

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 Messianic Synagogue

I had mentioned in a previous episode that Messianic Judaism isn't a new movement of God, for whom we use the Hebrew term Adonai which means Lord, but a resurgence or rebirth. During the first century, Kefa, who is known as Peter related what was happening then with a verse from the prophet Yoel, Joel, where he says in Acts chapter 2 verses 17 through 19:

'Adonai says: "In the Last Days, I will pour out from my Spirit upon everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my slaves, both men and women, will I pour out from my Spirit in those days; and they will prophesy. I will perform miracles in the sky above and signs on the earth below...

One of these signs on the earth below was the reestablishment of Israel as a nation in 1948, followed by the reunification and control of Jerusalem into Jewish hands in 1967.

At this time in the late 60s and early 70s something interesting was happening, many young Jewish people's eyes were being opened by Adonai to the truth and reality that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah. Where to go? At that time there was only one option, and that was the church. Many were challenged because as they read the scriptures they recognized the Jewishness of the New Covenant and desired to maintain that identity. As a result, of that desire to maintain a Jewish identity, many of today's Rabbis are a product of this outpouring, resulting in the establishment of Messianic Jewish Synagogues.

Today, there are over 500 Messianic Synagogues world wide, with the expressed purpose of reaching the Jewish people, proclaiming the truth of Messiah. These congregations, enable Jewish believers to maintain a Jewish identity, while welcoming in non-Jewish people who desire to be part of this community, worship and learn from a Jewish perspective.

More information about Messianic Judaism can be found on our web sites – shalommaine.com and jewishheritagerevival.com

Feel free to send your questions and comments to info@jewishheritagerevival.com

So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehilah Portland, a Messianic Jewish Synagogue located in South Portland, where both Jew and non-Jew come together to worship on Shabbat and believe Yeshua is the Messiah spoken of in scripture and is the fulfillment of many promises given to Israel and the Jewish people. We meet every Saturday at 1338 Broadway Ave. in the Greater Portland Christian School gymnasium. Our service begins at 10:00 with meet and greet, followed by Torah study at 1 pm.