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An Open Letter to African American Christians:

As a Missionary and Pastor, I believe we must stand by Israel  
And support the Jewish community. I am concerned as I see African American  
Support shift its traditional view of under girding the Jewish community to  
Embrace the Islamic world view. Let's take a look at the historic relationship  
between African Americans and Jewish people in America.

In American history the relationship dates back to slavery. There is no question that Jewish people owned slaves  
but only a very small portion. In the 19th century Jewish people were vocal in denouncing slavery. In 1909,  
W.E.B. Dubois, Julius Rosenthal, Lillian Wald, Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch, Stephen Wise and Henry Malkewitz formed the  
NAACP. One year later other prominent Jewish and Black leaders formed the Urban League. Julius Rosenwald  
(Sears, Roebuck) and Booker T. Washington, in 1912, worked together to improve the educational system of Blacks  
in the South. In 1945, Black battalions liberated the Concentration Camps of Word War II.

The Civil Rights Movement was possibly the highlight of the coalition between Blacks and Jewish people in the  
U.S. One third of the supporters of the Civil Rights Movement were Jewish, most of these Jewish people were  
from the North and traveled to the South to participate and support the Civil Rights Movement.

In talking to many of our religious leaders, I have discovered that many Christians find fault even with God,  
because He is restoring the Jewish people. Many feel that the Jewish people do not deserve it. One result of that  
thinking is "Replacement Theology", which claims that because the Jewish people have fallen out of favor with  
God all their promises default to the church.

This leaves me with an unresolved problem, if God does not keep His promise to Israel, perhaps He will not keep  
it to the Church. The implication is that Israel does not deserve God's favor and the church does. This leaves me  
with another problem; the very essence of God's favor is getting what you do not deserve. And I have yet to  
discover a church that actually deserves God's favor. When you appreciate the vital links between Judaism and  
Christianity, as an African American Believer, you can be very effective in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel.

Here are some ways you can share God's love with His covenant people:

- ~ Pray for peace in Jerusalem, and for God to bless Jewish people's future
- ~ Confront and oppose anti-Semitism whenever you encounter it
- ~ Encourage your church to make Jewish evangelism a priority
- ~ Financial support to Messianic Ministries and their missionaries

As the Director of Shalom Ministry, I would like to challenge every believer to become a prayer partner with me in  
my work in the Ministry. Also, we ask you to consider inviting me to come to your church to bring a teaching on  
the "Jewish Roots of Christianity". And lastly, we ask you to prayerfully consider having me represent your  
church as your missionary to the Jewish people. I sincerely want to see the blessings of God on your local  
church.

Your brother in the Messiah,  
John Denson

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*"I will bless those that bless Thee"*