

# 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 – Sukkot Yeshua's Birth

We can't talk about the birth of Yeshua exclusively without covering the birth of His cousin, Yochanan the Immerser, John the Baptist. In our last episode of Messianic Perspectives we left off with a very important Messianic prophecy from Malachi chapter four, that indicates that Eliyahu, Elijah would come before the Day of Adonai: Malachi chapter 4 and verse 5:

**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.

We have established a starting point through Z'kharyah's Temple service. The conception of Yochanan occurred in the May / June time frame, the month of Sivan on the Jewish calendar. When you take into account a full term pregnancy of 40 weeks, 10 months, we come to the time of Passover.

At the time of Passover there is great expectation of the coming Messiah. During the Passover seders of today, a young child will be instructed to open the door for Eliyahu, based on Malachi chapter 4.

Through the birth of Yochanan, we have a promise fulfilled, based on the words of Yeshua...Matthew chapter 11 and verses 13 through 15:

**Mat 11:13** For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied until Yochanan.

**Mat 11:14** Indeed, if you are willing to accept it, he is Eliyahu, whose coming was predicted.

**Mat 11:15** If you have ears, then hear!

Last time we left off with Miryam visiting Elisheva after she experienced a visit from a messenger of Adonai we know she is now pregnant. Her conception was in Kislev. Using the same 40 weeks for a full term pregnancy, brings us to the fall and Sukkot.

Just as Passover was the only appropriate time for Yochanan to come into this world, according to the scriptures, likewise, Sukkot is the only appropriate time Yeshua would enter this world. Sukkot is a time where we remember our time in the desert after leaving Egypt. A time when Adonai was with us, sustained us and kept us. Yeshua represents this same dynamic as conveyed through the Prophet Isaiah chapter 7 and verse 14:

**Isa 7:14** Therefore Adonai himself will give you people a sign: the young woman [*Or: "the virgin."*] will become pregnant, bear a son and name him Immanu El [*God is with us*].

Scripture speaks for itself, you just need to know the context behind it.

Next time I will share another dynamic regarding the births of Yochanan and Yeshua. I will leave you with a clue...there are two specific traits of Passover and Sukkot that will further validate what I have shared with you over these last several segments of Messianic Perspectives.

Feel free to visit our web site [shalommaine.com](http://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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