

# 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 – Hebrew Idioms

Last episode I provided some background regarding idioms in general and Hebrew idioms specifically. There are over 1000 Hebrew idioms found in scripture. Yeshua not only taught in disguised Jewish parables but used idioms as well. Today we will begin looking at some of these idioms.

In past episodes I discussed being born again as a Jewish concept. This is but one idiom used by Yeshua.

One commonly misunderstood idiom is to bind and loose. Matthew chapter 16 and verse 19, the King James version:

**Mat 16:19** **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)**

What is commonly understood by believers when they read this verse is that to bind means to restrict and to loose means to release. This is our current cultural and literal understanding of these words. However, not only does meaning get lost in this translation, but also the cultural understanding does not translate.

Reading from the Complete Jewish Bible the same verse with Jewish cultural influence applied it reads...

**Mat 16:19** I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

Therefore...

To bind means to prohibit  
To loose means to permit

The keys of the kingdom had been given to Kefa also known as Peter in verse 18, whereby authority is being transferred from Yeshua to Kefa, regarding making Messianic halakah, Messianic law.

When we apply this authority given to Kefa by Yeshua with Matthew 18 and chapters 15 through 20, regarding when 2 or 3 are gathered in Yeshua's name, this is referring to the authority to make Messianic halakah, messianic law.

We have an example of this in Acts chapter 15, the council at Jerusalem, dealing with the issue of goyim coming to faith in the Jewish Messiah and what is to be done.

Kefa demonstrated loosing, when he permitted Gentiles to be part of the Messianic community without circumcision (Acts 15:7 - 11)

Ya'akov demonstrated binding, when he prohibited Gentiles from partaking in certain pagan practices. (Acts 15:13 - 21)

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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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