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Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in Romans 9:4 – 5:

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.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Kiddush

Another ordinance that is credit to the church yet is of Jewish origin is communion, or what many refer to as the Lord's Supper.

We first read of the bread and wine in relation to a meal back in Genesis chapter 14 and verse 18

Gen 14:18 Malki-Tzedek king of Shalem brought out bread and wine. He was cohen of El `Elyon [*God Most High*],

It is here that Malki-Tzedek as King and Priest of Shalem brings out bread and wine to Avram. This is the first recorded meal involving bread and wine. It appears to be something special, because as priest, Malki-Tzedek offers a barucha or a blessing to Avram and Adonai. He is doing in essence what is known today as Kiddush.

A tradition for coming into the Sabbath is to recite Kiddush which means sanctification or to be set apart. We set apart the Sabbath meal because we are instructed in Torah to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, that is to set it apart from all other days. In Exodus chapter 20 and verse 8:

Exo 20:8 **⚡ "Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God.**

By saying a blessing over the wine or grape juice and then over the bread, we are making a distinction between the Sabbath and the first meal of the Sabbath, in relation to all other meals.

Kiddush is also recited over the wine and bread during the moadim or festival meals as well.

During the Passover the inclusion of bread and wine are incorporated as part of the meal and offer a distinction over other meals with the inclusion of one additional bread and two additional cups of wine or grape juice. Likewise during His last Passover Seder meal, Yeshua would recite a barucha over the wine and bread. Luke chapter 22 and verses 19 and 20

Luk 22:19 Also, taking a piece of matzah, he made the b'rakhah, broke it, gave it to them and said, "This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in memory of me."
Luk 22:20 He did the same with the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant, ratified by my blood, which is being poured out for you.

More on this next time.

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

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