

Notes: October 28, 2017

Start: 10 AM

**Order of service:**

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Measured Magnitude of Messianic Judaism

During our time at the Northeast Rabbi's conference I was challenged by Adonai, yet it wasn't from anything specifically said by anyone at the conference, but something He placed upon my heart about three years ago. On Sunday night, after a long drive and dinner with colleagues, you would think I would fall asleep without a problem.

Not so.

Adonai kept revealing more and more to the point it wasn't until after 5am that I fell asleep.

What I am about to share with you is important for you to understand, but ultimately this message is for the entire Messianic Jewish community.

Messianic Judaism can be measured, based on Scripture. Meaning we can calculate the potential impact we should be exhibiting based on Adonai's outstretched arm, strength and authority as empowered by the Ruach ha Kodesh

The information included a mathematical equation.

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**Zec 8:23** Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'When that time comes, ten men will take hold — speaking all the languages of the nations — will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you." ' ' "

The Hebrew word for cloak (skirt in the KJV) is kanaph, is conveyed as an edge or extremity, a corner ...a quarter

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From [H3670](#); an *edge* or *extremity*; specifically (of a bird or army) a *wing*, (of a garment or bed clothing) a *flap*, (of the earth) a *quarter*, (of a building) a *pinnacle*: - + bird, border, corner, end, feather [-ed], X flying, + (one an-) other, overspreading, X quarters, skirt, X sort, uttermost part, wing ([-ed]).

A quarter, meaning one fourth of...

four corners to a prayer shawl, each with a tzitzit.

**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 —

This is a call to Israel to bring Ya'akov back...

Sha'ul epitomizes this verse...

**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,

A burden so great that he would wish a curse upon himself if it would only open eyes and circumcise hearts of his own brothers.

Yet, I see a problem, a great impediment of even reaching our floor...

International Alliance of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues (IAMCS Vision) (103 Congregations in US)

*The spiritual vision of the IAMCS is to see the outpouring of G-d's Spirit upon our Jewish people through Messianic congregations. The IAMCS is not designed to be a denominational structure, but rather to be an instrument in promoting Messianic revival and to provide for the needs of its members, whatever their affiliations.*

<http://iamcs.org/about-us/vision>

Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC Vision) (58 Congregations in US)

*Together, we establish and grow Jewish congregations that honor Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel. For nearly 40 years, the Union has provided a venue for mutual support, lively debate, joint activism, and practical leadership development.*

<http://www.umjc.org/learn-1/>

Tikkun Ministries Vision (21 Congregations in US)

*The Tikkun International mission is to effectively fulfill Yeshua's (Jesus') Great Commission through an apostolic network that restores the synergy of five-fold leadership to provide effective accountability and oversight to leaders, ministries and congregations through covenant relationships and mutual support.*

<http://www.tikkunministries.org/aboutus.php>

United Messianic Jewish Assembly (UMJA Vision) (42 Congregations in US)

*The United Messianic Jewish Assembly is an exciting new organization composed of Messianic Jewish congregations that have chosen to come together in unity to more effectively accomplish the mission that Adonai has set before us all.*

*Our mission is to glorify the God Of Yisra'el and to see His Messiah; Yeshua, and His Torah (instruction) lifted up so*

*that both Jew and any Gentile who wishes to take hold of Adonai's covenants may be equipped to do so. The UMJA (United Messianic Jewish Assembly) will unite Messianic congregations and ministries in a specific alliance so that together we may accomplish the goal of spreading the Good News of Messiah Yeshua and to teach others how to become His disciples so that they may live spiritual lives like the Master. We hope to bind congregations together in love and shalom so that we as a community can move forward to accomplish the task Adonai has set before us.*

<http://www.umja.net/home.html>

Coalition of Torah Observant Messianic Congregations (CTOMC) (32 Congregations in US)

*CTOMC is a community of Jewish and non-Jewish Believers in Messiah Yeshua. We are a Torah Observant community by choice - not for salvation, but because of our salvation in Messiah Yeshua. Although we are separated by geographical location, we are nonetheless a community. We are NOT a movement, nor a renewing of an old movement. We are a community of Believers that through our common love for Messiah Yeshua have gathered together for fellowship, study and support, as a community should.*

<http://www.ctomc.ca/about.php>

*5 organizations – 256 congregations (this does not include the hundreds of independent congregations that have no affiliation)*

How can we as organizations promote any type of unity, when we can't even unify ourselves.

We talk about Jew and Gentile coming together as being united, yet we try to explain what that unity means. We put a qualifier around it.

Each congregation can worship in their own way, as the Spirit guides.

Yet, how we worship is an express, not the underlying message of the movement.

Five organizations, ultimately promoting the same message, yet emphasizing nuanced aspects.

How can we truly convey a message of unity, when Messianic Jew and Messianic Jew can't even come together under one umbrella?

So, what is the conclusion of this vision Adonai has instilled?

Ultimately it is extremely simple...

As simple as the Gospel, the Good News of Messiah.

One Voice, One Message.

Just how powerful can this concept be?

**Act 2:14** Then Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them: "You Judeans, and all of you staying here in Yerushalayim! Let me tell you what this means! Listen carefully to me!

Kefa stood up as one of the 12 and spoke as if they were all one voice. And what was spoken was one message with the key being...

**Act 2:38** Kefa answered them, "Turn from sin, return to God, and each of you be immersed on the authority of Yeshua the Messiah into forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh!

**Act 2:39** For the promise is for you, for your children, and for those far away — as many as Adonai our God may call!"

And what happened as a result of this one voice conveying this one message. This same message that has been conveyed by Moshe, the Prophets and even Yochanan the Immerser, a voice in the wilderness crying out...

**Mat 3:3** This is the man Yesha`yahu was talking about when he said, "The voice of someone crying out: 'In the desert prepare the way of Adonai! Make straight paths for him!' "

**Mat 3:6** Confessing their sins, they were immersed by him in the Yarden River.

**Mat 3:7** But when Yochanan saw many of the P'rushim and Tz'dukim coming to be immersed by him, he said to them, "You snakes! Who warned you to escape the coming punishment?"

**Mat 3:8** If you have really turned from your sins to God, produce fruit that will prove it!

**Act 2:39** For the promise is for you, for your children, and for those far away — as many as Adonai our God may call!"

**Act 2:40** He pressed his case with many other arguments and kept pleading with them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation!"

**Act 2:41** So those who accepted what he said were immersed, and there were added to the group that day about three thousand people.

*It is my belief that once we unify as a movement, you will truly see the power of Adonai move in ways such as Acts 2 on Shavuot where one voice prompted 3,000 to repent and return to Adonai through the authority of Messiah Yeshua.*

*How do we get there...*

**We as a movement need our own Acts 15 – A meeting of these bodies to resolve any differences and come together as one body – one umbrella.**

**Act 15:1** *But some men came down from Y'hudah to Antioch and began teaching the brothers, "You can't be saved unless you undergo b'rit-milah in the manner prescribed by Moshe."*

**Act 15:2** This brought them into no small measure of discord and dispute with Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba. So the congregation assigned Sha'ul, Bar-Nabba and some of themselves to go and put this sh'eilah before the emissaries and the elders up in Yerushalayim.

**Act 15:3** After being sent off by the congregation, they made their way through Phoenicia and Shomron, recounting in detail how the Gentiles had turned to God; and this news brought great joy to all the brothers.

**Act 15:4** On arrival in Yerushalayim, they were welcomed by the Messianic community, including the emissaries and the elders; and they reported what God had done through them.

**Act 15:5** But some of those who had come to trust were from the party of the P'rushim; and they stood up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and direct them to observe the Torah of Moshe."

**Act 15:6** The emissaries and the elders met to look into this matter.

**Act 15:7** After lengthy debate, Kefa got up and said to them, "Brothers, you yourselves know that a good while back, God chose me from among you to be the one by whose mouth the Goyim should hear the message of the Good News and come to trust.

**Act 15:8** *And God, who knows the heart, bore them witness by giving the Ruach HaKodesh to them, just as he did to us;*

**Act 15:9** *that is, he made no distinction between us and them, but cleansed their heart by trust.*

**Act 15:10** So why are you putting God to the test now by placing a yoke on the neck of the talmidim which neither our fathers nor we have had the strength to bear?

**Act 15:11** No, it is through the love and kindness of the Lord Yeshua that we trust and are delivered — and it's the same with them."

**Act 15:12** Then the whole assembly kept still as they listened to Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul tell what signs and miracles God had done through them among the Gentiles.

**Act 15:13** Ya`akov broke the silence to reply. "Brothers," he said, "hear what I have to say.

**Act 15:14** Shim`on has told in detail what God did when he first began to show his concern for taking from among the Goyim a people to bear his name.

**Act 15:15** And the words of the Prophets are in complete harmony with this for it is written,

**Act 15:16** ' "After this, I will return; and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David. I will rebuild its ruins, I will restore it,

**Act 15:17** so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, that is, all the Goyim who have been called by my name,"

**Act 15:18** says Adonai, who is doing these things.' All this has been known for ages.

**Act 15:19** "Therefore, my opinion is that we should not put obstacles in the way of the Goyim who are turning to God.

**Act 15:20** Instead, we should write them a letter telling them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from fornication, from what is strangled and from blood.

**Act 15:21** For from the earliest times, Moshe has had in every city those who proclaim him, with his words being read in the synagogues every Shabbat."