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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

Yom T'ruah prepares Israel for Yom Kippur, a day of judgment for the nation, with the sound of a shofar.

Where else do we see Shofars?

We see in Revelation, beginning in chapter 8, the seven judgments of Adonai – announced by a blast of the shofar.

- The first four shofars are associated with judgments that affected nature directly and man indirectly.
- Shofars 5 and 6 are associated with plagues that affected man directly.
- These judgments resemble the plagues inflicted upon Egypt

However, notice the final trumpet: Revelation chapter 11 and verse 15

Rev 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his shofar; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah, and he will rule forever and ever!"

What has happened:

- There has been judgment against the world and its system
- This is not the same as the wrath that Adonai will pour out of the bowls seen in Revelation

What does Messiah say:

Mat 24:13 But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered.

Mat 24:21 For there will be trouble then worse than there has ever been from the beginning of the world until now, and there will be nothing like it again!

Mat 24:22 Indeed, if the length of this time had not been limited, no one would survive; but for the sake of those who have been chosen, its length will be limited.

- Where is Israel in the midst of this?
- Where are believers in Messiah in the midst of this?

What I am about to say is going to dispel the belief anyone holds to the premise of the rapture where believers will be removed from the earth before it gets really bad.

When we look at Passover in relation to Revelation, where was Israel when the plagues were being inflicted upon Egypt and their economic and god system? Adonai didn't remove them from what was to fall upon Egypt, but protected them while they were in the midst.

The answer to this question is that they were in Goshen: Adonai spoke to Moshe: Exodus chapter 8 and verses 22 and 23:

Exo 8:22 (8:18) But I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people live — no swarms of insects will be there — so that you can realize that I am Adonai, right here in the land.

Exo 8:23 (8:19) Yes, I will distinguish between my people and your people, and this sign will happen by tomorrow." '

How can we relate Goshen to the end times?

- Israel was in the midst of judgment yet they were protected.
- Anyone who was with Israel in Goshen was protected
- Anyone who was in the home of an Israelite family during the final plague was protected.

Next time we will look at Messiah's return.

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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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