

## **Messianic, the House of Israel, is Commanded to Listen to the House of Judah**

### **...a Torah Commandment**

Judah has never been divorced. Meaning that all Twelve Tribes will be restored together as the one and only Wife of YHWH/Y'shua (partition wall now removed). And she will rule with Him during the Olam Habah, the Messianic Age. Judah stayed all along in the Torah and knows the Torah. Prophecy has it that **ten men** will take hold of the tzitziyot (a reminder of the Commandments, Num 15:39) of the Jew (Judah) and **Judah will teach them the Torah**. These "ten men" are from the various tribes of the House of Israel scattered amongst the nations of the world: "19 Thus said YHWH of hosts, 'The fast of the fourth, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months, are to be joy and gladness, and pleasant appointed times for the house of Yehudah – and they shall love the truth and the peace.' 20 Thus said YHWH of hosts, 'Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities, 21and the inhabitants of the one go to another, saying, "Let us earnestly go and pray before YHWH, and seek YHWH of hosts. I myself am going." 22 And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek YHWH of hosts in Yerushalayim, and to pray before YHWH. 23 Thus said YHWH of hosts, **'In those days ten men from all languages of the nations take hold, yea, they shall take hold of the edge of the garment of a man, a Yehudite, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you."**' (Zech 8:19-23.).

How arrogant of the "church" and "Messianics" to come and pretend they can teach the Jews. No, Scripture has it that the Messianic lost sheep will eventually learn from Judah concerning the Divine Constitution during the Olam Habah. This Divine 'Constitution' is enshrined in the Torah of Israel. Its judicial interpretation has been Divinely mandated to the Tribe of Judah (the Jews and their spiritual leaders of today, the Rabbis).<sup>1</sup>

The Bible presents a metaphor for this wider election in the recorded history of the Exodus, when many Egyptians joined the Israelites (12 Tribes) in their Exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land. Throughout the Written Torah there are numerous references to 'the righteous of the nations' to be regarded as part of the Hebrew nation and of the Kingdom of YHWH.

Isaiah 33:22: "For YHWH is our Judge, YHWH is our Lawgiver (Mechoqeck), YHWH is our King; He will save us." Obviously, the Lawgiver does not break the Law by sitting in Judgment, but His unauthorised subjects do. Even opposers of YHWH's Law (Torah) would not think of denying that YHWH is the Lawgiver, as these Scriptures confirm. They would however take exception to the following Scriptural statement and undoubtedly find, or create reasons for arguing it away. The onus is on you though, as the individual Believer, to consider the following statement and decide how you would accept it or interpret it.

This text uses the exact same Hebrew word Mechoqeck, and is written in the very same Bible, the Word of YHWH. This text is coming from the Mouth of YHWH Himself: Psalm 60:7: "Judah is my Lawgiver (Mechoqeck)," It is repeated once more in Psalm 108:8.

The word Mechoqeck appears six times only, in the TaNaCh. Once it refers directly to YHWH Himself, as quoted in the introduction above - Isaiah 33:22, twice it refers clearly to Judah (the

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<sup>1</sup> Kol HaTor, <http://www.kolhator.org.il/Mechoqeck.php>

Jews) - Psalm 60:7 and Psalm 108:8. Of the three remaining instances, twice it is a vague reference, but the final instance is an equally bold declaration regarding Judah, as recorded in the Word of YHWH. This declaration regarding Judah is no doubt inspired by His Ruach in line with the Divine Promise made to Ya'acov (Jacob) by YHWH Himself at Luz (or Bethel) in Samaria. According to this Divine Blessing, YHWH would bless Jacob's descendants, which would grow into a multitude of nations, whom God would bring back to this very Land of Israel (Gen 28:10-19). Gen 49:10 "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a Lawgiver (Mechoqeck) from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the obedience of the people (the nations) be."

### **Divine Appointment of Judah According to the Torah**

The Blessing declared by Gen 49:10 upon the Tribe and the descendants of Judah, was part of the Blessings pronounced by Ya'acov under Divine Inspiration, on his death bed, over his twelve sons (fathers of the Twelve Tribes of the nation of Israel which would proceed from them). It was defined as being a declaration of "what lies before them in time to come." (Gen 49:1.) According to this Prophetic Blessing, Judah (the Jews) would retain the ruling legal authority amongst the Twelve Tribes of Israel "... UNTIL Shiloh (Y'shua Messiah) physically comes to earth," to whom the ruling authority "over the nations" belongs.

There can be no doubt, that one of the main reasons why Jews (descendants of the Tribe of Judah) are **disliked** by other nations, is because of their image of representing legalism, religious legalism, which they portray. This dislike certainly protrudes from many Christians who regard themselves as 'free from this legalism through the Grace of Jesus.' Even a major part, if not the majority, of Hebraic Roots Restorers (a great awakening phenomenon of late), protests against what they regard as 'the man-made legal obligations of the Rabbis.'

Notwithstanding this resistance, these Restorers of Torah, as they like to portray themselves are gradually partaking more and more of these Hebraic legal responsibilities themselves – like the Sabbath, Feast days, Jewish customs, etc. The majority of these returnees to Torah principles, claim to uphold only the literal injunctions of the Bible, while vehemently rejecting the Rabbinic "man-made" injunctions. Yet, ironically, they are also adopting many of the salient Rabbinic Oral Torah directives for rituals and religious items for which the literal Word (the Bible) offers no directives at all. Examples of these are the making of Tallit (Prayershawl), Tefillin (Phylacteries), the Mezuzah (Sign on door), etc. In their restorative drive, however, they "selectively" use only those Laws which they believe they are obligated to, and even then, they choose to interpret and define these Laws according to their own understanding or, as many claim, though they still vocally differ with each other. This results in great discord and disunity in the Restoration Movement because of the "great confusion amongst" its adherents regarding interpretation of these 'Jewish' Laws and practices, and their rejection of Rabbinic interpretation. See footnote below how Y'shua and Sha'ul kept the Oral Law as well.<sup>2</sup> (There is nothing wrong with the Oral Law but it must and can never contradict or supersede the Written Law (Torah).)

Above all this confusion, one striking effect is indisputable, and that is the power of the Word of YHWH stating:

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<sup>2</sup> Please read the booklet how Y'shua, Sha'ul and the rest of the Messianic Writings authors kept the Oral Law: " Y'shua, Sha'ul and the Oral Law."

- ✓ That the Tribe of Judah (Jews) have indeed remained as the Guardians of Torah throughout the ages, since Moshe received it from Elohim and interpreted it for the people, notwithstanding all the persecutions and exterminations they had to endure for this Divine Mandate placed on them by YHWH;
- ✓ That the Tribe of Judah would remain to blaze the Trail and, by example, set the pace and be the light unto not only the nations, but also to those who, while opposing their interpretations of the Word of YHWH, yet follow their guidance as they are no doubt led by the Ruach of YHWH.

This is all because YHWH never divorced Judah as He divorced Israel because they (Israel) choose to leave YHWH's Torah and went whoring after pagan gods and their traditions. The Most High certainly employs paradox and controversy to achieve His purpose!

Salvation involves two steps: 1) Justification and 2) Sanctification. The Ten Tribes (Israel) have 1) but not (yet) 2). The Two Tribes (Judah) have 2) but not (yet) 1).

Y'shua came to earth to correctly interpret the Torah<sup>3</sup> which was obscured by the Biblical Pharisees, and even the modern-day Pharisees which are the general Christian church leaders who are doing away with the Torah.

Let us for a moment recall our opening quotation regarding Judah as being the Lawgiver (Mechoqeck) of YHWH. Has Y'shua, now in this dispensation, completely replaced Judah as the Lawgiver thereby ending Judah's legal mandate? It would be a great insult today to say that Y'shua the Messiah is "ruling over the nations" (as the latter part of the prophecy and Divine Mandate of Gen 49:10 specifies) while we observe the ever worsening ungodliness, rebellion, terror and sinfulness of the nations! Prophecy defines His rule over the nations as a rule with "a rod of Iron." That has not happened yet. Let's read Gen 49:8-10, this time with an open mind: "**You, Yehudah**, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your enemies; your father's children bow down before you. **Yehudah** (tribe) is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him? **The sceptre (rod) shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor a Lawgiver (Mechoqeck) from between his feet** (meaning the rod and Lawgiver responsibilities will remain with Judah...), **until Shiloh comes** (until Y'shua the Messiah physically returns to planet earth), and to Him is the obedience of peoples." As said it will only materialize when Y'shua comes for the Battle of Armageddon and then sets His Messianic Kingdom up which He **will then rule with a rod of iron**. Until that time Judah has the mandate to be the Mechoqeck. Rev 19:14-15 confirms this: "And the armies in the heaven, dressed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should smite **the nations. And He shall shepherd them with a rod of iron**. And He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of El Shaddai." Shiloh has not physically returned yet and **until such time will Judah have the mandate to be the Mechoqeck!**

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<sup>3</sup> Matt 5:17-20.