

# 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 – Passover's Significance for ALL People

The mindset of many believers and the teaching they have received regarding the Passover are that it is part of the “old testament” and therefore either no longer relevant or that it just doesn't apply to believers. Another view centers around Yeshua being the fulfillment of the old testament which means we are no longer required to do it. Some will simply state that it is for the Jewish people only.

All of these views could not be further from the truth of the matter.

One stipulation made about anyone other than Israel celebrating Passover is that they had to become circumcised first. Exodus chapter 12 and verse 48

If a foreigner staying with you wants to observe Adonai's Pesach, all his males must be circumcised. Then he may take part and observe it; he will be like a citizen of the land. But no uncircumcised person is to eat it.

Yet Acts 15 addresses the controversy of circumcision of the goyim (gentiles) who came to trust in Yeshua, with the outcome being that they were not required to be circumcised.

It appears that there is a conflict, thus preventing anyone from celebrating the Passover.

Circumcision was not just one of a physical operation, but it was also one that Adonai would perform on the hearts of all, whether Jewish or Goyim.

Sha'ul (Paul) writes of a circumcised heart in Romans chapter 2 and verse 29:

On the contrary, the real Jew is one inwardly; and true circumcision is of the heart, spiritual not literal; so that his praise comes not from other people but from God.

The circumcised heart is by no means a new concept that Sha'ul is offering, because in Deuteronomy chapter 30 and verse 6, after the chapters of the blessings and the curses in relation to keeping Adonai's instructions, He foretells, that Israel will fall and be scattered, however, He says:

Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.

Redeeming and restoring, the very characteristics of the Passover.

Passover is not just about the redemption of Israel from slavery in Egypt, but it is also redemption from our own transgressions. Keep in mind, the later could not have happened if the former did not happen first. This is why we recognize all aspects of Passover during this season.

We offer articles on our website [www.shalommaine.com](http://www.shalommaine.com) – “Passover, Past, Present and Forever” and “Yeshua and the Passover Seder” that will expand upon these brief presentations.

Feel free to send your questions and comments to [info@jewishheritagerevival.com](mailto:info@jewishheritagerevival.com)

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

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehilah Portland, a Messianic Jewish Synagogue located in South Portland, where both Jew and non-Jew come together to worship on Shabbat and believe Yeshua is the Messiah spoken of in scripture and is the fulfillment of many promises given to Israel and the Jewish people. We meet every Saturday at 1338 Broadway Ave. in the Greater Portland Christian School gymnasium. Our service begins at 10:00 with meet and greet, followed by Torah study at 1 pm.