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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 Kippur

During our last several segments of Messianic Perspectives we have been exploring what are known in the Jewish community as the High Holidays. We started before the first day with the entire month of Elul, where we were to set our hearts and mind straight. That being a mindset of T'shuvah or repentance. We shared how this month was a time of focus on restoring relationships, seeking forgiveness from others for past transgressions while giving forgiveness to others whom had wronged us and were sincere in their apologies.

Then we came to Yom T'ruah also known as Rosh Hashanah, represented by the blowing of the Shofar, with the intent to awaken us and prepare us for the pending day of judgment. We talked further about the 10 days between Yom T'ruah and Yom Kippur, the 10 Days of Awe as well as the Shabbat before Yom Kippur known as Shabbat Shuvah.

Everything that I have talked about and that is done within the Jewish community is intended to lead up to Yom Kippur. The Day of Atonement.

It is on this day that the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies with the purpose to make atonement for the nation.

In order for the High Priest to make atonement for the nation, he must first make atonement for himself and his family. If he were to enter the presence of Adonai with any transgression that had not been confessed and atoned for, he would die.

The purpose of this day is to make atonement. The High Priest is representing the entire community of Israel. His actions would affect the entire community. It was extremely important that everything be done in order as found in Leviticus 16, because if it wasn't, the impact would be felt by the entire community.

As believers, we experience an improvement in our High Priest in that according to Hebrews chapter 7 and verses 26 and 27

Heb 7:26 This is the kind of cohen gadol that meets our need — holy, without evil, without stain, set apart from sinners and raised higher than the heavens;

Heb 7:27 one who does not have the daily necessity, like the other cohanim g'dolim, of offering up sacrifices first for their own sins and only then for those of the people; because he offered one sacrifice, once and for all, by offering up himself.

Yeshua our Cohen Gadol our High Priest, is an upgrade in that He did not need to make atonement for Himself first and then for the community. He was deemed to be without transgression from birth given that the manner in which he was conceived was not the same as our conception.

The Spirit of Adonai, which is Holy and consecrated, without transgression comes upon a woman Miryam who has yet to bear a child, thus opening her womb. According to Exodus chapter 13 and verse 2

Exo 13:2 "Set aside for me all the firstborn. Whatever is first from the womb among the people of Isra'el, both of humans and of animals, belongs to me."

We have a High Priest not of man but of Adonai.

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.