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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

Before I forget I want to let you all know, to tune in to KMLS FM 101.9 Messianic Radio. The Kosher radio station which goes out around the world to both Orthodox and Messianic followers. There are many good teachings to be found on this station which is now airing those things being taught here on Sightedmoon.com as presented by myself. Spread the word. Yes this is a plug.

It is reported that Hurricane Ike is bigger than Katrina, and may well cause just as much damage. Pray for our brethren in the path of this storm which is coming ashore in Texas as we send this newsletter out. Again this storm is part of the second curse of Lev 26. They are going to keep on getting bigger until we as a nation repent of our sins.

Sin is the transgression of the Law. 1John. The law is the 10 commandments and it is the 4th one that no one wants to obey. Keeping the Sabbath Holy, keeping the annual holy days and keeping the land rest and Jubilee years.

It is also reported that the US Government is being asked to bail out the Auto industry. Why not? They have bailed out Fanny Mae and Freddy Mac, and many of the big banks. Leiman Brothers is now also looking for a hand out for its bad policies. When does it stop?

How much money does the USA have to give away to all these failing companies? Once they have given it all away, will they have enough to pay the local towns, who look after the Garbage pickup and the treatment of Sewage and clean drinking water.

If they can't or don't have the money to look after these important jobs, then those of you who have watched the DVD know what is coming. Pestilence and it is to start after 2010. One and a half years from now. Are you getting your house in order? Are you one of the few who are going to obey? Or do you still have your head in the sand telling yourself everything is fine? WAKE UP!

The DVD Chronological order of Prophecies in the Jubilee has now reached the 5th best seller spot at the Prophecy Club. This is awesome. I hope you all take the time to view this message either on the web site for free at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=250 or buy it for yourself from the prophecy club. Again I do not make one cent from any of these sales. I tell you this so that you know I am promoting the message of the Jubilee and not just trying to sell Yahweh's word.

With this Newsletter we shall reach the 200,000-hit mark on the web site. I thank you all for studying this subject out and proving those things said here.

Last week's controversial News Letter, The Sign, the Seal, the Secret, has caused many to unsubscribe. Very many. And with it I have also received a number of extremely mean-spirited comments from those who call themselves Christian. I have now been called names I never heard of and I work in construction and hear many verbal abuses all the time.

Even though we have had hundreds unsubscribe we have also had even more sign up to receive the News Letter. This is very encouraging and again I thank you all for your efforts in promoting those things said on this web site.

Once again, I ask you to share this web site with as many as you can, and explain to them, those things you have learned about the Jubilee and the coming curses. It is because of the curses that we keep plodding forward. The next curse is aimed at your children and is going to kill them in great numbers. Please let as many of your friends and relatives know. Warn them while you can. Also pray that those who left might return and study some more about those things being taught here. I have nothing to sell. No strings attached. I am not starting the New Church to Joe. Just sharing what I have learned. Please do the same. You will be hated for it, but that can't be helped, because these people have had so many years of wrong teachings taught to them. It does make them mad to know they are wrong, especially when you show them in the scriptures.

Recently we have been focusing on the Fall Holy Days season and the meaning that these Holy Days have in relation to the Jubilee and Sabbatical years. This week's message is the same, explaining a small scripture and showing how great the meaning is once it is understood in relation to all we have already learned.

In just about 4 weeks' time it will be Atonement, the most sacred time of the year. It follows the 10 days of awe, where we are all in deep repentance for our past failings.

During the Day of Atonement a key part of the day is when the High Priest chooses one of two goats by lot. When the one goat is chosen, the high priest puts his hands on the head of the goat and lays upon him all the sins of Israel. This goat is led away and is to be released in the wilderness. Tradition says that the goat was thrown off a cliff.

The other goat was sacrificed as a sin offering. This sin offering was and is the same as the lamb that was sacrificed at Passover as a sin offering. This one sacrifice is Yahshua.

The reason why the one goat was chosen by lot was because they both looked exactly the same. It could not be determined which one was to have the sins laid upon it, and for it to bare the guilt, or the other one which was sinless and was to be sacrificed. Only Yahweh could see the difference.

Does it not say that even Satan can come as angel of light? If he does how can we tell whether he is Satan or the Messiah? In Revelation we are told that if possible even the elect would be deceived.

Please keep this special day of Atonement in mind as we look at this week's subject.

2 Peter says that there are many who twist the scriptures, the sayings of Paul because they do not know the Torah. 2 Pe 3:16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

We have had quite the reaction to last week's News Letter. I am pleased that those of you are still here have or are trying to grasp those things being put forward. You can only do that by putting away false teachings and traditions and proving that which scriptures teach.

This week's subject began for me in 2005.

In 2005 I went to Israel for the first time in my life. El Al was 5 hours late due to mechanical problems. This meant that we arrived just as Shabbat was beginning, and had to get from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Another man and I shared a taxi. He sat in the back.

After about 15 minutes he began to ask me questions as to why I was in Jerusalem. I said I came for the Feast. He asked in a strange way as if he could not believe that I might be Jewish, HE asked if I was Jewish. I said no. He then assumed I was one of the many Christians who come to celebrate the Feast but do not keep the Holy Days. So he asked if I was a Christian.

I again said no and now explained to him I am a follower of Yahshua who was Jewish and kept all the Torah. I did not know then what I am sharing with you all today.

With that he moved up and sat with me and we had a great conversation the rest of the way to Jerusalem about Yahshua.

Recently in an e-mail I was asked if I was a Christian. The email was anti-Jewish in its contents, so I did not respond.

This past year I heard Michael Rood in the Jonah code answer a question that some in Israel ask Christians to throw them off.

The question goes like this. It says in Mathew 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene." Then the question is by what prophet was this ever said?

Michael Rood then goes on to answer this question in a very thorough way on the first DVD of the Jonah code. When I told you to read the article Conjunction or Sighted Which? I also hinted at the answer then.

In the constellation Virgo which in Hebrew is Bethula the virgin, there is a star. This is the brightest star in this constellation and it is called Tsemach. This star is in the left hand of the virgin and is pictured as 5 branches. This Tsemach is only used in writings when it refers to the Messiah. Tsemach means the BRANCH.

Here are the scriptures which are talking about this Branch. Although there are 6 scriptures only 5 are using the word Tsemach.

Isa 4:2 In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped.

Isa 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Jer 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Jer 33:15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Zec 3:8 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. Zec 6:12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the Lord;

In Isaiah 11:1 the word Branch is Strong's # 5342 and netzer; a shoot, a descendant; from 5341 is the word natsar; to guard as in protection, maintain, obey

In each of the 5 other scriptures, Zechariah, 3:8 and 6:12, Jeremiah 33:15 23:5, and Isaiah 4:2 the word Branch is from Strong's #6780 and is the word Tsemach which is from 6779 Tsamach and both mean to sprout or a sprout, to grow again.

Once this is understood you can now answer the question at the beginning of this article, but there is much more to understand.

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. 11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows! 12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Galatians 1: 6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Jeremiah 23:1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the Lord. 3 “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the Lord. 5 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 “Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ 8 but, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”

Jeremiah is telling us a remnant will be gathered, a remnant of HIS Flock. This will be after the 3rd curse of Pestilence which starts in 2010, and after the 4th curse of war which starts in 2017 and after the 5th curse of Lev 26, which is captivity starting in 2024 and going up to 2030. Only a remnant is left after Israel has been misled by the current shepherds, which bring about these curses. These curses are brought about because Israel is told the Torah is no longer necessary.

We have now tied the Branch of the Stem of Jesse with those who destroy the Sheep of this Branch. Now to learn how they do it. Here is an article sent to me. I hope it is as profitable to you as it is to me.

Were the Talmidim, Christians?

The Greek word for Christian is Cristianov (Christianos, Strong’s #5546). It appears only three times throughout the apostolic writings – Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, and 1 Peter 4:16. In this short article, we will examine each of these three references to determine whether or not they provide conclusive proof that Yeshua’s first-century talmidim [disciples]“ the ones that are mentioned by name in the Bible“ were Christians.

Acts 11:26

Around the year A.D. 41, the Jerusalem talmidim sent Barnabas to Antioch to check on the growth of the Messianic assemblies there. After Barnabas left Antioch, he journeyed to Tarsus in order to find Paul. After he found Paul in Tarsus, he brought him to Antioch. Luke wrote, And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the [assembly], and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Read the verse carefully. Did Luke write that the talmidim in Antioch were Christians? No, he did not state that they were Christians. He wrote that Antioch was the first place where other people called them Christians. Apparently, the confusion between these two groups of people occurred very early in history, certainly within a decade of Yeshua’s crucifixion and resurrection.

Acts 26:28

In the second occurrence, which took place in Caesarea in A.D. 60, we find Paul defending his beliefs in front of Agrippa, the king of Judea and Festus the local governor. After Paul gave a most convincing case for his beliefs and his mission, Agrippa said, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. A better translation could be, Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?

Once again, read through Paul's entire defense. Did he ever refer to himself as a Christian? No, but did Agrippa think Paul was a Christian? Absolutely. Clearly, he made the same mistake that the people in Antioch had made years earlier. Back then, most people, not knowing that much about the way thought that everybody who accepted Yeshua as the Messiah was a Christian. Perceptions have not changed that much over the years.

Notice Paul's clever answer. I would to Elohim, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds (Acts 26:29). The KJV is a bit jumbled here. It could read, Whether long or short, I would to Elohim that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were such as I am except these bonds. Drawing attention to his chains, Paul ended with a light note intended to bring the meeting to an amicable conclusion.

Did Paul agree with Agrippa's assessment that he was a Christian? Once again, read the verse carefully. Paul never agreed nor disagreed. He let it go. In a sense, he was willing to suffer as a Christian without making a big deal about it or trying to explain to everyone the important distinctions between Christians and Notzrim.

1 Peter 4:16

Peter wrote his first epistle to scattered members of the House of Israel living throughout Asia Minor (1 Peter 1:2 and 2:9-10). At the time, they were going through some difficult times primarily the result of persecution "and they were expecting it to continue and perhaps even worsen.

He wrote, Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of the Messiah's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of the Messiah [Yeshua, not Jesus], happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of Elohim resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part, he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify Elohim on this behalf (1 Peter 4:12-16).

Did he call the talmidim Christians? Did he imply that their suffering because of persecution resulted from the fact that they were Christians? No, he did not. Read it carefully. Peter told them not to feel shame if they suffered as a Christian, for that was far better than to suffer as a murderer, or a thief, etc. Specifically, he instructed them not to get upset when people persecuted them, thinking they were Christians or confusing them with Christians. Interestingly, this is the very thing that Paul was willing to endure from Agrippa!

Conclusion

Nothing in these three verses indicates that the talmidim of Yeshua, whether from the House of Israel (Gentiles) or from the House of Judah (Jews), called themselves Christians. The reason should be apparent. They did not call themselves Christians because they were not Christians. As we learned *What Does the Bible Call You?* they were Notzrim (Nazarenes).

However, they were frequently called Christians because they were confused with Christians. Christianity developed alongside of the Notzrim faith, yet was not the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). It emphasized the apostolic writings while practically denying the importance of the Tanakh. In addition, it was a Hellenized faith that steered individuals away from the language and culture of the Bible and its covenant people, the Hebrews. Instead, it emphasized the non-Semitic languages (e.g. Greek and Latin) and cultures of the Greco-Roman world. Finally, Christianity developed around the church instead of the synagogue and taught that the Torah was no longer relevant, and even quite counterproductive to those who accepted that the Messiah had come.

Do you have the commitment and the devotion necessary to become a Nazarene rather than a Christian?

The following is taken from *What Does the Bible call you?*

Yeshua the Nazarene

Why did Paul refer to the Messianic gathering of both houses as one new man? There were many faithful men and women of Israel before the Messiah came along, so why call the regathering of both houses one new man? What is so new about him?

Matthew made a very interesting statement near the beginning of his Gospel. Referring to Yeshua, he wrote, And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene (Matthew 2:23).

Two questions immediately come to mind in reading that verse from Matthew's account of the Gospel.

1. To which prophets was Matthew referring?
2. What does a Nazarene have to do with living in Nazareth?

We can answer the first question rather easily as long as we switch from the Greek manuscripts to the Aramaic source material from which the Greek translations derive. In the original Semitic language, the original word that appears in most English versions translated as prophets is actually in the singular. Therefore, Matthew was not referring to statements made by prophets, but a statement made by one particular prophet.

Therefore, which prophet prophesied that the Messiah would be called a Nazarene? None. You can search through the entire Tanakh and never come across a single prophecy whereby the Messiah would be known as a Nazarene.

So, what are we to make of Matthew's statement?

Referring to the Messiah, the prophet Isaiah stated, And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of YHVH shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YHVH (Isaiah 11:1-2).

The word translated branch is (netser), which derives from the verb (natsar) meaning to guard, watch, keep, or preserve. But, what does this have to do with Matthew 2:23?

The Greek word translated Nazarene in Matthew 2:23 is Nazwraiov (Nazaraïos). It does not mean of Nazareth as it is incorrectly translated in many other places, such as in the phrase Jesus of Nazareth.

[2] (http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/biblecallyou.htm#_ftn2)

Nor does it derive from the Greek word for Nazareth, which is Nazarey (Nazareth) or Nazaret (Nazaret).

Therefore, what does Nazarene mean? Where does the word Nazaraïos come from? We can answer this question if we look to the Semitic languages, Aramaic and Hebrew.

The Aramaic equivalent for Nazaraïos (Nazarene) is Natsraya (or Notsri in Hebrew), whereas the word for Nazareth is Natsrat in Aramaic (or Netsaret in Hebrew).

What is the important point? The English word Nazarene (Greek Nazaraïos, Aramaic Natsraya, or Hebrew Notsri) comes from the Hebrew word netser (branch), which itself is derived from the verb natsar which means to guard, watch, keep, or preserve.

You might need to read the two previous paragraphs over again, but the relevant conclusion is that Matthew explained a Semitic language word play. He was not being literal; he was being clever. In other words, And he [Yeshua] came and dwelt in a city called Netsaret: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet [Isaiah 11:1], He shall be called a Notsri. Even if you cannot read Hebrew, you can at least look at the letters and see the obvious relationship between the words. They both derive from the Hebrew (natsar), meaning to guard, watch, keep, or preserve.

Truly, Yeshua the Messiah is the Notsri, the one sent to watch over and keep Israel, the flock of YHVH's pasture (Ezekiel 34:30-31). Not only that but he was the one sent from the Father to guard and preserve the truth of Elohim and the correct meaning of the Torah (Matthew 5:17-18).

Nazarenes: A Messianic Israelite Sect

In this light, it should now be clear why the faithful talmidim of Yeshua were known as the Notsri or Notzrim (the plural form of Notsri), i.e. the Nazarenes.

For example, after Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, he was escorted to Caesarea to appear before the governor, Felix. Under the authority of Ananias, the high priest, Tertullus brought the charges before Felix. Notice his accusation. For we have found this man a pestilent fellow

[a plague], and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law (Acts 24:5-6).

Clearly, the Jewish nation knew Yeshua's talmidim as the Nazarenes (Notzrim).

How did Paul describe the Notzrim? Responding to the accusations brought against him, he said, But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Torah and the Prophets (Acts 24:14).

Essentially, the Notzrim are an Israelite sect that worship the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob based on a solid and profound understanding of the Hebrew Bible, the Tanakh.

Think about it. Are we not to follow the example of Yeshua the Messiah? Was he a Christian, a follower of Christ? Or, was he a Nazarene? What do the scriptures say? Yeshua was a Nazarene, and his talmidim were Nazarenes. They were called Nazarenes because just as their rabbi Yeshua was sent by Elohim to watch over and keep Israel, they too were sent to watch over and keep Israel.

And, just as Yeshua was sent to guard and preserve the truth of Elohim contained in the Torah, they too were commissioned to guard and preserve the truth, i.e. the Torah of YHVH.

Christians and Nazarenes

To press the point further and to help alleviate any confusion, we need to ask a few questions. Are the words Christian and Nazarene different names that describe the same man? If not, what is the difference between a Christian and a Nazarene? Is the one new man of Ephesians 2:15 a Christian or a Nazarene?

Although the word Christian appears three times in the Bible, contrary to what many have assumed or believed, there does not exist a definition of the word anywhere in the Bible. We can come to a very accurate description of the Christian man if we read some of the early Christian writings.

The following excerpt comes from the 4th century Church father Epiphanius. Referring to the Nazarenes, he wrote in his work, Against Heresies (Panarion 29): But these sectarians did not call themselves Christians“ but “Nazarenes”

However, they are simply complete Jews. They use not only the New Testament but the Old Testament as well, as the Jews do. They have no different ideas, but confess everything exactly as the Law proclaims it and in the Jewish fashion“ except for their belief in Messiah, if you please! For they acknowledge both the resurrection of the dead and the divine creation of all things, and declare that God is one, and that his son is Yeshua the Messiah.

They are trained to a nicety in Hebrew. For among them the entire Law, the Prophets, and the Writings are read in Hebrew, as they surely are by the Jews. They are different from the Jews, and different from Christians, only in the following.

They disagree with Jews because they have come to faith in Messiah; but since they are still fettered by the Law “circumcision, the Sabbath, and the rest“ they are not in accord with Christians they are nothing but Jews. They have the Good news according to Matthew in its entirety in Hebrew. For it is clear that they still preserve this, in the Hebrew alphabet, as it was originally written.

We can learn quite a bit from this description. Not only do we have a very accurate description of the Nazarenes, we also have an interesting distinction between Nazarenes and Christians. Essentially, Nazarenes are very similar to non-Messianic Jews except that they recognize Yeshua as the Messiah.

They study both the Tanakh and the apostolic writings, accept the validity and importance of all of the Torah (including circumcision_[\[3\]](http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/biblecallyou.htm#_ftn3) (http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/biblecallyou.htm#_ftn3)), and have a very Hebraic perspective on matters of faith, doctrine, and worship.

On the other hand, Christians also accept Yeshua as the Messiah, yet they predominantly study from the apostolic writings, believe that the Torah has little to no further role in one’s life, and do not have a Hebraic perspective on matters of faith, doctrine, and worship. Instead, Christians have a Hellenistic approach, i.e. a Greek perspective, to their faith.

Now, there is nothing particularly unusual about this. The definition of a Christian has not changed all that much since the 4th century. In fact, Epiphanius description is quite accurate and just as relevant today as it was when he wrote it.

I trust that it should be demonstrably obvious that Christians are not the same as Nazarenes (Notzrim)._[\[4\]](http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/biblecallyou.htm#_ftn4) (http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/biblecallyou.htm#_ftn4) It should be equally apparent that the early talmidim of Yeshua whose lives we read about in the apostolic writings were not Christians, but rather Nazarenes (see [_Were the Talmidim Christians?](http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/talmidimchristians.htm) (<http://www.haderek.ca/articles/assemblies/talmidimchristians.htm>)). Therefore, the one new man that Paul wrote about in Ephesians 2:15 must be the Nazarene man.

Although this Messianic Israelite man continues to worship Elohim in the way that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did (Acts 24:14), he is a new man because he compliments that faith with an acceptance and understanding that the way is embodied by the living example of the trusting faithfulness of Yeshua the Messiah.

The Notzrim in Prophecy

Even though the Nazarenes (Notzrim) and the Christians both accepted Yeshua as the Messiah, they were two different groups of people with two different sets of doctrine and methods of worship.

Did you know that only one of these two groups of people is mentioned in the prophecies of the Tanakh? Do you know which one? If you do, do you know in what context that group is mentioned?

First, we will start with the context. The prophecy of Jeremiah 31 describes a future time when the renewed covenant will be made with the House of Israel and the House of Judah (31:31-34). It describes a time when both houses will have returned to the land of Israel to dwell together in peace (31:27-28).

It describes a time when the descendants of Joseph and Benjamin will have returned to their ancestral land in what many refer to as the “West Bank” (31:15-17). It describes a time when all the tribes from the House of Israel, generalized as Ephraim “that have been scattered throughout the inhabited world will be called back to their heritage in the Promised Land (31:8-12).

It is in this context that the following words appear at the beginning of the chapter. At the same time, saith YHVH, will I be the Elohim of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith YHVH, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. YHVH hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria [i.e. the “West Bank”]: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen [Notzrim] upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto YHVH our Elohim. For thus saith YHVH; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O YHVH, save thy people, the remnant of Yisra’el (Jeremiah 31:1-7).

The word watchmen in Jeremiah 31:6 is somewhat misleading. Although the Hebrew word Notzrim does convey the idea of those who watch, guard, or preserve (as we have already seen), the translators should have left Notzrim untranslated in order to preserve the original intent of the passage.

It is the Notzrim, not the Christians, who will return to the land of Israel in the future for the promised restoration of the kingdom of Elohim over all Israel. It is the Notzrim, not the Christians, who will dwell again in their ancestral homeland in the “West Bank” and spearhead others to return to Zion.

Some of you may find this hard to accept at first. That is understandable. Nevertheless, we must be willing to hear the truth.

The question raised by the title of this article remains unanswered. What does the Bible call you? You will have to answer that question yourself. To accept the vocation of a Nazarene Israelite is a very high calling indeed. If conviction rests in your heart, then is it not about time you began to follow through and continue your spiritual journey by transitioning from Christianity to the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude 3)

Now before we finish, let me make myself clear. I am not telling you to come out of Christianity and to jump into Judaism. Nor am I telling you to come out of Judaism and become Christian. No! I am telling you to part with your long held non-biblical teachings no matter whether you call yourself a Christian or a Jew. Both have major false teachings which need to be corrected.

With that I leave you with an email I was sent this week.

I feel This man says it quite well.

Is Messianic Judaism is a gateway to Orthodox Jewish Conversion? I,
> Aviad Cohen have spent the past few years picking up on these clues. I
> wish none of this was ever true, but it is. As a former Pharisee of 29
> years and now a believer in Yeshua Messiah, it bewilders me to see how
> people are forsaking the Scriptures and turning to Talmudism and other
> witchcraft practices (Kabbalah candle lightings, wearing a “hex”agram
> which is also used in Freemasonry and other occult organizations,
> Talmudic Kippah wearing and milk/meat Talmudic laws and much more. Some
> people are being misled by publications and organizations to never use
> the name Yahweh again and to call Him HaShem. That is outrageous! Even
> worse, it’s Pharisaic. Gentiles are supposed to follow the Noahide Laws?
> NO! Why are these wolves in sheep’s clothing pushing Messianic Gentiles?
> to abandon their faith, take on the Noahide Laws in order to become >
“more Jewish” and accepted by Messianic Pharisaic Jews? Why do they call
> themselves rabbis, when we have one Rabbi, Yeshua Messiah (Matthew 23:8)?
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> Some people are listening to Pharisaic music online and then getting
> sucked in by the music and Jewish culture and then convert to Orthodox
> Judaism. Beware of the Pharisaic pied pipers. You might have some of
> them in your CD collection. This is an insightful interview. And as for
> this topic of discussion, it is NOT an isolated case. This is happening
> right now. People in Messianic Judaism (especially Gentiles) are
> currently “finding their Jewish blood”, are leaving Yeshua Messiah and
> then converting to Orthodox Judasim in the name of “connecting with
> their Jewishness.” They don’t want the Gospel. They want to speak Yiddish
> and eat gefilte fish and enjoy a “warm Shabbos meal with chabbadnicks.”
> Beyond that, many people in the Messianic Judasim movement do not have
> discernment and are projecting themselves in online social-networking
> websites (MySpace/Facebook/Youtube) as “just Jewish” and you can’t tell
> the difference between them and a Jewish American Princess with a
> Jezebel harlotry spirit. The same go for the Messianic “Ahab.”
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> Even some top leaders in Messianic Judasim are aware of some of these

> peculiar situations that are occurring, which seems to have gotten a bit
> out of hand. Can they address this and move the movement in the right >
> direction away from Pharisaic Judaism and towards Yeshua Messiah and >
> Torah? It might be too late. Do they want to address any of this? No.
> It's an avalanche of confusion and false doctrine, led by many wolves in
> sheep's clothing, and its tumbling straight down into hell. Either you
> grab hold of Yeshua Messiah and Yahweh's Torah and hop out and into a
> healthy fellowship with sound doctrine or you will be caught in the
> "matzoh ball avalanche mess." WE NEED TO BE SET-APART! We are not
> supposed to be trying to fit in with unsaved Jewish people and take on
> Pharisaic practices. That is not evangelism. That is assimilation!
> Assimilating to the identity of those who are aligned with the same >
> practices of the Scribes and Pharisees who sentenced Yeshua Messiah to
> death and murdered the prophets. Any form of Judaism is STILL JUDAISM.
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> Let's pray that people will WAKE UP and seek Yeshua instead of seeking
> "their Judaism." There is a reason that they call it their Judasim.
> Because it is a religion of man. They made it. They own it. As for the
> Truth, you just follow it or fall off the narrow path and into the wider
> path that leads to eternal destruction.
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> As for "Lashon Hara" that is from the oral traditions of man
> (Pharisees). People in the movement told me to shut up about what I saw
> was really going on in the Todd Bentley false revival. They rebuked me
> and then emailed me a bit later to say they were sorry and that I was
> right. Some of you forget where I have come from. I know what all these
> forms of Judaism are and the road of destruction these sects lead people
> astray in. Funny, how the editor of Charisma called out everyone who was
> threatening and rebuking people who called out Todd Bentley's ministry.
> People were pushed to "not judge this move of God." Now they realize
> they had no discernment. Again, if your heart is not in the right place,
> you follow man's traditions, are involved in witchcraft – you will not
> have much discernment, if any at all. You will just feel puffed up.
> Match it up to the Scriptures. If someone starts justifying their
> traditions by certain things that are not in the Scriptures or if they
> are twisting Scripture to make it justify their Pharisaic traditions,
> you need to understand the red flag there.
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> This track is the first audio clip playing on Aviad Cohen's website:
> www.aviadcohen.com <<http://www.aviadcohen.com>>
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