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Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in Romans 9:4 – 5:

Rom 9:4 the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

Rom 9:5 the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadosah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Introduction to Messianic Perspectives

Did you know that the New Covenant writings contain nearly 500 direct quotes from the Tenach, or what many people know as the old testament? In addition to these direct quotes there are nearly 800 additional references from the Tenach. That is 1300 references in total. Seeing that the New Covenant writings are immersed with these quotes and references wouldn't you think that it is important to spend time learning and understanding the context of these scriptures and how they are used to substantiate the truth that Yeshua or Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel, spoken of by these very scriptures.

In his own words Yeshua says in Luke chapter 24 and verses 44 through 47:

"This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh, telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day; and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

Some of the terminology may sound different than what you are used to reading in your bible. That is because, for all scripture readings, we are using the Complete Jewish Bible, translated by David Stern. This translation infuses a Jewish identity into the scriptures, thus reestablishing the original context for which they were originally written.

It is in this context that we will explore many topics that you may have questioned over the years. Hopefully, those questions will be answered here.

In the segments to come I will talk about Messianic Judaism, Passover and the other Feasts, known as Moadim, Torah, being Born Again...and "Can the New Covenant stand by itself", We will also look at specific scriptures that are often misunderstood and misapplied. This is just the beginning.

Until next time, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehilah Portland, a Messianic Jewish Synagogue located in South Portland, where both Jew and non-Jew come together to worship on Shabbat and believe Yeshua is the Messiah spoken of in scripture and is the fulfillment of many promises given to Israel and the Jewish people. We meet every Saturday at 1338 Broadway Ave. in the Greater Portland Christian School gymnasium. Our service begins at 10:00 with meet and greet, followed by Torah study at 1 pm.