Chapter 2

John 5:25 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the **voice** of the Son of YHWH: and they that hear shall live."

Zephaniah 3:18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly (<mow'ed> season/feast), who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden".

The Messianic Movement and Torah

If I had to typify myself at this point I would have to assess that I am a, Sacred Name New Covenant Messianic First Century Believer. For the Messianic First Century Believers (including Gentile converts) were still in Weekly 7th Day Synagogue Assembly, Learning Torah, Keeping Sabbath and the Annual 'Mow'edims': - Annual Sabbaths/ Appointed Times/ Seasons/Memorials i.e. Feasts. The actual Messianic First Century Believers originally worshiped with what non-distinctively is now generally referred to as Orthodoxy (be it Orthodoxy, Conservative or Reform) and the various groups thereof, under the full knowledge of ALL the Apostles, including Paul knowing full well;

Acts 15:21 "For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day". [Expanded in Chapter 3]

By way of becoming more transparent ... even though there have been several encouragements over the past few years, it was the 'Roee' of a small Messianic Israel Congregation in Lucerne Valley California that both ultimately with the Congregation, under the leading of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (The Set-Apart [Holy] Spirit) that prayed for, anointed, listened and encouraged, convincing me to actually write this book. I sincerely cherish and thank YHWH for them.

Since we will be more openly exploring the topic of Torah (Genesis thru Deuteronomy) in this chapter, it is appropriately here to openly state that; the intent of

this book is to decisively show that the 'Book of the Covenant' i.e.: Ex.19:5 - 24:8 spoken of in Torah at Exodus 19:5 - 24:8 is of Scriptural evidence **NOT** the same as the 'Book of the Law' (Dt.31:26) also spoken of in Torah. I further assert to go on record that I am not speaking against Torah; I am speaking to 'rightly dividing' the Word of Truth. That Word of Truth is also contained in Torah. First of all the Hebrew word for 'covenant' is <bar/>bariyth>, while the Hebrew word translated as 'law' is <towrah>. It is also of pointed interest to factor in the awareness that the Jewish concept of "KOL V' KHOMER" is an historic Hebrew principle of 'light' and 'heavy', which recognizes that certain commandments and laws, are of greater weight than others. We see at Mat.23:23 that Yahshua Himself used this concept:

Mat.23:23 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the **weightier matters of the law**, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

However, in our western non-Hebrew mind-set ... to only understand Torah as 'Law' (as popularly accepted) supremely is a most unfortunate conveyed definitional concept; for most correctly 'Torah' defined seems to mean the 'Successive Light of Teaching and Instruction'. This is borne out in the Hebrew root words that make up the word "Torah" or 'Towrah'

08447. rwt **tow**r, tore or tor {tore}; from 8446; a **succession**, i.e. a string or (abstractly) **order**:--border, row, turn.

0216. rwa 'owr, ore from 215; illumination or (concrete) luminary (in every sense, including lightning, happiness, etc.):--bright, clear, + day, light (-ning), morning, sun. 0215. rwa 'owr, ore a primitive root; to be (causative, make) luminous (literally and metaphorically):--X break of day, glorious, kindle, (be, en-, give, show) light (-en, -ened), set on fire, shine.

03384. hry yarah, yaw-raw' or (2 Chr. 26:15) yara; {yaw-raw'}; a primitive root; properly, to **flow as water (i.e. to rain)**; transitively, to lay or throw (especially an arrow, i.e. to shoot); figuratively, to point out (as if by aiming the finger), **to teach**:--(+) archer, cast, direct, inform, **instruct**, lay, shew, shoot, **teach**(-er,-**ing**), through.

Note: Please notice; that while the Torah implications and purposes of 'Law' is somewhat implied, neither the definition 'of' or 'as' Law ... nor the word "Law" ... nor for that matter the word "Covenant" appear. Please also notice; all the rich Biblical and mental imagery ...both Old and New Testament i.e. "Children of Light, Light unto the World, Let Your Light so Shine, The Refiner's Fire, Fire of Mt. Sinai, Fire of Shavuot ('Pentecost'), Yahweh is a consuming Fire, Living Water, Water Baptism, You have been

Washed, Water of the Word, Drink freely, If any man Thirst, Former Rain, Latter Rain, Yahweh causes His Rain to fall on the Just and the unjust, etc."

Note; the Former Rain and Latter Rain are from the **same** cloud!!!

Deut. 32:1 "Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of My mouth. 2 My doctrine <leqach> shall drop as the rain, My speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of YHWH (Yahweh): ascribe ye greatness unto Elohim. 4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: an Elohim of Truth and without iniquity, just and right is He."

03948. xql leqach, leh'-kakh from 3947; properly, something received, i.e. (mentally) **instruction** (whether on the part of the teacher or hearer); also (in an active and sinister sense) inveiglement:--**doctrine**, learning, fair speech.

Clearly **doctrine** specifically Yahweh's **doctrine**, is irrefutably contained in the one and the same Torah! This alone ... among other things, should peak an interest to educate ourselves to discernment. It is with this understanding we can know with increased certainty what Yahshua, John, All the Apostles and to this book's point; the Apostle Paul was in earnest trying to convey, (dealing directly with Torah issues) as to what was 'changed' (Heb 7:12) as apposed to what 'remains' (2Cor 3:11, Heb 12:27). Paul continually refers to the Sinai period using phrases like; 'the fall, the rebellion, 430 yrs after, covenants of promise', etc., yet we have all heard those that teach; Paul 'did away with the law'- that agrees widely with the Denominated Churches, and that Paul 'makes NO distinction of law'- that agrees widely with both the Denominated Churches and The Torah Observant Assemblies. This is a HUGE error on both accounts in both categories.

Torah (Genesis thru Deuteronomy; the first 5 books of the Bible A.K.A: the 'Pentateuch' in Greek) in a modern understanding is a traditional 'all inclusive' confused proposition especially for the non-Hebrew. For 'Torah' is simultaneously understood to mean 'Law' while also being understood to mean the first 5 books of the Tanakh (the Old Testament) portion of the Bible, including other various interpretive liberties. There are many groups that would fall under the heading of being or attesting to be Torah Observant, with some also revering the <B'rit Chadasha> (the New Testament which can actually mean the re-New-ed Covenant), while some do not.

01285. tyrb b@riyth, ber-eeth' from 1262 (in the sense of cutting (like 1254)); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh):--confederacy, (con-)feder(-ate), **covenant**, league

02318. vdx chadash, khaw-dash' a primitive root; **to be new**; causatively, to rebuild:--**renew**, repair.

It is of critical discernment here to note that while the term '<B'rit Chadasha>' lodged as the 'New Testament' which can actually mean the re-New-ed Covenant'; that we realize there is an issue to consider here. This issue at this point of this book that has not been fully developed (as of yet); is that we must critically remember (as this presentation develops) to discern **which** portion of the New Covenant is being "re-Newed" and **which** portion of the New Covenant is wholly "new" (Jer.31:31-33). The proof has always been there, let's see where this awareness leads.

Of those that revere the Torah, the Tanakh and the New Testament (<B'rit Chadasha>), there seems to be many variants of 3 main groups; the Sacred Name Assemblies, Messianic Israel and Messianic Judaism. It has been my experience that the Sacred Name Assemblies revere the Sacred Names of YHWH-Yahweh (God the Father) and Yahshua Ha Meshiach, in various spellings and pronunciations; meaning Yahshua the Messiah (commonly taught in the Denominated Churches of Chapter one as 'Jesus the Christ'). The break down of "Yahshua" as a word does have a Hebrew meaning that would most assuredly; coupled with His message and mission would have incensed and antagonized the Religious Hierarchy of His day. From the Hebrew "YAH" (Psalms 68:4, Isa 12:2, 26:4, 38:11 NKJV) - showcases the Poetic form of Yahweh; while "SHUA" - means riches.

So we have 'riches <shuwa>', 'save <yasha`>', 'salvation <y@shuw`ah>' and Yahweh from <Yah>, therefore the Name 'Yahshua' seems most correctly to mean - 'the Rich Salvation of Yahweh', which beautifully captures the Truth of this virgin birth 'Son of Man'/'Son of YHWH'. However spelt or pronounced He is YHWH's only begotten Son. These Sacred Name Assemblies would never during assembly use the words 'God' or 'Jesus' in worship or song. It is just a matter of doing a little casual research from a good encyclopedia or dictionary that will reveal the origins of these popularly accepted names. That research will among other things reveal that the letter "J" is not found ever in either Hebrew or Greek, only to first appear in English within the last 400 years (the 1600's). This perspective then adds understanding as to why this group would refrain from such use in sermons and discussions in and out of assembly.

The Messianic Groups on the other hand depending on which group, sparingly to freely alternate between these various Names and others; Sacred or otherwise. All of these Groups however, do keep (for the most part) the Scriptural weekly Sabbath, the Scriptural Annual Memorials and the Annually Appointed Sabbaths and Feastdays. For the purpose of this book unless otherwise specified these groups will be hereafter referred to as the "Torah Observant Assemblies." (Note: There is a 4th consideration to be mentioned. There are some Church Denominations that similarly revere Torah, the Sabbath and the Feastdays, that also place varying degrees to no importance at all on the Sacred Names. They are for the most part the different factions and splinter groups of the original World Wide Church of God and some lesser in number various Church Groups

including a notable SDA (Seventh Day Adventist)¹ faction that have come to embrace a more Messianic message. These groups would typify the various stages of the 'Ekklesia' coming out of the error and paganism that have crept in of old and now permeate the modern present day so-called 'Church' at large).

Before we go further; there is another group that is an anomaly of sorts, that most when thinking of the 'Messianic Jews or Christian Jews' would like to understand more clearly for this group does present a unique clarity challenge. It must be understood that the group called 'Jews for Jesus' must be thought of as another Sunday keeping Denomination. For even though they are 'Jewish' and seek to retain a certain metered level of that heritage, they cannot be thought of as Torah Observant ... as they do not keep Feasts ... and they do not keep the 7th Day Sabbath. They have embraced the Jewish/Israelite Messiah at the expense of being taught by what can be termed as Orthodox Mainstream Christian Theology that includes Sunday, Christmas, Easter and the like.

Unlike the Denominated Churches of Chapter 1, that claim to be 'Not Under the Law' the Torah Observant Assemblies assert all law primarily via the Torah. Some of these Torah Assemblies including some of the Torah Church Groups, for that reason can stress a variance of many codes including; dress codes, entertainment codes, music codes, hair codes, full beards, physical circumcision, head coverings, various apparels, various accessories, ritual observances, ritual customs, extended annual observances and the list could go on. For the most part they see Torah as an indivisible block mass that must not be divided, sectioned or variantly understood as any part thereof diminished or portioned. Yet they themselves understand that to sacrifice in this New Testament age is not appropriate, which of necessity itself must be sectioned out of Torah and assigned new meaning.

The major reason for this 'assigned new meaning' being that Yahshua was/is the Sacrifice to end all animal sacrifice. In particular the various Messianic Jewish groups also understand the Jewish concept of "KOL V' KHOMER" (afore mentioned). Some teach that Torah is actually; quote, "Any Word of God", and in the purest sense ... in a very specific way, it very much can be. And in that sense I would assert that the directive to "rightly divide the Word of Truth" (2Tim.2:15) should then carry the weight of that expanded understanding. Still the problem lies with that 'all inclusive' nonspecific reasoning; that if it is accepted without knowledge, explanation or discernment, it will only further exacerbate and confuse an already frustrated problem. The problem being that to broaden the definition of 'Torah' to include any word attributable to 'YHWH', real or imagined, certainly would surpass the traditional parameters of being the 1st five books of the Bible i.e. the Books of Moses.

The logical follow-thru of this reasoning could then include and extend beyond the New Testament, logically the Bible itself. This situation then makes it more understandable how many could assume the 'Jewish Talmud' 'Oral Tradition', etc. as being on par to Torah. We must understand that YHWH's authentic word (traditional Torah) will not violate or be violated by YHWH's authentic word (extended Torah). To

suppose otherwise would then leave us in the nether world of having to test lying spirits against a writing, a tradition or the word of an unknown spirit claiming to be the word of YHWH via this broadened Torah definition that supposes any such 'word' as Torah. Immediately raising 'red flags' especially if this alternate 'word' contradicts the Bible.

.Notice! - It is for this reason through out the application of this book I will use the term 'Torah' as defined in the Scriptural Biblical sense being understood as; 'Moses' (Psalms103:7, John 5:46), 'the book of Moses', (Nem.13:1, Mark 12:26) and/or 'the Law ('Torah') of Moses' (1Kings 2:3, Mal 4:4, Luke 24:44, Acts 28:23) as Being the First Five Books accepted as being the writings of Moses. Also note that, while it remains that there are various non-Messianic 'Jewish' groups, included basically under 3 main headings being the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform; my use of the word 'Orthodox' throughout the confines of this book serves only to identify that collective group as a whole that do not accept the writings of the <B'rit Chadasha> i.e. the New Testament.

Note; continuing in the same thought of Bible contradictions; it is alarmingly noteworthy that some articles I have read; actually seek to predispose the readers (mainly Torah Observant {Orthodox inclusive}) to a suggested teaching stating basically that when Messiah comes compliance to him should be rendered even in the face of Biblical contradiction. That my friend is most dangerous for Satan is to masquerade as the returning Messiah (2Th 2:3-4) and his chief aim is to contradict Scripture, specifically Torah. The Jews (in general ... Messianic inclusive) have already been pre-desensitized of themselves through their own extra-non-Biblical sources to this type of compromising. The issue to remember here is that any authentic 'conveyed' Word of YHWH will both rightly fit and not contradict any authentic 'written' Word of YHWH in or out of traditional Torah. To suppose otherwise would ignore the Biblical safeguards of 'checks and balance' (Isaiah 8:20, James 2:12) destined only to further confuse an already clarity challenged situation.

Of this expanded Torah group and those that teach Torah as traditionally understood, most will actively uphold or at least do lip service to the 613 laws ... understanding that 248 of those laws are deemed positive ... while 365 are deemed negative. With some teaching that Yahshua embodied the Torah and thus all 613 laws, which sounds great until you actually read and compare the seemingly conflicting accounts conveying what some of these laws actually include. Especially when you recall the Pauline verbiage concerning carnal (Heb 7:16, 9:10) as apposed to Spiritual (1John 3:24, Rom.7:14) commandments. This group in particular would identify with and include most factions of Messianic Judaism who identify strongly with the thought, concepts, language, traditions, heritage and culture classically distinguishing Orthodox Judaism. Some of which is highly useful in both knowledge and direction, but would nonetheless advisably be approached in prayful researched discernment.

Again in a real sense we owe Orthodox Judaism a huge debt of thanks for even keeping Torah alive. But as stated they have kept much more alive than just Torah. Coupled with the extended embracements of Orthodoxy there are those on the Messianic side of Judaism, that while also embracing the New Testament many times take a

defensive posture, or at the very least a very dim view of those even asking questions that would table discussion concerning these considerations especially to an issue's contrary. Specifically should it cast a valid doubt in the direction of and/or the obedient affirmation to the obedient execution of these 613 laws, while being defensive on other traditions and issues as well. Which is a puzzlement (or not so puzzling) when you consider and become aware of the conflicting applications of what they (Messianic Judaism) following Orthodox Judaism, actually do.

For instance; Rosh Ha Shana is said to be ... and observed as the Jewish New Year. This means that by default they have effectively taught, or at the very least allowed the whole world to assume, that the Jewish (thus YHWH's Biblical) New Year starts in the autumn part of the year in no less than the month that YHWH Himself calls and designates as the "7th" month (Lev.23:23-25). This post Babylonian captivity second temple period tradition is excused as being the Jewish 'civil' New Year or 'Head' of the Year. This 'post Babylonian tradition' is in total contradiction of the Torah and the 613 laws they (the Messianic and the Orthodox alike) attest to affirm (Deut. 4:2, Rev. 22:18). Torah in Exodus12 states clearly that the spring month which YHWH called "Abib", meaning 'Green Ears' containing the observance of the Passover on the 14th, is to be the beginning of the New Year.

When speaking to Jews (Messianic or otherwise) on this subject, I have found that you have to be very clear with the terms you are using as well as the terms they are using. To many Jewish (Messianic or otherwise) people that have grown up with these traditions ... to say one thing some frequent times is to synonymously mean; and mean to include, implying the other; as if they were one in the same. That is; for you questioning a Jew (Messianic or otherwise) to state the term 'Rosh Ha Shana' is to "mean" to them by use and implication 'Yom Taru`ah- Feast of Trumpets', which is purely incorrect. For if you are insistent enough to ask what the direct Hebrew to English translation of what the term 'Rosh Ha Shana' actually means, if they are truthful they will have to answer "'Head' of the Year", which plainly does not mean or indicate 'Yom Taru`ah' in any way.

Then it gets stickier; even when you have established this distinction in terms, most will invariably 'remarry' the terms using them interchangeably; effectively attempting to retain the former non-distinctive traditional understanding. Many times you have to insistently tenaciously redefine and re-verify the terms being used even in that very conversation, watching out for word plays. People are people ... people many times will defend the paradigm tooth and nail of what they think they know; the Jewish people (Messianic or otherwise) are in that respect as well as many others no different from their counterparts in the 'Denominated Churches'. Here is what YHWH in 'His' Torah instruction defines as the cycle point of the New Year or 'Head' of the Year ... and there is **no** other!

Ex 12:1 "And YHWH spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."

Ex.13:4 "This day came ye out in the month Abib."

Ex.23:15 "Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the **time appointed** of the month **Abib**; for in it thou camest **out** from Egypt: ... "

Ex.34:18 "The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month **Abib**: for in the month Abib thou camest **out** from Egypt."

Deut.16:1 "Observe the month of **Abib**, and keep the Passover unto YHWH thy Elohim: for in the month of **Abib** YHWH thy Elohim brought thee forth out of Egypt by night."

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Ex.12:2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you".

The only way this simple statement can be confused is willfully. Remember, they were just coming out of Egypt; these Israelite slaves didn't have a civil anything! Then compare that with Deut.4:2 from the same Torah! Also some will say that the quote unquote term "beginning of months" is some how different than the quote unquote term "New Year or 'Head' of the Year" this turns out to be a 'song and dance' 'word play'. If you accept the traditional Jewish 'civil' "New Year" view as Biblical or see this in sympathy as a viably valid statement then answer this question; just how is it that when the month of 'Abib' comes around the next year, how is this **not** again "your beginning of months" Ex.12:2 quote un-quote? And just where in Torah is there Commanded any other? This month of 'Abib' also (as all other months) has a Rosh Khodesh - "the 'new moon' head of the month" ... as YHWH's Ex.12:2 Command shouldn't 'Abib' be the month that is made the New Year fuss over instead of being ignored? Shouldn't we do what YHWH said instead of 'adlib' what He didn't, obeying someone else's constructed imagination; Talmud, tradition or otherwise?

Num.15:39 "And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of YHWH, and **do them**; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which **ye** use to go a whoring:"

Deut.4:2 "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YHWH

your Elohim which I command you."

Deut 6:7 "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

(Deut.11:19; 31:19)

These are strong words; evidently YHWH knew what would happen and what would continue to happen. You that are quick enough to realize that Dt.4:2, would also seemingly preclude what is being presented in this book concerning the divisioning of law categories and Covenant must remember what this verse actually says; You, Me, They, We can not add to or subtract from YHWH's Word. Even though YHWH of Himself must honor His side of a Covenant made, He does not have to honor His side of a Covenant that has been broken by the other party. That is exactly what Israel; all Israel did [Expanded in Chapters 5 & 6] giving YHWH the legal right to break an already broken Covenant to do a 'New Thing' with the New Covenant.

Isaiah 43:18 "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a **new thing**; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to *my people, my chosen*."

Note; "<u>my people, my chosen</u>"... is both ...Book of the Covenant and New Covenant Language. (Ex.19:5-6, 1Pt.2:5, 9)

Jer.31:31 "Behold, the days come, saith the YHWH, that I will make a **new covenant** with the **house of Israel**, **and** with the **house of Judah**:

32 **Not** according to the covenant that I made with **their** fathers in the day that I took **them** by the hand to bring (**All of**) **them** out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant **they brake**, although I was an **husband** unto **them**, saith YHWH: 33 But **this shall be the covenant** that I will make with (**all**) the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put **'my law'** in **their** inward parts, and write it in **their** hearts; and will be **their** Elohim, and **they** shall be **my people**."

What is more is that no less than three Jewish observances converge on this same 7th month 1st day; 1] Rosh Ha Shana - the Head of the Jewish Civil Tradition Year, 2] Rosh Khodesh - the 'new moon' head of the month (note; each new month has a 'Rosh Khodesh'), and 3] the Annual Sabbath <mo`ed> Appointed Time of Yom Taru`ah - literally - 'Day of Blowing' - Feast of (silver) Trumpets <yowbel> (Ex.19:13), ['shofar' (Ex.19:19) as the title 'Trumpets' somewhat implies however functionally being definitely included]. So what has happened is that this Jewish un-Biblical Tradition of Rosh Ha Shana found no where in the instruction of Torah or the balance of the Bible, has replaced, usurped, and obscured the instructed Torah command to Keep the Feast of Trumpets (Lev.3:24) and the legitimate New Year first month of 'Abib'.

If you question this just look at your kitchen calendar, find the 'Day of Atonement'- Yom Kippur (Sept./Oct., roughly equaling the 7th month of the Jewish lunar calendar) and find what Jewish day preceded it by 10 days. Now can you identify it? In your Bibles? Ask yourself; who is responsible for this ... YHWH or Talmud? That is ... is it Torah commanded or not? What got top billing? What got covered up? Please contact me if you can present any clear Biblical Torah reference that gives any of us the right to divide what is Torah from what is Scriptural inserting what is imagined to be Civil.

Lev.23:4 "These are the **feasts** of YHWH, even <u>holy</u> <u>convocations</u>, which ye shall proclaim in their <u>seasons."</u> (Appointed Time).

Lev.3:24 "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh** month, in the **first day** of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of **trumpets**, an *holy convocation*."

(Note ... the glaring lack of 'Rosh Ha Shana' verbiage)

Lev.23:27 "Also on the **tenth day** of this **seventh** month there shall be a day of **atonement:** it shall be an *holy convocation* unto you."

Notice what this Torah instruction reveals. It exposes the Jewish Tradition of Rosh Ha Shana - Head of the Jewish Tradition Year as a 'fable' (Titus 1:14). How can this - 'Head of the Jewish Tradition' New Year start in a 7th month? Exposing the Messianics following Talmudic Judaism doing exactly as Yahshua the 'Messiah' (of which they derive/get the name 'Messianic') clearly condemned.

Mat.15:6 "... Thus have ye made the commandment of YHWH of none effect by your tradition."

Just search-engine word search some of these considerations 'Rosh Ha Shana ', 'Talmud', etc. online for more than you ever wanted to know; and ask yourself how this could be that any one claiming to follow the New Testament Messiah would revere this

questionably spurious work so highly so as to ignore, redirect and hide Biblical Torah instruction? What I find so overtly reprehensible is that Rosh Ha Shana many times is directly referenced as "Biblical" to the very verse groups that clearly delineate the Annual Sabbath of the Feast of Trumpets:

Lev.23:23 "And YHWH spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh** month, in the **first** day of the month, shall ye have a **Sabbath**, a memorial of blowing of **trumpets**, an holy **convocation**. 25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: ..."

So the claims of Rosh Ha Shana plainly are just that ...unfounded groundless hollow claims. The Father's Torah will and intent have clearly been altered originating from so-called 'Oral-Torah', Talmud, and/or Tradition, etc. certainly not Covenant most certainly hiding Covenant, steering millions to effectively breach Covenant. Rosh Ha Shana has been 'patched in' as Torah specifically to masquerade as Covenant. Rosh Ha Shana is not just harmless error. I believe there is more prophetically than our 'Adversary' (1Peter 5:8) wants us to understand concerning the <mow`ed> Appointed Time of Trumpets that is Covenant as it relates to end time events that play heavily into the imagery of the scrolls, bowls, trumpets, and vials of the book of Revelation that we have been blindsided to see, know or understand let alone remember to observe.

- Eze.17:15 " ... Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he (we) break the covenant, and be delivered?"
- 1Cor.15:52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last **trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
- Mat.24:31 "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a **trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other".
- 1Ths.4:16 "For YHWH himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump** of Elohim: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first:"

The possibility of this 'Rosh Ha Shana' usurpment situation is not so amazing especially when you factor in this realization; there have been those that have gone to Israel who have associations and friendships with individual Jews close enough to encourage them to read the New Testament only to hear; "I don't read the Old why

should I read the New". Much like the bulk of main stream 'Christians' that don't read (let alone study) either Testaments also.

Still another example to the contradiction of Torah and the 613 laws that again involves both the Messianic and the Orthodox alike is found just 10 Days later in a formal prayer recited during of all things ... the Commanded 'convocation' Fast of the Day of Atonement. This tradition of reciting this centuries old pre-composed prayer called the KOL NIDRE basically involves the dis -avowing of vows made under the duress of ultimatum; presented as being in response to forced 'point of death' vows extracted during the time of the 'Inquisition', etc. presumably extending to include the time of the 'Holocaust' certainly centuries after the time of Moses or the Apostles.

This dis-avowing of vows presumably also has found modern application as well being recited yearly during modern 'Atonement' observance proceedings. Not wishing to be insensitive to the very real horrors that no doubt would have tried any human being, this point nonetheless remains; the expungment of dis-avowing these types of vows might be personally comforting, but the problem is there is no Biblical provision ... prescribed in this manner for such a concession to be attached as Biblical. In other words the Scriptures show us through 'Job', 'Ruth', 'Jeremiah', many of the other Prophets and Apostles including 'Paul'; that no matter how bad the situation gets ... no matter how fierce Satan attacks, 'we'; that is all of us, are to hold to the Father's Word. Further, 'we'; that is none of us, can or have the right to manufacture, alter, change or add to Yahweh's Word that has been revealed as His Torah instruction. Those that would use this preceding sentence as an 'A-ha' you've contradicted yourself and the position of this book need to remember that it was Yahweh that caused the Torah to be written as instruction. It was also Yahweh that caused the instruction of Torah to be written for discernment. It was also Yahweh that caused the poising/positioning of these divisiondiscernment points in Torah to be revealed in His time by Paul and others. It was also Yahweh that caused 'Paul' to write to us concerning 'discernment' of the 'rightlydividing' of the 'instruction' that has always been the 'Truth' embedded in Torah.

The 'KOL NIDRE' is but one among several issues to be considered. What is more this formally composed - formally observed 'KOL NIDRE' idea is not that many degrees removed from the Catholic idea of 'absolution', which again cannot be found in the Scriptures. This situation is especially grievous for those who profess to embrace and follow Yahshua the Messiah and His New Covenant. Clearly if the Bible (the Old and New Testament) is to be followed we are to;

Mat. 5:37 " ... let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

James 5:12 "But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

And this straight from Torah and the revered 613 laws

Numbers 30:2 "If a man makes a vow to YHWH, or swears an oath to bind himself by **some** agreement, he shall **not break** his word; he shall **do** according to **all** that proceeds out of his mouth."

Could any one of these verses be much clearer? This is only a few of various examples of inconsistencies. These are not unique tempests confined to one Jewish teacup; they affect, will affect, and will continue to affect us all. Let me go on record and affirm what the Bible affirms ... 'none of us have it right'; with the Bible stating it this way:

Rom 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" (Ps.53:3)

Still things being what they are in this life; most things are not 100% one way or the other. That being said it remains that most of us would understand more of the Bible we look at if we would discern all that is Scripturally correct and pure of the Hebrew mind-set and heart. These stated examples and all the ones left unstated certainly do not amount to the unpardonable sin (Mt 12:31). However these situations and the less-than Scriptural responses ought never to have been ... any of it ... the forced vows, the abandonment of faith, ... the willingness to presume upon Scripture ... the construction of an 'absolved-ment' prayer and at that with the expressed purpose of being perpetually observed as tradition concurrent with ... at the same level of ... definitely added to ... YHWH's <mow'ed> Appointed Time? ... His Solemn Commanded Day of Atonement? And then taught (or at the very least allowed to be assumed) at that level of Traditional-Scriptural conjunction as if it was somehow 'grandfathered' in as Sacred?

Deut.17:13 "And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously"

There are some 'Jewish' traditions that on the surface can arguably seem 'presumptive', but upon a closer look, in the purest of application, ultimately are not. Messianic Judaism following what is attributable to the Talmud Traditions of Orthodox Judaism most usually upon a young boy's 13th birthday hold a 'Bar-Mitzvah'; being translated as installing this young man as a 'Son of the Covenant'. A similar ceremony called a 'Bat-Mitzvah' is held for a young lady. The problem is that the term 'covenant' specifically as it applies to the designation of 'Son of the Covenant' to the Messianic and Orthodox Jewish mind-set includes many things that are not covenant at all and must be 'rightly divided'. Though the performance of this ceremony is not directly Biblically stated as a Biblical edict, its roots are solidly in the same Torah that instructs us to;

of Moses."

Which can be said is like taking on the mantle or the 'yoke' of Torah; for the word 'yoke' is synonymous to the word 'Torah' and does have New Testament application, wasn't it Yahshua who said:

Mat.11:29 "Take my yoke <zugos> upon you ... 30 "For my yoke <zugos> is easy, and my burden <phortion> is light."

2218. zugov zugos, dzoo-gos'

from the root of zeugnumi (to join, especially by a "yoke"); a coupling, i.e. (figuratively) servitude (a **law** or **obligation**); also (literally) the beam of the balance (as connecting the scales):--pair of balances, **yoke**

5413. fortion phortion, for-tee'-on

diminutive of 5414; an invoice (as part of freight), i.e. (figuratively) a **task** or **service:--burden.**

See Greek 5342 (phero)

5342. ferw phero, fer'-o

a primary verb -- for which other, and apparently not cognate ones are used in certain tenses only; namely, oio oy'-o; and enegko en-eng'-ko

to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows):--be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, + let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold.

Rev.14:12 "Here is the patience ('endurance' some translations) of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of YHWH, and the faith of Yahshua."

We must realize and remember what Yahshua's 'yoke' and 'burden' was and was not. It was not in the keeping and living out of Levitical prescriptive 'transgression' sin payment laws. Yahshua's life both in the 'here' and the 'hereafter' was/is obedient to the 'statutes ('commandments') YHWH spoke' to the hearing of the Sinai assembly - His Father's Oath and Covenant. The supreme fact to be garnered from this 'child of the Covenant/Torah yoke' situation is that every one identifying himself/herself as a Christian ... every one identifying himself/herself as a recipient of Biblical Salvation needs to see the significance of being self-aware of ... and seeing themselves as 1] a Covenant Blood bought child of YHWH, 2] a Covenant Blood bought child of YHWH's Covenant that is to grow in that Covenant, 4] that is to grow in that Covenant instruction, and 5] Thereby conduct ourselves accordingly.

The Hebraic-Jewish concept of 'Lashon-Ha`ra' being defined as the 'evil speaking tongue' is another concept that is solidly rooted in scripture;

Psalms 34:13 "Keep thy tongue <lashown> from evil <ra`>, and thy lips from speaking guile."

But this has nonetheless sprouted Talmudic and other interpretive liberties. With some adopting an approach that resembles the "See no Evil, Hear no Evil, Speak no Evil" axiom not heard of much these days. Following these do have thier virtues; it also has its downfalls. Without going too far into this suffice it to say that if an evil enters your group but you cannot or will not discuss it or warn others of it, in other words if you will not "See, Hear, Speak" about it ... How can you ever hope to effectively deal with it. The premier point is that the ones that love to saddle others with the concept of 'Lashon-Ha`ra' need to remember is than Satan would love nothing more than to use your own law to muzzle the tongue of someone that would call evil for what it is. We can all see this very clearly especially if you along with your administrators are doing this; be it consistently or selectively. There is a difference between dealing with issues of Righteousness which necessarily includes dealing with issues of Un-Righteousness and those that get a 'payoff' charge out of knowing, spreading or worse using information to build themselves up while defaming others/tearing others down. Again; 'discernment' is paramount.

Still another contradictory issue that even some from the Denominated Churches use during various discussions to exposé their 'Jewish' knowledge on the subject is a teaching that asserts a difference between 'gentile' believers being designated as "God Fearers" supposing them to only have to obey a postulated diminished provision supposed under the Noahtic Covenant and those that must obey Torah. Well well let's see what Torah and no doubt this portion of the 613 laws have to say;

Ex.12:49 "One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you."

Lev.24:22 "Ye shall have **one** manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am YHWH your Elohim."

Num.15:29 "Ye shall have **one** law for him that sinneth through ignoreance, **both** for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them."

By way of helping the reader understand that has never explored any of what is commonly called 'Jewish' before; this understanding should be in place: the reoccurring Messianic Jewish excuse for following and doing as the Orthodox is that of trying to 'win' the Orthodox to the Messiah and the Messianic message. But to do so in this way leaves the residue of this question ... How can you authentically win a non-believer over by doing what they do? ... Especially at the expense of not doing what you're supposed to do? Remember it was Yahshua who said;

John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up ..., (I) will draw all men unto me."

According to the New Testament ... According to Paul ... Judah is to be provoked to jealousy ... to emulation ... embracing the Gospel; not complied with by being imitated/emulated.

Rom.11:11 "I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to **provoke** them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles."

Rom.11:14 "If by any means I may **provoke** to **emulation** them which are my flesh, and might save some of them."

It is one thing to want to evangelize the Truth, it is quite another to 'cave' ... that is to compromise doing exactly what YHWH has told us not to do, even if the intention of that reason is thought to be justifiably wonderful.

Lev.18:3 "... neither shall ye walk in their ordinances."

1Cor.10:22 "Or do we provoke YHWH to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?"

Please hear me; the laity; that is the 'flock', the every day Messianic Jewish people are very warm and loving; as are the laity of most any other group. The problem is what these warm and loving 'rank and file' people of these respective 'flocks' are being taught. That being only what is sanctioned by the controlling administrating respective entities as being allowed to be taught. Messianic Judaism as a whole without a doubt embraces more truth than most are even aware of to consider. However; Messianic Judaism wanting to both identify with and evangelize (*per-se*) Orthodox Judaism equally wanting to evangelize (*per-se*) the 'Denominated Churches' (at least those ones that are coming out of these groups) seek to do so in varied ways that include this same tactic; that of placating to and/or adopting some of their respective unscriptural practices. It is for this reason that Messianic Judaism as an administrated whole, as long as this situation prevails has in the purest of terms actually compromised themselves; and at that on both fronts.

It is freely asserted by both Orthodox and Messianic alike, no doubt as taught by their respective Rabbi's, that "part of a 'mitsvah' is still a 'mitsvah'" ... 'mitsvah' being a commanded observance. This sounds great at first, until you reason this out. First there is no Bible verbiage that supports this reasoning. In fact the Bible commands us to place a difference between the 'pure' and the 'profane'; to be of a single mind, as in 'all your soul, mind and strength'. This Rabbinic adage of "part of a 'mitsvah' is still a 'mitsvah'" is as

saying 'part of a right is still right'. Now ... if only part of the whole is right and right and wrong are our only choices, what is the other part? Wouldn't this Rabbinic adage be just as correct to say that; part of a wrong is still wrong? ... or ... that part of an evil is still an evil? We must be very careful here for even though the intention may be the best intention among best intentions; this is Satan's premier tactic mixing a little reasoned error into what is a partial or specified Scriptural Truth.

1Cor.5:6 "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

As stated the Torah Observant groups that revere Yahshua as Messiah, keep both Sabbath Feasts (Weekly &Annual) and teach YHWH (with other traditional names). Any division between Covenant and law would present a challenge, calling into question most everything that they have held as sacred, including these other 'traditional names' of 'God', alternate traditional sources (Talmud, Targum, Mishna, Gamara, Oral), etc. that foster alternate beyond Scriptural practices and inclusions ... beyond even the traditionally upheld 613 laws. Which, again, some go so far as to teach that the 613 laws are Yahshua, because Yahshua is touted as the living Torah. Let me be very clear; Yahshua certainly embodies the Spiritual Torah Light of teaching and instruction, however, this does not include what Paul terms as 'carnal commands'.

Heb.7:16 "Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life."

Which presents this quandary; these that would identify with this group obviously revere the 'Brit Chadasha' (the New Testament). Much of the New Testament was written by Rabbi Sha`ul, commonly known as, the Apostle Paul. The Torah Observant Assemblies evidencing their reluctance to consider Torah in any way divisible ... let alone any portion 'set aside', 'reconciled', etc. seriously have to disregard the unmistakable chronicled evidence understood by the Apostle Paul to the contrary. What is most disturbing is there are those that are more than happy to do just that.

Yet it remains evident that while some of these non-category distinct 613 laws would be in the various Covenants; the Creation, Adamic, Noahatic, Abrahamic, Mosaic/Sinai-Book of the Covenant, the bulk of these laws would be directly from the Book of the Law that are not Covenant Laws at all. To defend a non-distinction in Torah, ignores that we are to 'rightly divide' the word of Truth (2 Tm.2:15).

To the Point, it should be understood that; - the 'Book of the Law' does NOT mean the 'Book or Books of the Torah' as is widely allowed to be commonly assumed, and many times most assertively taught. As if these 5 Books were Law Books? This extrapolated designation of 'Torah' being understood as the first FIVE Books **intact**, itself is NOT substantiated by any "Torah" Scriptural edict to do so. Coupled with the common word definition of Torah being Law-any law (or any assumed word of 'God' *per-se*), does a huge disservice to the understanding of Torah.

As stated 'The Torah' is more correctly understood as being 'the Successive Light of Teaching and Instruction'. That light shines from a fixed Biblical position. The 'Torah' ... specifically 'the Five Books of Moses' is a fixed position emanation ... in other words; it is like a trillion candle-power flashlight in your hand in a fixed position being that your hand can never leave your wrist ... just as 'the 1st Five Books of Moses' will always be 'the 1st Five Books of Moses'. That 'Successive' light shines from that position. That position doesn't change yet the light from that position illuminates completely ... continually.

'Torah' as such is locked into position to define, divide and/or adjust any subsequent thought or claim ... primarily to confirm and evidence the Truth as in fact being "the Truth" and as such is as much; Accounts of Creation, History, Life Situations (including Bad), Wars, Blessings, Accounts of obedience, Accounts of dis- obedience, Accounts of Idolatry and Profane Worship, Accounts of YHWH's Blessings, pronouncements, withholdings, punishments and intervenings, etc., that included the preserved defining accounts of Covenants (both content and context) that contain Covenant Laws (Torahs) ... and other 'non-covenant' laws {torahs} that maintenanced, (specifically) the Sinai Covenant that both governed and 'Betrothed' Israel to YHWH as a community... as a nation ... as a people.

These 'non-covenant' laws {torahs} most correctly cannot be construed or understood as Covenant Law. To the point, ALL of the actual Mt. Sinai 'Covenant Laws' neither were instituted under a 'Levitical Priesthood' (Heb.7:11) nor were 'added' by transgression (Gal.3:10, 19; Ex.19:10). [Expanded in Chapters 3, 4 & 5] This Covenant/Law divisioning also poses an indirect challenge to the non to semi-scriptural Talmud, Kabalah, Protocol, & Traditions (both civil and oral) embedded in Jewish teaching extending to the legitimacy of a Rabbinic Priesthood usurpment, (again) found no where in Scripture, and thus can neither be found in the Torah nor the 613 laws.

Note: You may want to check this out yourself; but the understanding I have been led to indicates that post 2nd Temple period Pharisee's had the Knowledge while the Sadducee's had the physical (tribe of)'Levi' Linage. Also; there does seem to be a difference between being informally called 'Rabbi' meaning 'Teacher' such as you would see in the Gospels ... and the formal credentialing ordained 'empowerment' of a Rabbinic Priesthood Hierarchy (Din) that cannot seem to be evidenced in or by the Gospels, the New Testament, the Old Testament, The Torah or the 613 laws. This ordaining 'Din' situation presents a dubiously spurious (Highly Questionable) Scriptural basis and/or the deferment to alternate 'non' and/or 'extra' Biblical Tradition, seeking to legitimize a Scriptural Authority to do so.

Considering all of this that has been presented in this chapter so far; it is of particular interest to note that according to a study purportedly compiled by Orthodox Jews on Messianic Judaism relayed to me by Angus Wootten who is Head of the Messianic Israel Alliance³, that there is a high percentage of those that are converted out of Churches to Messianic Judaism that ultimately convert to Orthodox Judaism by way of ... through ... Messianic Judaism. These 'study' findings would indicate compelling

evidence seriously suggesting that these 'Non-Covenant distinct' 613 laws and these 'Non-Scriptural' other sources common to both groups when considered with all this other 'stuff' have paved the way to foster this situation.

This Messianic self-facilitated 'situation' is even more compelling; coupled with the understanding of the Very Pentecostal ideas that permeate many Messianic groups that vacillate, hot and cold on other issues as well. Of particular interest is the 'Oneness' of the Father and the Son; this very New Covenant foundation gets 'morphed' to the non-distinct idea that the Father 'IS' the Son. Also to be calculated in is the awareness that some of Messianic Judaism and even some of Messianic Israel as well still hold to the idea of a yet unbroken - thus current Sinai Covenant for only the House of Judah (see chapter 6 &7) as they assert that the House of Judah was never divorced or put 'away'. This is yet another factor of the move toward Orthodoxy.

If accepted, it then becomes possible to see the Sinai Covenant (as traditionally purported) remaining valid along side the New Covenant, with a certain logical rationale extending the option to embrace one **or** the other. In other words being (assumedly) that there are actually 'two buses out of town'; so to speak. One starts to see a plausible scenario ... Orthodoxy reveres the Father, the 613 laws and the 'other sources', Orthodoxy does not accept Yahshua as Messiah and therefore cannot/does not accept the New Covenant. Orthodoxy asserts a yet unbroken - thus current Sinai Covenant, many Messianics (Israel and Judaism) do also. If one accepts these (especially believing there is an option) and sees the Father and the Son as identically the same 'one', the distinction between Orthodox and Messianic Judaism (including Messianic Israel) would understandably start to blur ... fading to nonexistence. Causing some of these church converts to ultimately abandon the New Testament and the Messiah ... promised and prophesied to come in the Old Testament that did come in the New Testament.

Before you become excessively defensive; none of us can conclusively fathom all that there is to know about YHWH. The 'Oneness' issue for me personally is of low priority normally until someone starts to push it. I believe it is an error. I believe I can amply prove that position. However, I believe that it is benign enough so long as it is not mixed with any variation of the above mentioned. Of itself as an issue of Salvation or Reward will no doubt continue to be debated, on the other hand just like epoxy glue that has to have 2 components to become hardened; 'the Oneness' issue can crystallize when mixed ... if accepted can cause you to deny either the Son or the Father ... or can cause you to see/deny the Son 'as' the Father. For Messianics (Israel and Judaism) this can cause a move in favor of Orthodoxy that clearly both denies their Messiah and all the Old Testament prophecies proving His authenticity and the validity of the 'New Covenant' they were/are to receive. Such ones have placed themselves in a position that has direct bearing on both the issues of Salvation and Reward. Thankfully on that issue Yahweh will be the judge. While we're on the subject, by way of personal observation ... it is a sad commentary that someone would actually discover the Hebrew/Israelite/Judeo roots of Christianity, break out of that set of christian and church errors, many times at the cost of sacrificing personal traditions, family favor and the closeness of longtime friends only to come out into another mixed up truth-error receipt.

- John 5:23 "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."
- 1John 2:22 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Yahshua is the Messiah? He is anti-Messiah (anti-christ), that denieth the Father **and** the Son."
- 1John 4:14 "And we have seen and do testify that the Father **sent** the Son to be the Saviour of the world."
- 2 John 1:9 "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Messiah, hath not YHWH. He that abideth in the doctrine of Messiah, he hath **both** the Father **and** the Son".

Compare this with these little known revelations from the Old Testament: (Please note the numbered articles.)

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Isa.48:16 "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from
the time that it was, there am I: and now

1] YHWH, and 2] His Spirit, hath 3] sent me." ...
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Now ask yourself ... Who could possibly be speaking?

Isa.61:1 "The 2] Spirit of 1] YHWH Elohim is upon 3] me; because 1] YHWH hath anointed 3] me to preach good tidings unto the meek; 1] He hath sent 3] me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound"

That is restated in the New Testament at Yahshua's announcement of His Ministry:

Luke 4:18 "The 2] Spirit of 1] YHWH Elohim is upon 3] Me, because 1] He has anointed 3] Me to preach the gospel to the poor; 1] He has sent 3] Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;"

Whether you believe the concept of 'Trinity' or the concept of 'Duality' ... it remains clear that from these verses alone which very much have to be 'Block Logic' considered along with any verse or verse group a 'oneness' proponent could claim; that the 'oneness' concept of 'One and Only' coupled with the Hebrew plurality words of 'Elohim' and 'Echad' is clearly not an option in either Testament.

Pertinent to the fuller understanding of this Covenant distinct from law divisioning ... or being more to the point ... the opposition to it; is the Ezekiel 37 passage that has become of recent years to be heavily proof-texted and coined as 'The Two House Theory' [Expanded in Chapter 6]

Ezekiel 37:15 "The word of YHWH came again unto me, saying, 16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, <u>and</u> for the <u>children</u> of <u>Israel</u> his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, <u>and</u> for <u>all</u> the house of Israel his companions: 17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand."

This prophesy is the main source of varied contentions between Messianic Judaism and all other Torah Observant groups (Messianic Israel and/or Church, etc. including some factions [mainly individuals] of Messianic Judaism itself) that hold this 'Two House Theory' as prophetically valid. The main contending groups being the Messianic Israel factions. However as stated; there are a small portion of those of Messianic Judaism who do agree that the expected fulfillment of this prophesy is valid. With good reason; Ezekiel 37 is a prophesy by virtue of verse :11 to "the whole house of Israel". "The whole house of Israel" unmistakable refers to all 12 tribes not just the Jews. But the various Messianic Judaism Associations (UMJA, UMJC, MJAA. etc.) that seek to retain and would exert governing influence on Messianic Judaism, have for the most part abandon and/or do not endorse, in fact in many cases actively discourage (under reported threat) those that would teach the so-coined 'Two House Theory'. As a result many have bowed to this guideline due in no small part to, again, to Messianic Judaism's desire to identify strongly with the thought, concepts, language, traditions, heritage and culture classically distinguishing Orthodox Judaism; this despite the fact that Orthodox Judaism has little to no reason to identify with Messianic Judaism or any other group.

Some Messianics for the purpose of still holding on to the idea of a yet unbroken thus current Sinai Covenant for only the House of Judah i.e. Orthodox Judaism (see chapter 6 &7) try to lodge the academic gymnastic of proving that Yahshua only came for the Northern divorced Tribes as being 'the lost House of Israel' (Mt.15:24) as if John 3:16 would support that exclusive reasoning and Judah wasn't somehow just as lost. We certainly know that Scripture tells us that she (Judah) was more 'treacherous' (Jer.3:7-11). It is quite interesting that when Yahshua pronounced "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" ... to note the peripherals and specifics of

that situation. We know that the divorced dispersed Northern House of Israel that never returned was obviously still dispersed as in AWOL, MIA i.e. Not There. So; the Biblical possession of Jerusalem that Yahshua was pronouncing over belonged to which House? The only Intelligent conclusion is the Southern House of Judah of which Yahshua pronounced just days before His crucifixion; "your house is left unto you desolate"; as in uninhabitable, null and void, without cover i.e. without Covenant as it was the only remaining divided House to speak of.

Mat.23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, **your house** is left unto you desolate."

Notice: the verbiage "under her wings" speaks of covering i.e. Covenant picture language

Now let's see what Yahshua in all probability was speaking to.

Mat.15:24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the **lost sheep** of the house of Israel. <Israel>.

Greek - 2474. Israhl Israel, is-rah-ale' of Hebrew origin (3478); Israel (i.e. Jisrael), the adopted **name of Jacob, including his descendants** (literally or figuratively):--Israel.

Hebrew - 03478. larsy Yisra'el, yis-raw-ale' from 8280 and 410; he will rule as God; Jisrael, a symbolical **name of Jacob; also (typically) of his posterity:** --Israel.

There is a lot of difference between being sent for the lost sheep of a ranch and being sent for the lost ranch, So we see in this case that the phrase "lost sheep of the House of Israel" includes all of Jacob's descendants that would of a necessity include what was called 'the House of Judah'. Then the point can be made that the only injunction Yahshua made when sending out the 12 was not to go to the Gentiles or to the Samaritans (Mt.10:5). The point is that when the Northern divorced Tribes of the lost House of Israel were dispersed (a few hundred years before) they were dispersed ultimately with no identity into the gentile nations (2Kgs.17:6, 18-19, Jer.9:16, Ezk.4:13, Hos.8:8, 9:3, etc.); this necessarily only left the 'lost sheep of the (only known) House of Israel/Jacob' ... that included; Jacob's descendants within the children of Judah that had returned from Babylonian exile. After all didn't Paul the apostle to the gentiles say?:

Rom.1:16 "For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Yahshua**, for it is the power of YHWH to salvation for everyone who believes, for the **Jew first**

and also for the Greek." (Rom.2:9-10)

Note: in the purest of terms, 'Jews' only came/only can come from the Tribe of Judah. In a broader sense "Jew" was the description of anyone attached to what was thought of as the House of Judah; that included; the Tribe of Judah, the Tribe of Benjamin and a half Tribe of Levi. Here is an interesting question; that begs a correct answer; ... If the Northern House of Israel ceased to be a 'House' at the point of Assyrian exile; how is it that the Southern House of Judah would not have also ceased to be a 'House' at the point of Babylonian exile? If this question is valid the logical conclusion would be that the only House for Judah to return to was the House of 'Israel the man' in the sense of 'the children of Jacob' and that Yahshua's pronouncement at Mt.15:24, was actually stating an already ongoing fact. After all Yahshua did **not** say; I will 'make' your house desolate, or cause your house 'to be' desolate. What Yahshua said was; "your house 'is' (as in remains) left unto you desolate."

2Ki 25:21 "And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land."
(Note; NOT 'House of') (Jer.40:1, 52:27)

Note: "Judah" in this verse (and ones like it) is not called either a 'Kingdom' or a 'House' (Note; a Kingdom has a King, a House does not). What is more the designation - "the Kingdom or House for Judah" - is never mentioned in the Gospels; it is never mentioned in the entire New Testament save one place; the account of the New Covenant first mention at Jer.31, restated at Heb.8:8. Now then returning to Mt.15:24; the point can be developed being that Yahshua mostly spoke in veiled language (Mt.13:13, Acts 28:26). Yahshua was sent to the 'lost sheep', not to the incrusted Jewish religious hierarchy dominated by the Romans that could not be called a Biblically functioning Israelite autonomous 'House' let alone a 'Kingdom'. Certainly the case can be made that this situation was **not** the Blessing of YHWH ... for keeping the Covenant?

The common Jewish people loved Yahshua; the religious leadership was afraid of His popularity, they hated Him and ultimately had Him crucified. It stands to reason that you could preach, heal and minister a lot longer if the controlling religious hierarchy that could weld the power of the Roman state didn't perceive or understand exactly what you were about or doing. We can see that 'John the (Immerser) Baptizer' makes this same case more openly;

Mat.3:7 "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

And such is it still today; there is a difference between those seeking Authentic Truth and those drawing a wage dispensing a truth-error receipt defending a religious administration. This is an 'across the board' situation running the full gamut of religio-

outlets ... Not just the Jews who only make up a fraction of the religio-world's varied controlling administrations found on both sides of the gentile line.

This point must be made very clear, of the ones of the Torah Observant Assemblies (of any group) that tenaciously contend that the Jews of Orthodox Judaism (inclusive) have a current (supposed) Sinai Covenant who do not yet accept the New Testament Messiah or His 'New Covenant'; even in the face of the Old Testament prophecies that authenticate His in fact coming in accordance to those prophecies; no matter what the angle or argument, have to seriously contend honestly with this Old Testament Jeremiah 31 prophesy place of the 'New Covenant' first mention.

Jer.31:31 "Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with (ALL) their fathers in the day that I took (ALL) them by the hand to bring (ALL) them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they (ALL) brake, although I was an **husband** unto them (ALL), saith YHWH 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with (ALL) the (RE-UNITED) house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put my law in (ALL) their inward parts, and write it in (ALL) their hearts; and will be (ALL) their Elohim, and they shall (ALL) be my people." ... [Note: Emphasis ... Insertions ... mine]

Notice, this is the complete 'New Covenant' prophesy, this is not a cut and paste job. Yet there are those that are more than willing to divide and distort the systematic integrity of what these verses actually say. There are ultimately only two decisions we as humans can make; either we will believe a truth when it is found and be changed by it or not ...choosing instead to reinterpret; changing what it plainly says and thus remaining personally unchanged. These reinterpreting 'distorters' rejecting Truth have no other choice if they're going to be able to keep defending and protecting what they believe and teach. This defending against Truth posture is most usually done by a constantly shifting ever changing contorted collage of opposing contradictions cloaked in academia type reasoning. You will see this consistently; especially if you can catch and bring to bear the flaws of their inconclusive faulty reasoning. Let's see and believe what this prophesy actually says;

1] YHWH will make "a new covenant" ... "a" as in one ... not separate or different or at different times,

- 2] With **both** the "house of Israel, **and** the house of Judah", both are involved and can not be separated or divided out of this prophecy's same sentence verse grouping.
- 3] *Not according to the covenant* that I made with (ALL) their fathers ...this unmistakingly identifies the complete undivided, pre-divorced Exodus Israelite 12 Tribes of the Exodus definition of "The (complete) House of Israel" (Ex.16:31),
- 4] "in the **day** that I took (ALL) them by the hand" ... notice this is a very specific day ..., there is only one, this can only be as defined by Exodus 12.
- 5] "which **my covenant they (ALL)** <u>brake</u>," ... notice YHWH conclusively indicates 'All' 12 Tribes broke the Covenant with YHWH, evidenced by the word "they".
- 6] "although I was an **husband** unto them" … notice YHWH conclusively identifies the only covenant the Egyptian Israelite slave fathers were party to (the Mt. Sinai Book of the Covenant) as in fact being a Marriage Covenant.
- 7]] Then YHWH announces "the (new) covenant that I will make" (also a Marriage Covenant) with "The House of Israel" (complete 12 Tribe ... restored [Ezk.37] Ex.16:31) as conclusively identified by YHWH's clear references to "their, them and they"

Now Let's see what Jer.31:31-33 actually is; it is the funnel (if you will) ... it is the focal point ... is the prophesy of culmination ... is the culmination of prophesy ... it is the bringing together of all that which YHWH has pronounced concerning the original 12 Tribe House of Israel, which in the Exodus beginning was together, but had been divided ultimately to be brought together again as the line up of these verses will further attest:

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Isa.11:13; Jer.3:18; 50:4; Eze.34:23-24; Eze.37:16-17, 22, 24; Hos.1:11; Zec.10:6; John 10:16
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To this point Hoesa 1:11 is uniquely telling:

Hoesa 1:11 Then shall the children of Judah **and** the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel <Yizr@`e'l>.

03157. laerzy Yizr@`e'l, yiz-reh-ale' from 2232 and 410; **God** (El of Elohim) **will sow** ... (emphasis and inclusion mine.)

02232. erz zara`, zaw-rah' a primitive root; to sow; figuratively, to disseminate, **plant**, fructify:--bear, **conceive seed**, set with sow(-er), yield.

This is exactly what YHWH has done concerning the prophesy of the 'virgin birth' (Isa.7:14, 9:6; Mt.1:23; Lk.1:31, 34) ... will continue to do ... is in the process of doing ... mending that which had been divided. Yahweh is in the process of sowing the same seed in all whom He will receive as Spiritual Israel. Just as this prophesy states many of "the children of Judah and the returning (dispersed) children of Israel" do embrace this 'virgin birth' Son of YHWH as their "Messiah". Yet there are many that resist what has happened, what ultimately will happen and the way it will happen; certainly including most of the expected 'One House' proponents of Messianic Jewish groups, but also of the not so expected 'Two House' Messianic Israel Groups. Not so much in what will happen but also like the resisting Messianic Jewish groups, the way it will happen. The way it will happen includes the New Covenant that both must accept. BUT to accept the New Covenant of necessity involves the realization that the Sinai Marriage Covenant was 'broken' and is in fact 'broken' as in null and void as Jer.31:31-33 unmistakably states. The only viable Covenant left is the New Covenant as Jer.31:31-33 unmistakably states.

Paul clearly states in the New Testament that which has been from the beginning at Rom.7:2-3 and again at 1Cor.7:39. The very nature of a Covenant that 'can not be added to or taken away from' (Gal.3:15) only leaves one of two options ... the keeping of it <u>or</u> the breaking of it ... there is no other choice. Jer.31:31-33 conclusively proves the latter (the breaking of it), perpetrated by **both** of the pre-mended 'Houses'; "my covenant they (ALL) <u>brake</u>". Intelligently the only covenant that cannot be broken is one that doesn't even involve man or is party to man. The only covenant that cannot be broken then is one that YHWH has made to/of/by Himself. This is what we see at Gen 12 ... YHWH making an 'oath' to Himself to bless Abraham and his descendants ... us (Rom.4:16). The only Covenant left for "the house of Israel 'and' the house of Judah" to accept as described by Jer.31:31-33 is the New Covenant (Luke 22:20).

As an observation it would be interesting to ask those that resist the unifying prophesies that support a divided two House of Israel being restored to one full House; how they can believe the Book of Revelation. Revelation 21 clearly shows; 12 Tribes ... entering 12 gates ... 3 each on 4 sides ... of one city, called the 'New Jerusalem' (Eph.2:12 & 19).

A term that is interchangeably used, abused and confused is found in the word "Israel". This word can be either and/or simultaneously the 'name' of the patriarch whose name was changed from Jacob (Gen.32:28), the 'name' of his descendants, the 'name' of a People (Ex 5:1), the 'name' of a 'House', the 'name' of a 'Kingdom, the 'name' of a Nation (Jer 31:36) and; then as now the name of a Country (1Sa 13:19). "Israel" further being used in the term "House of Israel" or Kingdom of "Israel" can mean all 12 Tribes; or it can mean just the devoiced 10 Northern Tribes. (Note again; a Kingdom has a King a House does not). The term "Israel" can also be used for just the "House of Judah" as the only ones who did return to the land in any mass as the only remaining known "Israel"; much as it is today much as the Jews openly assert. "Israel" in the New Covenant application can mean both physical Israel and/or Spiritual "Israel" (Jn.8:39; Rom.2:28-29; 3:3; 4:12, 16; Rom.9:6, Gal.6:16). "Israel" is also a YHWH given name to Yahshua

the Messiah Himself (Hosea 11:1). There have been and continue to be a parade of those that use this situation to confuse the masses and confound the mission, message and instruction of YHWH Himself.

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let **all** the <u>house of Israel</u> know assuredly, that YHWH hath made that same Yahshua, whom ye have crucified, both Master and Messiah".

This New Testament verse very clearly clarifies who the "**their, them and they**" are of Jer.31:31-33; clearly the fully mended all 12 tribes of "all" "the <u>House of Israel</u>". For it was Yahshua Himself that said of his crucifixion at Passover:

Luke 22:20 "Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, 'this cup is the **new covenant** in my blood, which is shed for you'."

YHWH is not some imagined dis-jointed - fragmented - dispensational "God". He is the 'same yesterday today and forever, there is no shadow of turning, He is not the respecter of persons, He does NOT do different Salvation plans with different people (Ex.12:49, Lev.7:7, Num.15:16, 29), He will not alter what has gone from His lips, what He has said so He will do it. Regardless of who thinks what to the contrary!

The point of this buildup is this; ... as repeatedly stated; That if the Denominated New Testament Church would factor back in the Scriptural Torah Covenant 'My Laws' of Gen.26:5, prophesied at Jer.31:31-33 as being the foundation and integral part of the Heb.8:8-10 'New Covenant'; what's more being that legitimate re-presentation directly tied to the succession of the "Covenants of Promise"; collectively directly tied to the Commandments, Statutes, Judgments and Feasts including the 7th day Sabbath (Eze.36:26-27) ... and ... the Torah Observant Assemblies would correctly assess the concept of Covenant as distinct from any other laws; Covenant maintenancing or other wise [Expanded in Chapter 5], to the point of factoring out all things currently considered ... conjoined as law that are not Covenant ... [In other words , if the Church would accept Covenant correctly and the Assemblies would divide Covenant correctly]; 'Both' groups would then be standing on the Same Covenant ... Clearly 'Unified' in a way currently unknown ... greatly reducing and in many instances muting these afore mentioned and other current sources of contention. That my friends would be the Truest Scriptural 'Unity' we have ever known thus far. [Expanded in Chapter 6 and 7]

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[Note: Emphasis ... Insertions ... mine]

Note: "they shall be my people", again direct Book of the Covenant language (Ex.19:5-6, 1Pt.2:5, 9)

Ezekiel 36:26 A <u>new heart</u> also will I give you, and a <u>new spirit</u> will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And *I will put my spirit within you* (Acts 2), and cause you to walk in **my** statutes (Book of the Covenant -Ex.20), and ye shall keep **my** judgments (Book of the Covenant Ex. 21:1 and following including Ex.23), and **do** them.

Note: 'do them' Includes ALL Weekly/Annual Sabbath Feasts and Memorials via Ex.23 and Lev.23.

Notice: Ezekiel 36:26-27 & Ezekiel 37:16-17 ... prophetically this "one in thine hand" group will be comprised of "Judah" A.K.A. 'the Southern House of Israel' and "Ephriam" A.K.A. 'the Northern House of Israel', re-united with a 'new heart' and 'a new spirit' as "one" A.K.A. 'the House of Israel' as in <u>All</u> 12 Tribes. And that they <u>All will be Keeping Covenant by doing the Judgements and the Statutes!</u> Can anyone miss this 'new heart' and 'a new spirit' verbiage as being unmistakably poised to include the New Testament?

P.S. To be fair it is also a curiosity that some of the 'Sacred Name' groups also bristle at these distinct 'Book of the Covenant' apart from maintenancing law findings, even though they have none (or should have none) of the vested interests of; nominal Church defending against anything law or Messianics trying to identify with the trappings of Orthodox Judaism to defend. I have even had a cross section of members of all these Torah focused groups, pull out their 'handy-dandy' commentaries that are written by Sunday Keepers to refute and debase my findings that are solely centered on Torah as irrefutably understood and evidenced by the Apostle Paul. I find this very curious that some one would actually defend against a brother Feast-Keeper; embracing and knowing the value of the <Mo`edim> (Feasts), and doing so by the commentaries of individuals that do not see this worth and would in fact teach against it ... go figure!

In the next Chapter we will discuss what many find, the confusing world of Biblical Law i.e. Biblical Saving Faith that is actually an aspect of Covenant Law. Addressing Justification, Sanctification and Legal Salvation. Further addressing many positions that hide or lack this understanding. Unpacking definitions and concepts, and the deception of assumption masquerading as authentic Biblical Faith.

It might feel real good to suppose we're all gonna make it and sing, "When we all get to Heaven"; but this euphoria is soberly cautioned by several verses in the New Testament Scripture.

- 2 Cor.10:12 "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are **not wise**."
- (Isaiah 5:21 "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!")
- 2 Cor.13:5 "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove** your own selves. Know ye not your ownselves, how that Yahshua Messiah is in you, except ye be reprobates?
- 2 Thess.2:7 "For the mystery of lawlessness is **already** at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom Yhashua will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the **truth**, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason YHWH will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

My co-seeking friend ... Breaking ... Ignoring ... Replacing ... Derailing ... Burying ... Omitting ... Changing Covenant and its Covenant Laws is that very 'Unrighteousness'.



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