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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 – The Seder and Yeshua

When looking at the Passover Seder, there are elements that can be related to Yeshua. Not only can they be related to Yeshua, but Yeshua Himself used them to further illustrate to His talmidim during their last Passover meal together. He would use these elements that are part of the Seder meal today to show His disciples, what was about to happen.

The cup of wine, we know to be the third cup, based on Luke's account in chapter 22 and verse 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.

Yeshua related this third cup to the New Covenant that would be ratified through Him: Exodus chapter 6 and part of verse 6

“and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.”

Through His death on a Roman executioner's stake, we would be redeemed through His outstretched arms.

The Matzah that is used during the time of Passover was baked in such a way that when you look at a piece and relate it to Isaiah 53 and then to everything that Yeshua endured for us, the relationship is un mistakeable. Verses 4 and 5:

In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God.

But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises (or stripes) we are healed.

The cup of Elijah represents the coming of the Messianic age to those who do not believe that Yeshua is the Messiah. A cup is filled and the door is open to invite Elijah in to the Seder.

According to Rabbinical tradition, neither Elijah nor the Messiah have yet come, thus the cup of Elijah is set out to represent the ushering in of the age of Messiah, because scripture tells us that Elijah will lead the way for the Messiah. We, however believe differently, both Elijah in the person of Yochanan the Immerser John the Baptist and Yeshua the Messiah have come and that Messiah will return.

For anyone who has taken part in a Messianic Seder, you will understand what I have just talked about. For anyone who has never participated in a Seder, I highly recommend and encourage you to do so. It will leave an everlasting impression that will forever change your relationship with Yeshua.

For more information pertaining to Yeshua and the Passover seder, visit our web site – www.shalommaine.com and go to the articles section from the JHR resources tab.

Next time, I will talk more about the Passover and the New Covenant.

Feel free to send your questions and comments to info@jewishheritagerevival.com

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

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