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Introduction

THERE ARE many reasons why people are motivated to learn Aramaic. For many it is an honest quest to understand the Holy Scriptures better. For others it allows them to connect more spiritually and deeply with Jesus and the Word. Others want to learn the language they have been brought up to hear in their liturgy, where Aramaic is still used to this day.

In this book, I provide some of the many reasons why people have contacted me at the JesusSpokeAramaic.com website, and what they have told me.

NOTE: First names only have generally been used to preserve some anonymity. Also, I have not corrected grammatical and spelling mistakes from individuals who contact me, and often English is not their first language.

As you read through this book, maybe you too will be inspired to learn Aramaic.

If so, be sure to check out JesusSpokeAramaic.com!

Why People Want To Learn Aramaic

Kenneth:

My goals, though finances keep me from getting many resources, is very simple: I wish to read the Peshitta, Targums, the Codex Climaci Rescriptus, evaluate the Aramaic substrata to the Gospels, and be able to read literature from Syriac Christianity.

Maria:

Jesus is my Lord. My Guru. My Master. I love Him. That's it. I feel closer to Him when I speak Aramaic. I know very little. Just The Lord's Prayer (Abwoon'd Bwashmaya) which is available on Youtube.

Thanks for your email. I love your website. You are doing wonderful work. I'll keep coming back. When my circumstances allow, I'd love to take your course.

Franklin:

Why?

There are many reasons why i would like to learn Aramaic

- 1) because Jesus spoke this language
- 2) I would get a chance to read the Bible in the original language without translation.

Thank you once again for sharing such a valuable informations.

Anthony:

My reason for wanting to learn Aramaic is because Jesus spoke Aramaic.

My immediate goal is to find the alphabet and memorise it first.

Waldo:

My desire to learn Aramaic is to get the truest language that Jesus spoke, because of false translations, we need to keep it pure.

Truth sets us free and confirms unity in the faith!

Is this possible from learning this language?

Kathy:

I'll Tell you the reason I want to learn "Aramaic", for one it's a beautiful language to me, Yahushua said He spoke nothing lest the Father spoke it first, I would assume that sense Yahushua spoke Aramaic that the Father does to.

So I surmise. That in the New Jerusalem, we will be Blessed to keep ALL The Holy Days of Yahuwah, as well as speaking in Aramaic. And last but not least, I want to speak the language of my Father in heaven.

So I am looking forward to it.

Joergen:

I'm impressed with your work and let me tell you,.... it was your Hebrew letter - edition of Peshitta, that got me started on reading the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ in it Original Aramaic Language or the Syriac dialect ...which is close enough for me... to feel the Heart of Jesus through it and what I want,.. which I believe is true for you too..,is to stay as close to the Heart of Jesus as possible....and I believe , that your Edition of The Peshitta allows me to do ..Exactly that. So a great "thank you" to you for that. Just sitting down with

some of the most dear Passage of the Gospel ...and work my way through it with your Peshitta edition. , gives me unspeakable Joy in the Lord. It gives me a powerful sense of closeness with Jesus. You Peshitta Edition has opened up this avenue for me. And you know what...but because of that ...I feel more relaxed with the different Syriac Alphabets now. Thank you again.

Femila:

Glory to JESUS. I really want to read the HOLY BIBLE in Aramaic, the language JESUS spoke when he was here in this world. Thank you.

Kathy:

I want to learn Aramaic because:

One it's a very Beautiful language.

Two, I'd love to speak in the language that was the most widely spoken language at Yeshua's time in the area he lived in.

Three, It is the language that our beloved Savior [Messiah] spoke in as well as the disciples and Daniel as well as Ezekiel and Jeremiah also used it some of the times.

And last but definitely not the least.

Yeshua had said that that He said nothing that He had not heard the Father speak first, and that He did nothing unless He had seen the Father do it first.

And since Yeshua spoke in the Aramaic language, it was because He had heard the Father Speak it first.

[[If that is the case then it is probably the same language that He and the Father have Always used.]]

So I want to speak the same language as my father and my Beloved Savior and Messiah. Because that will probably be the language that we shall all one day speak for that reason.

AND I JUST LOVE TO HEAR IT SPOKEN.

[[Is there a name for Father in the Aramaic Language?]]

I don't like to use Abba, because I now know it's Greek.

[[If there is an Arimaic word for Father, I would like to start using it.]]

A very blessed Sabbath to you, Shabbat Shalom.

Nina:

I would like to learn Aramaic because I want to know the translation, not the transliteration. I have been studying the Bible (KJV) off and on for many years and I like the KJV. I like it's 'King's English', but I also want to know what it really says without the transliteration.

Does that make sense?

Joe:

I like to learn Aramaic because it's the mother tongue of my only Lord & Savior Jesus.

Calvin:

My primary reason for wanting to learn Aramaic was so that I can have an in-depth understanding of the Bible as a Christian.

I spoke to one the e-lecturers/facilitators who asked me the same question of which I stated the same reason as to you. She explained to me that only 2 Bible books (the book of Daniel & Ezra) are written in Aramaic as opposed to the rest of the books written in Hebrew-Old Testament & Greek -New Testament).

I then realized that I have to switch to Hebrew to achieve my goal.

Thanks once again for your kindness.

Ecclesiastes:

I want to speak my native language. No I'm not from the middle

East but I feel strongly that long ago I was. I want to speak love & life into humanity. Aramaic is the native tongue of the whole world by speaking it aloud the frequency's of our word can directly effect the functions of any living creature. When I say love in Aramaic I believe it's actually releasing serotonin & melatonin it to the body making you feel the words. This is why Jeshua Ben YHWH said over and over how important our words are that they can heal and destroy. It's very important we speak life and love into people's lives. I also want to speak Aramaic as I am planning on have children soon-ish and want to speak their language. It is very important to me that I learn the right version of Aramaic. I want to speak Jeshua's Aramaic not some Babylonian evil speak... I'm very sceptical I don't want to be speaking anything rooted in Saturn/Satan... Please help.

Blessings & Bliss.

Reverend Canon Dr. Zech Schariah:

Thanks for your enquiry. If you have done Aramaic studies and historical background of Christianity in India [specially Malabar Christianity] you can trace my Name back to the Early Christianity. Schariah is the Malabar Aramaic form for ZCHARIAH or Zechariah. As a clergy in the Syriac tradition I am learning Aramaic to read and write. This gives you a clear answer.

Kerith:

Thank you for your reply, God Bless you. First I want to learn Aramaic because it is the language of Yeshua and I'm sure that I would get alot more from His Word by understanding the actual Word instead of translations. Second because I find Hebrew to be a beautiful language, and culture and am drawn to it spiritually. And finally because I want to gain a better foundation of truth and build my understanding of scripture to a higher level. Those are the main reasons besides just wanting and thirsting truth apart from western tradition. I hope that explains enough. Have a blessed day.

Miller:

In my studies of the Holy Bible, I've noticed that it loses its meaning with various language translations. Therefore I am missing out on the true doctrines and principles of the Scriptures and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I feel that following a scripture that has been misinterpreted could very well be detrimental to my salvation.

I know it may sound corny or silly. But I look how there are many English interpretations of a simple American document that was written in plain common simple English. That document is the Supreme Law of The United States of America. It's The Constitution of The United States. The Bill of Rights if followed word for word could very well result in an American Citizen being arrested by who is interpreting The Constitution!

Therefore, a misinterpreted Scripture or The misinterpreted Gospel via faulty translations could result in me losing out on Eternal Life.

Kerith:

Thank you so much! I'm looking forward to learning the language of Savior Yeshua. God Bless you for this site and I pray His favor over you.

Joe:

Peace of Christ to you.

Well the main reason is that, in our local Maronite oriental church in Lebanon, sometimes the priest uses the language of Jesus while celebrating the Holy Mass...and I would like so much to be able to understand what he's praying and eventually be able to do the same and speak it.

Thank you & God bless you...

Gee:

Reason's why, well seems as though through research, Aramaic may be the Language Jesus spoke, Thus it makes sense to learn this

Language.

Anthony:

I already sent you my reasons.

To correctly understand the scriptures.

Martyn:

I would love to learn the language to understand exactly the true meaning of the word that Jesus spoke!

Will want to study the word spoken in the new testament.

Best wishes.

Gail:

I would like to learn the language to have a deeper understanding of the beauty of the Truth that we understand in English as Yahweh preserved it enough for us to find and understand that Truth.

I would like to learn Aramaic to truly understand what Jesus said when he said it so I can feel closer to understanding him as a man.

Perhaps these are not generally accepted reasons you may receive, but they are my reasons "why".

Erin:

I do spiritual warfare researching and I feel in order to best succeed with my journey in working from home, that I could benefit from understanding the language that Jesus spoke. I'd love to be able to learn more about this. I don't make money at what I do but I feel learning Aramaic will truly help me in this field

Andre:

the reason I want to learn Aramaic language is:

wanted to be closer to Jesus
want to understand the meaning of the word
we can understand the will of God
God bless too.

Katrina:

Very excited about unveiling the truth so people will be stimulated and eager to read and possibly learn to speak Aramaic. Beautiful Website ... great job!

Mary:

The reason why I am interested in learning Aramaic, is because when I see Jesus one day, (face to face, in Heaven).

I would like to have some understanding of His language.

I am enjoying your website! Thank you!

Blessings!

Asaint:

Through out human history, there have been ancient texts and scriptures written as a guide for humanity. However these ancient text have lost their true meaning via various translations. Just like the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence have lost their true meaning via various interpretations (and that's written in common English!). Therefore in order for me personally to gain the true knowledge of The Holy Bible and other ancient text, I feel it vitally necessary for me to learn the original language these text and scriptures were written in. This is my primary reason for wanting to learn Aramaic. I also firmly believe, that if civilizations from another solar system or galaxy were to visit earth, They would be speaking in the ancient language of our world, ARAMAIC! I would have an advantage in having the ability to communicate with them.

Pavel:

Hi, Ewan. I would love to learn aramaic because learning foreign languages is what I love doing the most. That's a sort of a hobby of mine. The other reason is the interest in theology and world history... to be able to read the books of The New Testament is quite something really! That reason alone makes this language very special in every respect!

Benjamin:

I want to learn Aramaic because Jesus spoke it.

Ellie:

Thank you for your lovely email. I'm sorry it's taken so long to reply but here I am.

I am a Christian in the UK and I love Israel and the Jewish people. I love the language of the Hebrew Bible and started to learn Biblical Hebrew a few years ago. Unfortunately I suffered a brain infection and have not retained as much as I would have liked. I also paid for an Aramaic course as I know that certain Scriptures are written in Aramaic. Again I was unable to do the course but I have all the materials.

I believe that it is important to look at the original languages because over the years translations of the Bible have changed so much and I want to get back to the original meanings. I am really looking forward to looking and learning from your website.

Every blessing and thanks.

Charles:

For me there are many reasons why I want to learn but the major reasons are to speak the language of my King and also to understand the scripture on a deeper level.

Monique:

I believe I already speak Aramaic in tongues when I speak to my Heavenly Father so to be sure I want to learn and understand what Jesus spoke in the time he was here as a man I want to read and write as him and learn more about the New testament that I have heard so much about I am excited to learn as much as fast as I can so bless you for sharing your web page with others may God grant you many years to come in Jesus name I do pray.....amen

Gale:

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter. So I did not reply until now. I have been in the hospital this past week. I have ulcers they say so a change of diet is at hand. They tell me I worry to much but that really isn't what causes ulcers. Anyway I am on the mend. So you ask why I want to learn Aramaic? Well some are for the reasons you mention already. I love the Lord and he is my anchor in everything, not that I have been a perfect student for our Lord but he know my heart and he has given me strength beyond measure. Wanting to learn his language, I think we all should. The way Jesus said it, I know it is complex but I feel that his way is our way and the meaning and purpose is not the English language. Yearning to know him and his language is learning about him. Not what we want to see or hear but to know him. I have raised 4 sons and they are good sons. Learning to live in this world and seeing so much heart ache in people from all walks of life has made my heart sad, this is not what Our Father wanted for us. If I can learn to read Aramaic and teach my grand children and my sons and others just maybe they can know the Lord like I do. He is my All, Thank you again for your nice letter.

Blessings to you and yours.

Fredericka:

The reason why i love to learn this language. This language is very powerful and i what to be able to speak to jesus and have some connect with him. I'm a spiritual person. I don't believe in the king jame bible because its be rewrite so many time.

Thank you.

Peter:

Hello, Thank you for your email.

The reason I want to learn Aramaic is this.

For a number of years words and their original meanings have always interested me.

The root meaning of biblical words has especially interested me, but not only that a person's name has taken a special interest to me.

Even when reading scripture I seem to want to pronounce it differently to how it is printed, and often wondered why?

I would try to pronounce the word how I think it would be originally spoken even though I really don't have much of an idea as to how it would sound or pronounced.

It is only recently when I purchased a vines expository and began learning the root words that I started to get a broader picture.

In my library are a number of dictionaries, Latin, Spanish, French, Hebrew, and English of course, lexicons, different translations of the Bible, anything really I can lay my hands on to learn about root words and their meanings.

I can only hope the reason behind this is God is showing me a deeper understanding to his word that I may one day bless others with this deeper understanding, knowledge, and truth, of his living written word, that has the power to transform lives.

"Maranatha"

Kind regards

Rimwne:

I am Chaldean. I speak the dialect. But I speak using some Arabic root words. I take a word and change the endings or vowels so it sounds Chaldean. My grandparents from both sides moved to Baghdad. My parents had to speak Arabic because Baghdad wasn't

like tel keppe or Tes Qopa. My father spoke/speaks to my brother in Arabic for school. But my always spoke Chaldean and she has funny ancient when she speaks Iraqi Arabic she sounded like a Lebanese woman trying to speak Iraqi. So now I have good knowledge of Arabic especially Iraqi and Lebanese/Syrian because of my brother and father and tv shows, media, cartoons (Standard arabic).

I feel the language of the Peshitta is like Syrian Arabic. Chaldean doesn't sound like the Peshitta aramaic that much. Chaldean sounds like Spanish for than Arabic.

Charles:

Thank you very much for the information you gave me about your work in the study and promotion of the Aramaic Language. For many years I wanted to study this language, and even to speak it, since it is the language that Our Lady still uses when she communicates with her son Jesus and with God the Father. Is there a book of grammar and syntax of Aramaic that you may propose to me to purchase? Looking forward. Thanks.

Praveen:

Dear brother I love Jesus the lord, the lord have spoken the Aramaic, I want to speak in this language.

Thanks

Marieta:

Hello,

I am so happy that I have contacted you. I am willing to learn Aramaic. I am also interested to know if you have any Master Degree programs that you offer within your company that would help Christ followers to come to know more about him and what he represented.

Please let me know!

Thank you.

Jason:

I knew the three languages of the Bible are Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek (Septuagint). Also Jesus was supposed to have spoken Aramaic because it had become the lingua franca.

I have been studying the Hebrew alphabet for awhile and Aramaic came to mind the other week and I got drawn to it and stumbled across your website. After watching some of the free video lessons and some youtube, Aramaic does have an appeal.

Jean-Marie:

Greetings first from France (more precisely from a village near Grenoble in the Alps). "Why" is your pressing question, and I am happy to share with you how I came to the Peshitta-NT.

Back in 2002, I started studying intensively the book of Revelation, some 15 years after Jesus called me by His grace (but that's another story). By 2007, I wrote a first heavy and detailed manuscript gathering my thoughts, insights, etc. But it did not take long then to realize how "occidentalo-centric" my understanding was of John's amazing text. I therefore started enquiring about the History of the churches in the East, beyond the Euphrates ... and that's how I first came to the realization of how much glorious and powerful these eastern churches once were (reading P. Jenkins' "Lost history of Christianity", but also S. H. Moffett, etc.). But what was their NT text? By 2009, I read about the Peshitta-NT ...

I am a trained scientist (PhD in Physics in 1991). So I approached the subject of the Peshitta-NT as rigorously as possible ... and I quickly realized that it could not be a mere translation. Common (spiritual) sense dictates it : Jesus (as unanimously accepted) spoke in Aramaic. How could His blessed words be conserved in Greek ??? I realized also quickly (as you explain in your video explaining your own "why") how the preception about the Peshitta-NT fundamentally changed once Westcott & Hort, but also Burkitt exposed their theories. And that's precisely the point : I realized (being a scientist) that those were only theories, speculative views of their biased minds without hard and concrete evidences. I also discovered

(among other sites) Paul Younan's work and website, as well as the controversies and debates raised by the possibility for the Peshitta-NT to be the original NT.

Right then, in 2009, I started learning aramaic (syriac), starting with Thackston's grammar, and expanding from there (I own a copy of pretty much all available grammars of syriac). I attended three successive two-week summer schools(2010, 2011 and 2012) to validate my autodidact learning and ask questions about what was at each step still unclear for me (first year with Georges Bohas, 2nd and 3rd with David Phillips). Really enjoyable times ... and I did not stop learning and reading ever since :o)

A few more points maybe to conclude this already long mail. **First**, it is a joy to read the words of Jesus in aramaic. As an exercise, I translated John's gospel, letters & Revelation (although 2-3 John and Revelation are not part of the eastern canon) just to grasp the problems raised by trying to render into french the beauties of aramaic. I realized how much personal interpretation there is in a translation in the sense that understanding (and therefore translating) a passage relies on a clear understanding of the whole Bible (the global enlightens the local). The most interesting part (and benefice) for me is the fact that paying attention to words, roots, etc. allows to link and knit passages and ideas together, something impossible from a french (or english) translation of a greek translation of aramaic. Connections, links, echoes, parallels, etc, have become (for me, with usage) precious keys. The **second** point has to do with meaning. Realizing that "truth" ("shrarà") has little to do with doctrine (as thought by westerners) but has everything to do with Jesus being the firm and solid foundation upon which we can rest is comforting. This is a "truth" to be experienced with the heart rather than being learned with the head alone. I could thus give many, many examples decisively changing the meaning of so many passages.

Finally, after now 7 years of reading the Peshitta-NT (I also started with the Peshitta-OT, of course, and I am now starting looking at the Targums), I cannot imagine going back to french translations, which I now only use when teaching the Bible in public (but always with the Peshitta nearby). I am also more and more interested in semitic languages (for comparative studies). Sadly, I only have basic

knowledge of hebrew and will reinforce that area, realizing how much the vocalization of the hebrew text is in itself an interpretation of the consonantal text (I have become suspicious lately, but that's another topics). I still have some pending questions about aramaic, though. The translation of John's gospel made me aware of variants between syriac and judeo-aramaic. I take it that Jesus spoke both judean (from His parents) and galilean (from being raised in Galilea). Almost all of the disciples came from Galilea. Did Matthew (for example) wrote his notes in galilean or judean ? What does it mean for a text to be "original" ? I allow myself to be flexible here, stating only (till further proof) that the Peshitta came to the eastern churches by a direct line of transmission from the disciples to them. That some dialectical harmonization into syriac occurred along the chain of transmission could be possible. But this is most probably a secondary question which does not alter the value of the Peshitta (this because I came accross quite recently this site:

<http://aramaicnt.org/articles/problems-with-peshitta-primacy>.

I am highly suspicious when people pretend that they can "reconstruct" the Word of God as if God wasn't faithful enough to have given to us what we needed ... which is indeed the Peshitta-NT. But only faith can thus speak). And I also have open questions regarding the Western five (including therefore Revelation). Are the originals in aramaic ? Some (no name ...) state that the Crawford text is original (based on Gwynn's analysis). Maybe so for Revelation. I have my doubts about 2-3 John which I translated). Again, open question actually raising an interesting point : what if the eastern churches did not need Revelation ? And that bring me (and you) to the way one reads and understands the prophetic visions of John !!!

Enough for tonight : 8 PM (french time) is time to eat !!

My best wishes for you and your loved ones.

Keep on the good work : aramaic will be the key to many coming issues regarding Christianity, but also Judaim and Islam.

Shlamà lakh akhi bashmeh dyeshu° mshiHà !

Best regards.

Darrell:

I pray that you are well. Please forgive me for the delay. The reason why I want to learn the Aramaic understanding of the scriptures is to broaden my understanding and be limited to the western understanding of the bible. I'm finding out that the western theology and seminary studies are false. With your help, I can learn the ancient Aramaic truth of the scriptures. By the way, do you have a resource or a beginning point of where I can start my research on the name Ahiyah or Ahiah? Thank you for your help in this matter.

John:

Reading the Bible in Greek is like hiring the butcher to write your Valentine's card!

Seriously, the mainstay of Greece was it's true-to-physical world art. But tone deaf about psychic states. So for "Blessed" we have makarios, an island where the Greek Gods vacation. This comes out of the vending machine as "Blessed," as in "Blessed are the poor in spirit...."

Alfred:

I an passionate about Jesus my Saviour he spoke Aramaic so should I.

Manolis:

Hello, Thank you for the reply the reason I want to learn aramaic is for prayer, one of my great for grand mother spoke judeo aramaic and her roots come from Galilee as well. What I want to achieve from learning aramaic is too meet others that speak it natively other fluently to encourage the youth and world that aramaic is not a dead language. I am currently studying to be a linguist hopefully one day polyglot. With modern technology now is great way to start a program and school to teach the language and it's dialects as well.

Tate:

Hi, my name is Tate and the reason I would like to learn Aramaic is I'd like to travel to Syria some day and as a Christian it is amazing that the language Christ spoke is still alive. thank you. Take care.

Martin:

I am of 66 years. I am in the process of learning Paleo Hebrew and Aramaic having the same letter sequence, though the script is slightly different, I feel it will be of great value to me to learn the language alongside Hebrew. I have also developed a desire to read the Peshittas so this would aid me immensely to understand the new testament in comparison to the greek texts and in doing comparative word studies.

So, I thought I would check out your web site for a month and see if it is something that would be good for me to bring me to the goal of understanding the scriptures into completely.

Ron:

Hello; I appreciate reading your weekly reports even tho' I have not gotten into lessons yet.

You seem to be Aramaic 'primacist'. Great. I began as very neutral on the issue. In past two years have bought Andrew Gabriel Roth's Aramaic English New Testament, and William Sanford's MATIS Messianic Aleph Tav Interlinear Scriptures. I hardly refer to Berry's Interlinear Greek NT anymore. I hope someone publishes the Khabouris Codex soon.

Thank you for your efforts and ministry.

William:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=rocco+a+errico

Take a look.

Aramaic is available freely it's not going away.

Aramaic teaching is here big time.

The western church is folding, its dead with its dead doctrines of control. We need to live what Jesus taught.

The Lord's prayer is available on line on youtube and much much more.

William:

No I don't really want to learn Aramaic. BUT I believe that true bible teachers will explain scripture using an Aramaic view. The western view of scripture is totally wrong. The Greek view is wrong, the Latin Vulgate is wrong, BUT there are some great Aramaic scholars:

Rocco A Errico

G M Lamsa

to mention a few. There are loads of Aramaic understandings in books and on kindle that give correct Aramaic renderings.

I have a working knowledge of Hebrew and Greek and Aramaic, enough to know Calvin and the Reformers were wrong.

Much of the English translation give a great outline of scriptures but the Aramaic differences that are easily available on line, Amazon, and through Aramaic Pathways, Hillside International Truth Centre by Dr Barbara King and many others.

Dr Errico has produced volumes of Aramaic books in English that are available to purchase on Kindle, Amazon or at Errico A Rocco's own site.

Hope this helps.

I await your promised package you said you would send. I need to hear a sample of your work on some of the bible passages. from the old or new.

Hope you enjoyed the package I sent.

Do you agree or disagree with any of the material.

Can I listen to you on Youtube.

Rocco A Errico is on Youtube.

Elizabeth:

Wow! That there is an original New Testament in ARAMAIC is all NEW to me! I didn't know that! Then that makes Aramaic all the more interesting and all the more holy, conclusively. I know a tiny bit of Hebrew. And I find the Bible utmost interesting. There must be more to know behind it, with some of the missing apocrypha scriptures and the dead sea scrolls, and not the least the original translations with refreshed interpretations behind so many words.

I just recently discovered ABWUN DE BISHMAYA, LORD'S PRAYER in aramaic on youtube! Fascinating! And the main reason I want to learn Aramaic is because I wish to pray like Jesus (YISHU or YASHUah) in that prayer and in other prayers to our God in heaven, in the holy language that Jesus spoke! Amen. LEOLAM ALMIN AMIN. Or, "emet ve yatziv" (truth and standing) as they say in Hebrew. Thank you, and God in heaven bless you!

Seasonal greetings from Elizabeth

Nandu:

Hi, thank you so much for sending mail to me, I am interested because I want to study in ancient science of Jesus, that's why I want to learn.

Amir:

Thank you for your attitude to learning Aramaic. There are so many reasons for learning such an important ancient language, and Biblical as well.

In learning Aramaic your allusion to Wishes, Hopes and Yearnings is comprehensible for me, but my main cause for learning Aramaic refers to my previous educations on Philosophy and my interesting course study namely Philology. I have had some successful experiments on learning ancient languages like Classical Latin and ancient Greek (Attic Dialect); Farsi is my mother tongue and I did learn Arabic in high school and university, ancient philosophy, ancient literature, ancient theology and historical Linguistics are of the most important subject-matters in my life.

There are some alive languages which I am familiar with, and some ancients. I am lecturer on ancient Greek philosophy now. But in spite of my age that is 49, I've decided to begin once again.

I would ask your help and guidance.

Rita:

I'm Chaldean and speak Aramaic. It is my native language. But I want to read and write it because I don't want to lose it and I want to make sure my child can read and write it too.

Barry:

Very cool, thanks Ewan.

I'm working my way through the Ashuri alphabet, little slow to get going as I'm back at work after the holidays, but I manage to give it an hour each evening. I'm not in a hurry, this is something I am quite prepared to spend the next 5 years learning and the rest of my years becoming fluent in.

Paul:

My Leader and teacher of the group speaks Aramaic. At 72 my main interest is Jesus spoke it, translations make more sense, and already learning the Lord's Prayer. Also watching Alan Horvath on YouTube which his teachings. All this is quite educational and enjoyable. Thanks for asking.

Jason:

I want to learn so if I ever meet Jesus I can speak his language and yes I understand he speaks all languages and may even not speak but only communicate by thoughts who knows but I would love to read the Dead Sea scrolls.

Sigrid:

I speak Spanish and have some knowledge of German. I believe this is the most important language though because Jesus spoke it!

Sachin:

I want to learn this language because it is my dream so plz... kindly help me.

A.H.

Hello there

Philosophy was my first course study at university; and now I would begin to study Philology at Leipzig Uni (maybe of course). I am Iranian my mother tongue is Farsi, English is my second language; from early youth and at high school Arabic was one of our most important courses, both morphology and syntax(صرف و نحو); German was an other alive language which I went to ward that (under 21), one year later I began classical Latin and when I was 25 ancient or Attic Greek came in my intellectual life.

Now, alongside Biblical Hebrew I should think Aramaic is a good and useful choose.

I need your guidances, hints and helps.

Alex:

I'm probably subscribing this spring, this summer at the latest, and I'm looking forward to it.

I've only had a chance to glance at the materials I bought, but they look impressive.

David:

Approximately three or four years ago, I began to study the Aramaic versions of Scripture. This unlocked the answer to so many questions and contradictions. What little I have learned opened my eyes to truth mostly overlooked by those who study the Greek text. I will forever be thankful to Yehovah for his leading me in a path to study the underlying ancient text. Shalom

Hector:

Please help me i want to learn what Jesus said in his native language.

Tommy:

I appreciate your interest in the why of my desire to learn Aramaic. Over the past year I have become very interested in trying to understand the real person of Jesus and the culture in which He lived. I have begun studying Hebrew and am trying to learn as much as possible about Judaism as Jesus knew it at that time. The more I study this topic the more I realize what an important role Aramaic had in first century Judaism. At this point I am looking for a simple introduction into Aramaic as I continue to strengthen my knowledge of Hebrew. Once I have a solid base in Hebrew I plan on working more intensely to learn Aramaic. Again, I am grateful for your website and hope to continue in contact with you as I progress in my studies.

plimline:

[I want] to know Jesus' original words. In tandem with Hebrew and Greek.

Jasper:

Dear Ewan, first of all, thank you! I'm a follower of Jesus for only three months now but he had an impact on me in a similiar way as he had on you I guess. I'm spending all of my free time learning more about him and from the very beginning I felt the urgent need to study the words that are the closest to what he actually said. I just love that he came into my life and I'm sure already it will be all about him till the end of my days and forever. As you imagine I'm VERY happy I found your website. I thought I'm going to learn greek next but now luckily I found out about the peshitta and I just can't wait to delve into the language JESUS actually spoke and being able to read the ORIGINAL manuscripts. It's wonderful you give

people the opportunity to do that.

Lisa:

Is this the same Aramaic that the Anointed M'sheekha spoke? The Syriac, I believe?! It is what I feel the Spirit is leading me to learn.... Thank you!

Samuel:

Other people tell me that they want to learn the language of Jesus and the disciples.

Sometimes people say they want to find out what they are missing by using only a translation, and they want to get back to a more original, ancient and authentic Bible version.

This Two Reasons

But am only 22 years old, am Studying Higher Secondary Education, I don't know any other languages

Jasper:

My reason to learn Aramaic is definitely for more authentic, Bible-based faith, cutting through hundreds of years of church tradition and interpretation.

William:

God Bless you in the wonderful name of our Living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In your email to me you asked why I wanted to learn Aramaic.. Well, for over forty years, I have been studying the Word of God and have gained a lot of insight from the usage of the Greek, But one I have always wanted to do is gain insight into the Aramaic. I have learned about Biblical Research Principles like: All Scripture interprets itself:

1. In the verse

a. Right where it is written

- b. A word or words must be interpreted according to Biblical Usage
- c. The words must be in harmony with the verse as well as All the Scriptures relating to the subject.
- d. Scripture build-up, narrative development.

2. In the context

3. And where it has been used before.

I am also concerned about "orientalisms" which are found everywhere in the word and they are cultural. I have learned a lot about "orientalisms", and have been able to go through the Bible and show these "orientalisms". I learned a lot about from a man by the name of Bishop K. C. Pillai who was from India and new a lot about them. I would love to see them in the Aramaic, after all that was the language that Jesus spoke and he often used orientalisms of which parables are a part. I also have a lot of E. W. Bullingers Books: such as: "How To Enjoy The Bible", "Figures of Speech Used in the Bible," and his "concordance to the New Testament" Many men throughout History have kept portions of the Word accurately.

II Timothy 3:16:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, and correction, which is instruction in righteousness

II Peter 1:20;

Knowing this first that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.

God instructed us in II Timothy 2:15;

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Dominic:

I started studying Kabbalah last Year and was shown the 72 names of God in Aramaic. I was aware that it was the language of Jesus (who, as Yeshua ben Youssef, may have been one of the first

Kabbalists) and I immediately wanted to start learning it - more so than Hebrew as the Zohar is in Aramaic.

I am not in a position to put money into studying it at the moment but I hope I can in the future.

Samuel:

For To Understand Yeshua

And Be a Righteous Man

Marilyn:

Thank you for your email and the answer to your WHY is all the reasons that you have already given. Getting closer to Jesus, trying to get to read the original writings to catch the authentic meanings.

It's like a dream for me.

I really hope I will be able to read, speak and write in Aramaic.

My mother language is French but I could learn Aramaic from an English class.

William:

I wish to learn Aramaic because I love it and hope that it will be revitalized and spoken by Christians all around the world as a liturgical language. God bless everyone.

Desiree:

I have studied many languages for many years - but believe me when I say, this means the most to me of all. To know and speak the language of the Lord? No question there!

Samuel:

First Yeshua Language

Second I Believe New Testament Written In Aramaic

Third Paul Say All Become One Language

Fourth I Believe It Helps To Understand Yeshua More...

Rafee:

I want to learn Aramaic because...

I have a passion for teaching and knowing the Scriptures.

I grew up hearing a modern Aramaic (Chaldean/Assyrian) though I'm not very fluent, so my childhood has fond memories of it.

I have a desire to unpack the powerful word/phrases in the New Testament that only the Aramaic has.

I want to write a book on what God shows me about the cross and specifically Golgotha.

JoJo:

I am passionate for continuing Christ's mission, as well as for the cultures and languages of God's creations. I'd like to be involved in this site and learn Aramaic to further that mission and enlighten myself.

Quotaiba:

Thank you Ewan. I believe Aramaic is a holly language. Its the language of heaven and earth.

Patricia:

My Lord and Savior spoke this language and I want more of Him.

Charles:

I do believe that Jesus spoke Aramaic. I think it would be wonderful if we were to enable the countless millions of Christians around the

world to study, learn and speak Aramaic, not only with Jesus, his Mother Mary and his foster-Father Joseph, but also between themselves. In fact, Aramaic should become the official language of all Christians across every continent, the sooner the better.

Mmakeng:

My husband has a spiritual guide who speaks Aramaic and interacts with me to assist him.

For example he would need water and say "Kara"

It creates a communication barrier which I would like to close that gap.

Morgan:

Happy Tuesday, Ewan.

During my devotion today I was learned the story of Jesus speaking personally with Mary the day of His resurrection. In John 20:16, Jesus said to her, "Mary" she turned and said to Him in Aramaic "Rabboni!" (Which means Teacher) A reminder that the resurrection was and is the greatest victory in the history of the world, knowing that Jesus wants to speak to us personally and knowing that "sometimes God loves the whole world by loving one at a time" was just what I needed before Easter was absolutely perfect. It's a time of rejoicing.

I also suddenly felt the urge to learn Aramaic. I speak English, and with only two years of (decent) practiced Spanish, it's the only language I know but learning and understanding the language that Jesus spoke feels important to me. I easily stumbled upon your website and I'm anxious to receive the news letters for lessons.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I look forward to your response!

Chrissie:

Hi, I know enough Hebrew by now that I can read it slowly even if I

do not understand everything and I use it a lot when doing Bible study. I'm fascinated with other alphabets and would like to learn the differences and many more reasons.

Mary:

I would like to know how to write the Name of Jesus in Aramaic to teach children at our VBS this summer. Would you be willing to show me what it looks like so I can imitate it please? Thank you.

Karen:

Hello Ewan: what a pleasure to hear from you! I want to congratulate you on your very good work in pulling together so many good sources for contemplative study of the good news in such a helpful package that will help others learn. I came upon the works of Glenn David Bauscher online at Lulu publications and took advantage of his free download of the Peshitta which I was very grateful for as I had been realizing that the Eastern Orthodox Churches had managed to preserve many older manuscripts by copying them over very faithfully over many many centuries. This is so very important to those looking to avoid the changes that seem to have been made to many modern day versions which have unfortunately been influenced rather heavily at times by Alexandrian and even gnostic texts....in some important places. I do love and respect the KJV but the vocabulary is not that easy to relate to and the more modern versions do make things clearer I find, though one needs to check out whether they are leaving phrases out, like versions dependent on Wescott and Hort can lead one to do. Reading on Dr. Bauscher's writings that Aramaic was almost beyond a doubt the tongue that the first Christian's had used in copying the holy texts was electrifying in many respects. The discovery that some texts were actually poetic that showed up in Aramaic but not Greek, the words that stressed the divinity of Jesus as he had said them which were not being translated properly in Greek makes the Greek language look like an impractical and perhaps unsuitable vessel for getting the message of who Jesus really is to the public. There is SO MUCH doubt being sewn these days by so MANY trying to contradict what the Bible clearly states about Jesus' divinity,

that many Christian's are letting go of it, to their destruction perhaps, I am afraid. Many fear that they shouldn't be showing homage and glory and honor to a MAN and haven't enough faith in the scriptures to believe that He is what the Bible says He is. I want to build up people's faith in the scriptures, help my family respect and love what they say as I do and share knowledge that will be useful to others who need more support they feel sure of in combatting the rising tide of antagonism to Christian beliefs and way of life, as this last century has left many suffering with. I simply wish to examine where the Peshitta texts can clarify points that there are so many disputes about that Christians are finding themselves unable to defend their faith adequately enough when confronted by simple question the Muslims and others put to them. It's so obvious that much teaching, and accurate teaching needs to be done to shore up Christians in their Christianity so they realize what a mistake they would be making to accept what the Koran says as true. It will take a version of the Bible that is true beyond all question to assist in that. Unfortunately I can see most Churches in the West tend to place adherence to traditions above what the Bible says, and that is fine until they step over the fine line to one that contradicts God's word. And then they can get in trouble with Jesus for neglecting the spiritual well being of His flock....a place where I do not wish to be. So I need to learn what I need to know to not act unfaithfully to the Word and share it as precisely as possible so the power of it comes across to those expecting truth to be delivered when it comes to Christian faith....or at least that I might be able to support others who may be faithful to that end as well, and far more talented and knowledgeable about it all than i am....that would be a pleasure...doing God's will faithfully is what it's all about. I went to the Aramaic NT website and downloaded what you recommended a few months ago...the E-Sword and modules, but need to watch the info on how to proceed. I am looking forward to it though. Will I soon find out if the Aramaic word for love (agape) as used in the gospel have an equal or better amount of refinement in the meaning as the Greek does? It floored me really when I realized that Jesus taught his followers that agape was the type of love that they were to have for their neighbor...not even brotherly love which I had previously assumed. I will be thankful to read any papers or references on it as it needs to be addressed by all Christians....it's

very heartwarming to learn true things. Addicting too. Much more rewarding to hit the mark. Thank you for any links or info you can direct me to on that matter. I am retired and have time to learn these things instead of knitting and feel that I owe more explanations for my faith to my family and friends. Constructing a spiritual cathedral with spiritual truths can serve mankind well...Thank you for inquiring. I hope I haven't bored you.

Justin:

What is Syriac?, I Come from one of the ancient Churches in the world which is in India, until recently perhaps 50-60 years ago some churches had services, songs, communion in this language, they say it is a type of Aramaic, but the writing is very different, looks more like Arabic. The bibles and many holy scriptures were written in this language and even today some priests study this language to become priests. Eventually the churches switched to the local language as nobody going to the church understood this language. What I am trying to find out is what is the difference between the two if not just the writing.

Anonymous:

I am really interested in learning to read the Bible the way it was written. I am especially interested in ancient Aramaic and the words of Jesus.

Heather:

I am really excited to learn more about the language of Jesus!

Gary:

After finding that out Jeshua, Jesus, God manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16) spoke not Greek, nor Hebrew, but Aramaic and having such a Aramaic to English Bible, am abandoning my feeble attempts at learning Hebrew in favor of Jesus' native tongue.

Simple as that. While pain due to disability greatly hampers my

concentration, I am looking for the right approach to learning Aramaic, in order to read the Peshetta without becoming altogether discouraged.

Jesse:

My wife and I are born again christians. We love Jesus with all our hearts and I think it would be wonderful and what a blessing it would be to speak the same language as our saviour did. Maybe feel closer to Him in speaking His language.

Krishna:

Thanks for your email. I could actually relate to all of the reasons other people have previously given. I am also passionate that this precious language should not die out and admire your mission to teach the world Aramaic and get everyone speaking it!

I am learning the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic with my daughter at the moment and hope to sign up for your courses very soon.

Blessings.

Pieter:

Shloma Ewan,

Let me introduce myself before telling you why I am learning Aramaic. As you can see, I am not English, also not interested to learn English. I am a Boertjie in South Africa, and my home language is Afrikaans. I am 69 years young.

More or less 30 years ago, the Rucha of MARYA (YHWH) open my eyes so that I can see the deception of the church that I believe was the right way. The only people at that time to consult about the bible was Reverends of the church that know Hebrew and Greek. My biggest problem was the Renewed Covenant (N.T.) that was translated in the Greek. Everybody that I consult about a problem out of the R.C. was trying to convince me that everything was ok with the text, and that there was nothing wrong with the translation.

Years went by, working through Afrikaans, English, Dutch and German translations. One day, about 7 years ago, I was browsing the internet. I came across a web page of The Ancient Hebrew Research Centre of Jeff Benner. Jeff convinced me to learn Hebrew and Biblical Aramaic. Then I came across The AENT of Andrew Gabriel Roth. In March of this Year I have start my Studies with Syriac and I am using Basics of Classical Syriac by Steven C. Hallam. I really enjoy studying this awesome language with the help of the online Aramaic Dictionary, the AENT and Janet M. Magiera's books, and the guidens of the Ruach HaKodesh.

Shalom.

Sabrina:

hi i'm chaldean and want to learn my language :)

Holly:

Thank you and God bless! I had a message to "study Aramaic". Found your website.

Kevin:

hello, I was wondering if you could create a Bible that has the Syriac text in the Estrangelo script, transliterated and the English translation.

Kevin:

hello! I love this Bible so much, thank you for bringing God's word in Jesus' language to the whole world. I was wondering if you could maybe create a Bible that has the Syriac text in the Estrangela script, the transliteration, and the English translation? thank you again for making this possible, God bless you!

Joseph:

greetings.

I would like to learn aramaic to increase my linguistic prowess and to learn the language that Jesus spoke.

Barend:

Hi Ewan,

About two years ago I was sitting in the lounge talking to God about the different views that the messianic church has to what the mainstream evangelical/charismatics have and asked him for a word to clarify this. I heard the word “Tagum” but had no idea what it meant. After some searching I discovered and understood that the word might be “Targum” and that there may be a reason for me to read some of these – at least the English translations I could find. The idea of learning to read Aramaic however, was just not a consideration as I am an Engineer and have never done bible school or any bible language studies, so what do I know about these things. I read some paragraphs of the English Targums but then got side-tracked in discovering other new modern Bible translations that have a strong base on using Aramaic source texts incl:

<https://isr-messianic.org/publications/the-scriptures.html> (South Africa)

<http://www.padwlewe.ch/PWLBybel.html> (South Africa)

<http://www.coyhwh.com/en/bible.php> (Israel)

<http://www.v-a.com/bible/index.html>

<http://www.superbook.org/LAMSA/>

Since then, I have become fascinated with church history, specifically the non-mainstream church history and I am now a ‘changed person’. Discovering your website a month ago and the passion you have for Aramaic text and the history of the scriptures, is a new inspiration to me. I have also been surprised how adamantly my charismatic friends and leaders insist on Hellenistic bible sources and culture to be the truth. You may call this topic a holy confusion amongst many, sadly.

My estimate is that less than 15% of Christians here in South Africa

are aware of the, what I refer to as, the messianic movement or messianic church across the globe, including having knowledge of the Aramaic source of the new testament. I have discovered a small church close-by in Centurion South Africa that have changed their views and now following the messianic ways. The Pastor of this group was a divisional manager in a telecoms company who had a small "Damascus" experience that led him to do a D in theology and is now in ministry. This is an example of many such new groups being formed in our Nation.

<http://www.cwtlm.org/wmenu.php>

This church is also closely linked to the new medical practice 'movement' that combine a spiritual and clinical healing approach, this being spearheaded by Dr Michelle Strydom in South Africa & Zimbabwe. The foundation of the spiritual healing aspect is messianic.

<http://www.eagleswings.co.zw/about/about.html>

I confess that although the message to me to find the answer in the Targums must have been a direct word from God, I have not actually read or studied the Targums in depth...and this still seems like a daunting task. My interest or yearning at this moment is to find a way on how to take the foundational interpretation of the scriptures that relate to our spiritual, civil and political world today and implement it practically...this is even more daunting than reading the Targums! It would be nice to be able to clean out all Hellenistic-Roman and other cultural 'contamination' from our beliefs and civil systems in one swoop – if there is a place in our world where this is possible, it would be South Africa.

South Africa is at a cross-road politically but I have a sense that this is in preparation for what is talked about as the Revival of Fire due to start in the horn of the Southern Cape area and moving north to cover the whole continent. This prophetic revival has been declared and re-declared since the 1900s. Somehow, I have a sense that the messianic movement is to be at the heart of this revival.

So many things need adjustment for example the Catholic statement that the Church was born on the day of Pentecost whilst people were already led to repentance and baptism in water and spirit at the Jordan river by John. For years I understood that Pentecost started in

the new Testament whilst I have now learnt that it is a heavenly feast and gathering that existed in the times of Adam and continues today and in future. It is the day on which God announces or confirms His covenants e.g. the rainbow sign, covenant with Abraham, the law at Sinai, the anointing of Saul the 1st King of Israel and covenant of civil rulership, and obviously the renewed covenant of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. The Kingdom of God is like a jewel, when you discover and take possession of it, you will do anything to keep it!

The answer to your question to why I want to learn Aramaic, is in my case more a desire to be connected to someone or a forum that can understand Aramaic well and provide a solid contextual interpretation....or more importantly...a solid spiritual meaning of the scriptures. For example, to be able to discuss the most misunderstood metaphor of the bible being: "I will write my Torah on their hearts".

Thanks for your website and the information shared.

Just one last question – please direct me to the information about the 2,000 year old version of the New Testament, written in Aramaic?

Blessed regards.

Wesley:

All the reasons you listed are good valid reasons and all of them are part of my motivation. I feel somewhat cheated in my education because almost nothing was mentioned about Aramaic. Even recently when i started searching and corresponding with some old colleagues they kinds shrugged off the importance of Aramaic. It is clear to me that most of them don't know much about it and those who do primarily only see it as a dialect of Hebrew, but Hebrew nonetheless. This really piqued my interest and started a fire that only true study and personal effort will quench. I'm rarely satisfied with second or third hand information especially about something I want to know. Even so, part of the reason is beyond me. I don't really know the rest of the motivation, I just have to know. I just have to study Aramaic.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may you receive more blessings that you can hold.

Jane:

Hello Ewan and thank you for your email, all of the reasons you mention are wonderful examples of wishes, hopes and yearning ... I would like to learn because I listen every day to father Serafim and would like to be able to understand the words as well as the emotion, to pray like Fr serafim - that's my reason!

Thank you very much for the opportunity and looking forward to getting started soon.

God bless.

Wayman:

I think the most important aspect of the entire Aramaic Peshitta is the name of the true church of Jesus that is written in Acts 20:28 which is the Church of Christ and that's what many today don't know. Jesus purchased and redeemed his one true church by the shedding of his blood and we must come into the fold or flock which is his church in order to be saved.

John:

Thanks Ewan,

I have long (at 81) been interested in Aramaic. Eastern Aramaic in particular, but with a busy life still there is never enough time to fully indulge. Aramaic sometimes clears up points in the KJV.

For example the story of Simon the leper whom it appears was a "jar maker" or "potter" for a leper could not own a house, receive visitors, or have a business but Simon had all these things.

Also to keep the original language alive for posterity in this "throw away" world.

It adds to the richness of our history and language.

Well, that's just a couple of pointers anyway so I'll end the mini sermon there as it's getting late.

God bless and again thanks for your great work.

Praise the dear Lord for it.

God bless.

Natonya:

I want to know Jesus real name and I want to learn what was really spoken in the Bible.

John:

I want to study more in depth biblical Aramaic and also Targumic Aramaic. This includes both pronunciation and grammar. As far as biblical Aramaic is concerned, I'd like to learn about secondary sources that carefully address text-critical problems in Ezra-Nehemiah and Daniel.

Don:

I hope to update & increase my understanding of Aramaic to aid in my Biblical research to more effectively serve YHVH & our "neighbors."

Brook:

Shalom Ewan,

Thank you for your email and blessings.

I would like to learn Aramaic because I want to be able to read some of the oldest and original scripts / codex / text because I think a lot of the canon and Bibles that are out there have been manipulated, and changed, and corrupted.

Of course I would like to be able to speak in the tongue of Yeshuah, that would be amazing.

I've always wanted to speak another language so why not start with the language of Yeshuah.

Many thanks.

Anthony:

I want to learn Aramaic to read the Targumic writings.

Thanks.

Piper:

Yes I want to talk to Jesus in his own language. I feel that it is honoring him to do so.

Arnold:

YES! I want to learn the aramaic language of Jesus...

Why i am interested in aramaic because my grandfather when he is still alive he asking me what is the language of jesus then i answer i dont know and my grandfa answer aramaic is the the language of jesus.

my reason why i want to learn the language of jesus my grandfa told me that if i learn aramaic i can be closed to jesus specially when i am praying . and also my family beacuse we are poor when they are sick i have to ask to jesus using this language to asking help

my wish to have my wife my children also my brother and my sister to close to jesus even we are not rich to understand each other ig i learn aramaic i will teach my family using language of jesus and give us more blessing specially good health to my family and my love ones

for me i dont have ambition to have big money beacuse .money is the root of evil all my wishes to have a good future of my two children

Ali:

How magnificent and Amazing way of learning the BiBLE in the

Same Language. Our LORD ALMIGHTY GOD LORD JESUS CHRIST Spoke It !!!!!

Mike:

I wish you all the best from the bottom of my heart. Just believe you can, and trust me learning will be so easy for all of you. And always keep in mind...you can do anything if only you truly want and wish that!!!

Kimberly:

Hello there, yes I am certainly happy to tell you why I am interested. First of all, I might sound crazy, but, I have had visions of things that are spiritual and personal. Secondly, I have been drawn to it only knowing as much as that. I feel that I am called to learn this spiritually as well. Just taking it one day at a time. All I have is, that this is something I need to do, and that is why I came here to learn.

Joel:

I'd like to learn Aramaic in order to read ancient Aramaic dating to the 5th century AD. Would your lessons allow me to do that? Thank you.

Mary:

I am just interested in learning a little and hoping that learning Aramaic will help keep my brain working.

I only in the last year or so learned that there were some Catholic churches in the world that used some Aramaic in their Masses, and I was intrigued by that.

I had a disagreement with someone who said there's nothing in the Vatican II documents about having Mass said in the vernacular, and that we need to use the "traditional" Latin. But Jesus wasn't speaking Latin, was he, so it's only "traditional" to speak Latin because the Romans' influence was stronger after the apostles

converted much of the world.

Blessings for you, too!

Simon:

Because I am a Roman Catholic and due to my faith in my religion and interest in learning and knowing my gods language. Amen.

Lee:

Spiritual Greetings Ewan.

My name is Lee. I have a purpose in this place. I am discovering a small portion of my purpose here bit by bit each day. I want to know Jesus the Source of my life in every way possible. I am seeking Him in every thing I do and want Him to be part of my everyday activities. I desire His Holy Presence more than anything. Learning His language just adds to the journey of holiness and being as close to Him as humanly (spiritually) possible.

Supernatural Blessings

Abner:

I am from Indonesia, and I do really want to learn it, so I can communicate my faith about Jesus. I find this website finally and I think I should try it.

Amal:

I don't know what is the purpose of learning this language but I would like to learn this language at any cost.

Kasturie:

Hello Ewan...

With all the controversy surrounding Jesus and the Word of God I am determined in knowing Truth....

Reading the English version of the Bible always leaves me uncertain of certain things at times....and I want to know for myself, by trusting the Holy Spirit to lead and guide me to ALL TRUTH. I believe that in getting the closest to JESUS CHRIST as I can will surely lead me to the things I so desire to know and I do believe the Holy Spirit is leading me and has lead me thusfar and will continue to lead me....

Thank you for your emails...I always look forward to them....

May God bless you....

Thank you so much

Ahrmad:

Good day to you,

My reasons for wanting to learn Aramaic is basically for wanting to read the Old and New Testament in it's original script.

I've read the Bible, but I feel some things may've been lost in translation.

Scott:

Thanks Ewan

Well I can't add any other reason that is listed below. I believe that by learning the original language that Yahshua spoke and the original text that the scriptures where written brings me closer to YHVH and the Way that Yahshua taught.

Shalom

Agnes:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family!

My wishes, hopes, and yearnings in knowing the Aramaic language are simple, but very different than most people's you described. When a person becomes a disciple of Jesus, he or she learns his ways and falls in love with him. When s/he is baptized and truly is called

a Christian, s/he should be acculturated and Aramaicanized.

I was not born American, but married to my husband, a born American. I learned to speak and write fluently American English. I was naturalized to become an American citizen in three years after I came to the US. Why should I not do the same now with the Aramaic since I have an easy access to acquire the language of my beloved way, life and truth?

An adopted child should learn the language of his/her adopted parents. The language deepens the love and the relationship between persons.

Those are my reasons to learn Aramaic.

God deeply bless you Ewan.

Clare:

To Whom It May Concern

As a CHRISTIAN, I feel it My DUTY to KNOW MORE ABOUT, JESUS...

My REASON for wanting to LEARN, The Language Spoken By, JESUS...

Andrew:

Hello! I want to learn Hebrew / Aramaic so that I can understand the real interpretation of the Bible, but also because I'm going to Israel in February and I would love to be able to speak the language. I know that the Lord wants me to learn Hebrew / Aramaic (as He told me in prayer) but I have yet to find a good source until I found JesusSpokeAramaic.com.

Olga:

Hi Ewan!

My reasons for wanting to learn Aramaic is to be able to understand the language Jesus spoke, one day tell him how awesome he is in

this (very beautiful and ancient) language.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach us this gorgeous tongue - many blessings and keep doing what you're doing.

Andres:

Well. I am interested in Aramaic as the language of first Christians and as a language very spread in ancient times through the Middle East and Asia. Thank you for your interesting website.

Ryne:

Hello Mr Macloed.

I read your email letter to me and I appreciate the letter to all of the people who subscribed to this website of the JesusSpokeAramiac.

I want to learn Aramaic for many reasons such as to read and understand the ancient bible of the Aramaic old testament and new testament. I want to be able to master it because I will gain much spiritual fruits from just learning a lot of things step by step. Also, I want to learn and I'm eager to learn Aramaic because of seeing the things about speaking in Aramaic is really a good plus to have in order to teach as well and first key to understand the scriptures in the eastern senses (eyes).

That's all I guess about the reasons why I want to learn Aramaic and how could I get into this quickly? And want to be coached as well more than just being in teaching from a instructor. I want someone to coach me in real time even from home over a computer.

Why People Love JesusSpokeAramaic.com

Anonymous:

If Aramaic was good enough for Jesus and the disciples, shouldn't it be good enough for you? Don't you think you should find out more, and learn Aramaic for yourself?

Joergen:

I'm impressed with your work and let me tell youit was your "Hebrew letter - edition of Peshitta", that got me started on reading the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ in its Original Aramaic Language or the Syriac dialect... which is close enough for me... to feel the Heart of Jesus through it and what I want - which I believe is true for you too - is to stay as close to the Heart of Jesus as possible... and I believe that your Edition of The Peshitta allows me to do exactly that. So a great "thank you" to you for that. Just sitting down with some of the most dear Passages of the Gospel and working my way through them with your Peshitta edition gives me unspeakable Joy in the Lord. It gives me a powerful sense of closeness with Jesus. You Peshitta Edition has opened up this avenue for me. And you know what - but because of that - I feel more relaxed with the different Syriac Alphabets now. Thank you again.

Shelley:

Loving this course. It is the best on the Web and yes I have tried them all :)

Greg:

Wow, you certainly beat everything out there. Your lessons on Serto are incredible.

Larry:

Your website and your passion for Semitic languages are both phenomenal.

Janet:

Thanks so much for sending me the link to your new site. It is beautiful! I love the papyrus font! It really looks great. I'll sign up right now. :-) The lessons are going to be wonderful to use for teaching and you are very ambitious with the breadth of the topic.

Israel:

Just to let you know, I am enjoying the Jesus Spoke Aramaic website... I am a missionary to Mexico... Your website is awesome!

Elisabeth:

This website is totally amazing! It's just what I've been looking for... I can finally learn Aramaic, and see for myself everything I've been missing in an English translation!

Andrew:

Yes I had a look... the website is very impressive and I would love to talk with you about it...

I just heard the Aramaic NT intro video... no problems on my end with the video stopping. And I must say Ewan that was very, very well done. You have a nice, gentle and basic approach that will really help introduce these concepts to an audience that has no idea about

what really happened. You are going to do very well with this endeavour.

Larry:

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Raphael:

Very impressive website indeed! It looks very polished, I wish I could do such things :-)

Janet:

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Steve:

I've looked over the lessons and materials that you have gathered and produced and I must admit that you've done quite a bit of good work with your lectures. The introductory material I was able to look at is pretty solid stuff, and the website is an absolute beauty to look at and is a joy to navigate.

Stephen:

Your website, JesusSpokeAramaic.com is well layed out. I especially appreciate your tone when you are speaking in the intro to the lessons. Also, you do have a good grasp of the overall theme of Aramaic Primacy against the backdrop of Assyrian Church history. I will await Lars' observations and also to continue this dialogue.

Tim:

Just one more note ;) I wanted to say that your teaching of the letters is simple, clear and your teaching is very easy to understand. I look forward to going through all the letters, I haven't studied writing of the characters only reading the Ashuri printed ones.

I am really enjoying your presentations, I am finding them very informative and I am learning a few things that I didn't know. Keep up the good work.

Your web content is growing nicely, I have been going through the history videos slowly and they are very good.

Keep up the good work, I look forward to exciting things in the future.

Chris:

Hi I just want to say that the JesusSpokeAramaic site is absolutely great. There is so much there and I'm learning a lot.

Jacob:

Hello. My name is Jacob and I am twelve years old and have a fascination with the Bible. I love your site. Thank you so much!

Robert:

Thank you so much for your prompt and informative response. I am very impressed with your website and plan to revisit it often.

Laura:

I would like to compliment you on your wonderful website. Aramaic is a fascinating and uplifting Holy language and It has had such a dramatic change to my life. Thank you very much.

Doron:

I must say, I am enjoying you website very much. It is very helpful.

Jim:

Very nice website!

Charles:

You are doing a very good job. Keep up the good work.

Wesley:

(Coment on one of the lessons):

Scholarship starts with reading the very first word. It is similar to eating one M&M. You can tell a lot from that first taste, and you can also get hooked immediately. This lesson was so packed full that part of me is a bit apprehensive. Fortunately my love of Biblical study overshadows any reservations or petty fears. Even more, this intro lesson refreshed my interest in Biblical languages and the nuance of culture and belief systems. It reminds me how important understanding the many facets of a language are to discovering a different world. More please!

Rick:

This website is pretty much what I've dreamed for, though it does come from a subjective fundamentalist point of view, with I feel, a decided end in mind.

That being said, I think your Educational Website would serve the purposes of people with views other than a fundamentalist one. The work on the website is very informative and meticulously researched and presented in a way that speaks to a broad spectrum of students. Providing one can overlook some of the fundamentalist phrases used sparingly throughout the lessons I've taken thus far.

I'm confident that your website will fill in the foundational gaps I didn't get from ABI (Aramaic Bible Institute) The gaps include learning to read, speak and write in 3 different Aramaic alphabets, In-Depth History of Aramaic(Done!), and I was hoping Hebrew

eventually. However I could not find that... If my students want to learn the above more richly, I will highly recommend that they subscribe to your website.

I want you to know the joy I receive from your course. The worksheets really help, and I study almost every day. Your Educational Website has blessed my life tremendously as I am really happy studying about the Ancient near east.

Brian:

Love this CD [The Lord's Prayer Study Guide Meditational CD], exactly what I was looking for, well done... Thank You

About Ewan MacLeod



THE JesusSpokeAramaic.com website is run by Ewan MacLeod, B.Sc. Hons., M.Sc.

Ewan is an experienced Bible student who has studied the Holy Scriptures intensely since being baptised about 25 years ago. He took an immediate interest in the manuscripts of the Holy Bible and the Original Languages in which the inspired Scriptures were given, and is the director of the Bible Manuscript Society (BibleManuscriptSociety.com), a privately-funded organization specializing in the protection and preservation of the Holy Bible down through the centuries.

Ewan's main interests lie in Hebrew and Aramaic. He speaks modern Hebrew fluently, having studied Hebrew intensively at Ulpan Akiva in Netanya (Israel) for six months, followed by living in Israel for a further five years, and continuously studying Hebrew ever since.

In addition to a comprehensive knowledge of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) and the Hebrew Massorah, Ewan's knowledge of Hebrew soon developed into a passion for Aramaic. As well as studying the Aramaic Targums and the Peshitta Tanakh (Aramaic Old Testament), he has a particular love for the Aramaic Peshitta New Testament as the inspired Word of God. JesusSpokeAramaic.com arose out of that love for the Peshitta, and the desire to share the benefits of Aramaic with the world.

In addition to creating JesusSpokeAramaic.com, Ewan has worked extensively in other areas of Hebrew and Aramaic (and, to a lesser

extent, Biblical languages such as Greek and Latin). As well as studying Biblical manuscripts, working on transcriptions, and much more, he has worked with Bible Software companies such as BibleWorks to add new texts and modules. His knowledge and skills are available to work in these areas, or related work in connection with the Biblical languages and Bible manuscripts. He is also available for public speaking appointments in the field of Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic.

And be sure to check out Ewan's other books:

Jesus Spoke Aramaic: The Reasons Why & Why It Matters

Go to JesusSpokeAramaicBook.com for more information.

Discover Aramaic – The Bible's SECOND Holy Languages

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Aramaic was the language of the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires, and is Judaism's second Holy Language, alongside Hebrew. The Aramaic language became dominant amongst Jews after the Babylonian exile, and was spoken by Jesus and the disciples. By learning the Aramaic language and studying the Aramaic Bible, you will get back to more authentic and original roots of both the Old and New Testaments.

Let **Jesus Spoke Aramaic** be your guide as you navigate the fascinating world of the Aramaic language, the Aramaic Bible, and better understand the Holy Scriptures.

“My Son, let not the Aramaic be lightly esteemed by you as the Holy One, blessed be He, has seen fit to give it voice in the Torah and the Prophets and the Writings”

(Palestinian Talmud, Sotah 7:2)

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- ✔ Study our video lessons on the Aramaic Peshitta New Testament, Biblical Aramaic, the Aramaic Targums and the Aramaic Peshitta Old Testament.
- ✔ Fascinating lessons comparing the Hebrew and Aramaic languages, so if you know any Hebrew, you can leverage your existing knowledge to learn Aramaic even faster.
- ✔ Interactive forums on the Aramaic Bible, where you can discuss the Lessons and Resources in a community of like-minded students who are also interested in Aramaic.
- ✔ Participate in our polls and online quizzes, to test your growing understanding of the Aramaic language and the Aramaic Bible.
- ✔ Exclusive Bonus material about Aramaic and the Bible, including several full-color PDF Hebrew Old Testaments, our special Partner Offers, and our unique collection of Rare and Out-of-Print Aramaic books – providing you with all the tools, grammars, lexicons and dictionaries you will ever need to study Aramaic!

“Did you know that Aramaic is still spoken by communities throughout the Middle East and the diaspora today?”

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May God bless you as you study His Inspired Word.

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This inspiring and heart-felt book contains many of the true stories that people have sent Ewan over the years, giving the reasons why they have been moved to learn Aramaic, what Aramaic means to them, and why JesusSpokeAramaic.com has been such a wonderful place to start, and continue, their journey into the world of Aramaic.