

Back to Jerusalem: Chinese Christian Zionism?

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[0 : 0 0] Well, thanks man for the introduction. So as you can see back to Jerusalem Chinese Christian Zionism? Question mark. As you can see here someone asked, oh, what are these particular words?

Chinese words and essentially it does mean back to Jerusalem and it is a movement which I would talk more about Go deeper into as we go through this time together today But before that I just want to give you a little more about my background you can tell now with that introduction to I'm Chinese So okay that gives me maybe some credibility on this particular topic But a little bit more about me just to give you a sense of who I am So we start with that introduction just go through the agenda of what we're going to talk about today We're going to define what exactly some of these things are because some of you mentioned to me look at title what's happening But also the big idea about what I'm going to present on like if there's like one thing that you got out today What might that be?

And then we're going to look through some historical sources from back in the day and even today To help us see yeah, how is that big idea supported and then afterwards at the end Perhaps if time allows let us have some time talk about what may that look like here in Vancouver today?

In terms of all things related to what the title may be talking about So a little about me name's Peter Chung It's been introduced I'm born in you may British Hong Kong today as you know Hong Kong sovereignty has been transferred to the People's Republic of China But when I was born gives you an idea when I was born it was still a British colony and Then in 2004 well I Immigrated and come back to I guess the sovereignty if you may in the country that is Canada and and by this time now I think half my life has been spent in Hong Kong and Just a little less is spent here in Vancouver. It gives you a sense of how I am without putting it on here It has done me a world of good to come to Vancouver after coming to Vancouver Through a high school friend of mine. I came to the Westside Baptist Church, which is like I said in Marple Some of you may remember for a number of years even at St.

John's there's something called the operation Christmas child Which is this shoebox So I can open the goodies and then get sent off But the first stop that these boxes have been At least for a number of years in the past is our Westside Baptist Church Sometimes I see some folks oh you guys are from St. John as they come and bring in the boxes Last year though, we shifted our focus. There is a modular housing that was built and now we actually target out gifting to that spot instead So that's a bit about us and our relationship between John In 2005 I became a Christian. I didn't grew up in a Christian home In fact, my parents at that time, if you may, were non-religious So I was the first to be baptized in 2006 And then I have been serving there Even during university I went to UBC I will talk about that more in Wimwon And then in 2017 I become one of the interns As of Artizo So what exactly happened this Baptist guy?

[3 : 29] Well in 2008 St. John's was having Artizo running and all that And then at that time the trainer saw there's an opportunity to work with campus ministry In particular it nowadays was Campus for Christ Some of you may have heard of it as Campus Crusade for Christ Now it's called Power to Change Name changes But it is through that particular contact point that I was in touch with Artizo And also over the years Since even after graduating from university I stayed in contact Some of you may be at the meet the apprentices nights Yeah if it were in Artizo I must say I probably won't be doing this right now in the school and whatnot And what exactly I might be doing instead Oh very important before I talk about what I do This is my family Dad and mom and my sister in the middle My younger sister So they are currently I would say all Christians now My dad has yet to baptize you can pray for him about that

But yeah this is my family But more loved ones This is a picture from yesterday actually This is me and my girlfriend here It's also my aunt and uncle As you may see though This is BGH If you may remember her in your prayers She is approaching her end of life So we visited her yesterday May return again today or next week Lord willing she will be here So thank you for that But that gives you a sense of my loved ones My mother has not met her yet We will meet tonight For like Chinese New Year dinner Like type thing So yeah My aunt has met her twice already I told her you should be on it All right back to a little bit of what I do Just get a sense of what that is So yeah I studied business and computer science In the Bachelor of Commerce program at UBC There's something that I did call

The Christian Leadership Sheminer by the Vedashem Vedashem is the Holocaust Museum in Israel It was a bit random to be honest I was in missions fairs I was talking to people And then ended up I had that opportunity To get a sense of what that world is about And have some context with some people It has shaped a little bit of my views on how these things Are seen on both sides I think And partly some of my interest on this topic Has to do with attending this seminar I will talk more about this Maybe in the Q&A; session Gradative CS That's the Diploma Program Region I started doing that part-time while I was working And then right now as I mentioned I'm finishing my Master of Divinity A bit of work though With my Bachelor degree What kind of makes sense was working in telecommunications So if it weren't a TISO I'll probably still be doing that I must say But at the same time throughout the years

Other than doing stuff at the church Just a bit of theatre that I get to take part of One of Regions courses is actually an arrangement To get some exposure to the Pacific theatre as well And then I myself have been with Founding Theatre Christian Society And see a colleague here at Regions College if you may Yeah there's the interface for between science and faith So with my I guess skills in the business and business area Just helping out a little bit with the website In terms of the promotion and strategy So that's a bit about me There's a lot I should move on to the topic So as you can see the interest is I mentioned the seminar and the fact that I'm Chinese myself And my passion for missions Through my days in campus ministry It has really contributed to why I wrote This seminar or learners exchange back to Jerusalem Is it Chinese Christian Zionism?

But definitions are important What exactly do I mean? Christian Zionism I know some of you might have some exposure to it Maybe in ways similar than if I did Or maybe on the other ways You have met some people and they seem to be really passionate about this Sometimes it could be Whoa, what's happening?

[7 : 59] So the definition here is It's a level of activism And a belief among Christians In particular evangelicals That the return of the Jews to the Holy Land In this case, Palestine and Israel today And the establishment of the state of Israel In 1948 were in accordance with Bible prophecy And this leads to a few things This leads to activism in what kind of area?

It may lead to lobbying with governments It may lead to a lot of financial aid Given to say orphan intruders Or widows in the land of Israel This may even be a little bit combative To the point that it will try to Try to silence the other boys at times as well Because both sides Whether it is Israeli or Palestinian They may be very foreign against And sometimes you just decide to see a bit more reconciliation But Christian Zionism in this case then Is Christians' involvement that's motivated Especially by the fact that they think Oh, you know what?

Like Jesus is going to come back to Jerusalem And there's maybe all these things that's going on in the city at that time Let's make that kind of set up For Jesus So It does involve some form of Biblical interpretation Hermeneutics and reading For people to be informed in this idea But here today we are not to exactly judge Say oh this is all right This is completely wrong I don't want to bring that view I want to bring a more balanced view I think both people on both sides Actually would agree on some of the potential issue Of Christian Zionism What would those things be?

This is an aspect of emotionalism This is a topic that excites a lot of people Sometimes this may involve a visit to the land of Israel Today they see some of the things that goes on there Sorry, it's a distraction They go to the place there And they see wow this is so amazing place This is a land protected by this particular government And this is where Jesus walked Where is he going to return And then they get this very strong sense of emotion Let's make something happen Sometimes that would cloud the judgment Of some reading of the bible perhaps Or maybe some of the ethical decisions that they may have made Maybe just because oh this is related to Jerusalem Maybe we can tweak a little bit about how We lived out the bible's teaching So that's one aspect And spiritual heroism as well Of course this is a very epic story we have read Of course one could argue too Like in the bible sometimes you thought those are heroes

But wow these people are really heroes We identify with those stories Where well and sometimes in this activism that is Christian Zionism It has that same effect on people as well That spiritual heroism Oh I'm doing something for God Amazing I'm like an apostle Well you know what you don't just get that in Christian Zionism Don't you get it in perhaps all kinds of causes as well So one should be careful And Christian Zionism does do this sometimes to people And lastly fundraising controversies I think because of the nature of Zionism Christian Zionism It does draw quite a lot of funding among Christians And sometimes I think Christians may not be the most careful When it comes to evaluating what the cost is about And how the money is distributed

[11 : 51] Or is it the most appropriate stewardship of their financial resources And Christian Zionism because of the money they really draw It does lead to some kind of controversies Especially when some of these ended up feeling Distributed to rabbinic Judaism's hands And it actually ends up being used against the cost of Christianity It can get a bit tricky So I'm not saying all the donations are bad But sometimes one should be more careful And this is some of the issues around Christian Zionism And both sides would recognize this I think whether you are for Israeli state today Or you're a little bit more conservative around that idea Whether oh okay it's great that they have a state But maybe it's not necessarily what the Bible says Like you can have both views But most people in this circle Or both circles would agree Yeah some of these things do appear As if in any other course But in this course particular It needs to be careful So I spent some time in terms of defining what that looks like

And give you an idea of why this is relevant And how we're seeing some of these today Oh President Trump Dead guy So President Trump as you know made a very At that time controversial move And it still gets debated sometimes Of moving the embassy of the United States and ambassador From Tel Aviv Which is kind of where everybody is at Back to Jerusalem In a sense that recognizing this is the Israel state's capital And this is very controversial Because there is this agreement and ceasefire Almost in a sense Between the Israeli state and the Palestinians And they try to figure out Maybe a two-state solution Or some kind of reconciliation If possible Or some kind of agreement But when the United States make a move like this They're like signing with Israel And denouncing the rights of the Palestinians Perhaps in the process

But Donald Trump is motivated by the evangelical vote That is from usually the Republican side And the Bible belts of America So this is kind of one shape of Christian Zionism's influence On politics But I'm giving more political examples here Walla Mola, Paraguay, Honduras These are US allies And they basically ended up following suit Doing the same thing Moving the embassy This has been occurring for the last year But this is not just a North American thing The Austrian Vice Chancellor Heinz Christian He too had voiced that we should support the state of Israel In this sense This is maybe not necessarily Christian Zionism But it is certainly influenced by that aspect And this is not just people in power The Dutch anti-Islam party for freedom leader There too they have this support for Israel That they say Oh we should do such a move as well

And back to here in Canada too Our own candidate for the Conservative party At least last year he pledged that With the new year coming With the election coming Maybe things will shift But this was at one time his campaign promise So it is quite an issue out there as well And so it's still relevant to us today But what about in the East?

Right? We talk about like Okay, North America And Europe That's West What about in the East? Of course today's focus is in particular about China And so what's going on in the People's Republic of China?

[15 : 39] Well, here's what the state is thinking today The People's Republic of China would respond in opposition to this kind of move Like the adversary, the ambassador It will continue its historical support for the independent Palestinian state With East Jerusalem as its capital I'll just put it this way This is a pretty neutral stance in a way Like not saying things that would trigger Israel But at the same time definitely maintaining its allies And so in the state media We would broadcast this lengthy article Saying that we emphasize with the Palestinian opposition In this recognition And then it would not really support this move And then it would warn against the instability and uncertainty That they do this thing in the Middle East Even though the state does it this way I want to suggest

There's something that's going on within the nation's Christian circles Is that the house church network continue even to this day To pray for a vision that is called back to Jerusalem Every morning at five o'clock Wow, what is happening here?

Let's see if I can move to the next slide I want to talk about this back to Jerusalem thing And that's what we're doing today And this is my big idea When you hear back to Jerusalem You may think, oh, there's a strong Christian socialism And it's like back to Jerusalem But nevertheless, I think we should try to consider some of the historical evidence Back in the day and today Carefully Because what the conclusion I have Arrived at is actually This is a movement I'm reading it In fact, that is a faith movement Missionary movement The Christ witness to the ends of the earth Not just to Jerusalem Is it cause that involves participation?

Yes, at that time they started Chinese But I also think this also involved non-Chinese Christians worldwide You and me Every Christian Take the gospel to the ends of the earth So some history then Let us move forward What's going on So a little bit about the Chinese church Because without understanding this background I think we may challenge to recognize what I'm talking about here This is We're thinking about the post-World War II And then pre-communist and communist period The Chinese church Because of the power that the PLC government has And it tries to cut many ties with foreign nations It kicked out all the missionaries Like all the groups For example, maybe some of you may have heard of Hudson Taylor and his Inland missions kicked out So who's left behind?

Well, the Chinese church people on their own I would say that actually has done the Chinese church a world of good Not that foreign missionaries are bad But rather when they're gone They actually get to be standing on their own So thank the communists, I guess No, thank God Christianity at first was tolerated by the communists Like they recognize, okay, there's this thing going on And they seem to sell their own properties and run together Like that, since check out, I'm talking about next to you Well, but very soon they realize This stands against the state's power The dictator's power The leader's power And so persecution started very soon And became rampant during Mao's cultural revolution This you may have heard of This reign of terror Yes, it went on It killed many, not just Christians But the church in China survived And then as time develops It becomes three categories

[19 : 39] And one of them is the house church And basically the three categories are the state church This is state sentient It's more, okay, not now It's not more Mao Now it's actually back to a little bit like Mao But for time, it was quite tolerated It's a state sentient church Yes, we have the police here And then you've got to like Sing the song and the anthem And you have the leader's picture and all that They do that But at least it was tolerated Today it's still tolerated It's still official But you've got to pray for China But there's also the international church So for you, maybe working or visiting China You as a foreigner, if you have a passport You can go into this church And there's very little restrictions But this is a place where locals, you know, come to Because they don't want locals to be able to form power And then lastly, we have this house church Which is this underground church that is not registered with the government That is essentially, in a way, illegal

But they meet together recognizing that Jesus is good And therefore, the state that tries to stand against him They need to make a stand and say, hey, I need to agree with this So it is around this house church that the Back to Jerusalem movement was born And a little bit more information At the very first, when this vision was created It's actually focused on cross-cultural non-Jewish missions But what do I mean by that?

China, as you know, is located in the far east And between China and Jerusalem, there were many nations So how do you send people from that point back to Jerusalem?

Do you fly them? I mean, you could, but that's not in those days This is in the 1940s, 1950s we're talking about And so, Back to Jerusalem movement is actually going west From the nation of China, taking the gospel with them And from the first place, which is Xinjiang One part of the regions in China, Muslim region And marching westward, going through Central Asia Going through places in the Middle East And then arriving, eventually, in Jerusalem So it is not necessarily just focusing on the Jewish In fact, they didn't really talk about that at first But it's to go through all the lands In between China and Jerusalem Taking the gospel all the way through And which they call the depths of the earth So that's what that's really about And I will go through some sources with you So there is this early vision that goes on

In the Northwest Bible Institute There's actually some ties between this The Institute with Cassin Taylor One of the more famous missionaries That came to China The Lord, bless the guy So this is a Northwest Bible Institute vision that comes on Here it is On the evening of November 25th, 1942 While in prayer, the Lord said to me The door to Xinjiang, which is this place I just mentioned A region in China with highest concentration of Muslims And some Tibetan Buddhist presence as well The door to Xinjiang is already open Enter and preach the gospel When this voice reached me, I was trembling And fearful and most unwilling to obey Because I did not recall a single time in the past When I prayed for Xinjiang myself Moreover, it is a place which I have no desire to go To the top of the world Therefore, I merely pray about this matter I'm not even telling my wife Such was the leader at that time

[23 : 33] Who began this movement Next slide There you go There is no mention in Jerusalem in the beginning But it was with time passed by As he fasted and prayed In the same name that the band of the Lord revealed the verse of the scripture in my heart The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world A witness to all nations and in the end shall come And the Lord said Since the beginning of the Pentecost This is him accounting for or what we heard The pathway of the gospel has spread for the greater part From the westward direction From Jerusalem to Antioch to all Europe From Europe to America and then to the east And from the southeast of China to the northwest Which is where they were And so today from Jiangsu And westward It can be said there is no firmly established church So this is like this part of China

And then this is the nations between China and Jerusalem we are talking about And in fact it was quite an unriched place in the world Very strong in Buddhism Very strong in Muslim and Hinduism You may go westward from Jiangsu which is where they were Preaching the gospel all the way back to Jerusalem And some finally showed up after some time And caused the light of the gospel And some can keep the circle around the dark world So yeah at the first it wasn't really about Jerusalem It was about world missions all the way back to Jerusalem What about the Jews though?

Like let's see what they said here Because you did hear something about the Jews You know because this guy came here Well I said the section of the territory Xinjiang is under the power of Islam And the Muslims are the hardest people to reach the gospel Okay maybe fair point Let's see what the Lord said He does this thing The most real people are the Israelites Oh okay The hardest people of labor is my own people the Jews Okay That's how the Jews got mentioned in here Zionism The Jews actually looked at pretty badly here The Lord continues speaking Even you Chinese Yourself included are hard enough But you have been conquered by the gospel I have kept the Chinese church a portion of inheritance Otherwise when I return you Will you be so poor?

So what exactly is this dynamic that's going on? Essentially he's receiving them as if God is stirring us on to go on missions Because in the past we have received the gospel from missionaries in the west They think they too have a role to play Because God has kept up in the horizons for them to bear fruit in this ministry To go westward from China through central Asia and all the way back to Jerusalem So that's what that is Is it Zionism?

And so the Jews are pretty looked at Look in a pretty bad way And Jerusalem too is just a destination It's actually every nation in between So they formed the Binh Chuan Fu Ying Chuan Everywhere Preach Gospel Program In fact this is the first name of what we call the Back to Jerusalem movement now Notice the word Jerusalem does not appear in this name Like Benjamin, Buhi-kun, everywhere preach gospel then It's not even on there In fact the very name Back to Jerusalem was coined by one of the western missionaries At that time like this is by the way this is I didn't put a point on here At first they were under the war like in the northwest So they were still like fighting Japan at the time So foreign missionaries are not kicked out yet So one of the foreign missionaries in the institute was like oh this is great And like I need to like share about this talk about this And then she tried to like figure out a name for it English name if you may And guess what she came out with?

[27 : 34] Back to Jerusalem So the name is actually a western invention But it become popularized today But of course it was still born out of the Chinese context So that's important So based on what I just evaluated Yeah, it's not exactly a Christian scientism movement as we know it However, I do want to say a few things Because as this kicked off 1946 there's a constitution It listed what are the countries that they're going to reach And then they get started really quickly right away I must say Even though this is not necessarily Christian scientism at that time It still suffered from some of the issues that I mentioned earlier Whether it's emotionalism The spiritual heroism Or the fundraising controversies Because you know what?

Most movements are plagued with some of those things in some shape or form So as they kick off the Back to Jerusalem movement Yeah, they marched some young people in there very quickly right away Let's take a look at some of those things that they talk about They mentioned we're going to be an international Sorry, inter-denomination But not anti-denominational group of workers in the Gulf Coast and provinces of Chinese borders and countries beyond the Asian borders They look to the Lord alone for all financial supplies What does that mean?

That means And actually, President Taylor's group Now today OMF also do this They will say We are not going to ask for donations Well, you know what?

By saying that alone It's actually kind of manipulative sometimes So that's part of where the controversies sometimes come in But that's their policy Oh, we're not going to ask for donations That's what they say And then we'll go where it's like The time for the workers arrive Open faith warfare We are in spiritual warfare for sure But some of this language As you read maybe some of the sources You recognize Yeah, there's a bit of spiritual heroism going on A lot of emotions No worries Calling the church to prayer and spiritual warfare on behalf of Back to Judaism evangelistic band and enlisting volunteers for the service is a great work So even though he's not there to ask for donations He did go around trying to do a lot of recruiting And he keep on mentioning that particular line We look to a lot of financial supplies And in fact a lot of funding is coming in Which is a great thing Because people recognize the importance of this But I think some of the practices in those times Yeah, it could be troublesome Just go to the next slide here

A bit more evaluation A bit more evaluation As I mentioned some of these things can still be controversial In fact you look at the first early years of the Back to Jerusalem movement The missionaries are not very well trained They are not patient enough to stay around to learn the language at first The equipment are not very good You could say they want to save money which is great But they like ride camels Which today we kind of consider is a touristy thing to do Definitely can't look at it that way though Like at that time things are definitely a bit different But you can get some As you read some of these stories in the book So you could tell oh okay yeah they could definitely do a better job Compared to what we know today in terms of how to approach missions So that's a bit of an evaluation on back in the day back to Jerusalem What about today?

[31 : 09] So just that Today Does it have similar issues in these areas? I would say in some sense it's still at that In fact some of these may even be amplified Today the Back to Jerusalem movement is still strong It's still going on And it has become a big thing promoted by the house church Some of the stories that I sort of mentioned Like oh going around and trusting the Lord And riding camels It actually becomes some of the big stories that they tell It's like oh Oh my god I get a bit emotional here It's some of the emotionalism and the spiritualism that continue to this day And some of those stories yeah you could actually really argue they could have done a better job But it becomes some of the stories used to encourage people at times which could be problematic It's been expanded the scope is now to the 1040 window which is a term that was in the last century

And it has really catch on and some of you beyond the Jerusalem movement may even have heard of this It is basically saying yeah like 40 percent of people is kind of living in like this area Unreached Around the world so like wow This is part of the chunk and then it covers 1040 1040 It has to do with the latitude and longitude that goes on and it really captures the area between China all the way to um uh to Jerusalem so it does capture a lot of that but it's actually not super accurate either There's also places like Japan Where Japan may be covered but like there's a bunch of places in the world like Indonesia just not covered and there's the largest Muslim nation in the world So it's not the most accurate picture but it does capture and it sounds great right like 1040 window So back to Jerusalem When uh is now expanding in a way to back uh the 1040 window as well And and they call themselves not an organization these days they have a UK office they have a US office and

So yeah, the controversies continue a little bit uh that being said Um you may heard of this figure uh he's actually not necessarily that he won't call himself that but you may have read his book Heavenly man by uh Bradley Yun or Li Zhenyuan He he is kind of like this book person in fact uh as last year he actually came to Piltona north Vancouver he went to Victoria I think and he went to Manitoba or something Uh, he was actually doing like a speaking Um Around the world and this time around this I guess this day and age if you may they they they do ask for funds now uh to pursue some support Um, which in some sense I think Um, could be relevant Um, once you look at how this is actually spent But uh, I would say though that some of the things I heard about the house church in China What is their passion uh, or Or persecution they go through it It is not necessarily false but um yeah one should just be exercised a bit more due diligence when one is trying to get through these courses um

Because some house churches uh Unlike St. John's here you know um yeah they may get teaching wrong Sometimes they just kind of go their own way and and it could be problematic But the bigger ones generally they they have some system in terms of uh keeping the doctrine sound which which I really appreciate This is something called the OMF report uh the OMF report on back to Jerusalem Um, it talks about a few things Uh, it did mention the fact that sometimes the numbers are inflated So they would say like in certain areas like there's a lot of tritians converted But as OMF look into it they're like hmm some of these numbers sometimes exaggerated Maybe rounded up or something like to the the next digit Um, it's it's not very good, uh, but The growth is there It just maybe not as fast as sometimes you're hearing Uh, but the OMF report does mention a few things which is quite encouraging despite some of these maybe ongoing issues They may be just a turn around

Because why is that the case? Um, a few reasons First of all, there's this thing called a Silk Road economic bouts in the 21st century maritime Silk Road trade Goal trade strategy uh in Chinese very easy It's just yida yilu There you go This is so mouthful, but it just goes forward Um, what is that?

[35 : 40] Well, China since the cultural revolution and everything It has boomed a lot in terms of its economy That's quite a proven fact Because of that it leads to a few things These two people, young people being way more trained in universities, colleges and trade That's a good thing It prepares the church, the Chinese church for missions Another thing is China is now actually making a lot of economic ties with these nations Especially those in this 1040 window for this pathway back to Jerusalem Of course mind you though some of this can be quite problematic Like for example, Saranaka they build some infrastructure to them And then put them in great national debt So I don't know if those people like Chinese people that much So it's not perfect But we're seeing a lot of things that China is doing around the world And it gave some global opportunity Oh, I'm going to work there as an engineer

Well guess what? This guy's also Christian He's a missionary? Yeah, he's a missionary Is he going back to Jerusalem? Yeah, he's on the way there He's serving in one of those places Another thing related to this is that Over all these years I think the Chinese church have learned the importance of prayer And especially after the persecution that comes through In a way, yeah, the Cultural Revolution But there's also another wave with Wang Xiaoping In the 89th Tiananmen Square aspect And then there's also what they're going through now With Xi Jinping being the secretary And the strong policy he has against religion Not Christianity in particular Earlier today I mentioned Praying every day at 5 Now there's actually a song for that And as a Chinese church gathered 5 a.m.

Not everybody, okay But as many Christians gather at 5 a.m. and pray for this Christian I think the Lord is moving And he is sending people To go back to Jerusalem To take the gospel to the ends of the earth So that's what it looks like today Definitely still have some of those issues But the Lord is working He is on the move Now this is the last thing I just want to mention This is not part of the scope I want to mention there are a few things in terms of Chinese Advantage in outreaching to the Jews So again back to Jerusalem It's not about reaching Jews But I do want to mention this Because one should not consume this with Zionism This is not Christian Zionism Or Chinese Christian Zionism But it's really a unique advantage That the Chinese get when they outreaching Jews What are those things?

Well guess what? Guess who was really Victim Or who was a victim in the second world war? Well there's a Holocaust as I have learned And in the east Or the Pacific theater Well there was one nation Who was taking a lot of punishment from the Japanese Well that's Korea So kudos to those guys The Chinese too They were also a victim In the Nazi regime That's the identity that we share Because the Japanese Isn't like the Chinese too They want to rebel as that So just as the Nazi want to kill the Jews Well the Japanese Pretty much want to kill the Chinese too Maybe not in the same path Same ways But both sides have their shared experience Jewish people love Chinese food In fact Christmas day If it hits the Sabbath This is Chinese food I don't know why But it's just a thing Well because it's usually a bit more kosher As long as you don't order quark dish We don't put cheese in our dishes

Not often anyway So you don't have the problem of like Meats and cheese Which is pizza or hamburgers And you're like great We can eat this This is kosher Yeah it's a thing What else?

[39 : 44] This guy I met This is in the Holocaust Museum Albert was a survivor And we were talking And he had Counts someone's experience in China That oh Chinese people know anti-Semitism That's what he said I'm like oh That's what he said Chinese people know anti-Semitism His experience in China is like Oh yeah They love Jewish people Why may that be the case?

One may agree that Jewish people around the world Usually they On average anyways They enjoy a bit more economic success When it comes to starting business Or maybe because of their profession When they don't have a land They end up being like lawyers And what not And some of these Have to really Make them quite economically successful Chinese people see that He's like oh good education Good money And like we should learn The ways of the secrets of the Jews And they almost sometimes worship them Which is a bad thing But because of that Yeah no anti-Semitism At least according to Albert himself Of course I'm sure that That exists too in some degree But that in terms of his experience He didn't see any And in fact I think One of the things that the tie came In the early 20th century He said Yeah Chinese people It's like the Jews in the east I guess that's a compliment Because they do find Chinese people In some parts of Southeast Asia

They work really hard And they end up a bit more Well And then may attract from their jealousy And then And so that becomes some of the sayings In Southeast Asia Yeah you see this piece From southern China My granddad Is called the Chinese The Jews of the Orient Yeah there you go Yeah exactly the same thing So yeah Yeah so that's the idea of it Another thing This is something that I really care about This guy His name is Dr. Ho Feng Chan He's Chinese Schindler In the World War II Or before the World War II He gave a lot of visas to Shanghai You don't need a visa to Shanghai But they gave you one So that you can get out of Nazi Germany There's no war yet So they didn't start killing people yet Like oh you want to get out get out Oh you have a visa you got a visa Okay you're good But yeah nobody wants to give visas to Chinese people US doesn't Canada not really Dominican Republic wants to give visas which is great But nobody else wants to China or he just goes like Hmm you know what you don't need a China visa to go to Shanghai

I'll give you a Shanghai visa anyway And he made a lot of this I think he cost his job later on in life That's my understanding It's nothing like the Japanese Shin at all I think he He hasn't even covered But being Chinese I really identify what he does Even in Vancouver You have Jews Ended up being in Shanghai Because Shanghai was really the safe haven For a lot of Jews around the world And sometimes I mention this guy Oh yeah yeah yeah Yeah Shanghai was a safe haven for Jews My grandmother I'm a British boy He's a British boy He's a British boy So there was a conference offered on Chinese people Shanghai Yeah so there was that aspect And Jewish people were welcome And Chinese people loved the Jewish people at that time It was still tough with all of them But they they spent some good time together I do want to say though Being in this location Guess what The story of his went untold until he died It was really sad And there's another reason that I'm so attracted to it But being in this neighborhood

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Center Which is down the street On Oakland 41st They were the ones that digged up that story And made it available It was like oh I have these whole resources to look into Just like going there And so if you're interested to check further out They have a little bit of like brochures And it was pretty good They have a lot of it So maybe you can ask them for one Another thing that goes on This is a bit strange But this is a messianic Jewish synagogue If you may here in town But it actually has some number of Jewish people Maybe 30% And 70% Gentiles that means When I went there to check it out I was very surprised to see this What is that?

[43 : 53] That's actually a Chinese character It's not Hebrew So the church is actually quite packed Of Chinese and Jewish people And Caucasians and other races too But I was so shocked that they actually Put up Chinese word up there So there's something that's going on here in Vancouver as well So some of those similarities What is this?

Oh this is one of the plays that my theater company puts up Why did I put it here? Because at the end of this play It talks about like immigration Actually it's a particular song Because of time I'm not going to play it But this is the very song we're talking about It's the five o'clock morning in China And this is some of the lyrics Let's finish off here At 5am in China arises the sound of prayers Asking God to bring peace, blessing, unity and victory At 5am in China arises the sound of worship The people are all offering true love to God With one mind and heart for China At 5am in China arises the sound of prayer Suppressing a thousand mountain believers Melting hardened hearts And there will never again be bondage of war But there will be reversal of faith Bringing again a downfall of promise And that's the song that was made popular

Called a lot of Christians in China today To pray What can you do? Well to know Thanks for joining today I hope you know a little bit more about the Chinese church What they are up to And some of the advantages they may have Hopefully that calls you to pray too Because I think they are now in another trial With the police will be doing another And some of you may be called to go I know in Regent College We actually teach this in China Legally With good relations And train people Even house churches That they may be equipped up To not get the gospel wrong And they may teach sound doctrine And there's many shapes or forms We can be going through the business And education To send I think that's quite important There are missionaries that are ready to go If God has called But also I invite to collaborate

I think sometimes Yeah, we just don't know what's going on In other circles But I think there is a lot of potential In working together But that may involve having some fellowship So that we may actually get to know one another And trust one another in the Lord And receive what he has sent us to go And also to celebrate together Of what God is doing around the world Here in the honor Thank you for those And that's it