

ויהוה מציוו ישאנ ומירושלם יתו פולו ורעשו שמים וארץ ויהוה מחסה לעמו ומעוז The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: But the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

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MINISTRY BACKGROUND

Rick Wagnon is the Founder of Zion's Roar Ministries. He was blessed to be born into a loving and stable Christian home, and raised by parents that served as pastor and wife for many years. He received the redemption of Jesus Christ (*Yeshua Ha'Meshiach*) at an early age under the evangelistic ministry of James Robison, and was raised to respect the inspired truth and integrity of the Holy Bible. He has been baptized in both water and the Holy Spirit, and seeks to live in the power of G-d's word as a living witness to all.

While in prayer several years ago, Rick was surprised to hear himself praying earnestly for the Jewish people. Intrigued while speaking as G-d led him, he asked the Lord to give him a heart for the Jewish people like the Father Himself has, and Rick's life was changed forever. The Lord first directed him to a focused study on the many hidden truths of the Tanakh (Old Testament), so often neglected by Christians today. Through years of personal studies, he grew to love and honor the Jewish people, to whom both "Old" (*Torah/Tanakh*) and "New" covenants (*B'rit Chadashah*) truly belong. Rick is boldly unashamed of the saving power in the Gospel (good news) of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ (*Yeshua Ha'Meshiach*) and he longs to make known to all people that Yeshua is exactly who He said He is, the prophesied Messiah, the Son of G-d and Son of Man. There is no contradiction in trusting Him, whether one be a Jew or Gentile.

Though not yet conversationally fluent, Rick has supplemented his personal studies with courses in both biblical and liturgical Hebrew. He has also taken a variety of collegiate and non-collegiate Bible and theology courses in both Jewish and Christian thought. In addition, he has fed on the readings of many prominent Torah and Bible scholars (Jewish and Christian), and on the teachings and tutelage of many well-known (and not so well known) prophecy teachers. Over many years, Rick has served as a Church Trustee and Usher, and as a Children's, Youth, and Adult Study Group teacher. He has occasionally filled-in for different church pastors upon their request and in their absences, and has been invited to speak to congregations both in and out of his home state, and on talk/ministry radio programs.

In 2012, Rick's local church sponsored him to travel to the G-d given Land of Israel in order to study under the instruction of a beloved native (*Sabra Israeli*) Messianic Rabbi. While on-location in Israel, Rick comprehensively examined many textual, archeological, and geographical features of the biblical accounts. Since returning to the US, Rick has presented his findings in various services and has consistently taught a four-hour weekly Bible Study each Friday evening (*Erev Shabbat*). He prefers expositional, verse-by-verse teaching, but speaks topically in most congregational settings. His Bible studies specialize in the continuity and prophetic patterns of the text, with a strong emphasis on ancient cultural contexts and original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek).

In 2017, with the encouragement and support of his pastor, Rick launched **Zion's Roar Ministries**. Its goal is to reach as many people as possible with insight into G-d's glorious creation; Satan's rebellion; mankind's fall; Messiah's redemption; and Satan's spiritual "conspiracy" to resist Him, attempting to prevent His reappearance. How? By wickedly dispossessing and assaulting those He still holds so dear; His kindred, the chosen Jewish people. They truly ARE the key to Yeshua's final return and the fulfillment of all things spoken to His servants, the prophets. Therefore, Rick hopes to alert Christian believers to the ultimate reconciliation of the Children of Israel with their G-d in Yeshua.

Rick and his wife, DeAnna, (who is also the daughter of a pastor), are blessed with two fine sons that have grown into admirable young men of G-d. She is a constant source of strength and support and the "prayer power" behind Rick and **Zion's Roar Ministries**. As parents, they have no greater joy than to know that both of their children walk in truth. Both sons love the Lord, and the oldest is in pursuit of a theological degree in global studies as he serves as a volunteer youth minister for a church near his university.

Rick and his family are committed to magnifying the Name of Jesus (*Yeshua*) and offering up to Him all the praise, honor, and glory He so richly deserves. He would also like to honor those that have sown into his life, such as his father Pastor Richard Wagnon, and his own pastors, Pastor Terry Pearce and Pastor Tom Arnould, as well as Rabbi Michael Weygant and Rabbi Yosef Danieli. If you would be interested in having Rick speak to your congregation or Bible study group, please mail us via USPS, email, or see our "Contact" page at <u>www.zionsroar.com</u>