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If I remember correctly, this is my 6<sup>th</sup> year to teach a Creation Science class at this Women's Retreat. Right after I taught the first time here, I was given the opportunity to learn Ancient Biblical Hebrew. I had been homeschooling my son & he was going into the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, & he had been learning Hebrew for his foreign language. We got involved in a Messianic Jewish Outreach because I wanted him to experience Jewish Culture as part of his Hebrew language study. When we first started, the outreach (Beth Tephila) was trying to raise money to purchase a Torah Scroll. They were meeting in a borrowed building, but instead of trying to raise money for their own building, it was more important to them to have a Torah Scroll.



What is a Torah Scroll? It's a copy of the first 5 books of the Old Testament hand written in Hebrew on sheepskin parchment. A new one costs somewhere between \$40,000 to \$75,000. A good used one costs somewhere between \$5,000 & \$10,000. It's read from, almost every week as part of the service, & Genesis to Deuteronomy is read through every year throughout the global Jewish community. (Everybody reads the same Torah portion at the same time!) In Messianic Jewish Congregations everybody is encouraged to learn Hebrew so that they can read from the Torah Scroll, so that's how I got started learning Hebrew.

My Hebrew teacher was also into Creation Science, & he owned just about every video ICR & AIG had produced, so because of this, he started us off translating Genesis 1. One day after we had been in his class for several weeks, he started talking about how he had just finished translating Genesis chapters 1 through 11, & it took him

9 months to do so. Well, at that point I had been studying Creation Science in depth for about 6 years, & at the same time had been asking God to help me be as accurate as possible in my writing project on the life time of Shem, so I decided that I too would translate Genesis chapters 1 through 11, & hold the research up to the light of the Hebrew Text. It took me 3½ years! Then for over a year now, I have been re-editing my novel & getting it in alignment with the Hebrew Text.

About 6 months ago I began to edit the part of the story that happens right after the Flood. When I first wrote the novel several years ago, I had no idea that volcanic activity was included in that part of the story. Then after translating the names in Genesis 10 & figuring out that they were describing volcanic activity, I went back over them a second time to see if I could find some more details that I might be able to incorporate into the novel.

Have you ever prayed for something over & over again, & God is on the other end just waiting for you to get to a certain point so that He can answer your prayers, & He's been waiting to answer those prayers a long time before you ever started praying them?...and it might even be for a grander purpose than what you had in mind!

Well, using Google Earth & the pictures & information from <http://www.noahsarksearch.com> & the information from 'Noah's Ark: Fact or Fable?' by Violet M. Cummings, & research on volcanic activity, etc, I began to piece together the story... It's all in the names in Genesis 10! The wives waddled off the Ark & every time a son was born, he would be named according to whatever was going on at the time, most of which were geological events! [That any of them survived after the Flood is also because of God's grace alone!! None of us should even be here!] There are usually at least 2 names associated with every event, & sometimes more.

One of the names in Genesis 10 is 'Ashkenaz'. He's Japheth's oldest grandson. His name means 'sprinkled with fire'. The name is also prophetic. In our days the Jews that came from Europe are called Ashkenazi Jews, & the ones who migrated from Spain are called 'Sephardic Jews'. A couple years ago we were finally able to purchase a

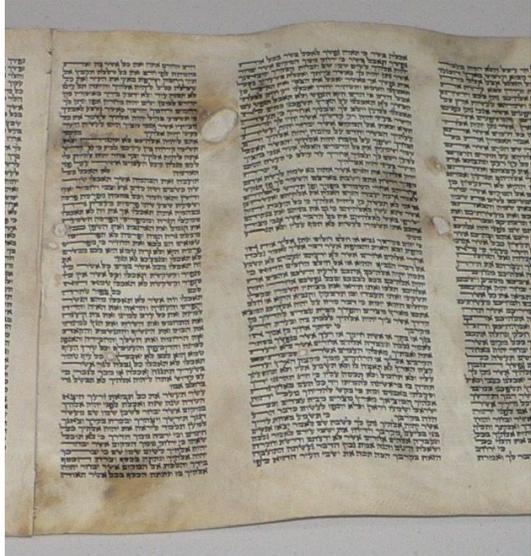


Torah Scroll. It cost us \$6,000, it's about 150 years old, it came from Poland, & it somehow survived both World Wars. After going through the readings from the Scroll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time around we began to realize that our Torah Scroll had been through a fire & had been repaired. The burns are from cinders & somehow they patched them!

When I looked up the history of Poland during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, I found out that Hitler invaded Poland September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939, and then for the next 2 months burned down all the Jewish Synagogues. The signature burn scars located on our Torah Scroll indicate that the Synagogue it came from was torched somewhere between the last week of October & the first week of November 1939. When I realized what the marks from our Torah Scroll were from, I cried, & sometimes I still do!



The smoke was scraped off, the holes were patched, & it was sewn back together, but the previous owners? ☆



Why did Hitler try to exterminate all Jews? Because of eugenics. He didn't want Jewish blood mixing with German blood. Eugenics is an outcome of the teachings of the theory of evolution. The sad thing is that our kids through the media, are taught to believe the theory of evolution before they are even old enough to go to school. The process instills in them to doubt God's Word before they can even read!

Women are the primary educators of society (the cradle rockers!) yet the majority of them won't pick up a Creation Science Text Book & read it! When I go into the Christian Bookstore in Missoula, on one side of the room, up high, are two shelves devoted to Creation Science & that sort of thing (& about half of the books on that shelf I wouldn't recommend!). On the other side of the room are at least 5 bookcases full of women's Christian fiction novels, & then there's other shelves devoted to more story types of reading. The challenge is to get the Creation Science material into the hands of women in a format that they relate to. If the LORD is challenging your heart, please listen to Him. Don't underestimate any ideas that He puts in your heart to do.