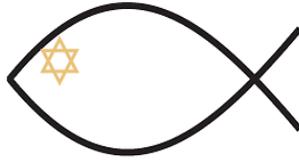


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Messianic Perspectives

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 – Four Gospels

Why are there four gospels?

When we look at the standards for evidence required by Adonai for testimony against someone for a transgression, we can relate this same standard to testimony in favor of someone.

Deuteronomy chapter 19 and verse 15

Deu 19:15 "One witness alone will not be sufficient to convict a person of any offense or sin of any kind; the matter will be established only if there are two or three witnesses testifying against him.

Sha'ul, also known as Paul uses this same standard when writing to the Corinthians in his second letter, chapter 13 and verse 1

2Co 13:1 This will be the third time that I have come to visit you. Any charge must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Here is what Sha'ul says to Timothy – chapter 5 and verse 19 of his first letter:

1Ti 5:19 Never listen to any accusation against a leader unless it is supported by two or three witnesses.

When we relate these passages to what we have received, they talk about witnessing against someone. The same standard applies when you are witnessing for someone. There are three witnesses who testify to who Yeshua is:

The Gospel written by Matthew authenticates Yeshua's claim as Messiah of Israel by providing eyewitness account starting with His lineage that begins with Avraham.

The Gospel written by Mark displays Yeshua's service to man. Note that there is no lineage because a servant's lineage is not important.

The Gospel written by Luke authenticates Yeshua's claim of being sent to redeem the world, not only the Jew, but also the nations. He includes His lineage, starting with Adam and verifying that He is the son of man.

The final Gospel written by Yochanan is the testimony of Adonai Himself substantiating the Deity of Yeshua as Messiah and that if you have seen Him, you have seen Adonai, the Father. Throughout scripture, Israel would recognize only One God. Yochanan's Gospel supports the oneness of God.

Now you know why there are four gospels.

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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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