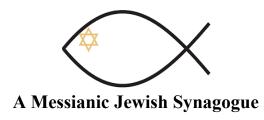
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Messianic Perspectives

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 with Miryam's conception occurring in the month of Kislev, the November / December time frame and occurring around the time of Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, the Festival of Light.

On a side note, how appropriate is this, when we consider Yeshua's statement in John chapter 8 and verse 12:

Joh 8:12 Yeshua spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life."

The Messiah was conceived during the Festival of Light. It makes more sense than any other scenario.

When Miryam heard the news that she would become pregnant by the Ruach ha Kodesh, what was her response. We see it in Luke chapter 1 and verses 38 through 40:

- Luk 1:38 Miryam said, "I am the servant of Adonai; may it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.
- Luk 1:39 Without delay, Miryam set out and hurried to the town in the hill country of Y'hudah
- Luk 1:40 where Z'kharyah lived, entered his house and greeted Elisheva.

Miryam didn't waste any time. The Complete Jewish Bible says "without delay" She went to stay with Elisheva, whom we know was already six months pregnant. When Miryam arrived, she was already pregnant, based on Luke chapter 1 and verses 41 and 42

Luk 1:41 When Elisheva heard Miryam's greeting, the baby in her womb stirred. Elisheva was filled with the Ruach HaKodesh

Luk 1:42 and spoke up in a loud voice, "How blessed are you among women! And how blessed is the child in your womb!

So we can state with confidence, based on the time line established through Z'kharyah's Temple service it was the month of Kislev that Miryam had her encounter with the messenger of Adonai and became pregnant through the Ruach ha Kodesh.

Getting back to Elisheva's pregnancy, she would give birth to the one who scripture identifies as the forerunner of Messiah: Malachi chapter 4 and verses 4 through 6

Mal 4:4 (3:22) "Remember the Torah of Moshe my servant, which I enjoined on him at Horev, laws and rulings for all Isra'el.

Mal 4:5 (3:23) Look, I will send to you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adonai.

Mal 4:6 (3:24) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers; otherwise I will come and strike the land with complete destruction." [Look, I will send to you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adonai.]

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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