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#### Introduction

I have been in some Messianic congregations during the time of prayer where people are instructed to face east. Have you ever been in a Messianic congregation and you have had to pray to the east? Did you wonder why you had to do that? I want to share some things with you from the Scriptures that I think will help you.

I have spent many hours on the phone with various individuals who are in Messianic congregations who are being instructed in the ways of Messianic Judaism and the idea that these things are in the Scriptures. We are going to look at what the Scriptures say.

If Jerusalem is north, why would you pray to the east? Or east, if Jerusalem is south. Or if west, why would you pray to the east? That is a good question because no matter what congregation I have been in, it is always facing east, regardless to what direction Jerusalem may be from there.

Jews living in Arab countries would pray facing west, since they were to the east of Israel. The abridged Code of Jewish Law says, "Those who lived to the north of Israel should face south; those to the east, west; and those to south, north. Thus all Jews direct their prayers to one place, Jerusalem and the Holy of Holies..."

So now we have to ask ourselves if this is what people are being told. As I am communicating with people on the phone, many individuals who are calling are asking about this or that. They are part of a Messianic congregation and they are not allowed to use "the name". They are wearing kippahs.

I did a teaching on the **Religious Traps in the Messianic Faith** because when I came into the
Hebrew Roots, I did not come into the Hebrew Roots. I
came into Messianic Judaism. I did not know.

Lots of people, when we come out of the church, want to be with people whom we believe are following the ways of the Torah. Interestingly enough, many of us do not know the Torah and so we look to these people who are in these circles to tell us.

I went into a community and there were about five of us in Michigan. We had these different groups and so we tried to get together. After two meetings the whole thing fell apart because of the differences. There are so many differences. I was shocked because I was coming out of a Christian environment.

As of today, there are 60,000 plus denominations in Christianity. Back in 1994 there were only 33,000, you see this. It is believed, according to the Boehner's Report, that there are going to be another 50,000 congregations that are going to emerge in 2013. By the end of 2013, they are anticipating <u>50,000</u> new congregations.

Part of my responsibility in the Christian Reformed Church was the church planter. I was responsible for identifying individuals out of seminaries; couples who would literally be sent to different areas to plant churches where there was no Reformed Church. This was over and above congregations that were literally establishing satellite congregations among themselves. So, the idea that 50,000 congregations are going to be established during this year, I have to ask myself: how many of these are going to be

Messianic? How many of these are going to be Hebrew Roots teaching the true, unleavened Gospel?

Now in the same token, when you think about it, there are 3.7 million Christian churches. As of 2011, there were 300 Messianic congregations. Now imagine 300 congregations out of 3.7 million churches. Four thousand Jewish synagogues of Reformed, Orthodox, Ultra-orthodox and Conservative Judaism; several of them in Canada. When I look at these numbers, they are staggering and yet when people come out of these churches looking for the truth, most of us find ourselves in a Messianic Jewish congregation being taught Jewish tradition under the guise that we are developing a Hebraic mindset. It is like, how in the world is a Gentile going to develop a Hebraic mindset without being immersed in the culture of ancient traditions?

Any person who wants to learn a new language, they are told that in order for you to be most effective in learning this language, you need to immerse yourself in the culture because it is not just learning the words. You have to learn the idioms. You have to learn the figures of speech. You have to learn these things in order to properly communicate, otherwise you have what you would call a "merchant knowledge" of the language: "How can I help you? What do you want? How much you want to buy?" You know, the common language that you learn to communicate in order to do business.

When I came into the Messianic faith, I was handed a book. I used to carry the book, but I do not carry the book anymore because the book was from a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, talking about the Feasts and festivals and the customs of the Messianic faith which was really the Jewish faith.

So, these congregations that I have gone to, we would end up praying to the east. Regardless which direction Jerusalem was in, it was always focusing on the east.

### **Praying to the Temple**

Solomon spoke of praying to the Temple. This is the reasoning behind it. In 2 Chronicles, when he is talking to the Father, he was saying,

**2 Chronicles 7:14** "Now when the children of Israel, if they disobey and You do drive them out of the land, and it gets to the point they humble themselves and pray, turn from their wicked ways, then will You hear from heaven and heal their land."

You know the Scripture. In the conversation, He says,

- **2 Chronicles 6:38** "...And if they turn back to you with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity where they were taken, and pray toward the land you gave their fathers, toward the city you have chosen and toward the temple I have built for your Name."
- **2 Chronicles 6:39** "...Then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their pleas, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you."

Father later responds when He says,

**2 Chronicles 7:14** "If my people, which are called by my name..."

Often times I have been in places and they say,

"Well, you know, we are the people of God. We are called by His name."

"What is His name?"

"His name is the Lord."

"That is not His name."

"How do you know His name?"

We know that according to, especially as knowledge has increased, that there are actual materials in the Aleppo Codex and in the Leningrad Codex and others, that the actual vowel pointing has been identified. You can see the actual vowel points as they were found in some early manuscripts:

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Daniel is another example they use,

**Daniel 6:10** "Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published,"

This decree was published that anybody who was of a different land and of a different religion had to pray one prayer. They could not pray to their god. Daniel did not buy this, so Daniel went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem.

There are places in Scripture where we see that they prayed toward the Temple. They prayed toward Jerusalem, but it was not always east. It was whatever direction it was in. But in Messianic congregations, regardless to where they are, the prayers are always directed east.

Daniel got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before, regardless of what the king had said.

## Sages and Idol Worship

Let us look at the Book of Ezekiel because this is where it gets really, really troubling for me.

**Ezekiel 8:8** "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold, a door."

**Ezekiel 8:9** "And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here."

**Ezekiel 8:10** "So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about."

They had all these pagan symbols. You go into some churches; they are chanting and they have got all of these statues and images of crosses and different crosses from different eras, and all of this in the name of the Lord. You have to ask yourself, where did they get that from? They did not just create a lot of this stuff; a lot of it was transferred over.

**Ezekiel 8:11** "And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel..."

Sages. People like using the term sage. People will say,

"The sages say."

"Well, who is the sage that said it?"

Many of us, when we hear somebody is got a Hebraic mindset, we think that they understand the Pardes and the four levels of Torah, they are real deep and they use the word sages. For me, it is like: "Whoa!" I want to know who the sage is who said it because there are some sages out there that we do not need to be listening to.

Here we see the ancients of Israel, according to the Scriptures, seventy men of the ancients of Israel.

**Ezekiel 8:11** "...And in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand;"

They are burning incense.

**Ezekiel 8:11** "...And a thick cloud of incense went up."

You would think they were burning incense unto YeHoVaH because these are the "ancients of Israel." They are not.

**Ezekiel 8:12** "Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, YeHoVaH seeth us not:"

Do you know there are people who think that the Father does not see them if they are not in the midst of somebody who is holy? And, if they are not in the House of God. Let me tell you something, folks. We never claim this to be the House of God. I do not declare this to be the House of God. You are the house of YeHoVaH.

This is the House of Israel, okay? That is what it is. It could have been named anything, like a lot of Ministries out there, but it is not the House of God. When we leave here, this building is empty. Wherever you are is where the Spirit is.

Unfortunately, what religion did is it taught us that we got to go to church to meet God. You do not have to go to church to meet God. You can meet the Almighty wherever you are; wherever you call on His name. I know this is a shock for some people.

"Are you saying the people of God do not have to go to church?"

You are the congregation. When you assemble yourselves, where two or more of you are gathered together, now He is in the midst of you, wherever that may be. It could be in the parking lot. It could be at Walmart. I have seen some of the YouTube videos; there are people up at Walmart:

"Whoa, did you feel that?"

**Ezekiel 8:12** "...YeHoVaH hath forsaken the earth."

**Ezekiel 8:13** "He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do."

**Ezekiel 8:14** "Then he brought me to the door of the gate of YeHoVaH's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz."

Just in case you do not know who Tammuz is, Tammuz was an idol. Tammuz was supposedly the son of Semiramis and Nimrod. Tammuz worship invaded Israel. They are weeping for Tammuz. Tammuz worship invaded Israel after the Babylonian captivity. So much so, that on the Jewish calendar the fourth Biblical month is the month Tammuz.

Now, what righteous Believer would name a month after a pagan deity? But it is there and people do not seem to be bothered by it. But look at what it says,

Ezekiel 8:14 "...women weeping for Tammuz."

**Ezekiel 8:15** "Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? [Father says, Now if you think that is something, turn again because I am going to show you even greater abominations. The thing that I have showed you is already great abominations, but I am going to show you even greater] turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these."

So, the abominations just kept getting higher and higher on the chain.

**Ezekiel 8:16** "And he brought me into the inner court of YeHoVaH's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of YeHoVaH, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of YeHoVaH, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east."

That Babylonian sun god worship even infiltrated Messianic Judaism because Messianic Judaism is simply Judaism with a Messianic twist. Yeshua says,

"Do not follow their ways." Yet they bring that right into the assembly of the Almighty along with the practices that are identified as pagan traditions and abominations unto YeHoVaH.

Can you imagine people in the Temple, in the House of YeHoVaH, where He had placed His name, doing this? How much more in these little synagogues and whatever you want to call it.

**Ezekiel 8:17** "Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?"

So, what did He show him? He showed him the House of Israel in caves doing it. He showed the House of Judah in the Temple doing it.

**Ezekiel 8:17** "...For they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger."

You would think that they would repent, return, come worship, and serve the Almighty. He said,

"They have come and they have made me mad."

**Ezekiel 8:17** "...And, lo, they put the branch to their nose."

**Ezekiel 8:18** "Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity."

This is why, often times, you cannot get a prayer through. Why cannot people get healed? Why are not folks even praying to be healed? All of the synagogues that I went in, all the Messianic houses of worship that I went in, use the Siddur for prayers. Anybody hear of the Siddur? That is the prayer book.

Why do I need a prayer book? Can you imagine the Disciples of Yeshua saying,

"Master, teach us how to pray."

"Okay. Judas, where you at? Hand me that box over there. Bring me that box."

Then He just goes in the box and starts handing everybody Siddurs, "This is how you pray."

**Ezekiel 8:18** "...And though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice,"

Folks, get this. You got people who are crying out to God. They are crying. They are weeping.

"Oh, God." [wailing and waving hands]

I have seen it.

"Hear my cry."

"Well, you are supposed to keep the Commandments."

"We do not have to do that stuff. Hear me, Oh, God. I am calling to you from the ends of the earth."

"Well, keep My Commands."

"We do not have to do that stuff. Jesus paid the price. We do not have to do that. But I need You, God."

**Ezekiel 8:18** "...And though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them."

#### **True Worship**

We can never allow religion to take the place of true worship. True worship is to keep the Commands of YeHoVaH. Do not allow yourself to fall into a religious trap to where you are doing religious things in the name of God or Jesus or Yeshua or Yahweh or Yehuah or YeHoVaH. It does not matter.

If you truly seek Him, He is going to reveal Himself to you the way He wants you to know Him. So, I do not get caught up in people. Folks come in here and they want to minister: Yehuah, Yahweh ... If that is how you know Him, you keep seeking, because if you seek you are going to find. It is dangerous for people who have stopped seeking.

The reason why I never asked Him His name is because I thought I knew it. If you already think you know it, and you know it because this is what somebody told you ...

The first thing Moses did, he said,

"Listen, I will go to these people and they will ask me what is Your name. What am I supposed to tell them?"

Do not assume you know YeHoVaH because you have been in church or because you have got a Bible; because you have read it. The Bible has been translated. You have got to search it. You have got to seek. You have got to seek first the Kingdom of YeHoVaH and His righteousness and then all the other things will be added.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe should be started now so that you can begin saving up to attend Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. You see, Father intended for His people to come up three times a year, not once, but three times. He incorporated into His economy a means by which they would have the resources to do that. But it is going to again require proper management of resources. We are going to have to properly manage our resources. When you begin to properly manage your resources, you are going to identify where the leak is, where the hole is, where the excess is.

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Some suggest that the gifts of the Spirit have ceased operation and that the Law is done away with. Among those who accept and teach that the Spiritual Gifts of the Bible are still operational today, many have abused and misused these gifts in their assembly similar to the days of Corinth to whom Paul wrote to correct. This Book removes the mystery over manifesting spiritual gifts and it empowers Believers to identify and exercise their spiritual gifts.

## Offended & Offending: Dealing With Offence

Some offences are carried over a lifetime and others tear apart relationships.

In the natural world, offences can create wounds that are slow to heal. Even when an apology is given, some people continue to be offended. Why do we become offended? What does the Bible say about offence? It is never too late to walk in your Kingdom authority free from offences! Be who you are meant to be today.

## Pulling Down Strongholds (Hardcover)

Spiritual warfare is to walk in the power and authority of the Spirit of YeHoVaH. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through Elohim and have the capacity to pull down strongholds. This teaching addresses the strongholds in our life that need to be dealt with and pulled down. Where is it pulled down from? Our minds!

It requires serious discipline to operate and walk in Kingdom wisdom and in Kingdom understanding which requires each of us to confront ourselves. This is a Book to read and apply!

### The Evolution of the American Gospel

Did you know that today's "Christian" gospel is not the Gospel of the Biblical Messiah's day? Over time, at the hands of men, the Gospel of the Kingdom (which is about repentance, obedience to the Commandments and acceptance of the Savior's sacrifice) has evolved into a gospel that is barely recognizable to Messiah, His Apostles or to true Believers of the faith once delivered to the Saints. Follow The Evolution of the American Gospel along a remarkable trail across languages, cultures, and centuries to reveal the true message of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) and the path to salvation that is very different and far more powerful than what we have been taught to "believe."

## The Fruit Of The Spirit (Paperback)

Arthur Bailey does a verse by verse study of this passage from Paul's letter to the Galatians. The main tenets of this study is that God, who is Spirit, gave man the Law to govern his natural, flesh, carnal nature and God gave man His Spirit to lead man by His Spirit. As people of the Kingdom, we must be led by the Holy Spirit. The person who is led by the Spirit of God/Elohim will produce the fruit of the Spirit, do the works of the Spirit, and operate in the gifts of the Spirit. You will know the man by his fruit.

## The Lord's Supper, The Last Supper, Communion (Hardcover)

Where did the model of a cup of juice and wafer come from? Did the Disciples/Apostles celebrate communion as we know it? The Lord's Supper, the Last Supper, and Communion as we know it today was adopted by the Protestant church and inherited from the Catholic Church during the "Great Reformation". What is the proper way to celebrate Yeshua's Last Supper with His Disciples as He instructed?

## <u>Trumpets, Traditions and the Babylonian</u> <u>Effect (Hardcover)</u>

During the Babylonian captivity, the Jews were influenced by Babylonian worship just as when they were in Egypt they adopted the worship of the Egyptians. Babylon especially influenced the Jews so much so that the most religious document in Jewish life is titled the "Babylonian Talmud". In this teaching, Arthur points out the man-made traditions and the various effects Babylon had on modern day Judaism and the importance of exalting the Word of YeHoVaH over the traditions of men.

## <u>Understanding Grace (Hardcover)</u>

Did you know that Yeshua never mentions the word Grace in the gospels or in the prophetic book of Revelation? The way the term grace has been used by those in Christian circles has given grace a bad name amongst Messianic and Hebrew Roots believers. Many Christians have used the doctrine of grace as a license to sin. However, when grace is used in the Biblical context it is truly a beautiful gift from YeHoVaH.

## What About Grace?

Believers in Messiah misunderstand grace, salvation, and the Law. Messiah did not do away with the Law when he was crucified. Learn why we must keep the Law for the hope of salvation and the power of the Holy Spirit who still fills Believers. Absolutely relevant and must-read teaching for people of any faith!

### Who Is Israel? (Hardcover)

The word Israel is used in many different contexts in Scripture. The word is used as the name of an individual, the name of a people, the name of a territory, the name of a united kingdom, the name of a divided kingdom and the name of the commonwealth. This Book reveals who is the real Israel today.

You Must Be Born Again — The church world took a conversation that Yeshua had with a Pharisee at night and built powerhouse ministries teaching a Gospel message of salvation and altar calls. But what does John 3:16 really teach within the context that it is written? Like many other Biblical passages, this much-quoted verse is preached in a manner that has become isolated from the context in which it was originally written.

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