

# Kehilah Portland



## A Messianic Jewish Synagogue

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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

We are currently exploring Matthew chapter 5 and verses 17 through 20. Last time we discussed verse 18 where Yeshua said that nothing from Torah would be removed or changed until everything that needs to happen has happened.

Continuing on with Matthew chapter 5 and verse 19

**Mat 5:19** So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Torah comprises many mitzvots or instructions. Some are more important than others. Consider Yeshua's dialog with one of the Torah teachers in Matthew chapter 22 and verses 36 through 40

**Mat 22:36** "Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important?"

**Mat 22:37** He told him, " 'You are to love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'

**Mat 22:38** This is the greatest and most important mitzvah.

**Mat 22:39** And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'

**Mat 22:40** All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."

If there are important mitzvots, such as this passage, there are mitzvots that are not as important, but just as valid to believers. Just because some mitzvots are not as important, such as the dietary laws known as kashrut or kosher, doesn't mean that they are not part of Torah and should be followed.

Yeshua also says anyone who disobeys the least of these mitzvots and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ultimately, there will be an order in the Kingdom based on our faithfulness, which is in direct relationship to keeping the instructions of Adonai as found in Torah.

Yeshua lead by example. Yet, there are many who teach that Torah is no longer valid, but Yeshua tells us otherwise.

Who will you follow?

Let me continue to emphasize...the challenge with Torah is knowing what applies to whom and in relation to the New Covenant.

I will continue to dissect this passage proclaimed by Yeshua and apply the understanding that is relevant to all believers, whether Jewish or not.

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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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