

# 6,000 Years of Restoration of Torah

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Many of us believe that Yahweh is doing a Restoration of His relationship with His people.

Let's look at some thing that we have come to change IN our beliefs over the past few years.

- **We believe** the Scriptures clearly teach that Gentile believers become *Israelites* by faith in Yahshua the Messiah. In doing so, *Gentiles become engrafted into **the olive tree of Israel*** where we are to partake of nourishment from the Israelite root. Furthermore, it was never Yahweh's intention for Gentiles to become separated from their Hebraic roots to form "Gentile Christianity" apart from Messianic Jews. We are to be ONE in Him.
- **We believe** the Scriptures clearly teach that the New Covenant was made with "the House of Judah and the House of Israel" and not with a separate Gentile entity. The Scriptures do not even recognize an entity called the Church composed of Gentiles (with their own system of worship) apart from Messianic believers.
- **We believe** the Scriptures clearly teach that the Torah (Law) is still to be obeyed and was not abolished as is currently taught in Christianity. **The Torah** (Old Covenant Law) **is an eternal, conditional** (on the part of the people, not Yahweh) **covenant with Israel**. The Old Covenant was broken by Israel. Yahweh established a Renewed Covenant with Israel, *which still has as its basis the Torah, Prophets and Writings (the Tanakh)*. Whereas the Old Covenant was based on the written letter of the Law (Torah), the Renewed Covenant is based on the Holy Spirit writing the Law (Torah) on the hearts of Yahweh's people.
- **I believe** that there will be a New Covenant instituted upon the return of Messiah in accordance with Jeremiah 31:31. That covenant will still be based upon the Tanach with the Torah as foundation. The difference is that everyone will have it written on our hearts and will understand with our mind. We will need no one to teach us other than Yahshua.

I'd like to ask the following question. If you were alive when Yahshua ministered, would you have stumbled at His teaching (new wine) or would you have had the proper wineskin to accept the new wine He was pouring out?

Think about it.

It's easy to say yes until you consider that He did many, many things that *seemed* to contradict the Jewish worldview of the time.

He was truly a stumbling block.

He offended many people with His *new wine*.

That's partly why He was rejected.

Still think you wouldn't have stumbled?

**Consider this. At one point Yahshua had to tell the Jews that He didn't come to destroy the Law (Torah) and the Prophets.**

In other words, He was telling them that He wasn't some new "cult leader" trying to draw people away from worship of the one and only true Elohim (God) of the Old Covenant.

You see, that's what many people thought (especially the Jewish leaders).

Have you ever wondered why Yahshua had to make that statement?

He had to make that statement because **1)** His actions and teachings *did not fit the Jewish man-made traditions, or theology of His day*, and **2)** He did things that *seemed to contradict* their most sacred beliefs concerning the Law (Torah).

For example:

1. Yahshua did many things on the Sabbath that caused Jews to think He was breaking the Sabbath Laws.
2. He made claims that He was equal with Yahweh, thus offending Jews' understanding that there was only one Elohim (God).
3. He caused many disciples to leave Him when He told them that to be His disciples they had to eat His flesh and drink His blood.
4. The Jews expected a ruling, conquering king to overthrow Roman domination, but He came as a suffering servant.
5. He claimed to be the Messiah; however, people knew his earthly heritage and many even thought He was illegitimate.
6. His teaching on the Sermon on the Mount was seemingly "different" from the Mosaic Law (Torah).
7. He taught that the Kingdom of God was within you (initially), whereas all of the Jews eagerly expected the literal, visible, earthly rule of Yahweh's Kingdom to come at any moment.
8. People were very confused by Him since *He didn't seem to obey or follow* the Mosaic Law (Torah) (as they thought He should), neither did He fit their expectations. People felt that His doctrine was so subversive to what they'd been taught that they tried to see if He would at least agree that the woman caught in adultery needed to be stoned as stated in the Torah! Surprise again.

Everywhere He turned He demolished their stereotypes and preconceptions.

No wonder they rejected Him.

Yahshua was truly an offense to many Jews of His day.

If you had seen Yahshua "break" many of the commandments that you had been taught, would you have rejected Him too?

Think about it.

At Yahshua's first coming, His *apparently* new doctrines didn't fit the theology of many of the Jews, especially the leaders.

So much so that ***He had to make it clear to them that He hadn't come to destroy the Law (Torah) and the Prophets.***

The majority of the Jews missed it.

They stumbled at the stone.

They were offended in Him.

Is it possible that right before His Second Coming that we as Messianic Believers could somehow stumble?

What about the Christians?

The Jews had developed all of their doctrines and beliefs concerning the coming of the Messiah and were waiting expectantly for His appearance.

But what happened?

He appeared and the majority of Judaism didn't recognize Him!

For it was Yahshua who said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes (Luke 19:42)."

Has human nature changed?

Do we really think it will be different for us at His Second coming?

Since human nature is so predictable, how many doctrines and commandments of men do we think have been developed and handed down within Gentile Christianity that could cause us to stumble after we've been confronted with a "new wine"?

What about the "New" Messianic movement?

First, I'd like to develop the following premise.

The original calling for Yahweh's called out ones was to be one body where *Gentiles and Jews lived their faith together.*

When Gentile Christians left the original calling to be *in union with their Jewish brothers*, they left a Yahweh-given source of truth and fell victim to deceptions of "the commandments and doctrines of men."

Soon after the apostles died (and even while some were still alive) the adversary began sowing seeds that would cause the Gentile believers to separate from the Messianic believers.

This can be demonstrated simply by noting that the early Church Fathers began to introduce ***anti-Semitic doctrines and practices.***

From as early as the second century men in the Church began to ***repress the Hebraic influence of the New Covenant and teach anti-Semitic doctrines.***

Here are three canons from the Council of Laodicea (Fourth century):

- **Canon 29.** "Christians must *not judaize by resting on the Sabbath*, but must work on that day, rather honoring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as

Christians. *But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ.*"

- **Canon 37.** "It is not lawful to receive portions sent from the feasts of Jews or heretics, nor to feast together with them."
- **Canon 38.** "It is not lawful to receive unleavened bread *from the Jews*, nor to be partakers of their impiety."

In *Dialogue with Trypho, a Jew*, Justin Martyr emphasized that what had previously belonged to Israel was now the property of Christians.

Jerome (author of the Latin Vulgate) and Augustine called Jews "accursed by God."

In 339 AD, it was considered a criminal offense to convert to Judaism.

The most influential Roman Catholic theologian, Augustine, called Jews "sons of Satan."

Augustine was highly influenced by Marcion, a heretic who called Yahweh "an evil god" and who claimed He was not the Father of Yahshua.

Their teachings flourished and took root within the hearts and minds of the early Gentile believers.

Until the time of Constantine, Christians had suffered many persecutions.

However, after Constantine won the battle of the Milvian Bridge he issued the Edict of Milan in 313 AD.

Although this edict did not make Christianity the official religion of the empire, he claimed to be a Christian, put an end to Christian persecutions and put Christianity on an equal footing before the law with other religions of the empire.

Furthermore, Constantine showered favors upon the Church.

He granted large sums of money, and erected magnificent Church buildings in numerous places (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Constantinople and other places) and granted many other privileges.

With a sitting Emperor confessing Christianity, it was no longer a shame to be a Christian.

Now, being a Christian could even secure great material and social advantages such as political, military and social promotion.

As a result many heathens and pagans entered the Church.

Of course they brought their pagan influences with them.

Because of the deepening spiritual vacuum of humble leadership in the Church of the Western Roman Empire, the Church leaders were more than happy to pacify the heathens by allowing them to continue their pagan practices in the name of Christianity.

As a result the heathens brought into the Church numerous unscriptural practices and "**doctrines of men,**" which superceded the word of Yahweh and brought further corruption and apostasy into the Church.

Obviously, throughout Church history Yahweh has always had a remnant of truly faithful followers.

But they were always the minority and always persecuted.

At the same time theology was translated into government policy by Constantine.

By the end of the fifth century the following unscriptural **practices and "doctrines of men"** were deeply rooted within the Western Roman church.

1. Prayers for the dead
2. Belief in purgatory
3. Penance
4. The view that "The Lord's Supper" is a sacrifice that must be administered by priests
5. The division of the Church into a clergy and laity
6. Worship of martyrs
7. Worship of relics
8. Salvation by works
9. Ascription of magical powers to relics
10. Monasticism
11. Asceticism
12. Worldliness

Most of us can readily understand the obvious dangers of the "*doctrines of men*" listed above.

What most of us don't readily realize is that repression of the Hebraic roots of the ReNewed Covenant has been just as dangerous.

In fact, if the Gentile Church had remained grounded in its Hebraic roots, it possibly would not have succumbed to the "doctrines of men" listed above.

Consider the height from which the Church fell (beginning at Pentecost until the fifth century).

This is easily done by comparing and contrasting the actions of the early Church as recorded in the book of Acts with those of the Church exemplified in the 12 points listed above.

By the 1500's we can add the following items to the list of unscriptural practices and "doctrines of men" engaged in by those who called themselves followers of Christ.

1. Worship of Mary
2. Payment of indulgences
3. Wars fought with "Christian" armies
4. Political corruption
5. Inquisitions
6. The Word of Elohim (God) taken from the common man
7. Greed, idolatry, pagan festivals, and the list goes on
8. Persecution of Jews, heathens and heretics
9. The Spanish Inquisition--In 1480 King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain established a tribunal to purge the Church of those who clandestinely clung to their

Hebraic faith. Wholesale arrests followed. In 1481 the first victims were burnt at the stake. Over the years an estimated 30,000 *Jews* were consigned to the flames.

It is obvious *by any standard*, that by the early fifteenth century the condition of the Church was best described as **APOSTATE**.

Furthermore, it is easy to understand why the Reformation was necessary.

Surely, the prophecy of the Apostle Paul found a significant fulfillment in the Church era just prior to the Reformation.

- **I Timothy 4:1-5** "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 3They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods . . ."
- **II Tim 3:1-5** "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- ***5having a form of godliness but denying its power***. Have nothing to do with them."

The foundation for the Reformation was to be found in people who cherished the belief that the only authority for true faith and doctrine was the Bible.

The Reformation occurred because people began to base their convictions on the Word of Yahweh instead of upon decrees of men.

Many truths we take for granted today were unknown to most people before the Reformation took place.

It would be more correct to call the Reformation the **RESTORATION**.

In **Acts 3:19-21** Peter states " Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you--even Yahshua. **21He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to RESTORE everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.**"

As this verse clearly teaches, the Lord will not come back until the restoration of all things.

Back in Deuteronomy 29-30 Moses prophesied over the children of Israel concerning what would happen to them in the latter days.

He told of all the curses of the Law (Torah) that would befall them.

But he also told them that in the last days Yahweh would restore them from all of the nations where he had dispersed them.

He would circumcise their hearts so that they would serve Him.

No one can doubt that Yahweh began to speed this process along when he regathered the nation of Israel in 1948, after nearly 2000 years of wandering in the desert of the nations.

Since 1967 there has been an on-going revival amongst Jewish people.

Yahweh in His sovereignty is opening their eyes to see Yahshua as their Messiah.

Note in Ezekiel 37 how Israel is depicted as a valley of dry bones with no flesh and no life.

Is this not a prophetic picture of the nation of Israel over the past 2000 years after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Titus and their dispersion in 135 AD by Hadrian?

The nation was dead, not a nation for 2000 years, truly a valley of dry bones.

Then, the flesh coming onto the bones symbolizes the restoration of the nation as a physical entity in 1948.

But this was only a physical restoration of the nation, not spiritual, for they hadn't had their hearts circumcised to receive their Messiah.

But beginning around 1967 Yahweh started a revival amongst the Jewish people worldwide.

The breath (spirit) coming into the dead bodies symbolizes this coming to life.

Paul taught that the physical/natural comes first before the spiritual.

First the dead, dispersed nation of Israel was resurrected physically in 1948.

Now we are witnessing the spiritual rebirth of the nation as hundreds of thousands of Jews find true faith in their Messiah.

We should also expect that there would be a restoration within Gentile Christianity too.

Why?

Because the history of the Church parallels the history of the nation of Israel in many ways.

So now Yahweh is calling His people Israel to come out of the church and join their brother Judah in serving Him.

Those of you that have responded to this new restoration be thankful for that call BUT be careful of pride.

In Yahweh's dealings with His people, if the group He has established does not fulfill His will, He will raise up a new group of people, anoint them to fulfill His purposes and set the previous group aside. For example:

1. When the children of Israel (those who actually lived in and were delivered from Egypt) rejected Yahweh's provision in the desert, He let them wander for 40 years until they all died (except Joshua and Caleb) and raised up their children to possess the land. *Please note that Yahweh destroyed the group who wouldn't fulfill His purposes and raised up another.*

2. When Saul rejected the Lord, He took His anointing off Saul, placed it on David, and raised him up to make him king over Israel. Since Saul would not fulfill His purposes, Yahweh raised up someone else. *Please note that Saul, the one who didn't fulfill Yahweh's purposes, persecuted David whom Yahweh was preparing to take his place.*
3. When the Hebrew nation did not fulfill Yahweh's calling under the Old Covenant to bring salvation to the world (**Isaiah 26:17-18** "As a woman with child and about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, O LORD. 18We were with child, we writhed in pain, but we gave birth to wind. *We have not brought salvation to the earth; we have not given birth to people of the world.*"), He established a ReNewed Covenant with those who had faith in Messiah and commissioned them to bring salvation to the world. *Please note that the unbelieving Jews, the one who didn't fulfill Yahweh's purposes, persecuted the Messianic believers whom Yahweh used in their place.*
4. When the Western Roman Church did not represent Yahshua and true Biblical faith to the unbelieving world, He raised up the Reformers to begin the process of restoration of true Biblical faith. *Please note that the Western Roman Church, the ones who didn't fulfill Yahweh's purposes, persecuted the Reformers whom Yahweh used in their place.* Get the picture?

Each Reformer had a morsel of truth. Yahweh didn't give any one man all truths.

Please notice that none of the items listed above is a new revelation.

This is a very important point.

Please make a mental note of what I'm saying. *None of the points listed above is new revelation.*

They were already in the Bible!

They were truths that existed in the Bible all through the dark ages.

So why couldn't anyone see them earlier?

Because many in the Church weren't saved.

Many didn't know the Scriptures.

Many who knew the Scriptures possibly didn't believe them.

Lastly, and very importantly, many people based their faith and worldview entirely on the doctrines of men that had been passed down to them.

Accepting new understanding of basic core beliefs is very uncomfortable.

We like our spiritual "comfort zones".

The religious leaders of Yahshua's time rejected Him because He didn't fit the mould of their religious worldview.

He didn't teach the Scriptures as they did, neither did He live His life according to the traditions of men, but according to the word of Yahweh.

They had believed a lie for so long, they couldn't receive the truth, so they persecuted that which they didn't understand.

That is why your friends and family think you are in error.

So the Reformation continued.

But a strange thing happened.

The Reformers couldn't agree with each other.

Some Reformers felt others hadn't gone far enough to distance themselves from the Western Roman Church.

Well, to make a long story shorter, the result of the Reformation was the formation of many denominations.

When one group didn't agree with the established order, they'd start a new movement.

This is where we see another principle.

When one group sees a truth that they can't practice within the establishment, they need to go out of the establishment to practice the new truth.

For example:

1. Luther couldn't practice salvation by faith in the Catholic Church, so he started what later became known as the Lutheran movement.
2. When certain believers thought that reform wasn't happening quickly enough, they separated and became known as the Anabaptists.
3. When certain believers thought that reform wasn't happening quickly enough, they separated from the Episcopal Church of England and became Separatists.
4. Eventually, more and more groups formed in order to practice truths they felt they couldn't practice in the current establishment. We began to see Congregationalists, Baptists, Quakers, Mennonites, Methodists, etc.

Unfortunately, as Yahweh continued to restore more truths to the Church, the Church continued to splinter because the previous movement couldn't handle the "new wine" of the next movement.

Thus, was the Reformation.

Hmmm. **Was?**

That's right, what do we mean, **was?**

Most Believers look at the Reformation as something that ***occurred***, past tense.

You know, history!

Well, I don't think that the Reformation was an event that ended!

*I believe it's still occurring!*

In fact, I don't think Yahweh will stop restoring truths (truths we were blinded to because of wrong theology and/or traditions of men) until, when?

Until we as His body are one!

The oneness spoken of by Yahshua in John 17, as He is in the Father and as the Father is in Him.

The Reformation began with Noah and it will continue until the Bride has made herself ready to receive her Groom.

In fact, that's why we're experiencing this Restoration; to enable us to prepare ourselves to receive Yahshua.

Let me show you further evidence that Yahweh's Restoration has been manifest throughout this century and is still occurring.

Remember what happened at the turn of the century when Yahweh poured out the Ruach HaKodesh on Azuza Street?

Many of the established main-line denominational Churches rejected the experience of the Baptism of the Ruach as from the devil, choosing instead to believe that the experience had passed away with the Apostles.

The newly Ruach-baptized believers couldn't practice speaking in tongues in the established Churches, so now we have Pentecostals.

Then Pentecostals gave rise to Charismatics.

Note how Yahweh has recently used different groups to restore praise and worship.

Note also how He has been restoring the five-fold ministry (seemingly in reverse order) since the beginning of this new Reformation era called the Messianic movement.

First teachers, to teach His word to people who hadn't known His word for centuries.

Then pastors to care for the newly formed Messianic congregations.

Evangelists are next and continue until Everyone has had a chance to hear the Word.

Prophetic ministry is getting a big push by the Spirit in the movement.

I'm not saying that Yahweh hasn't had these ministry gifts functioning all along.

The tendency has been for each group to receive restoration of a truth only to sit on it, thinking that they'd arrived.

This posture is one of pride, and it prevents us from receiving new truths that the Lord may be restoring.

If we continue to resist, He will just pour the blessing out on someone else who will receive it.

Consider the Baptism by the Ruach HaKodesh.

Many in the Assembly still think it's not a valid experience.

Many of us know it's valid because we've experienced it.

However, the greatest proof of the validity of the Ruach Baptism is the testimony of Scripture itself.

The truth of the Baptism in the Ruach has been recorded in the Bible for almost 2000 years (even hundreds more if you include the Old Covenant prophecies), yet without the work of the Ruach of Truth illuminating our minds, we would never see or understand the Scriptures.

One of the most amazing Scriptures in the entire Bible is in **Luke 24:45 "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."**

*This verse implies that without the Ruach shining His light on a particular aspect of Yahweh's revelation, we would never see it.*

This is even more staggering when you consider that **Yahshua told the disciples over and over in plain language** that He would need to suffer, die and be raised on the third day!

See how needy we truly are.

This is so important to grasp!

The disciples had the testimony of the Old Covenant and Yahshua the Messiah himself telling them for three and a half years that He needed to suffer, die and be resurrected!

Yet, they did not believe, neither did they understand until He supernaturally opened their eyes to see and understand what had been written and what He had told them.

**I have a question for you.**

Can you receive the fact that maybe in these last days Yahweh wants to restore another truth that's been in the Word for almost 2000 years?

A truth that hasn't been well understood for 2000 years since the Apostles died?

Note, in each movement of Yahweh, people had to make choices between continuing with their current traditions or breaking away to embrace something that was new, and usually radically different from their previous experience.

The children of Israel's choice not to go into the promised land and their longing to go back to Egypt became the reason why they missed Yahweh's new move into the promised land.

As the writer of Hebrews tells us, they died in the wilderness for their inability to have ears to hear.

When Yahweh took His anointing off Saul and placed it on David, David's best friend, Jonathan, made a choice to stay with his father Saul instead of attaching himself to David as many other men had.

His family relationship to his father was more important to him than going with Yahweh's new move.

He paid for it with his physical life.

When the Jews rejected Yahshua because His "new doctrine" was against the traditions they'd grown up with, they made the ultimate stumble into the diaspora.

When the Catholic Church rejected Martin Luther's "new doctrine" many of them probably sealed their eternal fate since many *thought they were saved by their works*.

If they had only listened to Luther, perhaps more of them would have listened long enough to catch the revelation that we are only saved by grace through faith.

Many truly born-again believers who've rejected the Baptism in the Ruach have missed out on a blessing.

They stumbled because the restored truth wasn't what they'd been taught or use to.

I'm not trying to sound macabre by insinuating that anyone who doesn't go with Yahweh's new move is lost.

I'm only saying that for some people, eternal salvation could be at stake, whereas for others (and probably *most*) Yahweh's blessings, eternal rewards and/or maturation in Messiah may be at stake.

It is a surety that people have forfeited present and/or future rewards and blessings because they didn't have ears to hear the Spirit calling them to a restored truth.

So, here are some one million dollar questions.

1. Did the Reformation/Restoration end or is it still continuing?
2. If Yahweh confronted you with a new revelation, would you have ears to hear?  
Remember, **I mean a restored truth, not something no one has ever heard of before**. In other words, if someone could show you from the Bible a particular truth that you had rejected for years because of wrong theology and the commandments of men would you accept it? If they could show you **CONCLUSIVELY from BOTH THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS** that the Scriptures unanimously support a doctrine and/or understanding that you've rejected all of your life, would you have ears to hear? Remember, in all of the examples I listed above Yahweh confronted people with restored truths that were totally opposite to what they'd been taught. Think about that. It won't be easy.

### THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT: IS IT OF MEN OR OF YAHWEH?

In Romans chapters 9 – 11 Paul makes it clear that:

1. Blindness in part has come upon the Jewish people
2. The gospel will be preached to Gentiles to bring them into covenant with Yahweh until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled
3. One day Israel will experience **national salvation**

Many Christians today are aware of the fact that Yahweh is not through with the nation of Israel.

One of the most staggering events since the creation of the earth occurred in 1948.

A resurrection occurred.

No, not a resurrection of a biological entity.

A resurrection of a nation occurred!

How can a people, who were dispersed throughout the entire world 2000 years ago, become a nation again?

Even Yahweh himself represented the nation of Israel as a valley of "dry bones."

This re-gathering of the nation of Israel ignited the faith of many Christians this century.

On the other hand, many Christians, especially the theologian types, were shocked.

You see, many Christians have believed the *Replacement Theology* "doctrine of man," which unfortunately started with the Church Fathers (note the inherent anti-Semitism in the examples listed earlier).

In a nutshell, Replacement Theology states that when the Jews rejected Yahshua, Yahweh rejected the Jews.

That Currently Yahweh's people are the "Church" and in order for a Jew to be saved, they need to reject their Hebraic heritage and become engrafted into a Gentile tree.

Sounds a little backward doesn't it.

The re-establishment of Israel as a nation caused many eyebrows to raise in 1948.

In 1967 the Jews recaptured the city of Jerusalem against all odds in the **six-day war**.

Once again Yahweh was proving that the "gifts and callings of Yahweh are irrevocable" as stated in Romans 11:29.

Now I have another question for you.

Over the centuries, how many Jews has Gentile Christianity brought to saving faith in Yahshua the Messiah?

Not very many.

In fact, when you consider that some of the Jews' most severe persecutions and pogroms were delivered to them in the name of Jesus Christ, "the Gentile Savior," it's a wonder that any Jews get saved!

We may not realize this, but to most unbelieving Jews the name Jesus Christ and the religion of Christianity is synonymous with refuse.

You see, of all people, the Jews know their history.

And the persecutions delivered to them and their forefathers by the Gentile Church in the name of Jesus Christ are still open, unhealed, festering wounds.

Now may I ask, how many Jewish people have been brought to the Lord since 1967?

I don't have definitive numbers yet, but it's staggering.

Something happened in 1967 in the spiritual realm after the Jews recaptured Jerusalem.

Jews began coming to faith in their Messiah in remarkable numbers.

Until I can get my hands on concrete numbers please except these estimates.

According to a person who works for Chosen People Ministries (a Messianic Jewish Outreach Ministry to Jewish people), in 1975 there were only three Messianic Jewish congregations worldwide!

Today, a mere 24 years later, there are literally hundreds of Messianic Jewish congregations worldwide.

Furthermore, literally **THOUSANDS** of Jews have come to faith in their Messiah Yahshua in those same 24 years.

Hmmm. That's interesting.

Think of the ramifications of those numbers.

The current revival within Jewish people is staggering, with enormous implications.

Sha'ul stated that "blindness in part" had come upon Jews until the "fullness of the Gentiles" had come in.

The majority of these Messianic Jews meet in Messianic synagogues on the Sabbath.

They keep the feasts of the Old Covenant and they are Torah observant.

Now I have another question.

Is the Messianic movement of Yahweh or of men?

Do you remember the first Messianic movement?

It occurred on the day of Pentecost in the Book of Acts. In **Acts 5:38**, Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law (Torah) had this to say about the new Messianic movement:

"Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. **39But if it is from God**, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

I mention this Scripture only to show that we should at least wonder whether or not the Messianic movement is of Yahweh or not.

**After all, if the formation of the nation of Israel (physical restoration) was a miracle, then how much more a miracle is the salvation of the Jewish people (spiritual restoration).**

I believe the Messianic movement is of Yahweh.

However, it raises more questions:

1. Why isn't the Messianic revival occurring primarily as a result of the Gentile Christian witness?
2. Why is the expression of Messianic faith so vastly different than the expression of Gentile Christianity; especially since we *supposedly* serve the same Messiah and use the same standard of truth (the Old and New Covenants)?

The answer to question one is simple.

In order for a Jewish person to meet their Messiah in a Gentile Christian context, they would need to give up their Hebraic heritage.

You don't think so.

Oh yes they do.

You see, Messianics say that we should be worshipping on the Sabbath.

Messianics say that we should be keeping the biblical feasts.

Messianics say that the Old Covenant Law (Torah) is still the standard for New Covenant behavior.

Not so with Gentile Christians.

Their day of worship is Sunday, their "feasts" are Christmas, Easter etc., and realistically their standard of righteousness is the "New Covenant" *only* ("for we are not under Law but grace"); all are incompatible with the Hebraic roots of the Messianic beliefs.

The answer to question two is also simple.

The Covenant was, is and will always be intimately associated with the land, people and Scriptures of Israel regardless of whether or not Gentiles understand.

To the extent that Gentiles try to replace the inherent Hebraic context of the Covenant, to that extent they err from the truth.

I've already given a few examples of teachings by the early Church Fathers and Church council decisions that effectively removed the Hebraic roots from "New Covenant" worship as practiced by Gentile believers.

Yahshua is only coming back for a bride that is without spot or wrinkle, a bride who is one, even as the Son and the Father are one.

Do we see oneness now?

No. What we see is a Gentile Church divided 1000 different ways and each of those 1000 denominations is totally different from their Messianic brothers (who, by the way are also divided in various ways).

I submit that Yahweh will have **His** way.

But which "way" is it going to be.

There are three possibilities, but only one reality:

1. Gentile Christians and their traditions and system of worship only. This means that our Messianic brothers need to see the "light" and become converted to "Gentile Christianity."
2. Messianic believers and their traditions and system of worship only. This means that the Gentile Christians need to see the "light" and become converted to Messianic worship.
3. Both are right. Therefore, Yahweh doesn't mind that Messianic believers worship Him one way and Gentile Christians worship Him in a completely different manner.

Obviously, option three is out.

Option three cannot be true because it doesn't satisfy the condition that we be ONE in Messiah.

The Father, Yahshua and the Ruach HaKodesh are not confused.

He isn't the author of the diverse manner in which Messianic believers and Gentiles currently worship and express their faith.

Therefore, it seems that options one and two need to be weighed in the balance of truth.

The only standard of truth is the Bible.

### **YAHWEH'S RESTORATION THROUGH THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT**

I believe the Messianic movement is a **Yahweh-ordained restoration** movement to restore the following truths:

1. Gentile believers literally become *Israelites (Abraham's descendents)* by faith in Yahshua the Messiah.
2. Gentiles become engrafted into the olive tree of Israel where we are to partake of the nourishment from the Hebraic root, not vice versa.
3. It was **never** Yahweh's intention for Gentiles to become separated from their Hebraic roots and to form "Gentile Christianity" apart from Messianic believers.
4. Gentile and Jewish believers are to be ONE in Him with ONE system of worship in Spirit and in truth. Truth as revealed in the Old and ReNewed Covenants, not as directed by men whether they be the Church Fathers or the Roman Catholic Church.
5. The Covenant was made with "the House of Judah and the House of Israel," not with a separate Gentile entity.

6. The Scriptures clearly teach that the Torah (Law) is still to be obeyed and was not abolished as is currently taught in Christianity.
7. The "Old Covenant Law" (Torah) is an eternal, conditional (on the part of the people, not Yahweh) covenant with Israel.
8. Yahweh established a New (actually Renewed) Covenant with the Israelite people, which still has as its basis the Law (Torah), Prophets and Writings (the Tanakh). Whereas the Old Covenant was based on the Law (Torah) written on tablets of stone, the Renewed Covenant is based on the Ruach writing the Torah on the hearts of Yahweh's people.

And here is where the rubber meets the road.

It's very easy for us to look back at the historical Reformation and see how Yahweh raised up men and women to restore truths that had been hidden due to incorrect theology and doctrines/traditions of men.

But are we able to be confronted with Yahweh's truth, even though we think we already have it?

Will we stumble as so many previous people did when they were confronted with truth that didn't line up with their worldviews or traditions?

For the most part Gentile Christianity is impotent to reach orthodox Jews.

Why is that?

For one thing unsaved Jews hate anything associated with Christianity because traditionally "Christians" have been their most vehement persecutors.

Is our message missing something?

**Could it be that in these last days Yahweh has restored truth to the Messianic believers to deliver to the Gentiles?**

Might Yahweh have passed over the Gentile Christian movement to accomplish His task of bringing salvation to the Jewish people?

Will the traditions and doctrines of the Church Fathers and Reformers prevent us from understanding Yahweh's restored truth concerning His feasts, Sabbath rest, worship and "Old Covenant Law" (Torah)?

Will Gentile Christians eventually persecute Messianic believers because of our stubbornness in not coming to a "Gentile Root"?

These are sobering, serious questions.

We must have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying.

Typically, Yahweh doesn't shout, "Hey, this is a restoration movement from Me!"

We have the responsibility of discerning the times.

When we see literally thousands of Jews being brought into the Kingdom of God, it's up to us to ask the appropriate questions.

Are we willing to accept the answer to the questions?

I've been on both sides of the fence now.

I know most of the arguments against what I'm about to present because I used them.

As I searched the Scriptures in a spirit of humility, Yahweh's Ruach opened my eyes to His Truth.

He will do the same for you if you will submit to His word.

**LATER WE WILL LOOK AT FURTHER AREAS OF RESTORATION AND  
EXCUSES OF DEVISIVENESS.**