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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 – Sukkot Yeshua's Birth

During the feast of Sukkot, when Yeshua had traveled to Jerusalem as recorded in Yochanan's Gospel, we see the religious leaders challenging the birth of Yeshua: Yochanan chapter 8, when the woman caught in the act of adultery was brought to Him, it was a representation of His conception. If you recall, Yeshua's conception was far from the norm. A woman betrothed to be married became pregnant and it wasn't by the one she was betrothed to. The leaders were questioning and ultimately implying Yeshua's conception was not kosher.

In that His birth is being challenged during this time, wouldn't it be appropriate to explore this further?

Within the church, Yeshua's birth is recognized on December 25th yet there is no evidence to support this date. You even have within the church impassioned justification for this time with staunch supporters and poetic catch phrases “remember the reason for the season”.

You have yet another camp that will claim that there isn't enough information to truly know when Yeshua was born. We tend to look for the p'shat, the plain and simple meaning, however when it isn't written out for us, we will tend to follow the crowd and recognize what other people believe.

I am here to tell you that the information is before you and has been there all along. You just didn't know what to look for, or understand the heritage from which Yeshua was birthed. What is even more ironic is that the beginning of our journey is read every Christmas, yet it is missed year after year.

Why is this missed year after year? It is missed because they involve the Feasts for which the church in general believes are for the Jewish people only and are not relevant to the church. How far from the reality that is Messiah can one travel?

What is most important is your starting point. If you do not start at the right place, you will end up in the wrong place. So, what is the starting point for learning when Yeshua was born?

Luke chapter 1 and verse 5:

Luk 1:5 In the days of Herod, King of Y'hudah, there was a cohen named Z'kharyah who belonged to the Aviyah division. His wife was a descendant of Aharon, and her name was Elisheva.

This verse gets read every year yet is the starting point for our journey.

If you are not familiar with Israel, the Jewish people, the Temple, the Priesthood, and prophecy then you will be lost before you even start.

First ask, who are Z'kharyah and Elisheva?

They are the parents of Yochanan the Immerser, John the Baptist, the one who would come before Yeshua.

Second, we can establish a time from one simple piece of information found in this verse. Z'kharyah a Levitical priest is part of the Aviyah division.

More on this next time...

Feel free to visit our web site shalommaine.com. We have created articles on all the feasts including Sukkot, including "When Was Yeshua Born?" that will provide you with a wealth of information you may have never known before. You will gain a Jewish perspective on the Messiah of your faith and how it impacts your relationship.

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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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