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ISRAEL

Over 2000 people have now downloaded the Hebrew Bible Companion app in Israel and some users are starting to engage with us. Most of them are synagogue attending Jews, and the most interested are in fact Orthodox or Ultra Orthodox Hasidic or Haderi Jews. This has indeed left us "surprised by joy". We have heard reports of how some rabbis are accepting Jesus as Messiah, and how even amongst the Ultra Orthodox there are many who are secretly coming to the conclusion that Jesus is Messiah. Now our engagements with our app users is confirming this, and it's very exciting. Clearly there is a quiet movement towards Jesus. The problem is that for the Orthodox and especially those in Ultra Orthodox families... it's really about impossible to "come out" and quit. It's a culture, a family, it's everything for them. Of course we encourage them to all the same accept Jesus as Messiah and be quietly baptized into Him, remaining where they are in their societies. But it really is a huge sea change for them. All the same, we're just blown away by how much interest there is and how many Jewish people are quietly thinking about the possibility of Jesus as Messiah. Of course our non-trinitarian position is attractive to them. And being able to quietly study our teachings from the privacy of an app on their phone... is a huge thing. We're so grateful to those who have enabled the Hebrew Bible Companion project, and we're open to funds to pay for more advertising of the app. So far our videos have had over . The two main publicity videos for the app which we're advertising have had 50,200 + 86,300 = 136,000 views, and by the time you are reading this that may likely be over 150,000 views. There are only about 5 million native Hebrew speakers in Israel- so many of the population are native speakers of other languages, especially Russian, whilst having Hebrew as their second or third language. Our ads only show on the phones of those whose phones are set to Hebrew as a first language. So we're making a really significant impact on the real core Hebrew speaking Jewish community. Please do donate so we can keep up the campaign. Seeing that Christian preaching is forbidden in Israel, we consider this is about the only way to really mass engage with the Hebrew speaking public in Israel. This is an amazing thing, to have so many Hebrew speaking Israelis engaging with our Hebrew language videos:

Top geographies

Views · Since uploaded (lifetime)

Israel



Your video

אנחנו ווידאו הבכירית הישנה והחדשה App

Overview Reach Engagement Audience

This video has gotten 50,189 views since it was published



Overview Reach Engagement Audience

This video has gotten 86,360 views since it was published

Your video:

הורד את אנליקציית התנ"ך היחידית...

Here are a few clips from conversations:

Language: English Hebrew Spanish

Russian Hebrew English

Israel 226 1: היי שלום לך	Israel 226 1: Hey, hello
Israel 226 1: אלוהים יברך אותך	Israel 226 1: God bless you
Israel 226 1: ראיתי שאתה מתעסק גם בנושא הטבילה	Israel 226 1: I saw you were also talking about baptism
Duncan Heaster: כן. האם תרצה להיטבל?	Duncan Heaster: Yes. Would you like to be baptized?
Israel 226 1: כן	Israel 226 1: Yes
Israel 226 1: אבל אני חרדי...	Israel 226 1: But I'm Haredi...
Israel 226 1: מקווה שאתה יודע מה זה	Israel 226 1: Hope you know what that is
Duncan Heaster: וואו! דבר גדול לעשות עבור	

Haredi Jews are even more strict than Hasidic Jews. You can read about them on Wikipedia. Their men are funded by the Israeli Government to study the Torah and Rabbinic Halakah all day; most marriages are arranged; they aren't allowed access to the internet and must only use simple block cell phones not smartphones [our contact is using one secretly]; average families have around 7 children; they live poor, on Government benefits; they're exempted from army service; their schooling finishes at 12 years old and after that they only study the Torah or Tanakh; the few who leave are often beaten up, lose their families, and enter society disadvantaged as they generally have no education or career. The Haredi campaign for complete segregation of male and female in society, demanding separate buses for men and women, even demanding the Israeli airline El Al offer male only flights...





But within that apparently totally non Christian, even anti Christian culture and society... people are thinking, beneath the surface appearances. Just as there is a quiet revival of interest in Christianity in British society at this time. And so, quietly and secretly, people in such strict Orthodox Jewish communities are downloading our app and considering the Gospel. It's amazing.

There's a lot of interest in self-baptism. Whilst not ideal, in the situation and context, we can't see why this wouldn't be acceptable to the Lord:

<p>1: וכן חח זה דבר מאד משמעותי לטובל 1: ולכן בא לי לעשות את הצעד הזה</p> <p>Duncan Heaster: אז איך אתה מדמין את ביצוע הטבילה? אפשרות אחת היא להיפגש במלון שלי בפעם הבאה שאני בישראל ואנחנו נעשה את זה שם. מה אתה חושב? אתה לא צריך לעזוב את היהדות, אתה צריך להמשיך איתה. לדעתך זה שאתה בלבך מקבל את ישוע כמשיח.</p> <p>1: למען האמת כן קורץ לי לעזוב אותה 1: אבל כרגע זה רק בתאוריה 1: לגבי הטבילה יש דרך לטבול לבד? למשל במקוה הרגיל?</p> <p>Duncan Heaster: אני חושב שכולנו לפעמים מפנטזים על להיות בסביבה חברתית שונה לחלוטין. אבל אלוהים נתן לנו את המצב שאנחנו נמצאים בו ואנחנו צריכים לחיות בתוכו. כתבתי עוד על טבילה בכתובת https://baptizo.info/he.html ועל טבילת עצמך בכתובת https://baptizo.info/selfbaphe.html</p>	<p>1: And yes, it is a very significant thing to be baptized 1: That is why I want to take this step.</p> <p>Duncan Heaster: So how do you imagine performing the baptism? One option is to meet at my hotel the next time I am in Israel and we will do it there. What do you think? You do not have to leave Judaism, you have to continue with it. In my opinion. The fact that in your heart you accept Jesus as the Messiah.</p> <p>1: To be honest, I am tempted to leave it 1: But right now it is only in theory 1: Regarding baptism, is there a way to be baptized alone? For example, in the regular mikveh?</p> <p>Duncan Heaster: I think we all sometimes fantasize about being in a completely different social environment. But God gave us the situation we are in and we have to live within it. I wrote more about baptism at https://baptizo.info/he.html and about baptizing yourself at https://baptizo.info/selfbaphe.html</p>
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Some even won't give their names, but they ask questions about how to baptize themselves:

<p>אתה? אני שואל רק כי אני רוצה להתפלל עבורך. שמי דאנקן. 2: דבר ראשון תודה רבה לך 2: דבר שני אני מעדיף לשמור על הפרטיות אני מקווה שאתה מבין או 2: אני מאיזור הדרום אבל Sorry: https://baptizo.info/selfbaphe.html and https://baptizo.info/he.html כשאתה אומר שצריך להתפלל לפני הטבילה איזה תפילה בדיוק צריך להגיד? 2: או שלהתפלל הכוונה לקרוא את פרק 1 באל הרומים</p>	<p>You? I'm just asking because I want to pray for you. My name is Duncan. 2: First of all, thank you very much 2: Second, I prefer to keep it private. I hope you understand me 2: I'm from the south, but 2: Sorry: https://baptizo.info/selfbaphe.html and https://baptizo.info/he.html When you say you have to pray before baptism, What prayer exactly should you say? 2: Or by praying do you mean reading Romans 6?</p>
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There have been of course discussions about doctrinal issues, but also some of these Orthodox Jews actually don't seem to have much clue how to pray... apart from reading or reciting prayers. It was quite an eye opener to have to explain to a man who studies Scripture all day that if he baptizes himself, he should firstly pray to God from his heart. Not reciting any set prayer... because it's all about personal relationship with God and His Son:



But whilst some want just anonymous online contact, it seems others are willing and interested to meet face to face:



So, we really do ask for your prayers for wisdom and blessing as we try by all means to bring God's people back to Him, to His love, and to His Son.

UKRAINE

Extreme temperatures continue in Ukraine and we plan a visit there in two weeks' time, Lord willing. Attacks on the energy infrastructure continue. One sister writes of how at -27 C [= -17 F] she has managed to warm her room to +5 C [14 F]. That's a huge amount of energy, to warm a room by 32 degrees... but life at +5 C is still miserable. And as you can see from the weather report, the 'feels like' temperature is much lower due to the wind, down to -32 C [-25 F]. We're open to your donations as we continue to do what we can to assist.



Sister Svita is desperately trying to keep her goats alive by dressing them in sweaters, and the family cat too. Do pray for them as goats are their source of meat and milk. You will notice how the sweaters of course have two arms, but that means only two legs of the animal are covered:





We're making a visit to Ukraine next week, please do pray for the work, and consider donating towards the cost of buying generators for our brothers and sisters and their families.

UK

We asked for your prayers for brother Craig, a homeless man who had previously worked as a chef and through a sad set of circumstances ended up jobless and homeless on the streets of Croydon, sleeping in shop doorways etc. He was eager for the Gospel, got baptized- and whilst God has never offered an easy life for His people, things within a week really looked up for Craig. Within a week from being baptized, he was given a flat by the council and then got a job from a previous boss. He's starting work this week as chef at a restaurant not far from Croydon. It was an amazing turn around, and our brother gave his testimony at our Sunday meeting- <https://youtu.be/Dr2llz8hy0I> . Really worth listening to and praising God for by the time you get to the end of it. But in the lead up to it, our brother appeared just one more of the many difficult cases we provide food for at our meetings- after having taught them the Bible and Christian basics for 30-40 minutes beforehand:





We're really grateful to have Barbara helping Sister Cis with the midweek feeding. And we're always looking for more helpers. Midweek we were so happy to baptize SAM in the usual bathtub in South Croydon, he was in tears at his baptism. So sincere.





The online following of Pub Church continues all over the UK. This week we got down to Wales to baptize STEVE. It seems the Lord has led us to bring unchurched and previously irreligious British people to God, Jesus and the Bible. And Steve is just typical. Formerly of no faith at all, he had a work injury in his 20s and was given Tramadol, an opiod painkiller, to deal with the pain. He became addicted to it, although it's a legal drug. He describes in his video testimony at https://youtu.be/yQSs_luVZm0 how he was driven to rock bottom in life, desperate to be free of Tramadol. He decided to 'try God' and prayed for help; and 5 years ago now, he just stopped it cold turkey. Five years is a long time in terms of being clean from an addiction. He put his mind to trying to find God and the truth of the Bible, watching YouTube videos. He tried attending churches, but found them disinterested in him as he works at Tesco's supermarket on Sundays and can't attend church. He then saw that many churches are fake and infiltrated with paganism. But some time ago now he encountered us at Croydon Church in a Pub on YouTube. After some time watching he made contact, and his first message said "I believe 100% God is real and I want to get closer and learn everything about God because the more I learn the feeling gets so much better, it's hard to explain but my next step is get baptized". So all that came to a happy climax in his bath tub on Friday, with his baptism into the Lord Jesus. Afterwards Steve was just so super happy to have been baptized, as you can see in the video. Again we thank God that He has brought another one to His dear Son in spirit and truth.



PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For the Orthodox Jews studying with our app who are so embedded in Orthodox society that conversion is so hard for them
- For our brothers and sisters literally freezing from the extreme cold in Ukraine and throughout Eastern Europe
- For wisdom in trying to help the situation for those in Ukraine, with long term damage to drainage, electricity availability and plumbing in homes due to the frozen pipes

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks