

Some Core Messianic Jewish Beliefs

There is one ELOHIM (G_D), having a compound and complex unity, Who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Every divine action in the world is accomplished by the Father working through the Son and in the power of the Spirit. This one true and only G_D of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has revealed Himself in creation and in the history of Israel as transmitted in Holy Scripture.

G_D is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He created humanity in the divine image to serve as creation's priest and ruler. G_D's intention for His creation involves a defined order of differentiation, interdependence, and mutual blessing through steadfast reliance upon G_D and obedience to His divine will and those standards of living set forth within Holy Scriptures.

Through the exercise of free will humanity disobeyed G_D, tarnished the divine image and abandoned the privileged vocation. As a result of this separation all relationships and even the creation itself became subject to violence, chaos and decay.

G_D chose Abraham and his seed through Isaac and Jacob ... Israel-the Jewish people, and entered into an everlasting covenant with them so they might be the first fruits of a renewed humanity, who would mediate intercession, blessing and restoration to all the nations of the world. In gracious love, G_D gave to Israel ... the holy Torah as a covenantal way of life-a means of reestablishing authority over chaos, and the holy Land of Israel as an inheritance and pledge of the blessing of the World to Come. Israel was

established by G_D to irrevocably be humanity's instrument of reconciliation and restoration.

The Torah is God's Covenantal gift to Israel. It serves first and foremost as G_D's revelation to humanity about Himself; Torah serves as man's grant of authority and the stewardship rules pertaining to creation; Torah serves as the constitution of Israel (the Elect) ... and finally Torah serves as the light through which Israel will draw the Nations back to G_D into His Kingdom.

In the fullness of time, the Divine Son (Yeshua) became a human being—the Messiah, a true and perfect man ... an Israelite. Yeshua as prophesied was born of a Jewish virgin and was a perfect representative and one-man embodiment of the entire nation of Israel. Yeshua lived as a holy tzaddik (righteous one), fulfilling without blemish the mitzvot (commandments) of the Torah. Yeshua brings to perfection the human expression of the divine image of G_D ... the living Torah.

Yeshua as Messiah died, as sin itself, for the atonement of the sins of Israel and the entire world. Yeshua was raised bodily from the dead, as the first fruits of the resurrection promised to Israel as its national-kingdom glorification. Yeshua ascended to heaven and is there enthroned as G_D's right hand ... as Israel's Messiah, with authority extending over all nations and even unto the ends of creation.

Messiah Yeshua will return to Jerusalem in glory at the end of this age, to rule forever on David's throne. Yeshua will affect the restoration of Israel in fullness, raise the dead, save all who belong to Him, judge the wicked not written in the Book of Life who are separated from His presence, and accomplish the final Tikkun Olam (worldly restoration) in which Israel and the nations will be

united under Messiah's living Torah rule forever. This restoration will bring everlasting joy for those who belong to Him. They will live forever in an order of mutual blessing and fellowship with God, in a cosmos perfected beyond description.

Responsive to Yeshua's atoning sacrifice and redemptive mission, G_D poured out the Divine Spirit on the community of Yeshua's followers, so that they might be joined intimately to the Messiah as His Body and become the expression of the New Covenant fullness promised to Israel. To this early Jewish community of true believers G_D as promised added partners from among the nations, who heard the news of G_D's work in Yeshua and responded to the good news with belief, confession of transgressions, repentance (turning away from sin) and testimony to their re-birth in Yeshua thereby being grafted into Israel as full citizens through Yeshua.

Forgiveness of sins, temporal renewal, unity in Messiah, the empowering and sanctifying presence of the indwelling of Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit), and the confident hope of eternal life and a glorious resurrection are now available to all, Jews and Gentiles, who put their faith in Yeshua, the Risen Lord! Through immersion in and obedience to His word the elect from before time are joined to Him and His Body. Yeshua is the Mediator between G_D and all creation, and no one can come to the Father except through Him.

The gifts of redemption, grace and salvation are wrought solely through the works of G_D in, with, by and through Yeshua HaMashiach. Mankind by no means is able to earn or merit eternal life. These gifts from G_D are received through faith and made manifest through a renewed life in Mashiach Yeshua.

The writings of the Tanakh (Genesis-2nd Chronicles) and B'rit Chadasha (Gospel of Matthew-Revelation) are divinely inspired and fully trustworthy (true), a gift given by G_D to His people Israel, provided to impart life and to form, nurture, and guide them in the ways of truth. The Hebrew Scriptures are of supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and practice and represent G_D's Torah to humanity.

Yeshua's community is a single body expressed in diverse forms within the Jewish community and among the nations. All are called to a dedicated life of worship, obedience to the sacred commandments, community service, and public testimony to Yeshua. Unity, Torah submission and love throughout the entire community confirm Yeshua's divine mission as the One sent by the Father to reconcile Israel and all Nations with G_D. Spiritual and temporal life is grounded in godly family units within the relational framework of congregations-communities, whereby persons are to be encouraged, trained, enriched and disciplined. Families in Messianic Jewish congregations should be strengthened and established in their calling to life under the auspices of the everlasting covenant between G_D and Israel.

G_D's Mo'adim (appointed Biblical times-Festivals) were provided to Israel so that His people could function harmoniously in accordance to the times and rhythm of The Creator. The Mo'adim encapsulate G_D's will and plans for humanity and provide the promise and testimony of complete and perfect fulfillment of the entire festival cycle by, through, in and with Messiah Yeshua. The Messianic Jewish community observes and cleaves to G_D's Mo'adim as an expression of faith in, obedience to and inheritance with Messiah Yeshua. The seventh day (Shabbat) serves as the foundation of G_D's appointed times and represents Israel's greatest of Holy Days. The Messianic Jewish

community embraces and cleaves to this irrevocable sign between G_D and the children of Israel forever.

The Jewish tradition serves as the living link that connects contemporary Jews and all the elect to the biblical past and provides the foundation needed to develop a Messianic Israelite way of life and thought in conformance with the everlasting covenant. This Messianic Israelite way of life is a gift from G_D through Yeshua to the Jew first and then equally to the Gentile who will join Israel through Yeshua. All who are called to the Body of Messiah are bound corporately and spiritually with Israel and the Jewish people who can never under the terms of the eternal covenant be replaced or abrogated to some irrelevant or secondary status.