ahead of time that the Temple would be destroyed, so He told us in the Scriptures, through His Prophets, of the substitutionary system of atonement He Himself would provide - His own Son, Yeshua. He is the sacrificial Lamb and final blood atonement for us!

What The Talmud Say About This
The Talmud (Tractate Yoma 39:b) records in essence that on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), it was customary to tie red wool to the Temple gate. Miraculously, after the lamb was sacrificed to atone for the people’s sin, the red wool always turned white as a sign to the people that their sins had been forgiven. But, immediately following Yeshua’s death in 33 A.D., the red wool tied to the Temple gate remained red! The rabbis, at that time, concluded God was saying, “I will not forgive, I will not forgive.” But consider this... that the change in this supernatural occurrence coincided perfectly with God providing His own Lamb (Yeshua) as the final atonement for our sins!

In other words, no additional blood sacrifice is required for our atonement. God provided His own perfect and spotless lamb, His Son, to be the sacrifice that would forever atone for all of our sins - if, and only if, we accept His new plan (see Scripture below) of atonement and salvation through Messiah Yeshua. It was finished!!!

God foretold this New Covenant, or promise, in Jeremiah 31:31-32 when He said, “Behold, days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not like the covenant I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them.”

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Here Are 8 Ways To Identify Messiah According To The Jewish Scriptures:

1. Where He would be born (Micah 5:2)
2. When He would be born (Daniel 9:25)
3. His manner of birth (Isaiah 7:14)
4. His betrayal (Zechariah 11:12,13)
5. His manner of death (Psalm 22:16-18)
6. Piercing of His hands, feet and side (Zech 12:10)
7. People mocking Him (Psalm 22:7)
8. His Burial (Isaiah 53:9)

The compound probability of just these 8 prophecies being fulfilled is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. And yet, Yeshua fulfilled over 300 prophecies in the Hebrew scriptures!

Today, in the 21st century, we seek the truth. The Bible is God’s truth to us! We can choose to follow the god of time, the god of money, the god of power, and the god of self-indulgence, or choose the God of the Bible - the one true God! At Shoresh David Messianic Synagogues we encourage you not to just follow us or other people - even if learned scholars. We encourage you to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. As wonderful as traditions are, they were established only by men. We encourage you to follow God’s Word and think for yourself. Please call us if you have a question, or would like to discuss what you have read.

“ADONAI bless you and keep you! ADONAI make His face to shine on you and be gracious toward you! ADONAI turn His face toward you and grant you shalom. In this way they are to place My Name over Bnei-Israel, and so I will bless them.”

Numbers 6:24-27

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IS IT JEWISH TO BELIEVE IN YESHUA (JESUS)?

To some, the concept of a Jew believing in Yeshua is a contradiction. The reason for that is many people have a distinct separation established in their minds. On one hand you have “Jews and Judaism”, and on the other, “Christians and Christianity.”

You are either one or the other, or so the thinking usually goes! But this simple dichotomy is, in reality, not so simple or accurate. If we go back 2000 years, we find that Yeshua was a Jew living in a Jewish land among Jewish people. All the apostles were Jewish, as well as the writers of the New Covenant, and for many years, faith in Yeshua was strictly a Jewish issue.

From the Book of Acts and other historical evidence, many believe that in the first century there were literally hundreds of thousands of Messianic Jews.* In addition, there were Messianic Synagogues scattered throughout the Roman Empire and beyond.**

The first-century Messianic Jews remained highly loyal to their land and their people. Whether it was Jewish to believe in Yeshua was never an issue - of course it was Jewish! What else could it be? The big question 2000 years ago was whether Gentiles would be allowed to believe in Yeshua without becoming Jewish. God miraculously showed the first Believers (Messianic Jews) that Yeshua was the Messiah for both Jew and Gentile alike! Then, Gentiles from every nation began embracing this new faith in remarkable numbers!

During those early years, as the number of Gentile Believers increased, they became greater in number than the Jewish-born Messianic Believers. With the passing on of the Apostles and the early Messianic Jews, the Jewish roots of the faith were eventually lost. This “de-Judaizing” process continued until, in one of the greatest paradoxes in history, it became alien for a Jewish person to believe in Yeshua as their Messiah! This led to Messianic Jews being considered by other Jews to be traitors to Judaism!

THE REAL ISSUE

Today, we are seeking to restore Messiah to His biblically Jewish context.

Messianic Judaism is a spiritual renaissance, a revival, a return to the faith the Messianic Jews had in the first-century, unencumbered by the traditions and prejudices of men. It is a return to a pure and simple faith, based upon having a living, vibrant and personal relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - through Messiah Yeshua!

The real issue here is not whether it is Jewish to believe in Yeshua, because the Jewishness of Yeshua is historically unquestionable, but whether Yeshua is truly the Messiah or not! If He is, then it is the most Jewish thing in the world to believe in Him. If He is not, then we should not follow Him.

There is only one way to find out, and that is to go back into the Jewish scriptures (Tanach) ourselves, and study the Messianic prophecies.

WHY DID THE MESSIAH HAVE TO DIE?

The Jewish prophet Isaiah answered this question in the Tanach when he said, “We all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us turned to his own way. So ADONAI has laid on Him the iniquity of us all...Because of oppression and judgment He was taken away. As for His generation, who considered? For He was cut off from the land of the living, for the transgression of my people—the stroke was theirs.” -- Isaiah 53:6,8 (TLV)

Without God there is no hope for mankind! It is obvious that man is separating himself from God, as we view the ever-worsening situation in the world today. This is why God sent His Son, Yeshua, as the blood atonement for our sins - to restore our personal relationship with Him, and receive His eternal salvation!

For tens of thousands of us today, we know that we have found the Messiah who said, “Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets! I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.” --Matthew 5:17

We would like to encourage you to read and study the Tanach and determine for yourself if Yeshua is truly the One of whom the prophets spoke. Before you research the scriptures, pray and ask the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to guide you and show you His Truth.

What Scriptures Say About The Messiah

Zechariah 12:10 “Then I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication, when they will look toward Me whom they pierced. They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son and grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves for a firstborn.”

Isaiah 53:4-6 “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our pains. Yet we esteemed Him stricken, struck by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities. The chastisement for our shalom was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. We all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us turned to his own way. So ADONAI has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

What Does The Talmud Say About This?

The ancient rabbis not only knew the Messiah would be pierced, they also knew He would die! In fact, in a discussion in the Talmud, Sukkah 52a, they cited Zechariah 12:10 (quoted above) to show they understood the Scripture which said that Messiah would have to die.

In Isaiah 53, also partially quoted above, it must have been clear to the rabbis that this passage was talking about Messiah. Referencing this chapter in an ancient rabbinical Targum, they said: “...my servant, the Messiah, in whom I am well pleased.”

When you put these scriptures in Isaiah and Zechariah together with these two commentaries, it is easy to see that our ancient rabbis believed Messiah was to come and die for our sins!

These Scriptures Tell Us When Messiah Will Come

In the Tanach, the prophet Daniel prophesied that 483 years after March 14, 445 B.C., the Messiah would come! Read Daniel 9:25-26 for yourself. Note: When you read the word ‘sevens’, that word is similar to our word ‘decade’ and means 7 years. So when you read “seven sevens” that equals 49 years (7 x 7 = 49). When it says “sixty-two sevens” that equals 434 years (62 x 7 = 434). Now, when you add 49 + 434 you get 483 years. And 483 years after the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (March 14, 445 B.C.) Yeshua (the Messiah) walked the earth.

Then, in 70 A.D., just as Daniel prophesied, Jerusalem and the Second Temple were both destroyed!

What Does The Talmud Say About Daniel 9?

In the Talmud, Megillah 3a, it says, “...a Bat Kol [voice from Heaven] came forth and exclaimed, ‘...Enough!’ What was the reason? Because the date of the Messiah is foretold in it.” It’s amazing what our ancient rabbis have said - isn’t it?

Now, since the Temple was destroyed we could no longer offer Temple sacrifices for our sins. God knew

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES AND RABBIS SAY ABOUT MESSIAH

According to the Jewish Scriptures, the Messiah was to come twice: the first time to suffer and die (Isaiah 53:4-6), and the second time to usher in the Messianic era of peace on Earth (Isaiah 11:1-9).


**James 1:1; 2:2