

## Who Are We?

In short, we are a community of believers in Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah endeavoring to rediscover the Hebraic roots of our faith (as modeled by the first-century – “New Testament” – believers) who practice a Torah-obedient lifestyle with the joy, power and gifts of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit).

We believe that a great move of the Almighty YHWH Elohim is afoot on the earth today bringing about “the restoration of all things” before Messiah can return (Acts 3:21). This involves the Jews coming to know Messiah Yeshua – the Living Torah – and Christians returning to YHWH’s instructions in righteousness – the Written Torah, and all becoming one in Yeshua the Messiah who was and is the Torah (Word) of Elohim made flesh.

We are simply sharing the Good News of the Original Gospel, without institutional “reformatting” and empire building campaigns to gather numbers and provide “feel good” environments for crowds. We believe the Scriptures alone are truth and stand on their own merits... feeding the sincere heart where the seeker simply wants a real experience with the Living Word and has a desire to live their life for Him... for now, and in the World to come.



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# Captivity- “Exile” In 2009...

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Whether we choose to believe it or not God's people continue to remain captive to the elements of this world, much the same as the children of Israel were, when they, like us, were as strangers in a land not their own. Most all would agree that the identity of this land is Egypt, symbolic of a place of sin. By His grace and an outstretched arm God saved His people out of that land of sin, out of the house of bondage to be a peculiar treasure, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation unto Him.

It was at Sinai that he told the people; "if they would obey His voice and keep His covenant, then they would be His own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth belongs to Him. In this setting God gave the people His marriage contract, "THE Torah." In doing so, all of the people answered together, saying, "all that the LORD (Yahweh) has spoken we will do." By accepting the Torah and its terms, the agreement was made for entering into the betrothal stage of the marriage contract between God and His people Israel.

Now, before we go any further I believe it is necessary for us to have a clear understanding of some terms. First, Torah, the first five books of the Bible, normally construed as "Law" (or Law of Moses), is ill defined. A more appropriate rendering would be "Teaching and Instructions in righteousness, or for righteous living." Torah is the foundation of truth by which all subsequent Biblical writings must be judged. If they do not agree with the "Torah" they are not to be considered as acceptable. Second, when God speaks of Israel, He is either dealing contextually with faithful Israel or unfaithful Israel. There is a huge difference, and is very important for one to properly discern. "Biblically speaking," anyone who believes in and follows the Messiah of Israel, is considered to be born again, they are considered to be one of the "Children of Faithful Israel," and therefore, an Israelite having part in the coming thousand year Kingdom of the Most High. After we come to the knowledge of salvation through the "Living Torah" Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus), the written Torah is given to us as our guide for determining right from wrong and acting accordingly. It is very important to understand that our focus should be on becoming a "Messiah observant disciple," because in doing so we would, by design, become "Torah observant."

God's second commandment is for us to have no other God's before Him. Unfortunately, in a very short period of time after the giving of His commandments, and the people taking their marriage vows, the sin of the "Golden Calf" occurred. Many believe that this sin of the people was a complete defection, and a total turning back to the ways of Egypt. We propose that soon after being saved out of bondage there would have been no cause for them to defect. A better probability is that soon after coming out of

## **Questions that you may have asked (from reading your Bible) that revealed "Church" Traditions in conflict with Bible truth:**

**Since nearly all credible Theologians agree that the Bible Teaches Sabbath is the 7th day (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday), not Sunday, why does Christianity continue to disobey the 4th Commandment, and keep the other 9? Who has authority to change it?**

**Why does Christianity disagree with Bible Commandments to Keep Bible holidays, and in stead keep their own "Roman Church" holidays? Where did this get started... should believers continue in it?**

**Why do Jews reject Christianity's Jesus... and think He does not represent the Bible Yeshua? What would Christian's presentation of Him need to included for Jews to accept Him?**

**Why is there so much Anti-Semitism in the Churches? Where did it come from? Why does a person oppose Old Testament scripture when quoted for keeping its instruction... and then the same person turns around and teaches O.T. for tithing and "obeying" leadership...? Which way is it? For what reason and purpose?**

**How can Paul, who Jesus placed in ministry, be said to usurp Jesus' teachings, such as "nailing the Law (Torah) to the cross, when Jesus clearly said not one Jot or Title of the Law would pass away? And that He came to fulfill it... not do away with it? Is Paul really doing this? Or is Paul's teachings distorted by men, as Peter said ?**

**When God (Yahweh) clearly warns against "mixing" His instruction with men's traditions, why is it that most Churches do just that? What is the answer? How should a serious Believer live?**

**When Yahweh says "I am the LORD, I change not..." (Mal 3:6); and the writer of Hebrews says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb 13:8); and The Psalms declare, "Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Ps 119:89)... why do men rebel against the unchanging person and eternally fixed commandments? The Bible is ONE message, not two, it is not restructured between "Old Testament" and "New Testament." Men have made the Father's Word out to imply the God of the OT is an angry and harsh Demiurge, and the NT Savior a kind and loving ever tolerant Docetic Christ. Which teaching originated by Marcion (110-160 CE) in the vacuum of declining Torah observance by mixed teachings of churchmen who wanted to cast off the restraints of "Jewish" likeness... (remember Yeshua was a 100 percent Torah Observant Jew, and the "Rabbi" of all Rabbi's)... if you are going to have Him as Savior in your heart... you need to act like your teacher... just as He "acted like His Father." No, the Bible has not been split into two messages, but men have piecemealed it with "sound bite" teaching that profanes its message. There is ONLY ONE message, and that message is Torah... forever.**

evident by making a covenant before the LORD to walk after Him, and pledged that he and his people would keep God's commandments, testimonies and statutes with all their heart and with all their soul. He did away with the pagan priests, who had been appointed by the previous kings of Judah, and brought back to Jerusalem all the priests of the LORD, who were living in other towns of Judah. The king removed the Asherah pole from the altar of the LORD's Temple (*where we normally would put a Christmas tree*) and took it outside Jerusalem to the Kidron Valley, where he burned it. Then he ground the pole to dust and threw the dust in the public cemetery. He also tore down the houses of the Temple prostitutes that were inside the Temple of the LORD, and he cleansed the Temple where the pagans offered incense to Baal and sacrifices to Molech in many places

In Malachi we see the word of the LORD *"For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed"* (Mal 3:6). This is of significant importance, because without the unchanging assurances of God we then have no basis on which to cling to His promises, and then onto our faith. Shortly after this passage is another in (Mal 4:4-6). It is God's last instructions before the silent years..... *Remember ye the Torah of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

An important item to note in the above is the "Law of Moses." The Law of Moses is the Torah, the eternal unchanging word of God. The other entry is the verse pertaining to the turning of the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers. This does not, in any way, represent turning to our fathers in the flesh or the early church fathers, but refers to our spiritual fathers, namely, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The year of this writing is 2009 and the practice of syncretism is still alive and well in Christianity and in Judaism, the only two people of the Bible. This observable fact can be attributed to religious men in Judaism and in Christianity having usurped the authority of God and replaced God's Torah with the traditions of men. The Roman Church as the main instigator of this travesty has influenced all of Christendom with their deceptive and self serving practices. Earlier the "Jewish Rabbinical System" merged their oral man made traditions with the Torah also known as the "Law of Moses." Allegorical and dispensational implementations have been cleverly masked and incorporated into "Church Doctrine" replacing Biblical truth. These reforms were not put into effect by election, but through "Submitting to the

## Have you ever considered these Scriptures?

**28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? Ex 16:28 KJV**

**5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Ex 19:5-6 KJV**

**6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Ex 20:6 KJV**

**31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD. Lev 22:31KJV**

**13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 2 Kings 17:13 KJV**

**3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: Prov 3:1KJV**

**7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. Prov 7:1-3 KJV**

**15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15 KJV**

**10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John 15:10 KJV**

**14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14 KJV**

**19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: 20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: Deut 30:19-20 KJV**

**22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam 15:22 KJV**

**What do you think these Scriptures mean?**

## What We Believe...

1. We believe that Yahweh (LORD) is one true Elohim (God) who has created all things.
2. We believe there is one Elohim (monotheistic) eternally existent from everlasting to everlasting; and that He manifests Himself through Yeshua (Jesus) His only begotten Son, our Messiah, and is ever present by His Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit).
3. We believe that the TaNaKh (Old Testament) and Brit Chadasha (New Testament) are the divinely inspired Word of Yahweh and is complete and sufficient for our instruction.
4. We believe that Yahweh revealed His Sacred Name in Scripture so that we could know and use His Name.
5. We believe that Talmud, Kabbalah and other non-Scriptural writings are not divinely inspired and do not carry the same weight as Scripture... likewise with "Church" doctrinal conflict with Scripture.
6. We believe that knowing the culture, language, idioms and people who penned the Scripture is imperative to understanding the Brit Chadasha... and can not be "reformatted" to suite modern taste.
7. We believe Yahweh's Holy Torah teaches us the proper way to live a redemptive life style and that Torah was never abolished.
8. We believe in the deity of Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Messiah) who was born of a Virgin, lived a sinless Torah-observant life, and performed many miracles.
9. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith, and that only by the shedding of the innocent blood of Yeshua is there remission of sins... and salvation is freely available to all repentant persons.
10. We believe that Yeshua was resurrected and ascended to heaven to sit at the right hand of Yahweh as our high Priest and Intercessor.
11. We believe Yeshua will return one day to reunite the two houses of Israel, to effect the New Covenant, to reclaim the full borders of the land of Israel for His people, and to establish a 1,000 year Messianic Kingdom on earth.
12. We believe the Ruach HaKodesh ministers, guides, comforts, and empowers members of the body of Yeshua to live the life to which they have been called... to live as Yeshua & early Disciples lived.
13. We believe that gentiles (people from the nations) who are born again are not obligated to convert to Judaism because Yahweh has already grafted them into Israel's Olive Tree, thereby making gentiles fellow heirs and partakers in His covenants with Israel.

*Note: for further detail, clarification and insights into what we believe, please review our "Statement of Faith," on our website.*

**Do you know what you Believe?... from Bible Facts.... Or "Church" Tradition? Truth is the issue. Tradition is not.**

a pagan culture the people were attempting to define God by pagan standards. We suggest that this resulted in a paganized worshipping of the LORD. The people may have done so with good intentions, but to put it in the mildest of terms, they did so with totally improper protocol. One might say, their hearts were in the right place. Even so, they had fashioned the invisible, indestructible, incorruptible God of Glory into the image of a temporal beast. In so doing they had committed the sin of syncretism by "mixing the profane with the HOLY" and considering it as being HOLY and pleasing to the LORD.....THIS GOD HATES!

God continuously warned the children of Israel not to go whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land that they would be entering, and not to worship Him as the unbelievers worshipped their gods. Guess what? That is exactly what they did, and that is exactly what has persisted to this very day in every culture and religion in every part of the earth. In time we see this apostasy ongoing when Jereboam sets up a golden calf in Bethel, another in Dan, and appointed priests that were not of the Levite's and changed God's appointed times. This can be found in (1Kgs 12:25-33) and was the straw that broke the camels back, and because of their unrelenting rebellion, God divorced the House of Israel, also known as the Northern Kingdom. But God, at some future time, according to the prophecy of (Hosea 1:1-11) and (Eze 37:15-28) promised that He would gather to himself the outcasts of the House of Israel and their companions and unite them with the House of Judah and their companions and they would become one nation in His hand. The coming together of these two houses represents the "whole House of Israel," [Kingdom of Israel] the Kingdom of the Most High, the end time millennial reign of Messiah Yeshua.

Earlier, the LORD had made a covenant with the descendants of Jacob and commanded them: "Do not worship any other gods or bow before them or to serve them or offer sacrifices to them. Later on, we see in (2Kgs 17:24-41) that the people feared the LORD, and made unto themselves the priests of the lowest pagans and offered sacrifices at the pagan shrines. *And though they worshiped the LORD, they continued to follow the religious customs of the nations from which they came.* This is still going on to this very today. They followed their former practices instead of truly worshipping the LORD by holding dear the laws, instructions, and commands he gave the descendants of Jacob, whose name he changed to Israel, after his wrestling match with the angel of the Lord. This is referred to as "The Time Of Jacob's Trouble," and is a prophetic picture of the "Great Tribulation" of Mathew 24:29.

Then in (2Kgs 23) we see Josiah making reforms after a copy of the Torah was found and read to Josiah. It so convicted Josiah that his repentance was

days and dietary laws are partly why we are in exile. By His death and resurrection Yeshua has brought those who were far off, near. Because of His sacrifice we have been set free from sin and death in the spiritual realm, but this does not speak to the here and now in our physical home on planet earth. God expects believers to “do the right thing.” If we want the blessings of God then “*We are to walk as Yeshua walked!*”

Many believe that by honoring these unholy days as holy in their heart meets God’s criteria of justification. I must admit to doing the same until I was convicted that “God **truly** makes the rules, but we make the choices.

The Scriptures tell us something about the human heart in (Jer 17:9)  
*The heart is deceitful above all (things), and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

Also, we are told in (Jn 4:23 & 24)  
*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in **truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in **truth**.*

The key word in the previous verse is “**truth**,” and our heartfelt desire to worship our LORD is to be done in truth, and to use the assertion of “heart obedience only” is not in keeping with the truth of the Word. You must understand that God places obedience “above” sacrifice. The Bible teaches how we are to approach and worship our Holy God. By not doing so His way and to replace it with Frank Sinatra’s way (My Way) will bring about severe judgment. The casual attitude taken by Nadab and Abihu’s departure from the LORD’s instructions in the performance of their priestly duties is precisely what led to their earthly demise. I would say that is severe judgment. Make the right choice!

As we look into the book of Hosea it reads: (Hosea 4:6)

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the **Torah** of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

While we are here on earth it is the responsibility of the gentiles, who have received Messiah Yeshua by faith, and have been grafted into the “Commonwealth of Israel” (Eph 2:11-13) to provoke Judah to jealousy. God’s people of Judah did not stumble and fall beyond recovery. God’s purpose was to make His “Gospel” available to the Gentiles by hardening

Judah. According to the Scriptures, God’s plan for the house of Judah was to provoke them to jealousy when they saw the gentiles coming back to Torah, and want for themselves that which they thought was rightfully theirs. (Ro 11:11)

There is another verse in Romans that is rarely studied or taught in the church, perhaps for lack of concern, ignorance and for other motives. Whatever the reason, it has proven to be a disadvantage for God’s people, and as a result, only receiving a limited knowledge of the Torah. It is never too late to start learning His ways. *Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times* (Is 46:10a)

(Ro 11:25) **The verse reads:**  
*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*

What this means in its historical Biblical context relates to how the coming kingdom will be revealed. The fullness of the gentiles coming in refers to a certain number of gentiles coming back to keeping Torah and having a desire to take part in the Feasts of the **LORD** (*not the “feast of the Jews”*) and His Sabbaths. Only the LORD knows what that certain number is. Because of partial blindness, Judaism has denounced Yeshua, and Christianity has denounced the Torah for close to two thousand years. Guilt can be shared equally by the house of Judah (Judaism) and the house of Israel (Christianity), which together makes up the whole house of Israel. This somewhat parallels Judaism’s neglect of the New Testament and Christianity’s neglect of the Old Testament.

So, until the time of His coming Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, for God is calling man out of Babylon (confusion by mixing) and all of its wickedness.

**Paul instructs us in** (2 Cor 6:14-18)  
*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive*

you, *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

**Yeshua warns us in (Mat7:21-23)**

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Torahlessness).*

(2 Tim 2:19)

*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from Torahlessness.***

May the blessings of the Holy One of Israel guide you into all truth and keep you from harm until the day His return.

Roman Church under the threat of death.” By doing this the Roman Church has made it extremely difficult for even the most able of Biblical students to learn the truth. This is not to say that I am specially gifted with a wealth of intelligence, actually, far from it. But, the LORD did put a desire in my heart to know the truth, and He literally sent people to my door to explain more fully the Word of God. I pray the same for you!

Our captivity may not be readily apparent to many of us, but with certainty, we are on the short end of an incremental imminent path to oppressive authority. Our liberties are eroding year by year, day by day and hour by hour. We are living in a world full of corruption, injustice, inequality, confusion, myopia, increasing godlessness, abounding in deceit and lies and the list goes on.

This is the harvest of a society that has lost its way. What we are experiencing today in this country that we label a Christian country, is not even close to what it was like fifty years ago, much less than the one that God says is righteous. So if we profess to be a Christian country why is it that we have found ourselves in such a downslide to Gomorrah? We propose that the reason for this nose dive is relatively simple, but the cure more difficult, this, because of men’s interference with God’s instructions. Men caused this confusion when they first started to redefine God’s “Holy Word” and mixed it with their idolatrous practices. What we are doing today is essentially the same as what the children of Israel had done in the sin of the golden calf. History continues to repeat itself! We are caught up in what could be called a conundrum or an unsolvable mess, but it is by no means beyond repair. The LORD has called us to repentance and to turn back to God’s Torah instructions rooted in Messiah Yeshua for the “restitution of all things” which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Most Christian believers innocently observe pagan holidays such as Easter, Lent, Halloween and Christmas as well as other days that are not the Lords appointed times. At the same time, I have talked with believers who understand that these “really were” pagan holidays, (*actually they still are*) but by attaching the label of “Christian” to them it somehow seems to sanitize them. And, from this mindset a magical transformation has occurred. So by this, it changes these unholy days into a holy state that is seemingly acceptable to God. But where does it say that in God’s “Holy Word?”

The exile or captivity that we are now experiencing is due to our refusal to go back to the Father’s teaching and instructions found in Torah. Through intentional neglect and by outright refusal to observe His Sabbaths, Feast