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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

Last time I talked about a page found in most bibles that acts like a dam in that it disrupts the flow of Adonai's message. That page is the page before the book of Matthew.

What does this page do other than identify the beginning of the New Covenant Writings? It creates a division of Adonai's Word, to the point where people justify their actions. "We are no longer under the old covenant or we are no longer under the law but, we are under the new covenant. - a common statement made by many believers.

In all reality, the nations were never under the Mosaic covenant unless they like Ruth chose to become part of Israel, when she said:

Rth 1:16 But Rut said, "Don't press me to leave you and stop following you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.

For men making this decision, physical circumcision was required. People who made this decision are identified as the foreigner and stranger dwelling among Israel. The term foreigner or stranger is found in a total of 53 verses in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Even though they were not Israel by birth, they for lack of another word converted and followed the God of Israel.

Through the New Covenant made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, it has been made available to all who come to believe that the blood atonement that ratifies this covenant, being that of Yeshua are welcome. There is still a circumcision that occurs, one of the heart. Within the New Covenant, there are some things that have changed in Torah, but based on Yeshua's own words, there are still expectations, for He says in the Gospel of Yochanan, chapter 14 and verse 15

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands;

What commandments are Yeshua talking about?

More on that next time.

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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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