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The Restoration of the Testimony of Yeshua

Yeshua's Key-note Address

Key Points:

- **Moses, Yeshua, and Paul all agree, we are to keep the Written Torah and not the "Traditions of Men"**
- **Yeshua is welcoming those in captivity (dispersed Israel) back to the covenant with YHWH**
- **Yeshua is cleansing us of our sin (violation of the Torah) and restoring us to the original covenant of Israel with YHWH**
- **Torahless-ness is tied to the concept of adultery and passing on bad seed**
- **The Mikva/Baptism is deeply important and Yeshua personally set the example for being baptized (even though He didn't need to be), There is a great mystery in the Mikva**

All these things must fit neatly together into a comprehensive testimony called the Gospel. Going back and rightly dividing the word based on what the Torah, Writings, Prophets, Gospels, and Letters of the Apostles and what they say will help us understand what we really need to be testifying to so we accurately portray YHWH's will for two houses that will be re-grafted together into the Kingdom of YHWH. His kingdom already has a law (torah).

Isaiah 8: 20To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

The torah clearly says that even if someone comes with miracles if they teach anything contrary to the written torah, we are not to listen to them. This is why many Jews will not listen to a Catholic/Protestant version of Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 13: 2And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Deuteronomy 18: 18I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. 20But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Modern Christianity's testimony is that the law (Torah) is done away and that we do not need to keep it. Yeshua, in his keynote address to the nation of his public ministry clarifies His position on the Torah (law). The Torah is clear that the nation is not to listen to anyone who teaches people not to keep the Torah.

Deuteronomy 29:14Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; 15But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day: 16(For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; 17And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:) 18Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; 19And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: 20The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven. 21And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

Yeshua also clearly taught that the Testimony of Moses was sufficient witness to provide salvation to the people and if they didn't listen to Moses they wouldn't listen to Yeshua who rose from the dead. So Yeshua must support the Torah since Moses told the people to ignore those who do not teach obedience to the Torah. The curses of Deuteronomy 27 apply to those who do not observe YHWH's Torah and indeed His Torah is a Tree of Life to those who cling to it. Keep in mind YHWH gave the Torah to Israel. So Moses, YHWH, and Yeshua must always agree.

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: *20* And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, *21* And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. *22* And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; *23* And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. *24* And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. *25* But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. *26* And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. *27* Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: *28* For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. *29* Abraham saith unto him, **They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.** *30* And he said, Nay, father Abraham: **but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.** *31* And he said unto him, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

So in Yeshua's keynote address to the People of Israel in the Gospel of Mathew, we should learn what Yeshua believes and teaches throughout His ministry. He has just selected his disciples, been Baptized (Mikva'd) as an example, and been tried in the Wilderness.

It is interesting to note that John the Baptist actually protests that he should be baptized by Yeshua, declaring that John needed to be the one baptized and Yeshua declares that John should proceed to baptize Him to "fulfill all righteousness". This is an important point in the Testimony of Yeshua that is often overlooked. It was critical to His Testimony and our Salvation that Baptism occur and many do not know why. Becoming ritually clean through the Mikva and being Mikva'd into Yeshua is critical to our redemption. More on this later.

Matthew 3:11 indeed **baptize you with water unto repentance.** but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** *12* Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and **gather his wheat** into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. *13* Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. *14* But **John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?** *15* And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it **becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him. *16* And Jesus, **when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:** *17* And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

It is not a haphazard design that Yeshua is shown being Mikva'd (baptized), being tested on who He will worship via His temptation in the Wilderness, and then making a public declaration immediately afterward from atop the Mountain (Sermon on the Mount). First he begins in Matthew 5 starting His ministry of mercy and forgiveness by revoking the curses that were applied to those who rejected the Torah and failed to keep YHWH's commandments. He is opening the way for the return of the Children of Israel who have gone astray and forsaken His Torah. He is starting the return of Israel from a state of uncleanness to a state of redemption. This does not mean that He was endorsing sin without punishment. There are always consequences to sin. He was giving comfort to those beaten by the consequences of their own actions and providing a place of rest and blessing for those who come into covenant with YHWH.

Hosea 1:5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel, in the valley of Jezreel. *6* And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away. *7* But **I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God,** and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. *8* Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. *9* Then said God, Call his name Loammi: **for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.** *10* Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, **Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.**

These children born to Hosea are symbolic of the two Kingdoms of Israel and how they strayed from faithful relationship to YHWH. Hosea 12 clearly identifies these two daughters as the Kingdom of Judah (Southern Tribes) and the Kingdom of Ephraim (Northern 10 tribes). YHWH goes on to clarify that even in their state of uncleanness and Diaspora they will still become so numerous that they cannot be numbered. The prophets are clear that the Last Days are all about the redemption of both Houses of Israel-Judah & Ephraim. The prophets cannot be properly understood without identifying these principal characters.

Yeshua's keynote address is to those two peoples, one house which was still not welcomed back to the dinner table with the rest of the family due to their uncleanness, leaving them in a desperate state needing reconciliation.

Matthew 5: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, *3* Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *4* Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. *5* Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. *6* Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *7* Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. *8* Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. *9* Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. *10* Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness'

sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

These blessings were announced to those needing reconciliation with their YHWH and their brethren. It is interesting that there are 10 declarations of blessing and reward. Yeshua declares that we are to be a light to the entire world and then proceeds to tell us how to be a light.

Matthew 5:17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law (Torah), or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.** 18For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law (Torah), till all be fulfilled.** 19Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: **but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.** 20For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Yeshua's keynote address to the whole People of Israel, those in the land and those who are not in the land, those present and those who are not, is that the whole Written Torah will not be destroyed and that it is still in force. He is unequivocal. He does not spiritualize it away. He further states that so long as the Earth and Heaven exist the Torah is in force. You cannot separate the Torah from the existence of Earth and Heaven. This is where man and where YHWH resides. He then goes on to clarify that our following of the Torah (righteousness) must be greater or more meaningful than how the Scribes and Pharisees kept the Torah. Apparently He took issue with their fulfillment of the Torah.

We must remember the context of these scriptures. Israel's law was the Torah. Some religious groups within Israel put additional restrictions or fences around the Torah to protect people from violation of the Torah. These fences are called Rabbinical Traditions or the Oral Law/Torah. The Apostle Paul took a great deal of time instructing us to adhere to the Written Torah and to forsake the Traditions of Men/the Oral Torah. Many traditions have mistakenly interpreted Paul to be saying that the law has been done away. This is a terrible mistake that has lead Christianity down the path of the Mystery of Iniquity or Torahless-ness.

II Thessalonians 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7For **the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.** 8And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

In Yeshua's keynote Testimony, He reminds the People of Israel that the Torah will always be in force and that we are supposed to keep it with all that we are. Next He goes on to explain that we are not only keeping it in our actions, but need to have it written on our hearts. He is not doing away with the Torah; He is taking that same Torah and putting it in our hearts. He is not only addressing actions, but the thoughts of the heart that precede those actions. Hence, His example of "Do not Kill" and the preceding thought of "Do not Hate". Yeshua declares that those who teach the keeping of the Torah will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. The words of Yeshua are founded on the Torah. The words of Paul are founded on the Torah and the Testimony of Yeshua. There is no controversy between Paul, Yeshua, or Moses. Additionally, if you do a deep study of Moses you will see his life is prophetic of the life of Yeshua.

It is interesting that after Yeshua talks about these things He explains that we should bring a gift to the Altar of YHWH. Apparently Thank offerings are not done away either. But He goes on to explain that before bringing sacrifice to YHWH, we need to be reconciled to our brother. Who is the brother of the audience he is addressing in the land of Judea? The brother of the Judeans is the Ephraimites (Northern 10 tribes) that are still in Diaspora. Then in Matthew 5: 27 he goes into a dissertation on adultery and thoughts of adultery. Why does Yeshua take the time to talk about this in His Keynote address? Is this any way to kick of a national address? Seems kind of personal, unless you realize that key issues that YHWH had with both Houses of Israel-Judah & Ephraim, is their religious adultery and failure to follow Torah.

The book of Hosea is about Hosea's wife, who is adulterous and has children that He is not sure are his. This is a type and prophecy of YHWH's marriage to Israel and whether the offspring are really His. Hosea is all about the redemption of these children to Him and His Torah. We see a great part of Yeshua's keynote address reaffirms the Torah, places it in our hearts, urges the restoration of the marriage relationship between all of Israel and YHWH, and reunification of the Kingdoms of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:25 Then **will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.** 26A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** 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.** 27And I will put my spirit within you, and **cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

YHWH is showing that not only has he provided the covenant but that He will place the covenant in our hearts to fulfill it. Yeshua is not only supporting the Torah but confirming that the Torah will be placed in our hearts giving us the will to fulfill it. More on this later in regard to the gift of the Holy Spirit, the commemoration of the giving of the Torah on Pentecost, and the appearance of the Shekinah over the followers of Yeshua. This was clear manifestation of the presence of YHWH in their midst, the ultimate goal of the People of Israel and YHWH. Yeshua is redeeming the fallen, restoring the slave to freedom, healing the fallen flesh, bringing the hope of the Kingdom of YHWH.

How are all these things joined neatly together through the Body of Yeshua and our Mikva (Baptism) into His body? We shall soon find out.

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