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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

In our last episode of Messianic Perspectives we left off determining when Z'kharyah was in the Temple and heard from the angel of Adonai. Based on the divisions of the priesthood we were in the 10th week from the start of Passover.

What is our next important piece of information?

It would be found in Luke chapter 1 and verse 23 and 24: This is to verify that Elisheva was not pregnant at the time of Z'kharyah's service time.

Luk 1:23 When the period of his Temple service was over, he returned home.

Luk 1:24 Following this, Elisheva his wife conceived, and she remained five months in seclusion, saying,

So there should be no speculation regarding what I have been conveying to you. This information is all in scripture. Yochanan's conception definitely happened after Z'kharyah's temple service.

Now we know that Elisheva is pregnant and was in seclusion for 5 months. Not too long after this time, we read in Luke chapter 1 and verse 36: speaking to Miryam, the messenger of Adonai says...

Luk 1:36 "You have a relative, Elisheva, who is an old woman; and everyone says she is barren. But she has conceived a son and is six months pregnant!

We are now in Elisheva's sixth month of pregnancy, when Myriam experiences this encounter. What was this encounter? Luke chapter 1 and verses 30 through 34:

Luk 1:30 The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Miryam, for you have found favor with God.

Luk 1:31 Look! You will become pregnant, you will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua.

Luk 1:32 He will be great, he will be called Son of Ha`Elyon. Adonai, God, will give him the throne of his forefather David;

Luk 1:33 and he will rule the House of Ya`akov forever — there will be no end to his Kingdom."

Luk 1:34 "How can this be," asked Miryam of the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Miryam is told that she has found favor with Adonai and would become pregnant. She questions this because she is still a virgin and does not understand.

We have established a time line as to when this encounter happened, based on Z'kharyah's service time in the Temple.

Six months from Elisheva's conception puts us in the month of Kislev, which equates to the November / December time period.

And as a matter of fact, this puts us at the time around Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, the Festival of Lights.

More on this next time...

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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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