

## **CHRISTIANS AND JEWS**

**Something wonderful happened to me that I think may have happened to many born-again Christians. And it changed forever how I felt about Jews.**

**I was born in 1946 and I am 77 years old, and this significant event happened in my 35th year. Growing up in rural and northern Ontario, Canada, I don't know if I ever met a Jewish person. After high school I worked for a Canadian bank, working in four branches over three years. I must have met some Jewish people, but I was not aware, if I did.**

**Then I worked for the Canadian Dental Association for seven years. I believe about one third of Canadian dentists are Jewish. Planning and organizing national dental conventions across Canada allowed me to meet and get to know quite a few Jewish dentists.**

**These conventions enjoyed an attendance of several thousand and my job involved arranging hotels and meeting rooms in various cities, and we had to look several years ahead in our planning. We ordinarily met in early Fall. I accidentally and unintentionally booked a few events that clashed with Yom Kippur, perhaps the highest and most solemn of Jewish holidays.**

**Doctor Murray Cornish was my boss and he gently explained that it would be necessary to make changes to our plans and why. I was about 28 years old, and that was my introduction to Jewish holidays.**

**My career moved into financial services, and I met lots of Jewish businessmen including lawyers. I had many times more pleasant experiences than otherwise in my several dozen business relationships. I never harbored Anti-Semitic views or attitudes at any time in my life and had no reason to.**

**At age 35, in 1981, I became a born-again Christian. and I tell my story in my 2012 video at**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PffmOFoP8HM>**

**In 2023, I began producing videos hoping to help men distinguish fact from fiction in their perceptions of what God has to say in the Bible about various choices and issues. I updated my life story in 2023 at**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMpvX-vU940>**

**I became a Christian by accepting the challenge from someone I respected, and cared about, to read the Gospel of John with an open heart and mind, asking God to reveal Himself to me as I read. The young lady encouraged me to carry on and read Acts and Romans after that, to gain a better understanding of Christianity. Within a few weeks of accepting that challenge I became born again as a direct result of studying the Bible.**

**People had been praying for my salvation, and I don't discount that at all, but God used His Word to convince me. I went on to read my Bible from cover to cover over the next few months. In doing so, I came to relate warmly to Jewish people, and to Israel. My heart just opened up. And it has stayed open. My Bible makes it clear that Israel and Jews are precious to God, and that is good enough for me.**

**I am grateful to God for waking me up to His love for His people, and for me and for everyone brought to Him by Jesus. And I am very grateful to see true Christians rising up in support of Israel and the Jewish people. Perhaps some of them were awakened in the way that I was. Shalom!**