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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

Last time I discussed that the Sabbath was a gift to Israel and that it was Adonai's to give. In establishing ownership, we can also establish authority.

After being challenged on Shabbat regarding the healing of a man and brought into question regarding the actions of His talmidim picking food from a field, Yeshua makes the following statement: Mark chapter 2 and verses 27 and 28

Mar 2:27 Then he said to them, "Shabbat was made for mankind, not mankind for Shabbat;

Mar 2:28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of Shabbat."

Shabbat was made for man. Meaning that when we go back to Genesis and the recollection of creation, man's creation occurred prior to the establishment of Shabbat. Shabbat was something that Adonai established after His creation was complete. On His day of rest, He enjoyed what He had created.

These verses establish a connection between the Messiah and the creator as being one. Matthew chapter 28 and verse 18:

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

So, if He is given authority over all, making Him in charge of Shabbat, nowhere does it say in scripture that He eliminated Shabbat. Only the one with authority can make such a change.

Did Yeshua not say in Matthew chapter 5 and verse 17:

Mat 5:17 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete.

Mat 5:18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud (ך) or a stroke will pass from the Torah — not until everything that must happen has happened.

Therefore when we understand the authority given to Yeshua and the lack of evidence conveying any expulsion or discontinuation of the Sabbath, when we look at scripture yet to be fulfilled such as Isaiah chapter 66 and verses 22 and 23

Isa 66:22 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will continue in my presence," says Adonai, "so will your descendants and your name continue.

Isa 66:23 "Every month on Rosh-Hodesh and every week on Shabbat, everyone living will come to worship in my presence," says Adonai.

We can conclude as did the writer of Hebrews:

Heb 4:9 So there remains a Shabbat-keeping for God's people.

Heb 4:10 For the one who has entered God's rest has also rested from his own works, as God did from his.

Heb 4:11 Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest; so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience.

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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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