

Shmad

Regarding a departure from the faith

Is it possible for a believer to depart from the true Jewish faith?

Apparently there are those who believe “for a while” (Lk 8:13), having tasted the heavenly gift, having once were enlightened, having tasted the goodness of G-d and the powers of the Olam HaBah (MJ 6:4-6) yet nevertheless “falling away” (Lk 8:13; MJ 6:6). In fact there is prophesied a “great falling away” (2Th 2:3) which ushers in the parousia of the Anti-Moshiach before the Bias HaMoshiach. The fact that the true Elect before the foundation of the world can never be snatched out of Moshiach’s hand says only that the Elect are Elect. This tautology begs the question. If you want to be a true follower of Moshiach you must understand that this entails more than “believing for a while.” “You need to persevere...” it says in MJ 10:36.

Are there Scriptures that give real warnings?

The Bible does not warn people to look out for stampeding purple elephants or other non-existent hypothetical dangers. Some preachers err and treat the doctrine of apostasy as if it were irrelevant to every individual in G-d’s House, as if every “Judas Iscariot,” by sheer virtue of a decision vis-à-vis Yeshua, would remain, without exception, eternally secure. Remember that Judas did decide to follow Yeshua...for a while. But such a decision on his part did not mean that there were absolutely no apostate tares

among the elect wheat. All Scripture is profitable for doctrine and reproof and correction, so that when any apostate “Esau” does fall away unto perdition, such a Shmad individual will not be able to say, “Why weren’t there Scriptures to warn me? Why didn’t G-d’s Book include such warnings?” Among the following are surely some of these Scriptures that carry a real warning that the despicable flesh (Ro 7:18), even a believer’s despicable flesh, needs to hear or they would not have been included in Holy Writ: Mt 7:22-23; 24:13; 10:22, 33; 12:31-32; 1C 9:27; Ga 5:4; 1Ti 5:15; 2Ti 2:12, 17-18; Lk 8:4-15; 2Th 2:3; 1Ti 4:1-2; Ac 8:13, 20-21; MJ 2:1; 6:4-6; 10:26-29; 12:14; 2K 2:1-22; 3:17; Rv 21:27; 3:15-16; 22:19.

Are there Scriptures that give real assurances? No one needs to doubt that Moshiach is able to keep him from falling (Yd 24-25). There are ample Scriptures to teach the assurance that we have in our salvation, as we strengthen and build ourselves up in our most holy faith, strive after Kedushah, and take every provision and precaution of the means of grace: Qohelet 3:14; Job 19:25-26; Yn 3:18; 5:24; 6:37, 39-40; 10:27-28; 17:9-24; Ro 4:5-6; 8:29-30, 33, 35, 37-39; Ro 11:29; 2C 5:1-2, 5-6, 8, 17, 21; Ep 1:4-5, 13-14; Pp 1:6; 1Th 1:4-5; 2Ti 1:12; 4:18; MJ 10:14; 12:2; 1K 1:5; 1Y 3:9; 5:13; Yd 1-2; Rv 3:5.

Here are some online resources and additional commentary:

www.afii.org/derech.html
www.afii.org/judaism.html
www.afii.org/betdin.htm
www.afii.org/whoisajew.htm

afii.org/ojmahzor.html
afii.org/cbfafii.htm
[/ravshaultorahobservant.htm](http://ravshaultorahobservant.htm)
www.afii.org/isaiah53.htm
www.afii.org/EtzChayim.htm
[/zoharthreeinone.htm](http://zoharthreeinone.htm)
www.afii.org/depressed.html
www.afii.org/team.pdf
[/shulmembership.htm](http://shulmembership.htm)
www.afii.org/borntwice.htm
www.afii.org/undergrace.htm
www.afii.org/heaven.html
[/nodistanceinprayer.htm](http://nodistanceinprayer.htm)
[/beatyourmuledaily.htm](http://beatyourmuledaily.htm)
www.afii.org/adoption.htm
www.afii.org/akedah.htm
[/Jewishkiruvefforts.htm](http://Jewishkiruvefforts.htm)
www.afii.org/gifts.htm
www.afii.org/holiness.html
afii.org/calltopreach.htm
www.afii.org/notyushka.htm

Do not drift away from the Hebrew Scriptures:

“SHEMA YISROEL
 ADOSHEM ELOKEINU
 ADOSHEM ECHAD BARUCH
 SHEM KAVOD ELOKEI
 HAKEDUSHAH
 HAMESHULLESHET
 (ADOSHEM V’ DEVAR
 ADOSHEM DER ZUN FOON
 DER OYBERSHTER
 [MOSHIACH HAKODESH]
 UN DER RUACH
 HAKODESH, DER RUACH
 ADONOI ADOSHEM)
 ADOSHEM ECHAD.

Hear O Israel the L-rd
 our G-d the L-rd is One.
 Blessed be the Name of
 the G-d of Threefold Holiness
 (Hashem and Devar Hashem
 [Holy Moshiach] and Spirit of
 Adonoi Hashem) the L-rd is
 One.

We have perfect faith in what
 the Hebrew text of Scripture
 inerrantly asserts, that
 Hashem is One in His
 underlying Being and
 threefold in the distinctions of
 His kedushah.