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PART 11

THE JEWISH MESSIAH

The Connection to the Hebrew Roots is Jesus/Yeshua/Yahoshua/Yahshua, the Jewish Messiah. Accepting our Saviour into our hearts connects us to the family of Jews/Hebrews. We connect when we are baptized in water and some of us are blessed to be baptized in the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh with the evidence of speaking in tongues. His blood was shed for the remission of our sins and for the healing of our bodies Isaiah.Yeshayahu 53.

Our Jewish Messiah is the Son of Abraham/Avraham. He is the promised Messiah. He has been sent as a Saviour of his people. We are connected with the Old Testament and the New Testament. Matthew/Mattithyahu is a book of the genealogy of Jesus/Yahoshua/Yeshua/Yahshua. It begins with the book of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the Son of David, the son of Abraham/Avraham. Matthew/Mattithyahu 1:1. Messiah is from the tribe of Judah/Yahudah.

This statement is the beginning of the New Testament. The important understanding of the New Testament is that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Our eyes are open to recognize that the God of Israel made heaven, earth the sea, and all that in them is. If we are led by the Holy Spirit we are connecting in other areas of our lives into the fullness of the heritage of Jacob.

We recognize that we are part of Yisrael/Israel. Love in our hearts for our Jewish people directs us to stand with them in times of trouble and in times joy. We know that the God of Yisrael/Israel is our portion, be it Jew or Gentile.

LAWS AND COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments are important guidelines given to the people who have been engrafted into the fat olive tree. The sound of the shofar was heard before the commandments were given.

To hear and understand the shofar sound of the righteousness of the God of Israel is to stand in the presence of the Great I Am. It is to know the great commission call that has gone out to Jews and Gentiles to help in the regathering of Yah's people.

Psalm/Tehillim 68:4 says Sing to God, sing praises to His name, Extol Him who rides on the clouds by His name YAH, and rejoice before. Gentiles are called to help provoke God's/Yah's people to jealousy.

Tehillim/Psalm 119 speaks about God's laws. Also the sign of the Hebrew Alephbets used to connect his people to Israel are used as headings for

each section of this psalm. The Hebrew Language is important to understand the missing links that connects us to our Hebrew/Jewish people.

Zephaniah 3:8-9 Therefore wait for me, says YAHOWAH, until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations to my assembly of kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation, all my fierce anger; all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language that they all may call on the name of YAHOWAH TO SERVE HIM WITH ONE ACCORD.

REDEEMED

To pay the required price to secure the release of a convicted criminal, the process therein involved, and the person making the payment. Galatians 4:5 Yahoshua/Jesus came to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (Titus 2:14) Yahoshua/Jesus gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Job 19:25) For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O YAHOWAH, my strength and my redeemer.

Isaiah 44:24 THUS SAITH YAHOWAH THY REDEEMER, AND HE THAT FORMED THEE FROM THE WOMB, I AM YAHOWAH THAT

MAKETH ALL THINGS; THAT STRETCHETH FORTH THE HEAVENS ALONE; THAT SPREADETH ABROAD THE EARTH BY MYSELF.

Messiah was anointed with the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh to do many mighty works (Luke 4:18). Yahoshua/Jesus was crucified for our sins. We were redeemed from the curse of the Law. When we stumble in sins or misunderstand out of lack of knowledge, his blood, and love covers a multitude of our sins. His dying made room for all nations to enter in through his obedience. Through him, our sins are forgiven. To connect to the Jewish Messiah is to connect to our history roots.

GENTILES

Ephesians 2:11-16 Wherefore remember, that we being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by the which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Messiah/Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Yahoshua HaMashiach /Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Messiah/Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments continued in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he

might reconciled both unto YAHOWAH/God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby; And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

HOLY SPIRIT

The Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Spirit was sent in Messiah's name. Yochanan/John 14:26 **But the Comforter, which is the Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

MESSIAH

Messiah is a Jew and a Hebrew. He is a Prophet, Priest and a King. The definition for a prophet is derived from a verb signifying "to bubble forth" like a fountain; hence the word means one who announces or pours forth the declarations of YAHOWAH.

By whose authority did Messiah become a Priest? That is why Messiah did not exalt himself to become High Priest. He was chosen by YAHOWAH Hebrews 5:1-4. YAHOWAH qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. Hebrews 5:9.

Once for all time he took blood into that Most Holy Place, but not the blood of goats and calves. He

took his own blood, and with it he secured our salvation forever. Hebrews 9:11-12. He is from the tribe of Yahudah/Judah and he belongs to the family of Hebrews.

David was God's choice to be king (1 Sam. 16:7, 12-13). The hereditary kingship, therefore, began with him; from him would descend Jesus Christ/Yahoshua HaMashiach, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah/Yahudah, the Root of David (Rev. 5:5). God of Israel established the throne of David forever. Messiah is seated on this throne (2 Sam. 7:13; also Ps 2; 110; Isaiah 11:1-4).

We have been given the language of the Hebrews as a connection to understand the history of the redeemer.

THE GOD OF YISRAEL/ISRAEL

It is through the Messiah that we meet Our Father, the God of the Hebrews. Matthew 11:27) All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

If the Father has not been revealed to us, we will not search for the roots of our faith. We will not understand the meaning of, "I have come in my Father's name." Yahoshua came in the name of his Father. His name means YAHOWAH/YAHWEH is salvation.

The Father gave his name and instructions to Moses who would become the lawgiver. Exodus 5:3 And

they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him YAHOWAH God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to YAHOWAH our God.

Exodus 5:3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto YAHOWAH our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

Exodus 7:16 And thou shalt say unto him, YAHOWAH God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

Exodus 9:1 Then YAHOWAH said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith YAHOWAH God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 9:13 And YAHOWAH said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith YAHOWAH God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 10:3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith YAHOWAH God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.

YAHOWAH DEMONSTRATED HIS POWER

Plagues were sent upon Pharaoh to let him know that there was a God greater than the gods he was serving. The God of Yisrael/Israel fights for his people. He always win.

First Plague: The Nile waters turn to blood.

Second Plague: The frogs.

Third Plague: The Lice.

Fourth Plague: The Flies.

Fifth Plague: The Disease of Livestock.

Sixth Plague: The Boils.

Seventh Plague: The Hailstorm

Eighth Plague: The Locusts.

Ninth Plague: The Darkness.

Tenth Plague: The Death of the Firstborn.

Pharaoh obeyed the voice of Moses to let YAHOWAH'S people go after the last plague.

PASSOVER

Moses was given the instruction in preparation for leaving Egypt. Egypt was a place of slavery. Hebrews prepared to travel forward to Freedom.

Exodus 12:3 YAHOWAH said to Moses, Speak ye unto all the congregation of Yisrael/Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper doorpost of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted

with fire, and *UNLEAVENED BREAD*; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: It is YAHOWAH'S *PASSOVER*.

Exodus 12:23 For YAHOWAH will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, YAHOWAH will PASS OVER the door, and will not suffer the destroyed to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever. Israel's (Yisrael's) deliverance was the God of Israel's firstfruit of a nation.

FEASTS ARE LISTED IN LEVITICUS 23

Beginning with the weekly Sabbath

Leviticus 23:1-3 And YAHOWAH spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel (Yisrael), and say to them: The feasts of YAHOWAH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.

3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of YAHOWAH in all your dwellings.

There is a peace on Sabbath that cannot be compared to other days in the week. It is our sign that we belong to the King of Yisrael.

PASSOVER IS SET ASIDE IN LEVETICUS

Leviticus 23:4-5 These are the feasts of YAHOWAH, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.

5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is YAHOWAH'S Passover.

This great annual feast recalled the sacrifice of a lamb in Egypt at God's command when the Hebrew people were slaves (Ex12:1-13:16).

The Hebrews smeared the blood of a lamb on their doorposts as a signal to God that he should "pass over" their houses when he destroyed all the firstborn of Egypt.

This miraculous event persuaded the Egyptian Pharaoh to give the Hebrews their freedom. Passover was observed annually from that point on to commemorate this important event in Israel's history.

A custom connected with *Passover* was the Feast of *Unleavened Bread*. In this ritual, the people ate bread without leaven to symbolize the haste with which they left Egypt when they were finally released (Ex. 12:15).

In New Testament times, the people gathered in Jerusalem for the annual celebration of Passover. Jesus was crucified in the city during a Passover observance.

Bless the God of Yisrael for his great provisions made for us through the shed blood of the lamb.

The blood of the lamb that had saved the Hebrew people from destruction in Egypt had looked forward to this perfect, eternal sacrifice Jesus made for all believers. The words with which John the Baptist greeted Jesus, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) portray this sacrificial dimension of His life and ministry.

UNLEAVENED BREAD

Leviticus 23:6-8 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to YAHOWAH: SEVEN DAYS YOU MUST EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD.

7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.

8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHOWAH for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.

FIRSTFRUITS

Leviticus 23: 9-22 And YAHOWAH spoke to Moses, saying, 10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the land, which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.

11 He shall wave the sheaf before YAHOWAH to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to YAHOWAH.

13 Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to YAHOWAH, FOR A SWEET AROMA; AND ITS DRINK OFFERING SHALL BE OF WINE, ONE-FOURTH OF A HIN.

14 You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

FEAST OF PENTECOST/FEAST OF WEEKS/SHAVUOT

Leviticus 23:15 And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering seven Sabbaths shall be completed.

16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to YAHOWAH.

17 You shall bring from your habitations two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to YAHOWAH.

18 And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a

burnt offering to YAHOWAH, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to YAHOWAH.

19 Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of peace offering.

The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before YAHOWAH, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to YAHOWAH for the priest

21 And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger. I am YAHOWAH your God.

This even was a harvest festival, through which the people expressed thanksgiving to YAHOWAH for the grain harvest and other crops (Num. 28:26-31). Other names by which this feast was known were Feast of Weeks.

It was prophesied in Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour our My

Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams. Your young men shall see visions.

29 And also on my menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

The early Hebrew believers experienced the miraculous outpouring of YAHOWAH'S Spirit while gathered in Jerusalem to observe Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)

FEAST OF SHOFARS/TRUMPETS (ROSH HASHANAH)

Leviticus 23:23 Then YAHOWAH spoke to Moses, saying,

24 Speak to the children of Israel, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

25 You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHOWAH.

This feast is observed by the blowing of trumpets and the offering of animal sacrifices (Lev 23:24-32; Num. 29:1-40)

(Bless the reader of the word of Truth. He has found the path of light. The scales are falling from the eyes of those who worship in Spirit and in Truth). We praise the name of Yah! HalleluYah!

YOM KIPPUR/THE DAY OF
ATONEMENT
(Day of Covering)

Leviticus 23:26 And YAHOWAH spoke to Moses, saying: 27 Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to YAHOWAH.

28 And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before YAHOWAH your God.

29 For any person who is not afflicted of soul on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.

30 And any person who does any work on that same day that person I will destroy from among his people

31 You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your Sabbath.

This day is marked by fasting, humiliation, and great reverence (Lev. 16). On this day, the high priest first made atonement for his own sin, then entered the most holy area of the tabernacle to make an appropriate animal sacrifice to atone for the sins of all the people.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES/SUKKOT

Leviticus 23:33 Then YAHOWAH spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying; The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to YAHOWAH. 35 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.

36 for seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHOWAH. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHOWAH. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.

37 These are the feast of YAHOWAH which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer and offering made by fire to YAHOWAH a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day.

38 besides the Sabbaths of YAHOWAH, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to YAHOWAH.

39 Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of YAHOWAH for seven days; on the first day there shall be a Sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a Sabbath-rest.

40 And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before YAHOWAH your God for seven days.

41 You shall keep it as a feast to YAHOWAH for seven days in the year. It shall be a statue forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days.

All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths. 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am YAHOWAH your God. 44 So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of YAHOWAH.

FEAST OF DEDICATION/HANUKKAH

Also called the east of Lights, on Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication is mentioned in the Apocryphal book of 1 Maccabees. It celebrated the restoration of worship in the temple after its desecration by the pagan ruler Antiochus Epiphanes during the period of the Maccabees about 167 B.C.

In John/Yochanan 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication and it was winter 23 And Yahoshua/Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Yahoshua kept the Feast of Dedication

(We must help to restore the righteous worship of Yah in his Holy Temple!)

CONCLUSION

The Connection to the Hebrew Roots is made by acknowledging that Jesus/Yeshua/Yahshua and Yahoshua is the Jewish Messiah, that our God is identified as the God of Yisrael/Israel and the God of the Hebrews. By keeping the Sabbath, we acknowledge openly the sign of having a covenant with the God of the Hebrews. The feasts connect us to the people of Israel. We recognize we are also Israelites.

The church recognizes the sign of Pentecost, but has not joined herself to the people of Israel. The church takes communion as a remembrance of the death of the Messiah. Passover, unleavened bread, and firstfruits are the illustrations of the offering of the Jewish Hebrew Messiah for our sins.

The church says he is our atonement; the Feast of Atonement is the feast that speaks of the atonement of the Jewish Messiah.

The Church says one day we will hear the sound of the trumpet. The people of Israel will hear the sound of the shofars. Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet/shofar, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 1 Cor 14:8 For if the trumpet/shofar gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

The Spirit of YAH is calling to the nations of people to gather under his one Holy Nation of people. He has made his son, our Jewish/Hebrew Messiah the head. He is the fulfillment of the Law.

WE MUST CONNECT TO REALITY AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH TO KNOW AND FOLLOW THE WILL OF THE GOD OF YISRAEL.

*We must be “**The Connection**” to the nations to help bring them to Yah. We must prophesy to the dry bones of our family the word of Yah, “Say unto them, Thus saith Yahowah; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.*

His commandments and laws are a reflection of the greatness of the God that we serve. He loves us enough to give us rules and regulations that will help us to live healthy and prosperous lives.

Joshua/Yahoshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

A NOTE ON JOSHUA’S NAME

The name Joshua was taken from the Hebrew word Yehoshua, meaning “God’s salvation.” Joshua represented the presence of God within the midst of the African/Edenic Hebrew people, assuring their victory as they crossed the Jordan River into Canaan Land. African Americans still sing about the Jordan to this very day, keeping hope alive by remembering holy people, places, and events (African Heritage Bible)

Bless the name of Yah Psalm 68:4

Shalom!

IN THE FIRE

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Rivers of warm fire
Flames of His breath
Of life or death
And hope to inspire.

The heat was his mouth
Of written words unseen
Spoke of his redeemed
Queen of the south.

Burning fiery law
Filled his son's body
Beyond the great slaughter
Thoughts in his jaw.

The river is warming hot
Spitting out truth spray
Words, pray, pray!
For he is not.

It is in revelation
The real children identified
Lawless ones cried
In river of fire separation.

Keep drinking from the fountain of life and live!