

# 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 Sabbath

In the past few segments of Messianic Perspectives I have provided you with a brief history of how we ultimately got the Sunday. Now, getting back to the initial question

What apostolic writing causes you to think Christians in Bible times observed a sabbath day?

The idea of Shabbat amongst believers, both Jewish and non-Jewish was an understanding because it is part of the origin of the faith they professed.

Last time I looked at Acts chapter 20 and verse 7, talking about the first day of the week or what is referenced in the Complete Jewish Bible as Motza'ei-Shabbat, meaning coming out of the Sabbath. I established that this reference, based on how Jewish people understand the cycle of a day was what we understand to be Saturday night and not Sunday morning.

Even in Sha'ul's writings to the other communities that weren't Jewish, he instructed them in the same manner. In this case, He is instructing them regarding their giving: 1 Corinthians chapter 16 and verse 2, from the King James version:

1Co 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. (KJV)

Now from the Complete Jewish Bible starting in verse 1:

1Co 16:1 Now, in regard to the collection being made for God's people: you are to do the same as I directed the congregations in Galatia to do.

1Co 16:2 Every week, on Motza'ei-Shabbat, each of you should set some money aside, according to his resources, and save it up; so that when I come I won't have to do fund raising. (CJB)

Notice verse two, Motza'ei Shabbat. I had mentioned it earlier...meaning coming out of the Sabbath. If Paul is instructing them when they come out of the Sabbath, their day of rest, refraining from their work, they are to save some money from their work for the week to come. If they are coming out of Shabbat, then they must have entered into it to begin with.

Unfortunately, I believe documented church history outside of scripture is a greater influence than the scripture and cultural context that is so full engrained within the scriptures themselves.

It is also unfortunate that people don't even know their own history.

This week, Messianic Perspectives is offering the message "Whatever Happened to the Sabbath" to anyone sending a tax deductible gift in any amount in support of this ministry and Portland's only Messianic Jewish Synagogue, Kehillah Portland. If God places this ministry upon your heart, please send your offering to Jewish Heritage Revival – 12 Liberty Lane, Unit 68, South Portland, ME 04106. Please be sure to include your name and address so that we may send you a copy of the message and your tax deductible receipt.

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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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