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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 – Hanukkah

Last time I offered some historical insight regarding Hanukkah.

What greater miracle is there than to be delivered from those that persecute you, to be delivered in spite of being greatly out numbered or simply because the God of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov has placed His name upon you and calls you His.

This is ultimately what happened some 200 years before Yeshua. Let's fast forward to the life of Yeshua. Many will be hard pressed to identify Hanukkah happening in the Bible, let alone the New Covenant, but it is referenced and was recognized by Yeshua. John Chapter 10 and verses 22 and 23:

Joh 10:22 Then came Hanukkah in Yerushalayim. It was winter,

Joh 10:23 and Yeshua was walking around inside the Temple area, in Shlomo's Colonnade.

There is really no mystery here, except this is from the Complete Jewish Bible. Most other translations will read as follows:

Joh 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

Joh 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Unless you knew your Hebrew, you would likely not know that Hanukkah in English means Dedication or Re-dedication.

Yeshua was there for this feast, this celebration. However, lets look at why this is there in Yochanan's Gospel.

Similar to the time of the Maccabean revolt, Judea during the time of Yeshua was under Roman rule and suffering oppression.

Expectations within Judea were high in anticipation of the promised Messiah to deliver the Jewish people from this oppression. They were anticipating a warrior King like David.

When you continue in this passage in Yochanan chapter 10, Yeshua is being challenged by the leaders at a time that not coincidentally is a time of celebration of freedom from foreign oppression. Verses 24 through 28:

Joh 10:24 So the Judeans surrounded him and said to him, "How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us publicly!"

Joh 10:25 Yeshua answered them, "I have already told you, and you don't trust me. The works I do in my Father's name testify on my behalf,

Joh 10:26 but the reason you don't trust is that you are not included among my sheep.

Joh 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me,

Joh 10:28 and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands.

He was offering reassurance to anyone who would follow Him. This was during Hanukkah.

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