

FAMILY BREAKDOWN-THE REMEDY-WEEK SIX

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This week we are going to look at why I am persuaded that both Houses/Kingdoms [in general] are rejecting the biblical Moshiach Yeshua. One of the key reasons behind this statement is due to how Christianity/Ephraim has presented Yeshua HaMoshiach/Jesus the Christ. As stated before by writers of JSI, if Yeshua was as the Christian Church presents Him, then He could not be HaMoshiach. This is one [not the only] reason behind the House of Judah rejecting Yeshua as HaMoshiach. As the Christian Church is the main institution that claims Jesus to be Messiah, then it is only reasonable and fair that those deciding whether He is or isn't HaMoshiach study the "Christian Churches" teaching to reach a conclusion. If one reads the tenets and teachings of the Christian Church, then one must conclude that Yeshua started a new religion labelled Christianity. So we must ask are these teachings of the Christian Church an accurate portrayal of Yeshua HaMoshiach? The answer to this question is a resounding no. Yeshua did not start a new religion called Christianity. Christianity has followed in the footsteps of King Jeroboam and discarded HaShems Torah and installed their own set of rules claiming they are from the Holy One of Israel. In doing this Christianity has badly misinterpreted the "New Testament" and therefore badly misrepresented Yeshua HaMoshiach.

In doing this Christianity has built its own Messiah who is usually depicted as a blond blue eyed European. We would be hard pressed to find a Christian portrayal of Yeshua with a "dark" complexion wearing Tefillin or Tzitzit. These historical portrayals of Yeshua/Jesus are biblically inaccurate and therefore any from Judah who are seeking answers on Yeshua are instantly in a negative frame of mind. We know Yeshua wore TziTzit because the Torah tells all people of Israel to wear such. Even if you believe only men should wear them, was not Yeshua a male.

HASHEM said to Moses, "Speak to the Children of Israel and say to them that they shall make themselves tzitzis on the corners of their garments, throughout their generations. And they shall place upon the tzitzis of each corner a thread of turquoise wool. It shall constitute tzitzis for you, that you may see it and remember all the commandments of HASHEM and perform them; and not explore after your heart and after your eyes after

which you stray. So that you remember and perform all My commandments and be holy to your God. I am HASHEM, your God, Who has removed you from the land of Egypt to be a God unto you; I am HASHEM your God.” Numbers 15:37-41 [AST]

It is very obvious that those who claim to be citizens of biblical Israel were to adorn tzitzit. We also know the religious Jews wore such in the time Yeshua walked with His disciples.

“.....for they make their T’fillin broad and their tzitziyot long.” Matthew 23:5 [CJB]

As Yeshua is the Torah made flesh, and He was raised in a very devout Jewish family, we can be very confident that He wore tzitzit. This is further evidenced in the account recorded in Matthew.

“ And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years approached Him from behind and touched the tzitzit on His robe.” Matthew 9:20

So if the Christian Church portrays Yeshua as a blue eyed blond who didn’t adorn tzitzit or encourage people to adhere to the Torah, then is it any wonder Judah has no interest in seeking Yeshua as HaMoshiach. Then on top of this you have the Christian Church promoting holidays that have a pagan background as biblical holidays; holidays that replace the Moedim/appointed times of HaShem. Due to this there is “guilt by association” concerning Yeshua, because He is seen by Judah as a Torah breaking rebel that has no place in true biblical faith.

Ephraim has truly lost its way, and unfortunately their love of the God of Israel is misplaced in their distorted historical teachings and dogmas. At this time the vast majority of Ephraim has not embraced the biblical and historical Yeshua/Jesus. This then affects their love for their brother Judah, and their passion to reclaim the Promised Land according to the boundaries set down by HaShem.

Sadly, the majority of Judah loathes any “association” with Yeshua. Most religious Jews struggle to utter His name or use a derogatory term instead. The “term” many use is Yeshu which has a Talmudic acronym [Yimach shmo v’zichro] meaning “May his name and memory be obliterated/blotted out”. A key reason behind this comes from the application of a Torah directive.

“The entire word that I command you, that you shall observe to do; you shall not add to it and you shall not subtract from it. If there should stand up in your midst a prophet or a dreamer of a dream, and he will produce to you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder comes about, of which he spoke to you, saying, “Let us follow gods of others that you did not know and we shall worship them!”- do not hearken to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of a dream, for HASHEM, your God, is testing you to know whether you love HASHEM, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul.” HASHEM, your God, shall you follow and Him shall fear; His commandments shall you observe and to His voice shall you hearken; Him shall you serve and to Him shall you cleave. And that prophet and that dreamer of a dream shall be put to death, for he has spoken perversion against HASHEM, your God- Who takes you out of the land of Egypt, and Who redeems you from the house of slavery – to make you stray from the path on which HASHEM, your God, has commanded you to go; and you shall destroy the evil from your midst.” Deuteronomy 13:1-6

Take a moment to absorb what our Father is saying to His Children regarding the identification of false prophets. HaShem says if one comes who takes you away from His instructions then that one needs to be avoided. However this is not the only message behind the above scripture passages. HaShem has said that these false prophets come as a way of testing our love for our heavenly Father. Who will we choose to follow? Who will we dedicate our lives to? In other words who will we love?

Now because of how the Christian Church portrays Yeshua, Judah sees Him as One who leads them away to follow other gods. Please keep in mind Judah make their decision regarding Yeshua/Jesus on the back of Christian teachings and dogmas. The Jewish Rabbis use the teaching of the Christian Church to prove Yeshua is not HaMoshiach. Judah perceives this Jesus as one who celebrates Christmas, Easter, substituting Sunday for the Sabbath. Judah perceives Jesus as one who eats pork and shell fish. Judah perceives Jesus as one who has done away with the Torah and started a new faith, taking people back to Egypt. When you quietly consider these issues, is it any wonder most Children from Judah reject Yeshua as HaMoshiach?

This is a brief and simplistic overview of the situation regarding the positions of present day Ephraim and Judah on Yeshua as HaMoshiach. As long as both Houses reject the biblical Yeshua, it is impossible to have biblical reconciliation, as biblical reconciliation can only come about by our love for our heavenly Father first and foremost. This love

must be demonstrated through acceptance of the biblical Moshiach and adherence to our Father's instructions.

We at JSI believe Yeshua to be HaMoshiach, and as such we encourage all the Children of Israel to listen to His word/s and follow in His footsteps. I would once again encourage those from the House of Judah to examine the life, words and claims made by Yeshua within the "Jewish" context and not from Christian teachings. Adhering to the instructions of Yeshua is adhering to the Torah of Moshe! I would also encourage the House of Ephraim to examine the teachings of Yeshua and His disciples in a "Jewish" context, as then they will begin to see the biblical HaMoshiach and embrace the Torah instead of rejecting it. Following the Torah of Moshe in no way changes Yeshua as HaMoshiach, it enhances the biblical understanding of HaMoshiach. I am convinced this is what our heavenly Father would want His children to do. This is what will enhance the reconciliation process.

As we conclude this short chapter I would like to finish on some words Yeshua spoke when asked this question from Thomas, after Yeshua was telling His disciples that He was going away. "Lord, we do not know where you are going, how do we know the way?" Yeshua answered with the following reply.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." John 14:6-7 [NASB]

Ponder on these words for a time and let the depth of these statements soak into your very soul. HaMoshiach provides the path to walk on. This path is the only one without error. This path leads to life!!

Our heavenly Father is the source/creator of life. HaShem is life. So this path leads to HaShem, and only HaMoshiach can supply all the requirements that allow the Children of Israel to be reconciled to the Father, thus reconciled to one another. Yeshua says if you had known or know Him, then you will know [have an intimate relationship] with the Father, because it is HaMoshiach that brings us to the Father.

Philip, whilst not fully understanding, knew how important this connection to the Father was as he said, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Yeshua answered him as follows.

“Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father, so how can you say, ‘Show us the father’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? What I say to you I do not speak of My own accord: it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His works. You believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe it on the evidence of these works. In all truth I tell you, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do Myself, and will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me for anything in My name I will do it. If you love Me you will keep My commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth whom the world can never accept since it neither sees nor knows Him; but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I shall not leave you orphans; I shall come to you. In a short time the world will no longer see Me; but you will see that I live and you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in the Father and you in Me and I in you. Whoever holds to My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and whoever loves Me will be loved by the Father, and I shall love him and reveal Myself to him.” John 14:9-21 [NJB]

Think carefully about the answer Yeshua gave Philip. Please do this without prejudice against Yeshua or Torah. Ask yourself who are the main characters in this answer given by the Master? Do we not have the Father, Yeshua HaMoshiach, the Holy Spirit and the Torah? These cannot be separated if one is to be biblical and pleasing to HaShem – The Holy One of Israel – Blessed be He. If we claim to love the Father, then we must love HaMoshiach, and we do this by embracing and keeping His commandments [Torah]. This is vital if we are to approach the Father, as the only way Yeshua can “do as we ask” is if we ask those things that are from the Torah. It is without doubt the Holy Spirit that helps us stay on the straight and narrow, but it is always attached to the Torah of Moshe. Try as we might, using all the wiles of our sinful natures, we cannot separate the Father, HaMoshiach, the Holy Spirit and the Torah and stay faithful to HaShem. We deny any of these and we deny HaShem and the love of HaShem.

As we close let us recall what the words Moshiach and Yeshua mean:

Moshiach - To separate out; anoint.

Yeshua - salvation, save.

Thus we have The Anointed One from HaShem providing the way, truth and life. Life is indeed redemption/salvation. Who can fathom the depths of HaShem's love for His people?

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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