

## **Advanced Discipleship Course: Session 1**

### **THE RISE OF MODERN MESSIANIC JUDAISM**

#### **Section 1 Messianic Judaism in the First Century**

- a. Messianic Jewish Communities
  - Jerusalem congregation under James
  - Matthew's community
  
- b. Messianic Jews and Gentiles
  - Acts 15: The Jerusalem Council
  - Acts 21: Rav Saul in Jerusalem

#### **Section 2 The Division of Messianic Jews from the Gentile Christian Church**

The Growing Gentile Churches

- a. Justin Martyr, 'Dialogue With Trypho'
- b. The Early Church Fathers
- c. The First Council of Nicaea 325 A.D.
- d. Augustine of Hippo
- e. St. Jerome of Jerusalem

#### **Section 3 The Rise of Hebrew Christianity**

- a. Jewish Missions of the 18th century
  - The Moravian outreaches in Germany, including congregations
  - J.C.S. Frey: The first British missionary
  
- b. Jewish Missions of the 19th century
  - London Society for Promotion Christianity Amongst the Jews (1809)
  - Free Church of Scotland's Mission to the Jews (1839)
  - Outstanding Hebrew Christians: A. Edersheim; A. Saphir; Michael S. Alexander, Leopold Cohn, David Baron, Isaac Hellmuth
  - Jewish Missions in America
  
- c. Hebrew Christian Societies
  - Episcopal Jews Chapel Abrahamitic Society (1835)
  - Hebrew Christian Alliance (1867)
  - Hebrew Christian Alliance of America (1915)
  - International Hebrew Christian Alliance (1925)

#### **Section 4 The Birth of Messianic Judaism**

- a. Joseph Rabinowitz's Messianic Synagogue in Kishinev, Russia
- b. Rev. Mark John Levy (United States, England)

- c. Philip Cohen (South Africa): The Messianic Jew - Journal 1910
- d. Hayyim Yedidyah Pollak (Galicia)

### **Section 5 The Hebrew Christian Resistance**

- a. Declaration of 1917 by HCAA
- b. Morris Zeidman and New Jersey conference 1932
- c. Warsaw / Budapest conference 1927
- d. Hebrew Christian congregations: Toronto (1913), Chicago, Pittsburgh (1930s-40s)

### **Section 6 The Rise of Modern Messianic Judaism**

- a. The Jesus People Movement (1970s)
- b. ABMJ's youth outreach: Jews for Jesus
- c. Young Messianic Jewish Alliance
- d. 1975: HCAA becomes MJAA
- e. UMJC formed 1979 / IAMCS 1986

### **Section 7 Varieties of Modern Messianic Judaism**

- a. UMJC: building on the Messianic Jewish identity
- b. IAMCS entrepreneurial Messianic congregations
- c. The battle over Jewish tradition: Passover, Jewish prayer, Hebrew Scriptures