

Notes: Shabbat – July 16, 2011

Start: 10 am

### **Order of Service:**

Meet and Greet  
Introduction (if new people)  
Announcements  
Open in Prayer for service  
Ma Tov  
Praise and Worship Songs  
Liturgy – Sh'ma  
Message  
Kaddash - Time of Prayer  
Aaronic Blessing  
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### **Introduction: Israel, Adonai's Unique Treasure**

Email - "should Christians observe and obey the law of Moses?"

Levitt Letter and response

Nebulous – vague, lacking definitive form or limits

We have people searching and asking questions about Torah. Some have embraced it yet receive contradictory information from those who are prominent in the Messianic community.

Is it valid today. What is its purpose.

For that we can look towards Adonai's purpose for His people, first through the relationship He established with Avraham:

**Gen 12:1** Now Adonai said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.

**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.

**Gen 12:3** I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

later through Moshe., as they were preparing to enter the land:

- Reaffirming Adonai's instructions given at Sinai to a new generation (Deuteronomy 5)
- No other people or nation would ever receive such instruction
- It distinguishes Israel, Adonai's people from all other nations.

**Deu 7:6** For you are a people set apart as holy for Adonai your God. Adonai your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure.

**Deu 7:7** Adonai didn't set his heart on you or choose you because you numbered more than any other people - on the contrary, you were the fewest of all peoples.

**Deu 7:8** Rather, it was because Adonai loved you, and because he wanted to keep the oath which he had sworn to your ancestors, that Adonai brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from a life of slavery under

the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**Deu 7:9** From this you can know that Adonai your God is indeed God, the faithful God, who keeps his covenant and extends grace to those who love him and observe his mitzvot, to a thousand generations.

**Deu 7:10** But he repays those who hate him to their face and destroys them. He will not be slow to deal with someone who hates him; he will repay him to his face.

**Deu 7:11** Therefore, you are to keep the mitzvot, laws and rulings which I am giving you today, and obey them.

**Deu 7:12** "Because you are listening to these rulings, keeping and obeying them, Adonai your God will keep with you the covenant and mercy that he swore to your ancestors.

Before the exile:

**Isa 41:8** "But you, Isra'el, my servant; Ya`akov, whom I have chosen, descendants of Avraham my friend,

**Isa 41:9** I have taken you from the ends of the earth, summoned you from its most distant parts and said to you, 'You are my servant' — I have chosen you, not rejected you.

With a great mission: to be Adonai's representatives / examples to all 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."

When they were returning from exile:

**Jer 29:10** "For here is what Adonai says: 'After Bavel's seventy years are over, I will remember you and fulfill my good promise to you by bringing you back to this place.

**Jer 29:11** For I know what plans I have in mind for you,' says Adonai, 'plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future.

And finally to the nations: As Adonai's servant, they were entrusted with Messiah and the instructions He would give.

**Mat 28:18** Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**Mat 28:19** Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

**Mat 28:20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

**Deu 7:12** "Because you are listening to these rulings, keeping and obeying them, Adonai your God will keep with you the covenant and mercy that he swore to your ancestors.

**Rom 2:1** Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, passing judgment; for when you judge someone else, you are passing judgment against yourself; since you who are judging do the same things he does.

**Rom 2:2** We know that God's judgment lands impartially on those who do such things;

**Rom 2:3** do you think that you, a mere man passing judgment on others who do such things, yet doing them yourself, will escape the judgment of God?

**Rom 2:4** Or perhaps you despise the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience; because you don't realize that God's kindness is intended to lead you to turn from your sins.

**Rom 2:5** But by your stubbornness, by your unrepentant heart, you are storing up anger for yourself on the Day of Anger, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed;

**Rom 2:6** for he will pay back each one according to his deeds.

**Rom 2:7** To those who seek glory, honor and immortality by perseverance in doing good, he will pay back eternal life.

**Rom 2:8** But to those who are self-seeking, who disobey the truth and obey evil, he will pay back wrath and anger.

**Rom 2:9** Yes, he will pay back misery and anguish to every human being who does evil, to the Jew first, then to the Gentile;

**Rom 2:10** but glory and honor and shalom to everyone who keeps doing what is good, to the Jew first, then to the Gentile.

**Rom 2:11** For God does not show favoritism.

**Rom 2:12** All who have sinned outside the framework of Torah will die outside the framework of Torah; and all who have sinned within the framework of Torah will be judged by Torah.

**Rom 2:13** For it is not merely the hearers of Torah whom God considers righteous; rather, it is the doers of what Torah says who will be made righteous in God's sight.

**Rom 2:14** For whenever Gentiles, who have no Torah, do naturally what the Torah requires, then these, even though they don't have Torah, for themselves are Torah!

**Rom 2:15** For their lives show that the conduct the Torah dictates is written in their hearts. Their consciences also bear witness to this, for their conflicting thoughts sometimes accuse them and sometimes defend them

**Rom 2:16** on a day when God passes judgment on people's inmost secrets. (According to the Good News as I proclaim it, he does this through the Messiah Yeshua.)

**Rom 2:17** But if you call yourself a Jew and rest on Torah and boast about God

**Rom 2:18** and know his will and give your approval to what is right, because you have been instructed from the Torah;

**Rom 2:19** and if you have persuaded yourself that you are a guide to the blind, a light in the darkness,

**Rom 2:20** an instructor for the spiritually unaware and a teacher of children, since in the Torah you have the embodiment of knowledge and truth;

**Rom 2:21** then, you who teach others, don't you teach yourself? Preaching, "Thou shalt not steal," do you steal?

**Rom 2:22** Saying, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? Detesting idols, do you commit idolatrous acts?

**Rom 2:23** You who take such pride in Torah, do you, by disobeying the Torah, dishonor God? —

**Rom 2:24** as it says in the Tanakh, "For it is because of you that God's name is blasphemed by the Goyim."

**Rom 2:25** For circumcision is indeed of value if you do what Torah says. But if you are a transgressor of Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision!

**Rom 2:26** Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the Torah, won't his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

**Rom 2:27** Indeed, the man who is physically uncircumcised but obeys the Torah will stand as a judgment on you who have had a b'rit-milah and have Torah written out but violate it!

**Rom 2:28** For the real Jew is not merely Jewish outwardly: true circumcision is not only external and physical.

**Rom 2:29** On the contrary, the real Jew is one inwardly; and true circumcision is of the heart, spiritual not literal; so that his praise comes not from other people but from God.