

# Kehilah Portland



## A Messianic Jewish Synagogue

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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 – Sukkot Yeshua's Birth

Last time I left you with a question. What two specific traits do Passover and Sukkot have in common? I asked this to lay the groundwork for another dynamic involving the births of Yochanan and Yeshua.

The common traits that Passover and Sukkot share are that they are both 8 days in length and incorporate the first day and the last day of the feasts as Sabbaths and Holy Gatherings or convocations. Why is this significant and how does it further relate to Yochanan and Yeshua's birth.

When we look at the birth of Yeshua and understand the prophesies, the day in which Yeshua came into the world was a day set apart from all other days as conveyed by Isaiah chapter 9 and verses 6:

**Isa 9:6 (9:5)** For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo'etz El Gibbor Avi-`Ad Sar-Shalom [*Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace*],

Who was at this Holy gathering on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sukkot? Luke chapter 2 and verse 20

**Luk 2:20** Meanwhile, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen; it had been just as they had been told.

What about the eighth day? The second Sabbath, the second holy convocation?

**Lev 12:3** On the eighth day, the baby's foreskin is to be circumcised.

**Luk 2:21** On the eighth day, when it was time for his b'rit-milah, he was given the name Yeshua, which is what the angel had called him before his conception.

On the eighth day of Sukkot, Yeshua was brought into the covenant of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov by being circumcised and receiving His name.

Another aspect that gets lost in translation and culture is what occurs in verse 22:

**Luk 2:22** When the time came for their purification according to the Torah of Moshe, they took him up to Yerushalayim to present him to Adonai

Many believe this time of purification happened at the same time as Yeshua's circumcision and naming, however, without knowing the scriptures in their proper cultural context they are in error. This time of purification is called *Pidyon-haben* and takes place after the son is forty one days old – Leviticus chapter 12 and verse 4

**Lev 12:4** She is to wait an additional thirty-three days to be purified from her blood; she is not to touch any holy thing or come into the sanctuary until the time of her purification is over.

I pray that these last several segments have opened your eyes to just how important and relevant cultural context is when applying it to scripture. Not only will it reveal truths that only appear to be hidden, but will also keep you on that narrow path that leads to righteousness. Matthew chapter 7 and verses 13 and 14:

**Mat 7:13** "Go in through the narrow gate; for the gate that leads to destruction is wide and the road broad, and many travel it;

**Mat 7:14** but it is a narrow gate and a hard road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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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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