

Scripture cannot be understood without Mesorah (traditions)

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Yahushua – The true name for Jesus of Nazareth

Part 2

Many of today's Messianic followers also shown indifference and hatred towards oral Torah or what are termed traditions of our forefathers. They love to wear the Tallit shawl as if it is some kind of commandment.

Tallit wearing is a tradition and not a Torah commandment by G-d. I find it ironic that on both ends of the spectrum people do things that have come out of traditions yet they berate tradition as something bad when it is perfectly clear to me that without a full discussion on any Torah commandment one cannot do them properly. Let me emphasize a point and now show you proof that there is something all Christians, Messianics and the Catholics do but all are in denial of the reality.

There is a reading in scripture in the book of Genesis which is the following from the King James version of the Bible:

Genesis 36:14 (KJV) And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau **Jeush**, and Jaalam, and Korah.

All Christians, All Catholics and All Messianics read the name of Esav's son as Jeush however it may not be apparent to many of them who do not read the Hebrew that there is more than meets the eye here. The name "Jeush" is actually not written in Hebrew as they are pronouncing it. If you look at the Hebrew the name is pronounced differently but this reading of Jeush or Yeush is a result of Jewish tradition. A very reliable and well established tradition by the masorets in Judaism long before the King James Version was translated in 1611. The name in Hebrew is pronounced Strong's H3266 יֵאִישׁ as YAISH that is "ya-ish" and not Yeush (Yaoosh) or Jeush. It was decided in Jewish traditions that the name would be pronounced in such a way and we find all of Christendom and every other group pronouncing it the same way what the traditions of Judaism had decided earlier yet why is it that people berate the Jews? Do you know how many other things Christendom does that are traditions? You will be shocked if I start listing them.

Another tradition that is freely cited in the Renewed Covenant (NT) is Rabbi Paulos's name. He had two names one Jewish being Sha'ul and one Roman being written as Paul in most of the Bibles. The double name is a well established Jewish tradition which goes back centuries but again Christians are told half truths by saying his name was Sha'ul and he converted into Christianity therefore was called as Paul. This is not true and totally inaccurate for the historical events surrounding Rabbi Paulos. Rabbi Paulos did not convert into anything new in fact he remained a Jew as was the custom and continued to follow Torah but also teaching that the Messiah had come and would return again. All Jews in the Diaspora have two names one Jewish and one non-Jewish. This is to protect them from the gentiles who often times have conducted pogroms against them.

Should I take a cup full of blood or should I take one litre or two literes? The next problem would be how much of the door post should I cover? Should I cover half of it, should I cover two thirds of it or completely?

I already know what most of Christendom has decided e.g. they say this is for the Jews only but for you who cite scripture only please do come and tell me what this term means.

Next in verse 9 G-d said roast it in fire and then eat it with its entrails or innards. Now please tell me how long in time should I roast the lamb to eat. Should I roast it for one hour, two hours or wait until the meat is half cooked, medium or dark brown? Can I eat it if it is rare?

When you decide on this please also show me proof by scripture only because if you go outside scripture to look at the Mishnah from my forefathers I would reject your ideas of scripture only which causes you to stumble and reject Jewish law today. You must prove all this from scripture only, remember your own buzz words SOLA SCRIPTURE. Once you have the answers please phone me in England and tell me, leave a message and I will get back to you +44 1296 486 089 after all I do not want to offend the L-rd and do the Passover wrongly.

Please do let me know since I must cut and cook my lamb correctly before I eat it and I do not want to do it incorrectly. Unlike many in Christendom who have decided that this is only for the Jews, I on the other hand see this prerequisite for all who are grafted into Israel, that means Jews and gentiles alike, one law for both Exodus 12:49 now that is what I call scripture only!!! While those of you who say scripture only cannot see the obvious.

Now if you who follow Torah and believe in the Messiah and call yourself Christians that is okay with me but please next time do not say to the Muslims that they are ignorant because they use traditions and also do not call the Jews ignorant for using traditions. The Muslim system of traditions actually arose out of how the Jews conducted business. The Qur'an is unintelligible otherwise as much as are many portions of the Bible in many areas without traditions. Hence why the Muslims use the Hadith and are correct to do so while the Jews we should be thankful to giving us the Mishnah, Gamara and the Talmud to help us interpret scripture.

All the questions I asked you above can be answered by referring to the Mishnah which is out of six hundred years of well kept Jewish traditions from Iraq that helps us to answer questions which scripture does not. It may appear to some of you that scripture is sometimes clear but it is actually not always clear and even out of statements that appear clear as in the example of the one year lamb without blemish above we cannot just decide what the term "blemish" really means. People like me in ancient times, that is Rabbis or Jewish sages had to sit in the past and decide what the term "blemish" meant and what renders a lamb unfit for Passover consumption.

This is why when I first entered a church in 1998 I was rather puzzled and bemused by many Pastors who were berating the Talmud as un-inspired book but freely citing commentary from the likes of Gill and Matthew Henry who take information from the Talmud.

The Pastors complain that the Jews do not carry their Torah in the synagogues and are not reading scripture but reading the Talmud and are unsaved while most do not realise that the Talmud actually contains hundreds of scripture references for explanation and is better than reading the Torah to understand scripture. Yes you can read the Torah 100 times but I guarantee you that you will still not understand its hundreds of precepts. This is why the Jews read the Talmud and Siddur. For those who think the Jews do not read the Torah or Tanach they actually do because there are Parshas from the Torah and they are read out of the first five books of Moses. How could they then not carry the Torah? Once again just because someone says one thing it does not mean that thing is true.

Guess G-d must have made a mistake when I walked through the Golders Green area in London in 1998 and He said to me see these black hat Jews wearing tzitzits, they are my people and he also sent an angel wearing a kippah so he could guide me. Now should we wear kippah or not is answered already for me. You know I never told this to anyone in these churches even to this day in 2010 but now I make the information public because they just would not understand and I would just be laughed at back then as a confused Muslim convert but the reality is that the confusion was and still is in the churches not synagogues and not with Muslim converts either.

It was a revelation to me to show me who and where I belong with and to remind me that the covenant (brit) promise was made with my forefathers long ago in Sinai in Saudi Arabia and not in Egypt another Christian tradition that is erroneous but millions happily go to Egypt like the holy grail. This is not to say that Christian traditions are bad but I am showing you that many Christians traditions are errors and not facts as many claim. The garden tomb is another error of Christian tradition. The cross at Calvary is another error. Yahushua was hung on the Mount of Olives not Calvary. Yahushua was hung on a tree and not a cross. It was common practice in Romans to hang people on trees when they ran out of crosses. The seven stations is a Catholic error. The church of the Holy Sepulchre is a popular Constantinian error in a dream by his mother. This is to show you while the majority of Jewish traditions are correct and if we compare the ones from Christianity they are in error. Yahushua crucified on Friday and rose on Sunday is another popular Catholic error but you know the good thing about it is we get two free holidays out of it, that is about the only good thing about good Friday in England. However Yahushua was actually crucified on Wednesday 14th Nissan so we should be looking for a Good Wednesday, in our culture they say budh kaam sudh, which means Wednesday all work is completed. Yahushua completed all the work on Wednesday and then rose before sunset Saturday evening. Most American Christians eat bacon on the Passover yet it is forbidden to cook pork in our houses another Catholic tradition. Now be honest with yourself and ask yourself how many traditions are you following?

Some of my Christians friends may ask me but you are referring to the Torah and that is for the Jews and the New Testament is clear for us so we do not need to worry about traditions. My friends I can show you several things in the New Testament that would be completely unresolved without established Jewish halacha (way of doing things). The New Testament is rooted in the Tanach (OLD Testament), Let me give you an example so you can see.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NKJV) "Therefore if you bring **your gift** to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, (24) "leave your gift

there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Yahushua talks about bringing a gift to the altar if your brother has done something to you now would you care to tell me what is this gift? What is "something against your brother," I mean what kind of offence would that be?

What should be the monetary value of the gift? Who decides what qualifies as a gift and what doesn't? Where is the altar? Are we to take it to the Temple in Jerusalem or before the miphkad altar? Please do tell me because I would like to take my gift to the correct altar hence I may not offend G-d. After all by your standards I am an ignorant ex-Muslim.

What seems to be a clear passage is not clear at all is it? This is only one example of many.

Next example

James 1:12 (NKJV) Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Oh my who changed Jacob's name? Another Christian tradition perhaps. The name was Jacob by the way and Jacob states that blessed in the man who endures "temptation" to prove his faith. Can you tell me please what classes as temptation and what does not?

Who decides on this?

- If I eat two cooked chickens then do I class as tempted to eat chicken?
- If I smoke 15 cigarettes then is this classed as temptation to smoke nicotine?
- If I sit with my Palestinians friends and smoke the pipe all day can this be called temptation to offer friendship to the Palestinians?
- If I drink 3 bottles of wine can I say I am tempted by alcohol?

Please do tell me because I would not like to offend G-d after all you have the bibles and the knowledge and I am just an ignorant ex-Muslim.

Yahushua said the following which seems straight forward but...

Matthew 23:25 (NKJV) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

Questions to address;

1. What Pharisees is Yahushua speaking with? Which group out of the five?
2. What is a scribe who can qualify to be a scribe?
3. What does he mean cleanse the outside of the cup? Cleanse with what?
4. What specifies if a cup is clean outside and what specifies if a cup is clean inside?
5. What characterises self indulgence?
6. What characterises hypocrisy, what acts?

What seems to be a straightforward statement by Yahushua as I have shown you at least six questions arise from it which we cannot just answer by reading the chapter of Matthew 23. Now I ask any Bishop and Pastor to answer this by reading Matthew chapter 23 only. However the reality is very different.

These things were debated, discussed in rabbinic circles and without those discussions and debates that included Yahushua taking part in some of those debates many of these questions would remain unresolved but fortunately we do have answers and for those we have to go outside the pages of the New Testament to rabbinic traditions and established halacha in the Mishnah and Gemara which once again takes us back to the good old Talmud the very book that many of you laugh at and scorn.

My point is simply to prove that what many Christians take for granted what has really taken eight hundred years for the Jews to interpret and clarify and that through several sages and Rabbis who have to describe and decide what a certain commandment really means rather than what it says can be very different from paper to practice. This is why the oral Torah that many shun in Christendom is actually not only true but necessary to interpret instructions already given by G-d. Moses indeed had an oral Torah but most of you do not see it because you do not read the Hebrew of the Torah. There are at least two places in the Torah where this is described. Even an ignorant ex-Muslim like me can read that statement and interpret it clearly. Even King David says it that He loves YHWH Torah both Oral and written.

When Moses was with G-d on the Mountain he was receiving not one but two Torah's, one which he came to write down and summarise and the other which he used to explain those writings which were passed through to Joshua and the elders of Israel. Moses never wrote everything down, it was an impossible task so he had to write down the most necessary elements and explain the rest. This is why he would sit daily and give judgement

Exodus 18:13 (NKJV) And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening.

If it was all so easy then why not just give them the five books and be done with it? This is because it was not all that easy. To explain scripture you need teachers and G-d has established His teachers in the Levite clan. These are appointed teachers forever not just till the Temple was standing. There is a special Covenant between G-d and the Levites that includes ignorant ex-Muslims who are from the Levite tribe. G-d is using His priests even now as we speak to instruct His people all over the world as they are mixed in nations to do exactly that. When a Levite returns to G-d He will never forsake the Torah this is a levitical quality. That is exactly what I did in 1998 when I professed to the L-rd to follow His Torah with my whole heart and life.

Proverbs 1:8 (KJV) My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

I did not forsake the law of my Father in heaven nor my mother in heaven the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 1:7 (KJV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

I have always feared G-d's immense judgments and holiness hence even in my ignorance he brought me to His knowledge (Torah) and understanding while many in churches would do well to learn to fear Him. Some of these do not fear him and continue to backbite, talebear, backstab and slander each other. They continue to live in rebellion and sin and think they can just go to church on Sunday and receive forgiveness while putting their fellow brothers and sisters down and kicking them in the faces so to speak. They never go to that brother or sister to apologise. Remember Yahushua's words your gift is worthless since you have not reconciled with your brother (Matt 5:23). You do not even know what gift to take!!! Uttering repentance from the mouth without going to the brother or sister you have offended or slandered first is actually worthless and won't do.

The priests of G-d are meek and afraid of the immense awesome nature of G-d. They will do the Sabbaths and feasts and will not shun truth. This is why its very easy to tell if a person is from the Levite clan by His conduct you do not need DNA tests but the test is Torah compliance and how much He knows about it. A Levite is the best teacher to know intricate details of the law and so it has been established as a priesthood forever. We are coming back in the millennium to serve in the 3rd Temple.

I hope that you find this article helpful to understand and not to berate the Talmud in the future. I have deliberately not given you the answers for which you need to do some soul searching so you can understand you cannot have everything on a plate. G-d's teachers who teach Torah are to be respected and rewarded both in this world and the next. The tithes which you are commanded are to be given to these kind of men in the absence of the 3rd Temple of G-d. This is how you receive blessings in return. Come ask me and I will show you why the Levites receive the tithes first as the primary candidate and then others.

You are to give to these men who you will find both n Messianic Synagogues and the churches. Those of you who berate them, put them down only do damage to your own self. I pray that next time when you speak against something Jewish that you think very carefully what you are saying as it may come back to haunt you because everything you speak against the things of G-d are marked against you as a record by His angels who are around you. Now find out how many?

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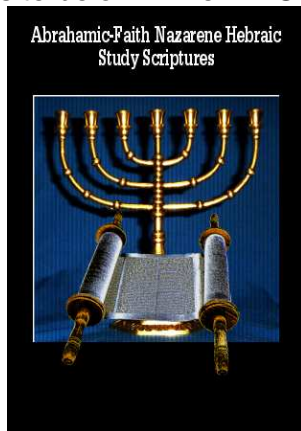
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