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The path Yeshua would follow...One Year Later

Last year, after Messiah conference and our processing of everything that had transpired on our trip, starting the day before when we went to this congregation in Pennsylvania that Doug Hershey was speaking at. We went to support him because it was on the way and we made a plan to be there on that Sunday he would speak.

Needless to say we had no idea what was about to happen, nor could we. This week I was reminded of something else that transpired and no one had any idea that it would happen or the impact it would invoke. It was 30 years ago when that happened and I will expand further on that moment in relation to our experience last year. I will further attempt to draw connections to it as well.

Last year, I began by sharing...

For quite sometime, unity has been in the back of my mind. It goes all the way back to 2016 when we were at Messiah conference.

My thought back then was how do we as a movement who is not united expect anyone to follow us with a message of unity, if we can't even be unified ourselves.

In many ways, at times, we are just a smaller version of the church and its thousands of denominations. Yet Judaism is not about denominations, it is about sects.

Yet this thought fell on some deaf ears because there was more history behind our movement's situation. Since then little things have happened between organizations that leads me to believe Adonai is doing a work in bringing the the Jewish people in the body of Messiah together as I have felt it now being a priority.

I want you to have in mind a pair of bookends. One on either side. This is what I am about to share with you as it pertains to Yeshua's ministry and teaching.

Matthew 5...

How blessed. Greek *makarios* corresponds to Hebrew *asher* and means "blessed," "happy," and "fortunate" all at once, so that no one English word is adequate. For a Hebrew example, compare [Psa_144:15](#) : "How blessed/happy/fortunate the people whose God is *Adonai*!"

Mat 5:1 Seeing the crowds, Yeshua walked up the hill. After he sat down, his talmidim came to him,

The Beatitudes

Mat 5:2 and he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

Mat 5:3 "How blessed are the poor in spirit! for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Mat 5:4 "How blessed are those who mourn! for they will be comforted.

Mat 5:5 "How blessed are the meek! for they will inherit the Land!

Remember the audience Yeshua is speaking to here...

Mat 5:6 "How blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness! for they will be filled.

Mat 5:7 "How blessed are those who show mercy! for they will be shown mercy.

Mat 5:8 "How blessed are the pure in heart! for they will see God.

Mat 5:9 "How blessed are those who make peace! for they will be called sons of God.

Mat 5:10 "How blessed are those who are persecuted because they pursue righteousness! for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Mat 5:11 "How blessed you are when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of vicious lies about you because you follow me!

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, be glad, because your reward in heaven is great—they persecuted the prophets before you in the same way.

He is laying out his focus, his itinerary, and thus the people He will witness towards.

This is the parameter Yeshua will do so by...

The first bookend...the beginning of His ministry, after he identifies His audience and with whom His focus will be, Yeshua then shares what will be the source of his time.

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 yud (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!

For the next 3+ years, this would be the foundation by which Yeshua would reveal the attributes of the Kingdom.

- Parables
- Confrontations
- Sermons
- Divine appointments

9 times in Matthew's Gospel Yeshua conveys The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

Mat 13:24 Yeshua put before them another parable. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

Mat 13:31 Yeshua put before them another parable. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a man takes and sows in his field.

Mat 13:33 And he told them yet another parable. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with a bushel of flour, then waited until the whole batch of dough rose."

Mat 13:44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. A man found it, hid it again, then in great joy went and sold everything he owned, and bought that field.

Mat 13:45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for fine pearls.

Mat 13:47 "Once more, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the lake, that caught all kinds of fish.

Mat 13:52 He said to them, "So then, every Torah-teacher who has been made into a talmid for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a home who brings out of his storage room both new things and old."

Mat 20:1 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who went out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.

Mat 22:2 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son,

It is in Torah that we come to understand what the Kingdom is for Israel, wanted to be like the other nations and have their own king, yet it would be Adonai who would establish His people, His nation as a Kingdom unto Himself.

Deu 17:14 "When you have entered the land Adonai your God is giving you, have taken possession of it and are living there, you may say, 'I want to have a king over me, like all the other nations around me.'

Deu 17:15 In that event, you must appoint as king the one whom Adonai your God will choose. He must be one of your kinsmen, this king you appoint over you—you are forbidden to appoint a foreigner over you who is not your kinsman.

Deu 17:16 However, he is not to acquire many horses for himself or have the people return to Egypt to obtain more horses, inasmuch as Adonai told you never to go back that way again.

Deu 17:17 Likewise, he is not to acquire many wives for himself, so that his heart will not turn away; and he is not to acquire excessive quantities of silver and gold.

Deu 17:18 "When he has come to occupy the throne of his kingdom, he is to write a copy of this Torah for himself in a scroll, from the one the cohanim and L'vi'im use.

Deu 17:19 It is to remain with him, and he is to read in it every day, as long as he lives; so that he will learn to fear Adonai his God and keep all the words of this Torah and these laws and obey them;

Deu 17:20 so that he will not think he is better than his kinsmen; and so that he will not turn aside either to the right or to the left from the mitzvah. In this way he will prolong his own reign and that of his children in Isra'el.

Yet, it will be through this that Adonai will make a promise through the King of the nation as chosen by Him...

2Sa 7:12 When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership.

2Sa 7:13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be a father for him, and he will be a son for me. If he does something wrong, I will punish him with a rod and blows, just as everyone gets

punished;

2Sa 7:15 nevertheless, my grace will not leave him, as I took it away from Sha'ul, whom I removed from before you.

2Sa 7:16 Thus your house and your kingdom will be made secure forever before you; your throne will be set up forever.' "

This King will lead them according to the promise of being a prophet like Moshe...

Deu 18:15 "Adonai will raise up for you a prophet like me from among yourselves, from your own kinsmen. You are to pay attention to him,

Deu 18:16 just as when you were assembled at Horev and requested Adonai your God, 'Don't let me hear the voice of Adonai my God any more, or let me see this great fire ever again; if I do, I will die!'

Deu 18:17 On that occasion Adonai said to me, 'They are right in what they are saying.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I order him.

Deu 18:19 Whoever doesn't listen to my words, which he will speak in my name, will have to account for himself to me.

Over the 3 years of His time in establishing His talmidim, leading to His final Passover and thus His death, burial and resurrection, we come to the time after his resurrection and before his ascension that Yeshua concludes His time on earth by telling them everything about Him...

This is the other bookend, where Yeshua opens their minds to understand everything He has shared. The same foundation is being used in both places.

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.

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

They witnessed his life for the last three years...his teachings...and so on.

Yeshua first establishes that Torah will not be done away with and then He opens their minds to understand everything that is about Him.

The point is bringing a Kingdom together by unifying the people to one King, and One Kingdom. This has always been a challenge, yet today, after one year of clearly receiving what was shared at Messiah Conference 2024, the message resonates more now than when we first came to understand it.

Unity isn't...

Unity is...