



STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

-We believe that the Bible consists of what is commonly called the "Old Testament", or *Tenach* (Torah, Prophets, and the Writings) and what is commonly called the "New Testament", or the *Brit Chadasha* (New Covenant). It is the only infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. We recognize its inspiration as being from God and accept its teachings as our final authority in all matters of understanding, faith and practice.

- We believe that the Bible can be viewed as "Biblical Judaism". It is comprised of instructions, set-up or established things that are all patterns, and types – or in a word: Pictures (*Tavniot*). The actual acts of Biblical Judaism are shadows cast by Messiah (Col.2:16-17) and we are told to listen them because they are metaphors that reflect spiritual things that cannot be understood in any other way. (Deut. 7:12; 11:13; 11:27-28; 28:13; Judg 2:17; Neh. 9:16)

2. GOD

We believe that God is one – *echad*: a united one, a composite unity, eternally existent in plural oneness (Deut.6:4). He is a personal God who created us; and He exists forever in three entities, manifestations or forms: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A. GOD THE FATHER is a Spirit that fills all things at all times; the King of the Universe, immortal, invisible, without beginning and without end. God is incomprehensible to mankind, and can only be described and understood by metaphors and parables, types, shadows, Pictures, etc. God the Father created a culture that was those pictures, types and parables. It is called Biblical Judaism, or more commonly: "Judaism".

B. GOD THE SON is Yeshua ben Yoseph or Yeshua ben David, who was the Messiah (or "The Christ"). He was sent by the Father to earth in the form of a human; a Jew; an Israeli. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (*Ruach Ha-Kodesh*) and was born of a Jewish virgin (Matt. 1:18) named Miriam who had at least 6 other children after Yeshua (Mark 6:3). He was all of the culture of

Biblical Judaism -- created by God the Father -- in flesh. Thus, "the Word became flesh" (John 1:14). He fulfilled, exhibited, practiced, taught from and revealed all of that culture of Biblical Judaism. He was pre-existent as God before He was sent to earth (John 1:1-3; 17:5; Phil.2:6-7) and was One with the Father (John 14:10-11). However, while on earth Yeshua was not God, but He was the "Agent" (*Shaliach*: Sent One) of God the Father, thus Yeshua prayed to the Father (Matt. 14:23; 26:36-44; Mark 1:35,6:46; Luke 5:16; 6:12; John 17;) and told many people not to tell people about Yeshua (Matt. 8:4; 8:28;9:27-31; 12:11-21; 17:1-9; Mark 7:31-36; 3:7-12; 9:22-26; Luke 8:49-56) but only about God the Father Whose Agent or *Shaliach* He was. After 3 years of ministry as a Rabbi, He was killed; dying as the atoning sacrifice (*korban ha-kofer*) for our sins on *Pesach* (Passover); was buried on *Hag ha-Matzah* (Feast of Unleavened Bread); was resurrected on *Bikkurim* (First Fruits); 40 days later ascended back to heaven on *Yom Yerushalayim* (Jerusalem Day) and 10 days afterward, poured out His Holy Spirit on *Shavuot* (Feast of Weeks). Not remaining as the *Shaliach*, Yeshua once again showed Himself to be God at His resurrection (Rom. 1:4); taking back on Himself His pre-existent form of God that he had laid aside (Phil. 2:7) and was then both Lord and Messiah (Acts 2:36; Acts 10:36; Rev.5; 22:3-5) Who receives worship.

C. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (*Ruach ha-kodesh*) was the form or manifestation by which God created the universe (Gen.1:2) and continues to be active through many different means and manifestations. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Yeshua. (Phil. 1:19) "Born Again" is a Jewish term that described the moon coming out of darkness and into a sliver of light that grows. A person is Born Again when that Spirit of God, or Spirit of Yeshua enters, or "possesses" that person, making their dead spirit come to life. After which, the Spirit can teach that person, convict them of sin and reveal the truth in people's hearts; reveal mysteries about the Messiah and the Kingdom of God and lead them to repentance so as to improve the quality and enjoyment of their life. The Spirit can also manifest Him/Herself in and through the Believers in many ways both inside and outside the congregation.

3. MAN

We believe that man was created in the image of God but through free will and rebellion fell and became separated from God. All men since Adam are born with a "sinful nature"; meaning a dead spirit; like an unlit candle. Man's only hope for redemption is by having the Spirit of Yeshua indwell him/her making their dead spirit come to life; like a lit candle (1 Cor.15:45). This results in salvation which is being "Born Again". Judaism was given to mankind as acts to do that can be listened to by the (Spirit of Yeshua) which working together give man understanding (or "faith"). It is in this way that the Spirit of God can change man.

4. THE KINGDOM, RESURRECTION AND JUDGMENT

We believe that there is a time period given various titles (Day of the Lord; Kingdom; Days of Messiah) that is coming in which the world will be changed; God will judge all men, all men will be changed (receive a resurrected body) and God will rule.

- A. DAY OF THE LORD. There are 6000 years given for man on the earth and then comes the Sabbath of God (*Yom shekulo Shabbat*) or the last 1000 years (Psalm 90:4; 2 Pet. 3:8). That time period is shown in shadows and countless patterns throughout the Scriptures. It is God's Day and therefore commonly called the "Day of the Lord". It is 1000 years long and everything foretold by the prophets in the Bible will then come to pass. It will begin with a 7 year time period called the Birthpangs (commonly called "the tribulation") and will be followed by God's rule on earth as King.
- B. RESURRECTION. Yeshua will appear in the air for the resurrection of His believers (both living and dead) at *Rosh ha-Shana* or *Yom T'ruah* (New Year; Day of the Awakening blast) at the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom or Day of the Lord. At the end of the "Birthpangs" 7 years later, at *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement) Yeshua will return physically and visibly with His righteous, and there will be another resurrection from the dead of both the "righteous" and "wicked" (Ps. 17:15; Job 14:14; 19:23-27; Isa. 18:3; 26:18-20; 1 Cor.15; 1 Thess.4:14-17; Dan. 12:2; John 5:25-29). Later still, at the end of the Day of the Lord there is a final resurrection for those who lived and died during the Day of the Lord.
- C. JUDGMENT. All people will be judged by God either for good or for bad. Judgment will take place from things written in various books in Heaven. (Ex. 32:31-33; Job 14:1,3,5,16; Ps. 56:8; 69:26-28; 139:15-16; Dan. 7:9-14; Rev.20:11-12). This judgment will take place in the Day of the Lord on 2 separate dates, the final judgment being at *Yom Kippur* at the end of the Birthpangs. 5 days later, at *Hag Sukkot* (Feast of Tabernacles) Yeshua will – with God's people - establish his rule and reign over all the earth for the balance of the Messianic Kingdom (Day of the Lord). The earth will change, reverting back to its Edenic state in which all men are under the rulership of God and the righteous people who belong to Him (Isa. 11:6; 65:25; Rev. 19-20).

5. ISRAEL

We believe that God chose Israel (Deut. 7:7) making them the "Chosen People". God's choosing of Israel is irrevocable (Jer. 31:35-37), and the people groups represented by Israel have remained intact and have not been replaced (Rom.10-11). We believe in the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel, and that the re-establishment of the state of Israel was according to prophecy (Jer. 33:6-12; Ezek. 37).

6. MESSIANIC JUDAISM

We believe that Jewish people who are born Again in Messiah Yeshua continue to be Jewish. Gentiles who are born Again in Messiah Yeshua are metaphorically “grafted into a Jewish Olive Tree” (Ro.11) becoming “spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham” (Ro. 11). They however remain Gentiles and in no way become Israel or replace Israel. Messianic Judaism is simply what the first Believers in Yeshua were, and the way they lived (Acts 15-16; 21:20). “Messiah” is the Hebrew word for the Greek word: “Christ”, and Judaism is the body of traditions, calendar events, etc. that form the lifestyle and God-given culture of the people called “Jews”. Messianic Judaism is therefore the title and life-style of those who follow in the life-style, culture and ways of Yeshua the Messiah. The Body of Messiah (known as the "Church") is composed of both Jews and Gentiles, people in whom the Spirit of Yeshua has brought to life their dead spirits. Because that Body was infiltrated by Hellenism (the way of the Greek) and changed over time, its ways and culture is different from the culture and ways of Messianic Judaism. Messianic Judaism is the root and foundation of faith in Yeshua and is the restoration of all of God's ways (Acts 3:21). In Messianic Judaism, worship of both Jews and Gentiles in that "Body of Messiah" is within the context of what is commonly called “Judaism” not “Hellenism”.

7. CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We believe that the family is the foundational unit of life, built between one man and one woman who then have children to whom they transmit the life-style and instruction or teaching of “Biblical Judaism”. The congregation functions on this foundation along with the principal that every person is at their essence one of the following “gifts” (*matot*): Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, Prophet or Apostle. Every person is only one of these, but can function within any of these gifts or ministries at any time as God's Spirit desires. (Eph. 2:11-16; 1 Cor. 12) The *matot* as a person's essence are not offices or positions (*sarim*) of the same name, but the person can function in and as both the “gift” and the “office” simultaneously. For instance, a person who's “gift” is a Teacher, can serve in the “office” of Apostle. The congregation functions as every member functions in their allotted gift which must be identified (Matt. 10:40-41). After which, the person who is aware of its functions, properties and limitations can minister to others in the congregation more effectively in that capacity.

MISSION STATEMENT

To reach the Jewish people with the message of salvation through Yeshua the Messiah; and to teach the Body of Messiah “Pictures” of Yeshua found in Judaism to increase the quality and enjoyment of life.