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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 – Torah and Yeshua

A common mindset and teaching amongst believers is that Torah or what many consider to be the old testament has been done away with and is no longer valid. That it has been superseded or replaced by the New Covenant. This view and teaching is contrary to the words of Yeshua.

What does Yeshua say about Torah? Matthew chapter 5 and verses 17 through 20

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 (י) 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!

A yud or what is commonly translated as jot is the smallest of Hebrew letters, meaning that there is nothing insignificant in Torah that will be done away with until all is accomplished.

A stroke or what is commonly translated as tittle refers to the changing of a stroke of a Hebrew letter that could change the letter itself, thus changing the word, further meaning that what is written is written and will not change until all is accomplished.

This doesn't mean that there won't be transition, because there has been. We have gone from the Levitical priesthood to Yeshua as our High priest and the yearly sacrifice for atonement to Yeshua's atonement done once and for all.

Yeshua says that your lifestyle should exceed that of the Torah teachers and Pharisees. He is raising the bar for us, because we are His representatives. We represent of the King of Israel.

Understanding of Torah is imperative for all believers whether Jew or Goyim, because it is the very foundation for everything found in the New Covenant writings.

Next time we will look at what Sha'ul, who is also known as Paul has to say about Torah.

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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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