

# HISTORY + THE BIBLE

## 1) SHORT HISTORY OF SWITZERLAND + THE SWISS REFORMATION

This tiny neutral country in the center of Europe is a reflection of the nations around it. Swiss products and ideas have influenced the history of Europe. Torn between major world powers (German tribes, Habsburg, Vatican, France) the Swiss Confederation has survived. Get to know the major names of the Swiss reformation and how they interacted with the other reformers. Always keen to reach a peaceful compromise (building bridges!) the UN thought it fitting to have one of their headquarters placed in Geneva.



## 2) RESISTANCE + FORGIVENESS - THE HOLOCAUST

What Christians can learn from this tragedy in world history. Visit in pictures the concentration camps of Buchenwald, Dora Mittelbau in Germany, and Struthof in France. Check out the "Maginot Line" and Corrie Ten Boom's place in Haarlem. Discover the shocking link to German reformer Martin Luther and the courage of the Pastors of the "Bekennende Kirche" who suffered (some died) for their faith!



## MESSIANIC STUDIES – HEBREW CULTURE / CONTEXT OF THE BIBLE

### 1) FOOL PROOF PROPHECIES

How to recognize the true Messiah. God has given ample evidence through His creation (Rom. 1:20) for His existence. Through the history of Israel and several hundred prophecies He made sure that no one who is truly searching would miss His Messiah, the anointed Savior of the world! Cut through the religious confusion in these last days and find out why most Jews did not realize that Yeshua was their promised Messiah and why "today" even Rabbis start following Him!



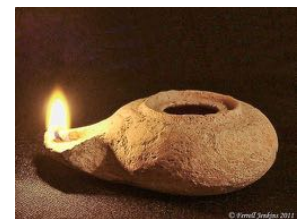
### 2) BY WHAT AUTHORITY? YESHUA – THE ULTIMATE RABBI!

Mark 1:22: The people were amazed at his (Jesus') teaching, because **He taught them as one who had authority**, not as the teachers of the law. Compare with us rabbinic oral teaching with Jesus' teaching. Some of it He upheld, some He modified – an act only the Messiah was allowed to do, by the rabbis' own admission.



### 3) LIVING WORD – WRITTEN WORD

The amazing design of the Tanakh-OT (Torah-Pentateuch, Nevi'im-Prophets, Ketuvim-Writings) Truly the whole Bible is "God's Written Word" introducing us to His Son Jesus Christ as the "Living Word". Psalm 119:105: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path!" How the Gospel can be decoded in the 1<sup>st</sup> word + verse of the Torah!



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