

Notes: Shabbat – April 30, 2022

Start: 10 am

Order of Service:

Meet and Greet
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Introduction: Foundational Blocks to Messianic Judaism – Israel – A Yom Hashoah Message.

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

That is a lengthy subtitle yet it 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 block set alongside the cornerstone that rest upon the foundation of what you believe and thus will be able to transmit.

To review for some of you and to reveal to others in that this may appear to be new. When we look at this aspect of foundation it is so vitally important to anyone who believes that their foundational beliefs are firm. This is based on the foundation. Many consider the foundation of their faith to reside in the New Covenant writings while others will point to the entire Bible, which is not incorrect, yet could be even more focused.

Everything we need as believers resides within Scripture, yet there is even a foundation within Scripture that needs to be understood and thus embraced.

[Mat 22:34](#) but when the P'rushim learned that he had silenced the Tz'dukim, they got together,

[Mat 22:35](#) and one of them who was a Torah expert asked a sh'eilah to trap him:

[Mat 22:36](#) "Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important?"

[Mat 22:37](#) He told him, " 'You are to love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'

[Mat 22:38](#) This is the greatest and most important mitzvah.

[Mat 22:39](#) And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'

[Mat 22:40](#) All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."

These two that Yeshua refer to are D'varim (Deuteronomy) 6:4 – 5 and Leviticus 19:18. Two Mitzvot upon which everything rests upon or in the case of the CJB are dependent upon...that is everything else is based on, rooted in and thus do not exist without them.

Where are these two mitzvot found...Torah. Thus even within Torah there is a foundation within the foundation. I have conveyed for years that the foundation by which your faith in Yeshua is built upon is not simply the entire Bible but Torah.

Why?

Within Torah is everything foundational for Adonai's establishment of the nation of Israel, His people for whom He will execute His plan for the world. He established a nation through one man by a covenant that is generation and does not end upon the death of the person it was enacted with. From one person came many that would become a nation. A nation would require land and a way to function, hence Adonai reveals His mitzvot. This revelation will become the foundation for the nation.

Prior to the establishment of this nation, we would see glimpses of the nation's foundation.

What does this mean?

It means that all the elements that reside in the Mitzvot of Adonai given to the nation of Israel at Sinai did not originate at Sinai, but are foundational to Adonai. When you read B'resheet (Genesis) you will see hints of Torah and the mitzvot of Adonai.

We read of sacrifices, clean and unclean animals, the origin of Shabbat, covenants, abstaining from blood, murder to name several. Thus there is an origin that already existed before Adonai revealed His mitzvot to Moshe and the children of Israel.

Ultimately what this means is that Torah is the foundation of the Kingdom of God. On earth that Kingdom is Israel for our King is Yeshua who will return to reestablish that which had been promised. Yeshua's talmidim knew this as did anyone in the nation who knew the prophecies, the promises Adonai made to a people and a nation.

Act 1:6 When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Israel?"

Act 1:7 He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority."

A foundation is meant to be built upon. Thus the foundation of your faith in Yeshua is built upon Torah.

Why Torah?

Yeshua conveyed everything else depends upon it. If the two "most important" mitzvot are the foundation for all other mitzvot, then Torah is the foundation for the rest of Scripture that has been revealed to us. There are reasons why the Hebrew Bible does not contain other writings such as Tobit and Enoch. It is because there are things written in these ancient writings that do not align with Torah. In other words they contradict what God does say.

I have many sayings to help convey a point. Here is one I desire everyone to embrace and establish as a foundation for you that will cause you to look at your own foundation. Time for a home inspection to see if your foundation is sturdy and fortified or if it needs to be repaired and refortified.

"If you understand the first five books, everything will fall into its proper place"

Torah is the foundation and even Yeshua confirms it, both in the verses I had already shared with you when He was asked which is the greatest mitzvot and when He spoke to many during His sermon on the mount when He said...

Mat 5:17 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete."

Mat 5:18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yod (ך) or a stroke will pass from the Torah—not until everything that must happen has happened.

Mat 5:19 So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the

Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mat 5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

Nothing will pass away from Torah, that is nothing is to be subtracted from Torah...

Deu 4:1 "Now, Isra'el, listen to the laws and rulings I am teaching you, in order to follow them, so that you will live; then you will go in and take possession of the land that Adonai, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

Deu 4:2 In order to obey the mitzvot of Adonai your God which I am giving you, do not add to what I am saying, and do not subtract from it.

This foundational block that I keep alluding to appears to be Torah by itself, yet you really can't look at it that way because Torah had been given to only one nation, one people specifically, yet the foundation within Torah that Yeshua conveyed, Love God and Love One Another is foundational for all of Adonai's creation. Yet you cannot separate Torah from the people it was given to, thus this foundational block is a combination block.

Israel and Torah

Israel exists through the covenant Adonai made with Avraham. In order for this nation to exist and function it would need a way to exist, to be set apart from all the other nations, a Goy Kadosh. A Holy Nation. Not that they are better in and of themselves. They have been distinguished as being different because of what has been given to them.

Rom 9:1 I am speaking the truth—as one who belongs to the Messiah, I do not lie; and also bearing witness is my conscience, governed by the Ruach HaKodesh:

Rom 9:2 my grief is so great, the pain in my heart so constant,

Rom 9:3 that I could wish myself actually under God's curse and separated from the Messiah, if it would help my brothers, my own flesh and blood,

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.

No other people living or dead, no other nation that exists today or at any other time in history can make this claim. This is what makes them set apart from the other nations. This is what makes Israel God's Kingdom and the foundation for the Millennial Kingdom where Yeshua will establish His throne on earth and reign for 1000 years.

Foundation is important and so to are the first row of foundational blocks that rest upon the foundation. This is one of those blocks.

Yet I find it interesting that the very body of Messiah does not embrace as it should and in its fullness this foundational block. Envision this. You have a structure built and within that structure you have at its base a large very important block missing, yet the structure is still standing. The structure may still be standing yet it is not as fortified, stable, sturdy as it should be. You witness instability within the structure yet it has not crumbled because the cornerstone is holding it in place.

This is the body of Messiah today. When you dilute something it is less potent, less impactful. One way has turned into a diluted 40,000 ways. A divided message, a contradicting message, a confusing message. A message that in and of itself is so simple that even a child should be able to understand it.

Mar 10:13 People were bringing children to him so that he might touch them, but the talmidim rebuked those people.

Mar 10:14 However, when Yeshua saw it, he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me, don't stop them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mar 10:15 Yes! I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it!"

Mar 10:16 And he took them in his arms, laid his hands on them, and made a b'rakhah over them.

Within all this confusion the foundational block of Torah and Israel has been removed from their focus to where the majority believe in supersessionism and replacement theology. That is the church has replaced Israel as it pertains to the promises of Adonai.

What has happened?

An understanding of Scripture not based upon Adonai's relationship with Israel and the importance of Torah have led to all sorts of "new" revelation that contradicts the very foundation. I had shared some of this with you a couple of weeks ago.

People are becoming more aware and thus embracing that the church did not replace Israel and that the church is grafted into Israel not the other way around.

Rom 11:19 So you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

Rom 11:20 True, but so what? They were broken off because of their lack of trust. However, you keep your place only because of your trust. So don't be arrogant; on the contrary, be terrified!

Rom 11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he certainly won't spare you!

Rom 11:22 So take a good look at God's kindness and his severity: on the one hand, severity toward those who fell off; but, on the other hand, God's kindness toward you—provided you maintain yourself in that kindness! Otherwise, you too will be cut off!

Rom 11:23 Moreover, the others, if they do not persist in their lack of trust, will be grafted in; because God is able to graft them back in.

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut out of what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree!

What has the impact been upon the Jewish people over the centuries towards? This past week on Thursday was Yom Hashoah where we remember the holocaust and where we say

"Never Forget, Never Again"

Tragic events whose foundation was based on anti-semitism, simply stated, hatred towards a people for one and only reason, because they are Jewish, we are left with a list of tragic events...

- 1096 - Primary victims of the 1st Crusades
- 1100 - Expelled from Germany (approximate date)
- 1215 - First ordered to wear yellow star of David
- 1290 - Expelled from England
- 1306 - Expelled from France
- 1492 - Expelled from Spain
- 1497 - Expelled from Portugal
- 1555 - Creation of first Ghettos (Think of Goshen)

A people without a home, once again nomads, wondering throughout the world, looking to establish residence, yet continually expelled, for no other reason than being Jewish. That would in essence lead us to an individual and his intention of ridding the world of the “Jewish menace”.

Even with the defeat of Hitler, it did not eliminate the mindset of anti-Semitism, which is once again on the rise in Europe, not to mention other parts of the world, for the simple reason it has existed before beginning of time. It's revelation to the world may have occurred much later in time, however the first anti-semite existed before time began. The Jewish people may not have walked the earth until Ya'akov, but the seed of anti-Semitism was planted long before. The Adversary, ha Satan, whose defiance towards Adonai has brought us to where we are today, is the one who stands to gain the most, should the Jewish people go the way of the Philistines, or the Amalekites. Our expulsion means his liberation.

One tragedy after another, yet we as a people still survived, even without our own land.

There was a glimmer of hope:

- 1789 – 1799 Progress with the French Revolution – Napoleon gave Jewish people full citizenship in exchange for not returning to the land of Israel. No more ghettos, provided education.

For a time, Jews were able to rest from persecution. Unfortunately, that would not last long...

Tide turns with publication of “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion” published in Russia in 1903, fuels the next wave of anti-semitism in Europe. The premise of the book is a plot of Jewish conspiracy to take over the world. Material in the book is fraudulent.

- Henry Ford funded publication of 500,000 copies
- Influential in developing Hitler's hatred towards the Jewish people
- Upon Hitler's rise to power, was taught as fact in German classrooms

During this time there would be the Dreyfus affair – trial of a Jewish officer Alfred Dreyfus in France, accused of selling secrets to the German government. Originally convicted of treason, later set free. This event would divide France from the time of its beginning in 1894 until its resolution in 1906.

Adonai would begin to stir the Jewish people once again and regather them as promised.

As I have conveyed before, you nullify, make void, Adonai's covenants by eliminating the people for whom the Covenants are made with, you eliminate the promise.

Deu 30:1 "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

Deu 30:2 and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today—you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.

Deu 30:3 At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you.

Deu 30:4 If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

Deu 30:5 Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors.

Deu 30:6 Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love

Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.

Just as before when Adonai said what He would do through...

- Avraham "I will make of you a great nation" (Genesis 12:1 - 3)
- Moshe "I will deliver you with an outstretched arm" (Exodus 6:6 - 7)
- David "I will establish his royal throne forever" (speaking of Yeshua) (2 Samuel 7:12 - 16)

It is Him doing these things. Yet His promises are made to a specific people. Just as with marriage, the covenant is not empowered when one of the spouses dies. The covenant is made with the people. You remember the people, you remove the promise.

Exo 19:5 Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

Exo 19:6 and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el."

You cannot separate one from the other. You cannot separate Torah from Israel nor Israel from Torah because it is of Adonai having been established through not one but two covenants, they are Echad. They are One!!!

Thus when you hear all the noise about "the law being done away with" and "the church are the covenant people of God" or what ever it may be in relation to Israel, remember this message. Remember the promises God made to Israel! No other people, no other nation! Remember that Israel is to be a light to the nations.

Isa 49:5 So now Adonai says—he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya`akov back to him, to have Isra'el gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of Adonai, my God having become my strength—

Isa 49:6 he has said, "It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya`akov and restore the offspring of Isra'el. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth."

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER.

If you will remember then you can convey, you can transmit this foundational reality as it stands today, not yesterday, not 2000 years ago but Ha Yom...TODAY.

Isa 62:1 For Tziyon's sake I will not be silent, for Yerushalayim's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out brightly and her salvation like a blazing torch.

Isa 62:2 The nations will see your vindication and all kings your glory. Then you will be called by a new name which Adonai himself will pronounce.

Isa 62:3 You will be a glorious crown in the hand of Adonai, a royal diadem held by your God.

Isa 62:4 You will no longer be spoken of as `Azuvah [*Abandoned*] or your land be spoken of as Sh'mamah [*Desolate*]; rather, you will be called Heftzi-Vah [*My-Delight-Is-In-Her*] and your land Be`ulah [*Married*]. For Adonai delights in you, and your land will be married—

Isa 62:5 as a young man marries a young woman, your sons will marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, your God will rejoice over you.

I don't know about you, but to me this is very clear.

NEVER FORGET, NEVER AGAIN.