

KIRYAT YEARIM MESSIANIC MINISTRIES

STATEMENT OF FAITH & WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. THE WORD OF ELOHIM: The Covenant Scriptures (Bible), composed of both the Tanakh and the Renewed Covenant, is the only inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of Elohim and is the only source of our faith, worship, practice, and living. All Covenant Scriptures are given by the inspiration of Elohim and are profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, and that the children of Elohim may be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim 3:16-17, 1 Thes 2:13, 2 Pet 1:21). The Word of Elohim is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psa 119:105). The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of Elohim shall stand forever (Isa 40:8). Yeshua the Messiah said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His words shall not pass away" (Mat 24:35). The Word of Elohim instructs that we shall not add unto the word which He commanded us, neither we shall diminish ought from it, that we may keep the commandments of the YaHWeH our Elohim as He commanded (Deut 4:2).

2. ELOHIM IS ETERNAL AND ONE: Elohim is Eternal. Elohim is Holy. Elohim is One. His Name is YaHWeH. In the beginning, was the Word, and the Word was in Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The Word was in the beginning with Elohim. The Son (Messiah) is the Word. In eternity, the Word, Messiah, and YaHWeH self-exist as One. The Son is in the Father, and the Father is in the Son. The Father has Eternal Life in Himself, and the Father shares the same eternal Life with the Son. The Father and the Son share the same Eternal Ruach (known in the Scriptures as the Ruach HaKodesh, Ruach of Elohim, Ruach of the YaHWeH, Ruach of Messiah). Only the Father knows the excellency of the Son, and only the Son knows the excellency of the Father from eternity to eternity. To accomplish His eternal purpose, heavenly government, and earthly administration, The Eternal, Holy, Almighty Elohim purposed that Messiah must proceed from His bosom to the world to accomplish the eternal plans. (Deut. 6:4; Exod 20:2-3; Isa 45:5; Zec 14:9, John 1:1-2, 14-18; John 5:26, John 10:30; John 14:11,16-17, 26; John 16:7-15; Mat 3:17; Luke 9:35; Mat 17:5).

3. YESHUA THE MESSIAH IS ETERNAL: Yeshua the Messiah is eternal. Yeshua the Messiah is the Son of Elohim, the Son of Man, the Word of Elohim, the Lamb of Elohim, and Elohim Himself. We believe in the deity and humanity of Yeshua the Messiah; His divine birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His victorious bloodshed at stake, His bodily resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and His return in power and glory to establish His eternal kingdom. At the Name of Yeshua the Messiah, every knee should bow, things in heaven, things on earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Yeshua the Messiah is YaHWeH, to the glory of Elohim the Father. (John 1:1-18; Isa 9:6; Isa 7:14; Mat 1:18-25; Isa 53; 2 Cor 5:21; Luke 1:35; Mat 4:23-25; Isa 53; Dan 9:24-27; Rom 3:21-31; Heb 9 and 10; Zec 12:10; Zec 14; Mat. 28; Psa 110; Psa 16:10; Acts 1:1-11; Heb 1:1-3; John 14:1-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor 15:20-28; Heb 9:23-28; John 1:1-2, 14-18; John 5:26; John 10:30; John 14:11; 16-17, 26; John 16:7-15).

4. SALVATION AND REDEMPTION: Yeshua the Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures (1Cor 15:3-4), as the substitutionary atonement in our place (Isa 53:4, Mat 8:7, 1 Pet 2:23-25, Mark 10:45, Rom 5:6, John 11:50, Gal 2:20; 1 Tim 2:6, Titus 2:4, 1 Pet 3:18), and that salvation/redemption is found in none other than Yeshua the Messiah (Acts 4:12; Acts 2:21; Acts 16:31; Luke 19:10, Rom 10:13). He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one goes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). The

redemptive work of the Messiah on the stake (cross) (Mat 28; Luke 24; Mark 16; John 19; I Cor 2:2) and the eternal efficacy of His precious Blood (Rom 5:9; Eph 1:7; John 6:53; 1John 1:7; Rev 12:11; Rom 3:24-25; 1 Pet 1:18-19; Exod 12, Lev 16, Num 19; Isa 53) are the exclusive way of means for any human to be cleansed from the sins, through repentance and faith. Through redemption from sin by the Blood of Yeshua the Messiah, each person is regenerated as a new creation by the Ruach HaKodesh, declared righteous before Elohim, and secured as an adopted child of Elohim. Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only beloved Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Elohim did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but the world through Him might be saved. Whoever believes in Yeshua the Messiah is not condemned, but whoever believes not in Yeshua the Messiah is condemned already (John 3:16-18). For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of Elohim is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Adon (Rom 6:23). For whosoever shall call upon the Name of Yeshua the Messiah shall be saved (Rom 10:13). Believe in the Adon Yeshua the Messiah, and we and our house shall be saved (Acts 16:31).

It is Elohim's divine foreknowledge and counsel to save a person (John 6:37; John 6:44; John 6:65; Romans 8:29-30; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 1:4-6; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:3). Yeshua said, "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you" (John 15:16). For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate (marked) to be conformed to the image of His Son. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified (Rom 8:29-30). Elohim has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His purpose and grace, which was given to us in Yeshua the Messiah before the world began (2 Timothy 1: 9-11). Elohim welcomes all who come to Him by faith through Yeshua the Messiah besides works (John 6:37; John 7:37; Romans 10:9-13).

Bible also teaches us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Elohim is working in us to sanctify us according to His will and His good pleasure that we may be blameless and spotless, become the sons of Elohim without rebuke, amid a crooked and perverse generation, among whom we shine as lights in the world; holding forth the Word of Life (Phil 2:6-16). Let the Word of Messiah dwell in us richly in all wisdom, teaching, and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Adon (Col 3:16). Messiah may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love (Eph 3:17). We are executed (crucified) with Messiah: nevertheless, we live; yet not we, but Messiah lives in us: and the life which we now live in the flesh we live by the faith in the Son of Elohim, who loved us and gave Himself for us (Gal 2:20).

Both of these two truths, (i) Elohim's sovereignty in redemption (*Constitutional Redemption*) and (ii) Elohim's sovereignty in working out our own salvation (*Living Organic Salvation*), are taught in the Scriptures. The co-existence of redemption and salvation is a mystery. Elohim's sovereignty in redemption is to obtain eternal life through our faith in the Adon Yeshua the Messiah. In working out our own salvation, Elohim's sovereignty is to live Messiah in our everyday life on this earth, following the principles/commandments given in Mathew chapters 5-7, to inherit His kingdom and live in the kingdom eternally. If we do not live Messiah in our life (organic living) according to the principles/commandments given in Mathew chapters 5-7, though we are saved from the lake of fire, we will lose our eternal reward, entering into His kingdom and ruling with Him as priests and kings in His coming kingdom, and thus suffer

a great reproachable and disgraceful loss. (Mat 25:21; Rev 5:10; Rev 20:4-6; I Cor 6:1-3; 2 Tim 2:12; Col 3:23-24; Mat 8:12; 7:21-23; 22:3, 25:11-12; 25:30).

5. IMMERSION AND COMMUNION: We believe in the mandate to be immersed in the water in the Name (One Name, not names) of the Father, the Son, and the Ruach HaKodesh. We are commanded to Repent and be baptized everyone of us in the Name of Yeshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and we shall receive the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh. Immersion is a public act of conversion from death to life, from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, and from Satan's domain to Elohim's domain. It is intended to signify our repentance of sin and our turning to Elohim by His grace through faith in Yeshua the Messiah, as Adon and Moshia (Savior). The immersion is the believer's public identification with Yeshua the Messiah's life, death, and resurrection. The Ruach HaKodesh's immersion is a gift from Elohim promised by Yeshua the Messiah to all believers. Remembering the vicarious and atoning death of Yeshua the Messiah by partaking in the eating of His body and drinking His blood until He comes is the only way to reassure and pledge to our constitutional redemption and living organic salvation. (Acts 1:8; Acts 13:24; Acts 16:31-33; Acts 2:37-41; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 2:41; Acts 22:16; Col 2:12; Eph 4:4-6; Gal 3:27; John 14:16-17; John 3: 3-8; John 3:23; John 6:53-58; Luke 3:16; Luke 3:3; Luke 22:19-20; Mark 1:5; Mark 14:22-25; Mark 16:16; Mat 26:26-28; Mat. 28:18-20; Mat. 3:11; Rom 6:3-6; Rom. 6:1-8; 1 Cor 11:20-29; 1 Cor 12:13; 1 Pet 3:21).

6. LIVING AND WALKING IN ELOHIM: Messiah lives in us is the hope of glory (Col 1:27). The life we now live in the flesh we live by the faith of the Son of Elohim, Who loved us and gave Himself for us (Gal 2:20). Yeshua the Messiah may dwell in our hearts by faith that we being rooted and grounded in love with one another (Eph 3:17). He who says, "I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). Yeshua the Messiah is the vine, and we are the branches. If we abide in Him and then He lives in us, we can bring forth much fruit, and without abiding in Him, we can do nothing. If we do not abide in Him, we will be cast forth as a branch and withered, cast into the fire (John 15:1-8) or the outer darkness (Mat 8:12, 7:21-23; 22:3, 25:11-12; 25:30).

7. RAPTURE AND RESURRECTION: Yeshua the Messiah said, "I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may also be" (John 14:3). Yeshua the Messiah said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of Elohim; and they that hear shall live" (John 5:21, 25). Yeshua the Messiah shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, with the sound of the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah will rise first (first resurrection). Then we who are alive, who remain, shall be caught up (rapture) together with them in the clouds to meet the Adon in the air, and so we shall ever be with Messiah (1 Thes 4:16-17). We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible (first resurrection), and we shall be changed (1 Cor 15: 51-52). Over them (who participated in the first resurrection and rapture), the second death (condemnation to the lake of fire) has no power. Who participated in the first resurrection will be the priests and kings of Elohim and Messiah, and they shall reign with Messiah for a thousand years in the Kingdom (Rev 20:4-5). It is the blessed hope and lets everyone looks for that blessed hope of glorious appearing of the great Elohim and our Saviour Yeshua the Messiah (Titus 2:13). For Elohim has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Adon Yeshua the Messiah (1 Thes 5:9).

8. RESURRECTION AND LIFE AFTER DEATH: We believe in the first resurrection (Rev 20: 5-6) and the last resurrection (Rev 20: 11-15). Our dead shall live; their bodies shall rise (Isa 26:19). And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame, and some everlasting contempt (Dan 12:2). Yeshua the Messiah said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet he shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26). Yeshua said, "Whoever eats on My body and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54). Since we believe that Yeshua the Messiah died and rose again, through Yeshua the Messiah, Elohim will bring us back with Him to life (1Thes 4:14).

9. JUDGMENT OF ELOHIM: We believe in Elohim's Day of Judgment. We believe in the personal and physical return of Yeshua the Messiah, in power and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the physical resurrection of the saved ones (first resurrection) unto the eternal life and the physical resurrection of the lost ones (last resurrection) to the eternal damnation (John 5:19-29; Dan 7:9-10, Dan 12:2, Rev. 20:11-15). The Father judges no one, but the Father has given His Son Yeshua the Messiah the authority to execute all judgments (John 5:22, 27). It is appointed for the man to die once, and after that comes judgment (Heb 9:27). We must all (believers) appear before the judgment seat of Messiah (Rom 14:8-10; 2 Cor 5:10, Rom 2:16), so that each one of us may receive what is due for what we have done in the body, whether good or evil (1 Cor 3:12-17; 1 Cor 9: 24-27). Yeshua the Messiah said, "That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you shall be judged, and by your Words, you shall be condemned" (Mat 12: 36-37). Yeshua the Messiah said, "He who rejects Me and receives not My Words, has that which judges him—the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Yeshua the Messiah will judge the nations at His glorious coming (Mat 25: 31-46). On that day, Yeshua the Messiah shall say unto them on His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. And, He shall say to those on His left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Mat 25: 34, 41). At Great White Throne Judgment, the dead, small and great, will stand before the throne of Elohim, and the books will be opened. According to their works, all the dead will be judged out of those things written in the books. Death and Hades will deliver up the dead in them, and they will be judged according to their works. The Death and Hades will be cast into the lake of fire. It is the second death. Whosoever will not be found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:11-15). Yeshua the Messiah said, Behold, I come quickly, and My recompense is with me, to give every man according to his work (Rev 22:12).

10. KINGDOM OF ELOHIM AND ETERNITY: We believe in the appearance, reality, and manifestation of the Kingdom of Elohim. We believe that Yeshua the Messiah's teaching on the Sermon on the Mount (Mat 5-7) is the set of key principles/commandments to enter into the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of Elohim. On the other hand, humans' certain natural constitution and attitudes (1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; Rev 21:8; Rev 22:11) prevent them from entering into the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of Elohim. Yeshua the Messiah said, "But seek you first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mat 6:33). "Not every one that saith unto me, Adon, Adon, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven" (Mat 7:21). And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven (Mat 8:11). But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mat 8:12).

11. ISRAEL THE NATION: Israel is Elohim's treasure people, heritage people, or chosen people. Elohim said, "For you are a holy people unto the Adon your Elohim, and the Adon has chosen you to be a peculiar people (treasure people, heritage people) unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deut 7:6; 14:2). Israel, as the chosen people, has a special covenant relationship with Elohim whereby Israel is faithful to Elohim and obeys His commandments, and Elohim, in turn, protects and blesses His faithful people. Being chosen brought to Israel special obligations to carry out the will of Elohim: Obey My voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be My people: and walk you in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you (Jer 7:23). We believe in Elohim's everlasting covenant relationship with Israel, including the physical (the Land of Israel) and the spiritual blessings (Gen 12:1-3, Gen 17:1-7, Gen 32; Jer 31:31-37). In the end times, all Israel will be saved as the fulfillment of the covenant and Scriptures (Isa 45:17-19; Rom 11:26-27) when they say, "Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the YaHWeH" (Mat 23:39; Luke 13:15; Psa 118:26).

12. THE GENTILES: Gentiles who place their faith and trust in Yeshua the Messiah are grafted into Israel through a born-again (regeneration) experience. This regenerated birth results in a new identity, children of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As a result, these new regenerated children are adopted into the commonwealth of Israel and become full members and fellow heirs of the covenants, promises, and blessings originally made to Israel and are given all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of being full members of the commonwealth of Israel. Importantly, the Gentiles who are grafted (Church or Assembly or Congregation) into Israel do not replace and exclude Israel (no dispensationalism or no replacement theology). Rather, the grafted Gentiles (Church or Assembly or Congregation) became a part of His treasured people Israel and participated with Israel as the chosen or elected ones from among the nations. Further, the adopted Gentile children are preserved and treated as native-born descendants of Jacob (Israel) in the House of Israel and the House of Elohim. The mystery is that the Jews (Israel) and Gentiles (Church or Assembly or Congregation) are united one in Messiah (Messiah). There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female: for we are all one in Messiah. And if we are in Messiah, then we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. (Exod. 12:37-38; Deut 29:10-15; Deut 31:9-13; Ezk 47:21-23; Isa 56:1-8; Mat 28:18-20; John 10:1-18; Acts 15:11; Rom 9-11; Eph 1-3, Gal 3:28-29).

13. TORAH, SHABBAT, AND MOEDIM OF YAHWEH ELOHIM: Torah, the first five books of the Tanakh (Tanakh) revealed Yeshua the Messiah (Messiah) in several Scriptures (Gen 3:15, 3:21, 14:18, 22:8, 22:18, 49:9-10; Exod: ch12; 17:6, 23:20, Lev: ch16; Lev: ch23, 26:11, Num: ch19, 21:9, 24:17, and Deut 18:15-19, 21:23). Torah is the divine (Elohim-ordained) righteous instructions for human living given by Elohim. "Hear, O Israel: The YaHWeH our Elohim is one YaHWeH. You shall love the YaHWeH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mighty or strength. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart. And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates" (Deut 6: 4-9). This Torah shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in day and night, which you may observe to do according to all written in it. For then, you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success (Josh 1:8). Our Adon Yeshua the Messiah said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the Torah or the prophets: I am not come to destroy it, but to fulfill it. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Torah, till all be fulfilled" (Mat 5:17-18).

The Torah is principally summarized in the Ten Commandments (The Ten Devarim, Exod: ch 20; Deut: ch 5). The fourth commandment says: "Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep it holy: Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: But the Seventh Day **is** the Sabbath of the YaHWeH (YaHWeH) your Elohim (Elohim): in it, you shall not do any work" (Exod 20: 8-11). "For in six days the YaHWeH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them, and rested on the Seventh Day (created Shabbat): Therefore the YaHWeH blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed and sanctified it" (Gen 2:1-3). Therefore, the Children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual (eternal) covenant. "It **is** a sign between Adon Elohim and the Children of Israel forever (eternal): for in six days the YaHWeH made heaven and earth, and on the Seventh Day He rested" (Exod 31:16-17).

And the YaHWeH (YaHWeH) spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, The Moedim (the divinely appointed times) of the YaHWeH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are My Feasts (Lev: ch 23). Details of the Seven Feasts of YaHWeH Elohim are provided in the following Scriptures: Exod ch12, Exod 23:10-17; Lev: ch23; Num: ch 28, ch29; Deut: ch16. (1) Pesakh; (2) HaMatzot; (3) Yom HaBikkurim; (4) Shavuot; (5) Yom Teruah; (6) Yom HaKippurim; (7) Sukkot. Yeshua the Messiah was born on the Sukkot (Mat ch2, Luke ch2), slain as the Lamb of Elohim on the Pesakh (Mat: ch26-28; Mark: ch14-16; Luke: ch22-24; John: ch18-21; 1 Cor 5:7-8), resurrected on the Yom Bikkurim (Mat ch28; Mark: ch16; Luke: ch24; John: ch20-21), and coming back on the Yom Teruah (Mat 24:37, 1 Thes 4:15-17, 1 Cor 15:51-52).

Our Adon and Moshia Yeshua the Messiah and His disciples kept the Shabbat (Mat 12:1-12; Mark 1:21, 2:23-28, 6:2; Luke 4:16; 4:31, 6:1-9, 13:10-16, 14:1-15; John 5:9-18; 7:22-23; 9:14-16) and kept the Feasts of the YaHWeH Elohim (Luke 2:41-42; John 2:23, 4:45, 5:1, 6:4, 7:2, 7:8-14, 7:37, 10:22, 11:56, 12:12, 12:20, 13:1, 13:29). The Apostle Saul (Paul) kept the Shabbat (Act 13:14, 13:27, 13:42-44, 15:21, 16:13, 17:2, 18:4) and kept the Feasts of the YaHWeH Elohim (Act 18:21, 1 Cor 5:7-8). Therefore, we are obligated and indebted to keep and guard the Shabbat and the Seven Feasts of the YaHWeH Elohim holy, sacred, sanctified, consecrated, blessed, righteously, and joyfully forever perpetually.

14. CREATION: The heaven and the earth, the living organisms, and the world systems are created by Elohim. The humans, male and female, are created in the image and the likeness of Elohim. Elohim rules humanity with kindness, compassion, grace, mercy, goodness, truth, patience, longsuffering, forgiveness, righteousness, and justice unto thousands of generations (Exod 34:6-7). Elohim created man and woman as equal-unique biological persons. Human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. Human society has started with man Adam and women Eve, whom Elohim created as complete human beings sharing love and care. (Gen 1:1-2:9, Gen 1:26-28; Gen 2:7; Gen 2:21-24; Exod 31:17; Psa 19:1; Psa33:6-9, Mal 2:14-15; Prov 31:10-31; Isa 43:7, Jer 10:12-13; Mat 5:27-28; Mat 31-32; Mat 19:4-6; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18; Rom 1:20; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:9; I Cor 7:1-4; Eph 5:25-33; Col 1:16; Col 3:18-19; Heb 11:3; Heb13:4; 1Pet 3:1-7; Psa 139:13; Isa 49:1; Jer 1:5; Gal 1:15, Rev 4:1).