

Notes: Shabbat – May 7, 2022

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Introduction: Foundational Blocks to Messianic Judaism – The Moadim

A Response to Objections by Those Who Do Not Embrace and Thus Understand Messianic Judaism

This lengthy subtitle is intended to convey the intent of where we are going from here. Where we are going is intended to establish a set of foundational blocks set alongside the cornerstone that rest upon the foundation of what you believe and thus will be able to transmit.

A significant foundational block for us as believers and infused within Messianic Judaism are the moadim, the appointed times of Adonai, what we call the Feasts of Israel. We read in Leviticus 23 Adonai instructing Moshe to tell the people of Israel...

**Lev 23:1** Adonai said to Moshe,

**Lev 23:2** "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'The designated times of Adonai which you are to proclaim as holy convocations are my designated times.

Notice that these are His appointed times, yet Adonai gives them specifically to Israel.

Why?

Ultimately because they are infused into the very fabric of the nation itself and that of the people.

We have no record in Scripture of anyone else, no other person or nation instructed to keep Shabbat as it was instructed to Israel specifically.

**Lev 23:3** " 'Work is to be done on six days; but the seventh day is a Shabbat of complete rest, a holy convocation; you are not to do any kind of work; it is a Shabbat for Adonai, even in your homes.

Yet, what does Adonai do about this very specific day that He established as his signature to creation, but gave it to this nation as a sign, a symbol of the covenant being reaffirmed through Moshe, originally made with Avraham.

**Exo 31:16** The people of Isra'el are to keep the Shabbat, to observe Shabbat through all their generations as a perpetual covenant.

**Exo 31:17** It is a sign between me and the people of Isra'el forever; for in six days Adonai made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day he stopped working and rested.' "

**Exo 31:18** When he had finished speaking with Moshe on Mount Sinai, Adonai gave him the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

A sign given by Adonai specifically to the people that is associated with His covenant and ultimately we see His signature on the stone tablets that were inscribed by his very own finger to substantiate this very action taken. No other nation has this document or was given this gift direct.

Why are these times so important and why do we emphasize them?

In addition to Shabbat Adonai establishes other appointed times on the calendar and thus has infused them into the life and history of Israel. It is during the exodus from Egypt and slavery that the children of Israel become a nation as promised by Adonai to Avraham...

**Gen 12:2** I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing.

Upon their emancipation from slavery Adonai would establish a structure for the nation. No other nation would receive such instruction because no other nation had entered into a covenant with Adonai that only He could offer.

A covenant that would not end with the person it was established with, yet would be established as and ultimately reaffirmed as being generational...

**Gen 17:4** "As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations.

**Gen 17:5** Your name will no longer be Avram [*exalted father*], but your name will be Avraham [*father of many*], because I have made you the father of many nations.

**Gen 17:6** I will cause you to be very fruitful. I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you.

**Gen 17:7** "I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.

What we are seeing at the time of Moshe and the freeing of the people from Egyptian slavery is the revelation of these appointed times. Ultimately Adonai identifies them as His because He is involved in them as is the nation. Thus what He does is done towards them and for them to ultimately show them...

**Deu 26:17** You are agreeing today that Adonai is your God and that you will follow his ways; observe his laws, mitzvot and rulings; and do what he says.

**Deu 26:18** In turn Adonai is agreeing today that you are his own unique treasure, as he promised you; that you are to observe all his mitzvot;

**Deu 26:19** and that he will raise you high above all the nations he has made, in praise, reputation and glory; and that, as he said, you will be a holy people for Adonai your God."

We read that the Passover, the 10<sup>th</sup> plague being the means by which the children of Israel were freed from Egyptian bondage is to be memorialized...

**Exo 12:14** " 'This will be a day for you to remember and celebrate as a festival to Adonai; from generation to generation you are to celebrate it by a perpetual regulation.

That is you are to remember what happened, ultimately what Adonai had done.

Thus, how does Adonai memorialize this very significant moment in time...

**Lev 23:4** " 'These are the designated times of Adonai, the holy convocations you are to proclaim at their designated times.

**Lev 23:5** " 'In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between sundown and complete darkness, comes Pesach for Adonai.

Through His moadim, his appointed times.

Just as July 4<sup>th</sup> memorializes a specific day, July 4, 1776, Passover memorializes a specific day, "the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month" (Nisan 14 on the Jewish calendar). Both are days in which independence was declared thus both are remembered for the significance associated with each nation.

Adonai establishes additional times around the Passover where it isn't a single day...

**Lev 23:6** On the fifteenth day of the same month is the festival of matzah; for seven days you are to eat matzah.

**Lev 23:7** On the first day you are to have a holy convocation; don't do any kind of ordinary work.

**Lev 23:8** Bring an offering made by fire to Adonai for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.' "

An entire week devoted to remembering the Exodus and is associated with the dough that didn't have time to rise...

**Exo 12:39** They baked matzah loaves from the dough they had brought out of Egypt, since it was unleavened; because they had been driven out of Egypt without time to prepare supplies for themselves.

And a day within the week was also established by Adonai that would not take place until they entered the land

It was to commemorate the Exodus through reminding the nation of Adonai's promise to Avraham and thus its fulfillment.

**Gen 15:13** Adonai said to Avram, "Know this for certain: your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs. They will be slaves and held in oppression there four hundred years.

**Gen 15:14** But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions.

And thus recognize the fulfillment of the promise by the first harvest the nation will experience in the land as had been promised. This is known as Ha Bikkurim.

**Lev 23:9** Adonai said to Moshe,

**Lev 23:10** "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen.

**Lev 23:11** He is to wave the sheaf before Adonai, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat.

**Lev 23:12** On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for Adonai.

**Lev 23:13** Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to Adonai as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart.

**Lev 23:14** You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your God; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

No matter where you are living you are to remember this day, even if you do not live in the land and are harvesting its crops.

These are four of the 8 moadim when you include Shabbat. Each significant and focused on the nation. Yet the question gets asked...

"Why are these important to me if they focus solely on Israel for which I am not part of?"

A question I have heard many times from those who profess to be believers in Yeshua and have been taught contrary to what you have been hearing in this congregation. Where there focus is on traditions established by man and incorporated into the church rather than times established by Adonai.

What has been revealed to us through Yeshua is that Adonai provided us with a roadmap that are His moadim, His appointed times. Having just concluded our Passover Seder and now in the midst of the Omer counting, that will bring us to the fifth of Adonai's appointed times we have been given clarity that these times are Yeshua's path.

**Joh 1:29** The next day, Yochanan saw Yeshua coming toward him and said, "Look! God's lamb! The one who is taking away the sin of the world!

It was no slip of the tongue and no accident that Yochanan looked upon Yeshua and identified Him as God's Lamb, associating Him with the Passover and Israel's redemption from slavery. This is further amplified through the New Covenant writings...

**Heb 2:14** Therefore, since the children share a common physical nature as human beings, he became like them and shared that same human nature; so that by his death he might render ineffective the one who had power over death (that is, the Adversary)

The power of death is found through that of...

**Rom 6:20** For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in relationship to righteousness;

**Rom 6:21** but what benefit did you derive from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end result of those things was death.

**Rom 6:22** However, now, freed from sin and enslaved to God, you do get the benefit—it consists in being made holy, set apart for God, and its end result is eternal life.

The very imagery of the Passover and the exodus from Egypt is found within Yeshua's path in redeeming us from this reality that ultimately leads to death and separation from Adonai.

The appointed time of Matzah, lasting seven days is a representation of who Yeshua is...He is the Passover Lamb without spot or blemish. In otherwords He is without sin. Leaven or chamatz are associated with transgression as Sha'ul shares with us...

**1Co 5:6** Your boasting is not good. Don't you know the saying, "It takes only a little hametz to leaven a whole batch of dough?"

**1Co 5:7** Get rid of the old hametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Pesach lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed.

**1Co 5:8** So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth.

So there is more to all of this. When you remain in p'shat mode, that is focusing only on the plain and simple

understanding of what Scripture says than you will miss Adonai's revelation through His moadim.

Case in point, Ha Bikkurim. I had conveyed it to be associated with the harvest and remembrance of the promise Adonai made to Avraham. Yet, if you were only to focus on that as many do today, you would miss out on the rich fulfillment that occurred through Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection.

You would have missed that the first day of the week associated with His resurrection is Ha Bikkurim, First Fruits associated with the passover season.

If you focused only on the resurrection, you would have missed out that Yeshua made atonement on the very same day...

**Joh 20:1** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Miryam from Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

**Joh 20:15** Yeshua said to her, "Lady, why are you crying? Whom are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you're the one who carried him away, just tell me where you put him; and I'll go and get him myself."

**Joh 20:16** Yeshua said to her, "Miryam!" Turning, she cried out to him in Hebrew, "Rabbani!" (that is, "Teacher!")

**Joh 20:17** "Stop holding onto me," Yeshua said to her, "because I haven't yet gone back to the Father. But go to my brothers, and tell them that I am going back to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

Thus ascending when He presented Himself on the altar not made by human hands...

**Heb 9:11** But when the Messiah appeared as cohen gadol of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world),

**Heb 9:12** he entered the Holiest Place once and for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever.

**Heb 9:13** For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity;

**Heb 9:14** then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God!

Ultimately return the same day and appearing before His talmidim...

**Joh 20:19** In the evening that same day, the first day of the week, when the talmidim were gathered together behind locked doors out of fear of the Judeans, Yeshua came, stood in the middle and said, "Shalom aleikhem!"

You would have missed that the day being first fruits, Yeshua was the first fruits of the resurrection...

**1Co 15:20** But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died.

Of which He brought forth His own offering...

**Mat 27:52** Also the graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life;

**Mat 27:53** and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.

To where the first part of Yeshua's mission had been completed.

I can go on and on, ad infinitum, endlessly about this. The purpose is to convey to you that when you are confronted by others as to the significance of Adonai's Moadim given to Israel and their relevance today, know that if there was a relevance then, there is a relevance now for believers.

All documented in the New Covenant writings and align with the Moadim of Adonai.

**Heb 9:27** Just as human beings have to die once, but after this comes judgment,

**Heb 9:28** so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to deliver those who are eagerly waiting for him.

In coming the first time to deal with sin and death which has been accomplished, then what about Yeshua's return?

I have shared so much with you over the years that one thing is certain...Adonai is certain, specific and consistent. He does not do anything randomly, He does not have to "recalculate" like GPS, yet has revealed everything to us.

Yet many wonder to this day why about these things I have just reminded you. Yes, the moadim of Adonai have been given to Israel, yet how does it apply to everyone else?

Consider Sha'ul's

**Eph 2:11** Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth—called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised—

**Eph 2:12** at that time had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Isra'el. You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God's promise. You were in this world without hope and without God.

**Eph 2:13** But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood.

Not to create your own narrative and ultimately a different path, but to follow the path that has already been established and thus revealed to us.

Thus, when asked, when confronted, when challenged about what you do and why you do it, remember that there is one path...

**Psa 37:23** Adonai directs a person's steps, and he delights in his way.

**Psa 119:105** **י** (*Nun*) Your word is a lamp for my foot and light on my path.

And there is only one gate we are to enter...

**Mat 7:13** "Go in through the narrow gate; for the gate that leads to destruction is wide and the road broad, and many travel it;

**Mat 7:14** but it is a narrow gate and a hard road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

**Luk 24:44** Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

**Luk 24:45** Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

**Luk 24:46** telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

**Luk 24:47** and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations,

starting with Yerushalayim.

Your minds have been opened. Through the power and assistance of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, may the minds of others be opened too. It is crystal clear to me and I have no doubt about any of this.

The question is do you? If you have doubt, then why would others believe what you have to say. If you have doubt then why would others want to embrace what you are sharing with them.

This isn't just the message, it is about the messenger...You.

[Luk 24:48](#) You are witnesses of these things.

You weren't there to hear Yeshua speak or witness what transpired so let me close with these words of Yeshua...

[Joh 20:24](#) Now T'oma (the name means "twin"), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Yeshua came.

[Joh 20:25](#) When the other talmidim told him, "We have seen the Lord," he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger into the place where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe it."

[Joh 20:26](#) A week later his talmidim were once more in the room, and this time T'oma was with them. Although the doors were locked, Yeshua came, stood among them and said, "Shalom aleikhem!"

[Joh 20:27](#) Then he said to T'oma, "Put your finger here, look at my hands, take your hand and put it into my side. Don't be lacking in trust, but have trust!"

[Joh 20:28](#) T'oma answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

[Joh 20:29](#) Yeshua said to him, "Have you trusted because you have seen me? How blessed are those who do not see, but trust anyway!"

Yeshua spoke of you long before you were born. Now it is time to bring sight to others who do not see what you have seen and embraced.

These times are foundational within Messianic Judaism and should be foundational throughout the body of Messiah, the church.

Let your focus be on one person at a time. A divine moad, appointment established by Adonai. Let the Ruach ha Kodesh be your Aharon to Moshe if you are uncertain of your words.