



*TIPS FOR  
WITNESSING TO  
JEWISH PEOPLE*

**MISSION DISCIPLESHIP**

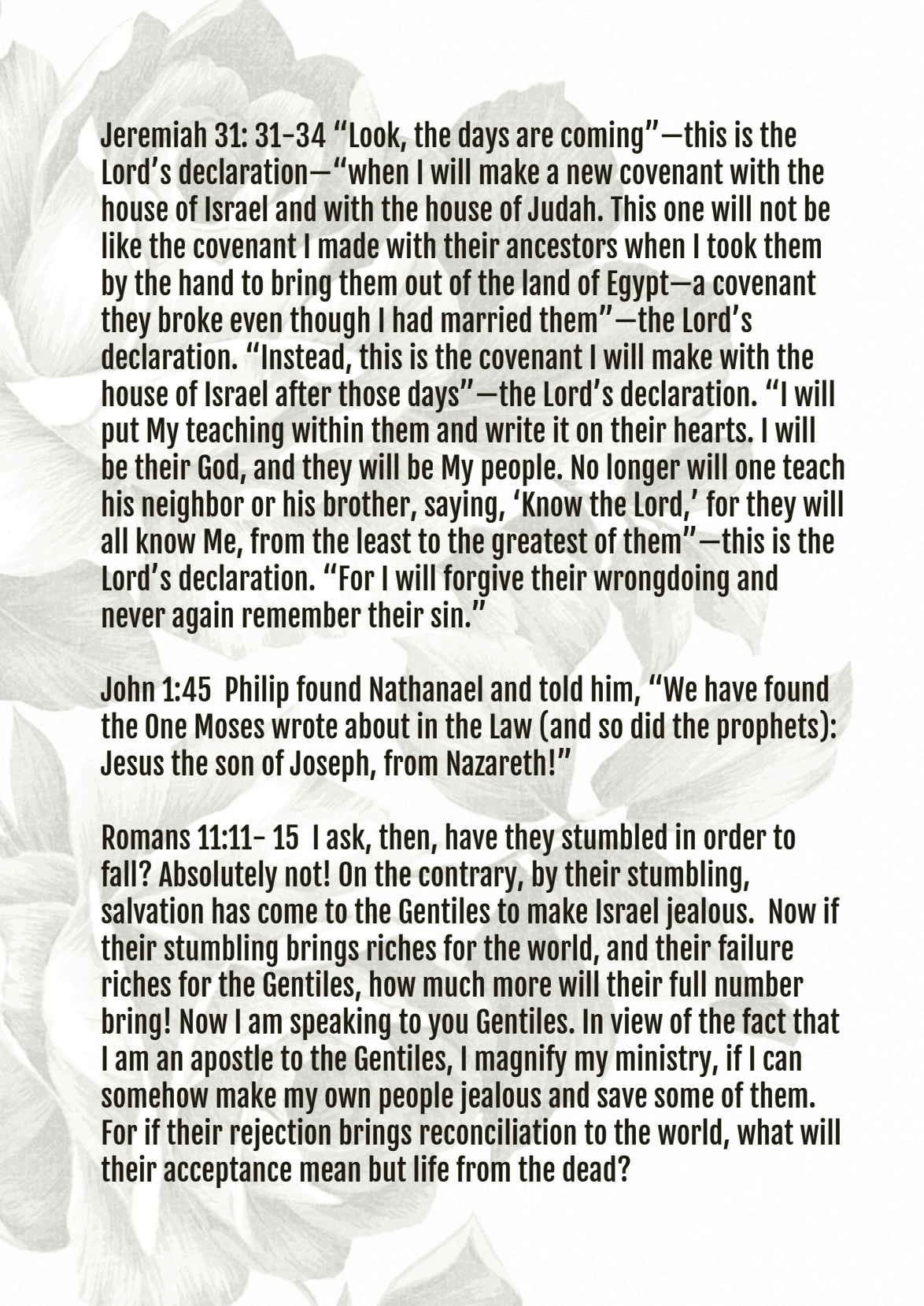
## *Key Scriptures*

**John 14:6** Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Matthew 23: 37–39** “Jerusalem, Jerusalem! She who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, yet you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say, ‘He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One’!”

**Leviticus 17:11** For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have appointed it to you to make atonement on the altar for your lives, since it is the lifeblood that makes atonement.

**Isaiah 53:3–7** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; He was despised, and we didn’t value Him. Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains; but we in turn regarded Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds. We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished Him for the iniquity of us all.



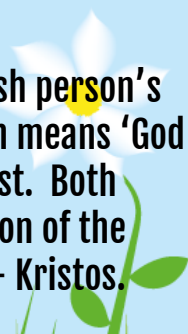
**Jeremiah 31: 31-34** “Look, the days are coming”—this is the Lord’s declaration—“when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke even though I had married them”—the Lord’s declaration. “Instead, this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days”—the Lord’s declaration. “I will put My teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least to the greatest of them”—this is the Lord’s declaration. “For I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sin.”

**John 1:45** Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!”

**Romans 11:11- 15** I ask, then, have they stumbled in order to fall? Absolutely not! On the contrary, by their stumbling, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel jealous. Now if their stumbling brings riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full number bring! Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. In view of the fact that I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if I can somehow make my own people jealous and save some of them. For if their rejection brings reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

WHEN WITNESSING THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) OF JESUS CHRIST (MESSIAH-YESHUA\*) TO JEWISH PEOPLE, FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THINGS TO REMEMBER. ACTUALLY SOME OF THESE ARE GOOD WHEN WITNESSING TO ANYONE. INCLUDED ARE HEBREW TERMS (MARKED BY AN \*) OF SOME CHRISTIAN PHRASES AND WORDS, AS IT'S HELPFUL TO USE THE HEBREW TO MAKE JEWISH PEOPLE FEEL LESS THREATENED. THIS IS A GREAT START TO HELPING THEM UNDERSTAND THAT BELIEVING IN YESHUA\* (JESUS) IS THE MOST JEWISH THING THEY COULD EVER DO.



- 1. It's the Holy Spirit's (Ruakh HaKodesh's\*) work to bring a person to faith in the Messiah, not ours.**
  - 2. God doesn't call us to be successful witnesses, only faithful ones.**
  - 3. Prayer is essential when sharing your faith. Pray for God to give you wisdom in the words you speak. Also pray that the Holy Spirit would touch the person you're witnessing to. Pray for divine opportunities to share your faith with people. (Jew & Gentile)**
  - 4. Don't be afraid to share your faith. Satan's desire is for you to be afraid and therefore not do it. Don't fall into that temptation.**
  - 5. Walk in faith not in fear. God will help you. Ask Him for help. Trust that He will help you.**
  - 6. Don't get discouraged. Remember that Jesus (Yeshua\*) was despised and rejected by men. Sometimes when we're witnessing people reject us and what we have to say. This puts us in good company with the Lord. Find peace in that.**
  - 7. Always speak to people from a pure heart of love and compassion. Pray for God to help you in this area.**
  - 8. Sometimes the name Jesus brings fear into the Jewish person's mind. It's good to use His Hebrew name Yeshua\*, which means 'God is salvation.' Also use the title Messiah, instead of Christ. Both mean the same thing – Messiah is the English translation of the Hebrew word Mashiakh\* and Christ is from the Greek – Kristus. Both mean the Anointed One.**
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**9. Jewish people are afraid of the word convert because of the persecution they experienced in the inquisition and crusades. The word makes them think that if they believe in Jesus they are no longer Jewish. Try to avoid that word. It might be better to use the word completed instead of converted. Jews do not stop being Jewish when they accept Messiah and are 'born-again.' They actually begin to understand their culture and traditions in ways that they never did in the past. The word 'crusade' to a Jewish Person brings fear and suspicion. Avoid this word as well.**

**10. Don't assume the Jewish person you're witnessing to knows Scripture. Many Jewish people do not know what it says in their own Holy Scriptures. Jewish People may know stories from their Bible, but most do not understand the concepts of the sacrificial system, blood covenants, covenants, the fall of man and its results upon humanity. They're not aware of the calling of the Jewish People to be a light to the nations and that the promised Messiah would bring restoration to a backslidden, idolatrous people. Because of this, it's essential when speaking to Jewish People to frame your conversation as if you're talking to someone who has little to no understanding about the Messiah, the Bible, or what their Holy Scriptures teach. (Hosea 4:6)**

**11. Know your Scriptures. Study the Bible and know what it says about Messiah. There are over 300 Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament alone.**

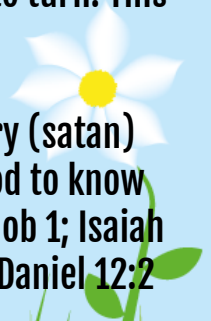
**12. Don't be afraid to say 'I don't know' if you're asked a question you don't know the answer to. Offer to research the answer and get back to the person. Your humility will be a greater witness than spiritual pride would.**

**13. Many Jewish people do not understand the concept of sin, salvation or our need Savior. They don't think they're sinners. They see sinners as convicted criminals. It's good to know the 10 Commandments and use them in your witness as a test to help people see for themselves whether they have broken God's basic laws, and are therefore sinners. Once they see that they've broken God's law you can then tell them about God's plan of salvation and the Savior, Yeshua HaMashiakh\* (Jesus the Messiah).**

**14. Equip yourself to know how to pray with someone to lead them into a 'born again' experience. Jesus/Yeshua\* tells us that unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)**

**15. Words that are common to us, i.e.: faith, grace, repentance, works, righteousness, prophecy, etc. are not understood by unbelievers. Try to not use 'Christianese' in your witness. Be simple. Explain the concepts that you talk about. People need to know that the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ (Messiah Yeshua\*) isn't about religion. It is about having a real relationship with God. In order to be in relationship with God He requires us to repent (turn away) from sin. Repentance requires taking in a whole new point of view and looking at things God's way. God commands us to turn. This is the way we accept His gift of salvation**

**16. Jewish people do not believe that God has an adversary (satan) or that there's an eternal place of torment (hell). It's good to know Old Testament Scriptures that talk about satan and hell: Job 1; Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; Deut. 32:22; Psalm 9:17; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Daniel 12:2**



**18. People (Jews & Gentiles) need to be informed that there's more to life than they see and think. There's a spiritual realm that has laws and effects even if they don't believe in it. It might help to explain the fact that we're born as triune beings with a body, soul (mind, will & emotions) and a spirit. Our spirits, however, are dead because of the sinful nature of man. The spiritual realm is very real and includes angels, demons and the Kingdom of God. Our faith in Yeshua\* as Messiah brings life to our spirits and allows us to understand these truths.**

**19. Most Jews have never heard the story of Jesus Christ. They do not know that He was Jewish and that most of the 1st century believers were Jewish. Tell the story. Show how Christ's (Messiah's) death was foreshadowed in the Old Testament in the Passover story. Help them understand that each of the Feasts of the Lord (Leviticus 23) foreshadow an aspect of Messiah, and that they're a beautiful sign given to us by God to help point us toward the truth about the Messiah. All the Spring Feasts of the Lord prophesy Messiah's first coming, while the Fall Feasts, His second coming. Help them understand that His blood put into effect the New Covenant that the prophet Jeremiah spoke about. (Jer. 31:31-33) Help them understand that Jesus Himself kept the Law perfectly and said that He didn't come to abolish it, but to fulfill it. (Matt. 5:17).**

**20. In the concentration camps of WWII the Nazis told the Jews that Jesus told them to kill them. Help them understand that was a lie. Jesus said that He came for the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt. 15:24). Help Jewish People understand that Jesus is for the Jews and doesn't hate them. He was born a Jew, lived as a Jew and died a Jew.**



**21. In today's society secular humanism (a humanist philosophy that upholds reason, ethics and justice, and denies supernaturalism) is the predominant worldview. It's important for people to understand the truth about the Kingdom of God, and God's right to rule and reign over us. This is essentially what Yeshua\* came here to teach. It's important for us to keep that the focal point of the Gospel message that we share.**

**22. Use your own testimony to show how God has worked in your life when sharing the Gospel with people. Let them know how He's answered prayer. Show them that He's real.**

**23. When talking to people in order to witness to them maintain control of the conversation. Always steer them back to Yeshua\*/Jesus and talking about Him and their need for salvation.**

**24. Jewish people do not believe in Jesus because they believe He was a man claiming to be God. Help them understand that He was in fact God, who came to earth in the form of a man. Challenge them to think about the fact that God can do anything He wants to do, and that He had come to earth before. (Genesis 11:5) (Genesis 32:30).**

**25. In Matt. 23:37-39 Jesus is looking over Jerusalem when He says "you will not see me again until you say 'blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.'" Help Jewish People understand that their putting their faith in Yeshua\*/Jesus as their Messiah, sent by God, will hasten Messiah's return to bring total peace to this war-torn world.**

**26. Jewish people say they will not believe in Jesus because God commands them to believe in only one God, and not three separate Gods. Assure them that you believe in only one God too. God has revealed Himself to us as having different aspects and characteristics, as seen by His various Names found in the Jewish Scriptures. Jesus (Yeshua\*) is one of those aspects. It's God who is our Savior. Remind the Jewish person that the most used name for God in the Hebrew language is Elohim, and 'im' at the end of a Hebrew word denotes a plurality. God is a multi-faceted being, but yes there is only one God!**

**27. Help Jewish people understand that God wants all people to be part of His family and that's why He allowed the Jews to reject Jesus so salvation would go to the Gentiles as well. In the last days Jewish people's eyes will be opened to the truth about their Messiah. This is beginning to happen now. There are currently more Jewish believers in Jesus than ever before in history. Let them know that.**

**28. Yeshua\*/Jesus is the world's role model of how God wants us all to live our lives. Following Him by being obedient to His teachings leads us to live lives of righteousness and holiness in the power of God's Holy Spirit (Ruakh HaKodesh\*) and assures that we have salvation from eternal damnation and judgment. Having Messiah Yeshua\* as the foundation of all our work assures that we'll accomplish things that will have eternal value in God's sight. Help people understand that.**

**29. Don't be afraid to ask people the simple question: "Have you ever received Yeshua\*/Jesus as your personal Savior?" If they say "No." simply ask them if you could lead them in a prayer to do that right now.**

**30. The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur\*) is the most holy day on the Jewish calendar. Help Jewish People understand that Leviticus 17:11 states that atonement is only made by blood sacrifice and Yeshua\* fulfilled that sacrifice. Good deeds, prayers or forgiveness do not bring atonement to people according to God's set requirements, no matter what the rabbis say.**

**31. In Romans 11 Paul talks about provoking the Jewish People to jealousy so that some might be saved. The way to provoke them is by the manifestation of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (Galatians 5:22-26); by your knowledge of how their holidays prophesy the coming of the Messiah; and by your unconditional love for them. Spend time developing the character of Messiah. Learn about the Biblical Feasts of the Lord (Lev. 23). Be able to use Hebrew when communicating some simple Christian terms. In these ways you'll be more equipped in your witness to Jewish People.**

**Another great way to provoke them is by thanking them. Thank them for being the people of the book and for writing and preserving the Scriptures all these thousands of years. Tell them that it's because of the truths that are taught in their Scriptures that you've come into a personal relationship with their God, through their Messiah.**



*Following is a sample explanation to share with someone and a prayer to lead them in to receive Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah and Lord:*

As the Creator, God is King of all the universe. His Kingdom is an eternal Kingdom. He has a right to rule in our lives, but in our pride we exalt ourselves as King. This pride is one example of sin (imperfection) and sin separates us from God, who is perfect. By faith (trust, belief) God puts His Holy Spirit into our spirit and makes it come alive. Having life in our spirit is what enables us to recognize and understand the truth about God's Kingdom. It allows us to communicate with Him and turn away from our sin and live righteous and holy lives. This doesn't happen automatically though.

God came to the earth in the form of a man, Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach\* (in Hebrew). He came to teach us about the Kingdom of God and to die on the cross so that the sins of humanity could be forgiven. Just as medicine prescribed by a doctor will not heal a sick person unless it's taken, we too must believe in and ask the Messiah to cover our sin. Yeshua was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and because of this there's supernatural power in His shed blood. When we confess our faith in Him as Messiah and apply His blood to our lives this is called receiving Yeshua, Jesus as our Lord and Savior. By making this choice we are 'born again' by God's Holy Spirit and our spirits come alive to God and to the truths of God's Kingdom.

We know that there's real power in the sacrifice and the blood of Yeshua\*/Jesus because though He was crucified and died, He rose from the dead, as did many other people at the time He was crucified. (Matthew 27:50-53)

Hundreds of people saw Yeshua alive after His resurrection. These facts prove that He conquered sin and death forever.

The great healings that took place while He lived on the earth also show us the great compassion of God toward us, and the mighty power of His Kingdom.

Many people say many things about eternity and how many lives we live etc., but the Bible says we live only once and then we will be judged. If we have ever lied, stolen, coveted, or gone against any of the Ten Commandments (or other laws of God) we will be condemned to eternal separation from God and will spend eternity in torment.

When we accept the forgiveness of the Messiah by believing in Him and put our hope in what He can do in our lives, God brings life to our spirits. We learn the truth that our eternal destination and home is in heaven, with our Heavenly Father, God. We also learn that His Kingdom (a place of great joy and love) exists both here on earth, and in Heaven.



By proclaiming and living the truth that Yeshua\*, Jesus is Lord we come into right alignment with the Kingdom of God and reap all the benefits that God, the Creator of the universe has to offer us. Our lives become fulfilled and we begin to live out the unique destinies that we each were created for. It doesn't mean that we won't have problems or hardships, but we are assured that when we walk in God's ways of living, as outlined in the Bible, and when we apply ourselves to know God more (through prayer and Bible study) we begin to live lives of fulfillment and abundance, no matter what life brings our way. If you've never prayed to receive Jesus/ Yeshua\* as your personal Lord and Savior just pray this prayer and mean it in your heart. (Prayer is simply speaking and listening to God.):

Lord, God, my imperfection is called  
sin. You are perfect God, and I  
understand that You came to earth in  
the form of the man, Yeshua  
HaMashiakh\*, Jesus Christ, to die  
as payment for my sin. I believe that  
You were raised from the dead and I  
have a hope that through my faith You  
can reveal Yourself to me. Forgive me  
of my sins. Come into my heart.  
Cleanse me. Turn my life around in  
the areas that need to be turned  
around, and guide me.



Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, Your  
Ruakh HaKodesh\*. Help me to  
desire to study Your Word to know  
You and walk in Your ways.

Prepare me for my eternal home in  
heaven. Use me on this earth now for  
Your glory, Your honor and the  
furtherance of Your Kingdom. Thank  
you for saving me. It's in Yeshua's\*,  
Jesus' name that I pray this and ask  
You to help me love and serve You  
forever. Amen.

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