for Passover. In one of my Passover seders that I performed in a church, one young lady came to me with an important question about apologetics that I would like to close this article with. Usually, when I finish a Seder, I typically receive many questions from the audience about either the Seder itself or something related to the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

However, the other night, a young teenager came to me with a question that I think was profound. She started by explaining that she is a new believer herself, that she is still just learning the Bible, & that she was new to the church that I was to perform the Seder in. She wanted to know "What is the difference between Mormonism & Christianity?" She said that she has several friends who are Mormons, & they also believe that Yeshua rose from the dead and that he is the Son of God. She wanted to know what I had to say since during my introduction it had been mentioned that I have a Master's Degree in Apologetics from Luther Rice College & Seminary. This young lady was extremely sincere & sincerely confused & needed real guidance now.

Thankfully, I had the time to explain to her that the outer shell of Mormonism appears on the outside to mimic Christian doctrine. The Latter-Day Saints do all they can to disguise their true heresies for mainline Christian dogma.

The truth, however, is only found when you dig a little deeper than the surface. One of the heresies they teach is that Yeshua is "a god," & that someday, we will all achieve a god-like "status" the same as Yeshua, & we will even someday rule our own universe, just as Yeshua rules this one. This brings Yeshua down to simply a human level and denies his Deity.

It brings Yeshua down to a created being rather than the Creator himself, as he truly is. When they say Yeshua is the "son" of God, what they mean is that he is a man, just like any other man, in this sense, we are all "sons" of God. This is very deceptive, & it is vastly different from what the Bible and mainline Christianity says about Yeshua. The Bible says that Yeshua is begotten of the Father, as in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." In this understanding, it is clear what the difference is Yeshua is not a son in the same manner we are all "God's children." No, rather He is the only begotten son.

There is only one true Son of God, who was with God and was God before time and Creation. Yeshua is not a created being such as humans, animals or angels. Rather, He is God, the Holy One, Blessed be He.

After sharing this with the young lady I encouraged her to keep studying her Bible and to be ready in and out of season at all times to give an answer for her faith (2 Tim. 4:2).

The lesson I was reminded of by this young lady was this: That we all need to be ready, at all times, and always have our guard up against deception and the lies of the enemy that set itself up against the truth. This is what an apologist does. No matter whether we are a rabbi, an accountant, or a nurse; whatever we are doing for a living does not change the fact that we are all apologists, and we should view ourselves in this manner, ready at all times to defend the faith.

Yours,
Rabbi Eric

Messianic Rabbi Eric David Lakatos has over 25 years of Jewish ministry experience. He is an author, teacher, speaker, podcaster, cantor, Holy Land Tour Host, and an ordained Messianic Rabbi.



Eric Lakatos

For more information about Eric please visit the 'IBAA website

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

After retiring in 2021, I sought a ministry where I could use my spiritual gifts. After hearing Dr. German teach at my church earlier this year, I knew we shared a passion for reaching those deceived by false teachings. I volunteered to use my 55+ years of experience as an art director to help IBAA produce literature that equips evangelical and Messianic Jewish communities to confront false teachings with sound biblical apologetics. The core team of IBAA volunteers is becoming a caring family of Jews and Gentiles who love God's Word and desire to give others a reason for our hope in Yeshua Messiah.



Steve Kerr
IBAA Graphic Designer

We need more help. Please consider joining us in this vital ministry at such a time as this

MINISTRY IN PAKISTAN

There is a massive move by Oneness Pentecostals and Mormons, mainly in Karachi and other areas of Pakistan. The pastors could not defend the faith against both the Oneness and Mormons and asked me to come and teach, which I did. I taught two lessons on November 16, 2022. The first was on God's triune essence, while the second was on the teachings of Joseph Smith. Over 300 pastors and church workers attended, and many Oneness came to challenge me along with the Mormons. After the teachings, no one stepped up to challenge me; however, God was merciful, and 25

Mormons repented and trusted the real Messiah Yeshua for salvation. On November 20, 2022, over 300 new believers from Islam, Hinduism, and Mormonism were baptized! The Karachi pastors said it was the most significant baptism ever held, and they were so excited and blessed. I'm glad that God is using this ministry in Pakistan to strengthen the church through His Word and win large numbers of Muslims, Hindus, Mormons, and pagans to Christ.

IBAA evangelist,
John McTernan



"I'm so excited how God is using this ministry in Pakistan to strengthen the church"
- John McTernan.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE IBAA

IBAA is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States. A board of directors governs the IBAA (Dr. Igal German, Dr. Doug Taylor, and Messianic Rabbi Eric Lakatos). This ministry is supported by individuals who believe that apologetics, evangelism, and discipleship matter.

OUR MISSION

The International Biblical Apologetics Association (IBAA) is a nondenominational outreach ministry. We exist to spark a revival in Israel and the nations and to equip Bible believers with tools and knowledge to effectively contend for sound doctrine and help discern truth from lies. We carry out this mission

through a multifaceted ministry that includes print media, digital channels, evangelistic campaigns, prayer rallies, conferences, congregation planting, and speaking engagements.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Reach Israel and the nations with the good news of Messiah Yeshua
- Proclaim God's Word with boldness and clarity
- Unite believers without compromising the biblical truth
- Stand against antisemitism and advocate for Israel
- Educate believers about the Jewish roots of Christianity
- Support survivors of spiritual abuse and victims of cults
- Train the next generation of Bible teachers, evangelists, and apologists

ENCOURAGING SCRIPTURE

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

- John 16:33 (ESV)





IBAA Store



We have just launched our official IBAA T-Shirt! Made of 100% cotton.



Our T-shirts are available in 3 different colors with sizes ranging from S-5XL.



All the T-shirts feature the IBAA logo & a citing 1 Peter 3:15 on the back.

IBAA ONLINE STORE

IBAA merchandise is now available for purchase! Why not check it out?

Official IBAA T-shirts are now available for purchase! Get yours on our official IBAA Store page!

Every purchase supports our ministry and helps us to grow and to reach more people for Yeshua!

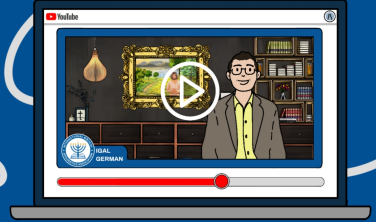
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IBAA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Why not check out our IBAA YouTube channel for even more content?

Lots of new and exciting videos are uploaded regularly.

We would love to hear your feedback!



MINISTRY NEEDS

The IBAA always welcomes new members. Currently we are especially in need of those who can help in these particular fields:

- » Church Callers
- » Prayer Warriors
- » Translators
- » Apologists
- » Fundraisers
- » Video Editors
- » Writers
- » Admin Assistants
- » Ministry Representatives
- » Editors

- » Digital Marketing Specialists
- » Team Members

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

There are other ways that you can help to support us. With your support, the IBAA can reach Jews and Gentiles with the biblical truth. Here are some other avenues where we would love & appreciate your help:

PRAAY

Join our prayer team! Pray with us to see lives transformed by the gospel of Messiah Yeshua.

IBAA DECLARATION

Sign & share the International Apologetics Declaration

PROMOTE

Tell others about us! Share about IBAA with lay believers, youth ministers, pastors, theologians, and apologists.



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