

# 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 – Yom T'ruah

Yom T'ruah is different from the other Feasts in that it is the only Feast that happens during a new moon, when the sky is dark.

Passover and Sukkot begin with the full moon. Yom Kippur occurs 10 days after the new moon so the moon is always present. Shavuot occurs 50 days after First Fruits during the Passover season and based on its calculation of 50 days cannot coincide with a new moon.

Why is this? I can ultimately say that Adonai has a reason and we can see it in scripture.

When the sky is at its darkest, any sign of light appears to be quite prevalent. Think of being at a concert or play when they dim the house lights so that all attention will focus on where the light appears on stage. Now relate this type of event with the ultimate event that is yet to happen but is bigger than any play, concert or speech...the return of Yeshua. Matthew chapter 24 and verse 29

**Mat 24:29** "But immediately following the trouble of those times, the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

- When does the sun grow dark
- When does the moon stop shining?

Yom T'ruah occurs during a new moon.

**Mat 24:30** "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory.

**Mat 24:31** He will send out his angels with a great shofar; and they will gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Yom T'ruah is a time where we prepare ourselves for Yom Kippur.

However, when the shofars of Adonai begin to sound and judgment comes upon the earth, there will be no warning.

There is protection given to those in whom they have attached themselves to the God of Israel, through acceptance of Messiah for whom the New Covenant is ratified. This is in addition to those whom Adonai has already made a covenant. (Yochanan 16:33)

In the last segment I had mentioned the use of shofars in scripture in general and in Revelation specifically. In the case of this seventh shofar in Revelation 11, I believe it will coincide with the feast of Yom T'ruah and the return of Yeshua.

What will happen?

- It is during a feast of Adonai
- It will be a Yovel – a jubilee year
- It is a call to assemble all believers to Messiah
- It will be the King of Israel's coronation, in that He will return in power
- It will be a call to battle in that He will return to establish His throne in Jerusalem.
- It will bring Israel as a people and nation to T'shuvah.

Yes, I believe the return of Messiah will coincide with Yom T'ruah. However, when that happens, only Adonai truly knows. So, stay focused on the task at hand in conveying the truth of Messiah to the Jew especially and also to the nations.

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 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.