



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

Through this program, we will show you that the way God the Father is handling the people of Israel, the descendants of Jacob, is the best proof of His faithfulness. The program is structured in four parts. We will first list a number of facts; then we discuss the prophetic predictions; after that we study the future of the people of Israel, and we conclude by assessing our attitude towards the God of Israel, and to Israel itself.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:
2.10 New self

This program:
2.11 Jacob

Next program:
2.12 Where does it say so?

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. Where does the name "Israel" come from?

(answer) God the Father gives this name to Jacob.

(comment) *In Genesis 32:28, God the Father says to Jacob at Peniel: "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."*

2a. Where does the word "Jew" come from?

(answer) The tribe of Judah.

3a. How often does the original text of the New Testament mention Christians, and how often does it mention Jews? Choose between:

- a. 583 times Christians, 98 times Jews.
- b. 3 times Christians, 192 times Jews.
- c. 207 times Christians, 2 times Jews.
- d. 89 times Christians, 596 times Jews.

(answer) The correct answer is: "b. 3 times Christians, 192 times Jews."

4a. What has God the Father done in the following passage from Exodus 19:3–5a?

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.'"

(answer) He has chosen Israel as His people (possession).

5a. We will now discuss a number of prophecies, that have foretold the whole history of Israel. Abraham has received three prophecies in Genesis 15:13–14,18:

- 1. They would be enslaved in Egypt;
- 2. They would be delivered from Egypt with wealth;
- 3. They would possess the land of Canaan (Israel) as the promised land.

Later, God the Father gives prophecies about what will happen when the people of Israel are in the promised land. When and to whom does He give these prophecies?

(answer) To Moses in the desert.

(comment) *Deuteronomy describes these prophecies:*

- 4. They would turn to idolatry in the promised land.
- 5. God the Father would establish a center of worship (in Jerusalem).

6a. After that, King Jesus prophesied:

- 11. The second temple would be destroyed.

In what year was this prophecy fulfilled?

(answer) In 70 A.D.



7a. In Ezekiel 36:21–22, God the Father explains his primary motive with regard to His people:

I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone. "Therefore say to the Israelites, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.'"

Why is God the Father, despite their behavior, still faithful to His people?

(answer) For the sake of His Name.

8a. The Old Testament speaks of the land of Canaan; the New Testament calls it the land of Israel. Only later, the Romans deliberately named it "the land of the Philistines" (Palestine), to assert that the Jews no longer had any claim to the land. But that is not the final word on this topic. This is what God the Father, the Owner of the land, says about it Himself.

Name four words that God the Father uses in the following passage from Psalm 105:7–11, to clearly describe His total commitment over the land of Canaan:

**He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.
He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:
"To you I will give the land of Canaan
as the portion you will inherit."**

(answer) Covenant, promise/word/command, oath, decree/statute, everlasting covenant, inheritance.

9a. As they are cornered, the Messiah is supernaturally revealed to the people of God the Father. This is the fifteenth prophecy.

Ezekiel 36:26 explains what happens then as well: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." What is a heart of flesh about?

(answer) A heart of stone is dead; a heart of flesh is alive. The people of Israel will have a living relationship with the Messiah.



10a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

King Jesus, who is the Messiah, says in Matthew 23:37–39 about the place He would die and resurrect:

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what everyone of the people of Israel must first say, before the Messiah can return, thereby fulfilling the sixteenth prophecy. The other team will try and guess this. (answer) “Blessed is He, who comes in the Name of the Lord.”

11a. Isaiah 11:11–12 says:

**In that day
the Lord will reach out his hand a second time
to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people
from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt,
from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia,
from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.
He will raise a banner for the nations
and gather the exiles of Israel;
he will assemble the scattered people of Judah
from the four quarters of the earth.**

Israel is being used by God the Father as a banner for the Gentiles. Assume that it says: “God is faithful”. What is the function of this banner; what does God the Father clearly show with this?

(answer) He makes it known to everyone that He is faithful. He proves this through His faithfulness to Israel.

12a. The devil knows these prophecies of God the Father as well.

- 1. What does the devil fear most?**
- 2. What does the devil do about it?**

(answer) The other team has to give both answers:

1. The devil fears the return of King Jesus the most.
2. He makes every effort to block and prevent everything that sets up the situation which will prepare the way for this return.

(comment) *In John 12:31, King Jesus names the devil the prince of this world. Because of the return of King Jesus, the devil loses his rule.*



1b. Many replace the place of Israel with the congregation or the church. The Bible does not once mention this. What is this theological belief called?

(answer) "Replacement theology" of "substitute teaching".

2b. Revelation 5 describes what happens in the heavenly throne room. Verse 5 says: "Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'" Which nationality does the passport of King Jesus in heaven indicate?

(answer) The Jewish nationality.

(comment) *Even long after His death and resurrection, King Jesus is still called the Lion of Judah. His identification with the Jewish people is eternal.*

3b. In John 4:22, we read that the salvation is of the Jews. We receive salvation through the Jews, among others through the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), the Bible, the prophets, the Savior and the apostles. What if there were no Jews; then what would that mean for us?

(answer) No Jews, no salvation.

4b. In Romans 9:4–5, the apostle Paul very concisely lists eight distinctive features that only apply to the people of Israel. Which distinctive features are mentioned here? Name all eight.

Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

(answer) The other team must name all eight of these:

- **Adoption to sonship:** God the Father adopted them as His children.
- **Divine glory:** they show the glory of God the Father through the manifest supernatural presence and workings of God the Father (as long as they walked in obedience).
- **Covenants:** all the covenants God the Father has made in the Bible are made with Israel (except for the ones He made before Israel was a nation).
- **Law:** God the Father gave the Law to Israel.
- **Temple worship:** the priestly service of God the Father is given to Israel.
- **Promises:** God the Father gave the promises to Israel.
- **Patriarchs:** the people of Israel are not from any other stock than that of the patriarchs.
- **Human ancestry of the Messiah:** King Jesus has come from the people of Israel.

5b. Then the prophets write down precisely what will happen with the people of Israel, hundreds of years in advance:

- 6. The northern kingdom (Israel) would be carried into captivity into Assyria.**
- 7. The southern kingdom (Judah) would be carried into captivity into Babylon.**
- 8. The first temple (built by king Solomon) would be destroyed.**
- 9. A small remnant of the Babylonian captives would return.**
- 10. Because of their disobedience, the people of Israel would be scattered among the (Gentile) nations.**

Which four prophetic Bible books are the largest?

(answer) Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.



6b. The Bible also lists prophecies about the time after King Jesus. Two of these were fulfilled in recent history:

- 12. The people of Israel would endure persecution and oppression among the Gentiles.**
- 13. The people of Israel would be regathered from all nations to Israel.**

How did this last prophecy suddenly become possible?

(answer) Because the state of Israel was declared in 1948.



7b. (Please read the bold txt of this question aloud.)

Because of the prophecies, you can see that God the Father has a clear strategy. The thirteenth prophecy, about the regathering of the Jews to Israel in preparation of the end time, can be found in Ezekiel 36:24–25:

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.”

Some Christians are critical about the way the state of Israel is acting, and they first want to see improvement before they can stand behind Israel. However, the current situation of Israel is fully in line with the strategy of God the Father.

Someone from the team asking the question will draw what order of events God the Father follows to sanctify His people for the final prophecies. The other team will try and guess both points.

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. He will first bring them back to Israel.
2. Only then they will repent (cleanse).

(comment) The world says they first need to live properly, and only then may they return. God the Father does it the other way around. He announces it in the Bible verses we just read.

8b. We have now seen that thirteen very specific prophecies about the people of Israel have been fulfilled. In addition to those, the Bible contains three more prophecies about the people of Israel that have not yet been fulfilled.

The return and repentance of the people of God the Father is not without a struggle. For example, several global powers disagree about the right of the state of Israel to exist; the division of borders, and their religion. What does this lead to, according to the Bible?

(answer) All nations will turn against Jerusalem, and gather against the city in war.

(comment) This is the fourteenth prophecy, from Zechariah 14:2: “I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.” Another name for Jerusalem is Zion.



9b. In Exodus, the people of Israel received the Law (the Word) of God the Father. The fire and light of the Holy Spirit shines on the Word to help you understand and apply it. In question 7b, we have read that God the Father has said to the people of Israel about the end time: "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean." Which role do the Holy Spirit and the Word play in it?

(answer) The people of Israel will be filled with the Holy Spirit, so they will understand the Word.

(comment) *The sprinkling of water is an image of the fulfillment with the Holy Spirit. The lively relationship with the Messiah through the Holy Spirit is prophesied in Zechariah 12:10: "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son."*

10b. When the Messiah returns, at what place does He come and what will He do?

(answer) He will return in Jerusalem, to reign as King over Israel and all the world.

(comment) *This is the sixteenth and final prophecy.*

11b. In times of war, a banner shows exactly which side is on the winning hand. Joel 3:1-2 says:

**In those days and at that time,
when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
I will gather all nations
and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
There I will put them on trial
for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel,
because they scattered my people among the nations
and divided up my land.**

What happens to the countries that, in one way or another, fight against Israel?

(answer) God the Father will put them on trial (go to trial with them).

12b. In Ezekiel 36:28, God the Father says to Israel: "Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God." At His return, the Messiah finally comes together with the people of Israel. In what capacity will the believing Gentiles be part of it?

(answer) They will be part of the same body of the Messiah.

(comment) *Romans 11:17-18 says in another comparison about the believing heathens: "If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you."*

And Romans 11:23-24 says about Israel: "And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!"