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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 Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Why Mikveh

Continuing our exploration of Mikveh or Immersion, this concept is found throughout scripture. Last time we went back to Genesis chapter 1 and verse 2 to see where it all began.

Yochanan the Immerser is preparing the people to be immersed, cleansed in preparation for the Kingdom of Adonai.

There are at least three distinct reasons why one would go through immersion.

Ritual Impurity: or what is known as Purification

It is restoration of ritual purity through washing for the purpose of entering the Mishkan or Temple area.

This is important because If you were ritually unclean, you were not allowed to bring a sacrifice to the Mishkan or Temple.

Consecration:

One example of consecration is Aaron and his sons being chosen to be Kohanim:

Aaron and his sons were chosen to serve Adonai as the people's representative. In taking on such a position.

Torah tells us that the first aspect in consecration was immersion:

Exo 29:4 "Bring Aharon and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

Conversion:

One example is that of the consecration of Israel as a nation, set apart from all other nations. They were being transformed into a nation for Adonai. In accepting the covenant of Adonai, Israel was instructed to wash...

Exo 19:10 so Adonai said to Moshe, "Go to the people; today and tomorrow separate them for me by having them wash their clothing;

Exo 19:11 and prepare for the third day. For on the third day, Adonai will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

Next time we will look at how this applies to believers in Yeshua.

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

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