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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 – The New Covenant Writings

The majority of Bibles divide scripture through the inclusion of a page entitled “New Testament” This page acts like a dam in that it disrupts the flow of Adonai's message.

This page has created a distinction that was never intended to happen.

Separation of Torah from the New Covenant has lead to teachings that are contrary to that of Yeshua.

Let's look at the book of Acts for a minute. This book by Luke recounts what transpired after Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection. It recounts the development of Yeshua's talmadim who ultimately became the leaders of this movement that would spread throughout the world.

Starting in Jerusalem, the first 9 chapters are an exclusively Jewish story, with thousands of Jewish people coming to trust in the testimony of people like Kefa, who is known as Peter and Yochanan, who is known as John. We see 3000 coming to trust during the time of the feast of Shavuot or what many know as the Feast of Pentecost. Likewise, as recounted in chapter five, 5000 men alone come to faith in Yeshua as Messiah.

How are they doing this in that they don't have any of the New Covenant writings we have today?

The simple answer is through their practice of relating Yeshua to the Jewish scriptures. Within the first 9 chapters of the book of Acts, there are 51 direct quotes from the Jewish Bible, used to relate Yeshua to the promises that He is the promised Messiah.

It is in this context that they were able to convey these truths as evidence to the people who were familiar with these writings and for many who lived by them. Acts chapter 2 and verse 37

Act 2:37 On hearing this, they were stung in their hearts; and they said to Kefa and the other emissaries, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Throughout the book of Acts, there are a total of 76 direct quotes from the Jewish Bible used to convey the Message of Adonai, which is the Good News of Yeshua.

Can you be like the emissaries of Messiah and convey the power of the Good News through the Jewish Bible?

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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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