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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 – Yom T'ruah

For the past two segments of Messianic Perspectives we have talked about the month of Elul as a time of preparation leading up to Yom Kippur. Like Elul, Yom T'ruah, translated directly as day of blasts and is one of the sounds blown through the shofar on Yom T'ruah, also known as Rosh Hashanah, meaning head of the year is to use a football term “the two minute warning”

In essence, Yom T'ruah with the blast of the shofar awakens us to the reality that Yom Kippur is only 10 days away. I will talk more about this 10 day period and Yom Kippur next week.

The fall feasts are rich in meaning, both through scripture and tradition. When we look at the significance of Yom T'ruah in relation to the return of Yeshua and the significance of the shofar in scripture What will happen upon His return can only be associated with this moadim (appointed time).

When is the shofar used? There are at least 5 distinct and specific times when a Shofar is used in scripture.

1. A call to assembly for such things as a Feast.

"Make two trumpets; make them of hammered silver. (chatsotrah) Use them for summoning the community and for sounding the call to break camp and move on." Numbers 10:2 - 4

2. A call to arms for preparation in battle.

"When you go to war in your land against an adversary who is oppressing you, you are to sound an alarm with the trumpets; then you will be remembered before ADONAI your God, and you will be saved from your enemies"
Numbers 10:9

3. During a Feast. - A celebration

"Also on your days of rejoicing, at your designated times and on Rosh-Hodesh, you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; these will be your reminder before your God. I am ADONAI your God" Numbers 10:10

4. Coronation of a new King.

This isn't found in Torah, but is later instituted when Israel begins its monarchy period.

"There Tzadok the cohen and Natan the prophet are to anoint him king over Isra'el. Sound the shofar and say, "Long live King Shlomo!" 1 Kings 1:34

5. Year of Jubilee

"You are to count seven Shabbats of years, seven times seven years, that is, forty-nine years. Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month, on Yom-Kippur, you are to sound a blast on the shofar; you are to sound the shofar all through your land; and you are to consecrate the fiftieth year, proclaiming freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a yovel for you; you will return everyone to the land he owns, and everyone is to return to his family." Leviticus 25: 8 - 10

More on this next time...

This month, Messianic Perspectives is offering four articles on significance of the Fall Feasts for all believers whether Jewish or not. We are including an article that conveys evidence in scripture as to when Yeshua was born. Our offer is 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)

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehillah 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.