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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 – Complete Jewish Bible – Introduction

Last episode, I provided some insight regarding the omission of Jewish identity in the majority of bible translations until Dr. David Stern published the Jewish New Testament in 1989.

During Messianic Perspectives you have heard me quote from this translation. He conveys many aspects of Jewish culture in this translation that are glossed over in other translations.

When we look at something like communion, it is viewed as something that is distinct and original to the church, when in reality communion is what we call Kiddush. Yeshua didn't create anything new but did what is done during the Passover meal when a prayer is said over the wine and bread, He further conveyed, just don't do this at Passover, but whenever you have a meal, remember what I am telling you.

Likewise, it gets glossed over about the blessing. “and He said a blessing” Outside of the Jewish community this doesn't mean much, however when a b'rukah is done, it goes something like this...

Baruch atah Adonai, elohanu melech haolm, hamotzi lachem mean ha eoretz

Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bring forth bread from the earth, Amen

Without knowing what is done within the Jewish community much is missed. This type of prayer is prevalent throughout the Jewish community. Likewise, the prayer for the wine would go like this:

Baruch atah Adonai, elohanu melech haolm, Bore puri ha gafen

Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.

So, it is with this translation that the reader is introduced to Hebrew terminology.

Circumcision is Brit Milah
B'rukah is blessing
Adonai is Lord, identifying God

In addition to terminology, names have been changed, not to protect the innocent, but to reveal their Jewish identity.

Jesus is Yeshua
John the Baptist is Yochanan the Immerser
Peter is Kefa
John is Yochanan
Mary is Miryam
Joseph is Yoseph
Paul is Sha'ul

Regarding Sha'ul, it is perceived that his name was changed to Paul and he left his Jewish identity in the dust and was instrumental in Christianity. When looking at the scriptures, this is as far from the truth as one can get. In upcoming segments we will look at just how Jewish Sha'ul remained after his Damascus road encounter with Yeshua.

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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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