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There is no doubt that the upheaved status of the world, and specifically the United States, is unnerving like no other time in recent memory. Between physical health concerns, economic uncertainty, and riotous social unrest, the current confluence of disturbing events appears to be contrived, or perhaps, surreptitiously coordinated to destabilize the Republic. After all, the nefarious forces which want to rule the world understand, that the primary obstacle impeding the goal of global dominion is the U.S. Constitution and the inherent human rights given by the Creator God. The removal or subtle alteration of the Constitution's tenets is critical for a New World Order, no matter how it is achieved. Thankfully, these deceptive tactics employed by the Adversary and his minions have not gone undetected by those who discern and interpret the signs of the times, like those of Issachar in foregone days:

"[F]rom the sons of Issachar—men who know how to interpret the signs of the times to determine what Israel should do—200 chiefs with all their kinsmen under their command" (1 Chronicles 12:33, TLV).

However, there is a *big* difference today between the amount and availability of information gathered by the tribe of Issachar in Ancient Israel, and what modern-day Believers have access to in the Information Age.

Recall that the territory allotted to Issachar was located just south and west of the Sea of Galilee, at a critical crossroads along the trade routes. From the south in Egypt to the north in Assyria, the King's Highway connected these powers. To the west directly through the plain of Jezreel to the Mediterranean Sea, the route to all the seafaring nations was taken. Consequently, when the caravans of traders and travelers traversed through Israel, the tribe of Issachar inevitably learned about what was happening throughout the greater region. In addition, the men of Issachar had an arrangement with the men of Zebulun, where those from Issachar studied the Torah and those from Zebulun were involved in business and trade, helping support the scholars, a blessing foreseen and proclaimed by Moses:

"For Zebulun he said, 'Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and

Issachar, in your tents. Peoples they call to the mountain—there they offer righteous sacrifices. For they suckle the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand” (Deuteronomy 33:18-19, TLV).

Together with the acquisition of information from the traders on any number of subjects, including potential actions by unfriendly aggressive nations—coupled with the wisdom gained from studying the Holy Writ—the men of Issachar were known for being able **to interpret the signs of the times**, and help the men of Zebulun adjust their business emphasis accordingly. However, in those ancient times, information and news traveled at about the speed of a camel, donkey, or for shorter distances, perhaps a horse. In other words, compared to the almost instantaneous availability of video or audio feeds from around the planet, what might have taken days, weeks, or months—is now immediately attainable through the use of smartphones, and at anyone’s fingertips in even relatively remote locations. Our present point in human history could very well be that prophesied “time of the end” noted by the Prophet Daniel:

“But you, Daniel, close up the words and seal the book **until the time of the end. Many will run back and forth and knowledge will increase”** (Daniel 12:4, TLV).

Of course, while the access to information/knowledge has positive aspects, it can also be manipulated and/or transformed into propaganda for deceptive purposes. Sadly, this is done far too frequently by spiritual forces which want to distort the truth. To counterbalance this evil, the current generation of Believers needs more discerning, godly people, who like those of Issachar, **can interpret the signs of the times** from the disseminated information, and determine how to respond in order to advance God’s Kingdom.

Providentially, over the past six months, and particularly as the Fall elections in the United States approach, many children of the Most High have been prompted to increasingly implore Him for mercy, wisdom, insight, discernment, and understanding about how to prayerfully counterattack these wicked forces. Some of these Believers have been called to fast, pray, and intercede for America and its leaders utilizing the available electronic tools through social media, texts, and emails with links to videos, podcasts and/or articles. While this exponential rise in Believers’ desire to plead for God’s compassion and protection is wonderful, the Holy Spirit’s still quiet voice can be drowned out by **an information**

overload by other subjects which distract people from seeking the face, hand, and heart of the Heavenly Father through His Son, Yeshua the Messiah. If possible, avoid the distractions that accompany too much extraneous information, and seek a quiet place to hear the voice of the Most High!

Remember the disruptive and demon-possessed **"noise"** generated by the crowds, which witnessed the physical and spiritual warfare between the Prophet Elijah against the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Despite God's fiery display of power over the false prophets and their subsequent demise, Elijah feared the repercussions of threats from Ahab and Jezebel. This resulted in a fright driven escape of Elijah to the wilderness south of Beersheba to be alone with God. There, after being nourished by an angel, Elijah went on to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God ending up in a cave where he ultimately hears the inquisitive and comforting voice of God:

"When he arrived there at the cave, he spent the night there. **Then behold, the word of ADONAI came to him, and He said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'** I have been very zealous for *ADONAI-Tzva'ot*," he said, 'for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and slain Your prophets with the sword—and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it!' Then He said, '**Come out and stand on the mount before ADONAI.**' Behold, **ADONAI was passing by—a great and mighty wind was tearing at the mountains and shattering cliffs before ADONAI. But ADONAI was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but ADONAI was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but ADONAI was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft whisper of a voice.** As soon as Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then all of a sudden, a voice addressed him and said, '**What are you doing here, Elijah?'** I have been very zealous for *ADONAI-Tzva'ot*,' he said, 'for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword—and I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life!' Then *ADONAI* said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram, and anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. It shall come to pass that whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will

slay; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will slay. **Yet I have preserved seven thousand in Israel whose knees have not bowed to Baal and whose mouth has not kissed him**” (1 Kings 19:9-18, TLV).

In this passage, two times the Holy One of Israel asked Elijah this direct question: **“What are you doing here, Elijah?”** Both before the Lord passed by and after, Elijah observed a mighty wind, earthquake, and fire, and a soft whisper of a voice repeated the question. Interestingly, each time Elijah responded with this same statement, claiming his personal zeal and relative loneliness as the **only** one seeking God’s will:

“I have been very zealous for ADONAI-Tzva’ot,’ he said, ‘for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and slain Your prophets with the sword—and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it!’ . . . ‘I have been very zealous for ADONAI-Tzva’ot,’ he said, ‘for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword—and I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life!’” (1 Kings 19:10, 14, TLV).

How is it that Elijah thought he was the **only** zealous servant of God? Certainly, he was a mighty man of God with a unique calling to deal with the spiritual declension of his era. In fact, as the passage continues, God has a few more tasks for Elijah to accomplish, as the anointing upon him will now be spread to others like Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha, with their own respective assignments to advance God’s Kingdom. But it is critical to note that God reminded Elijah that at that point in time, there were **seven thousand** other faithful in Israel who had **not** bowed to Baal or kissed Baal’s image. In other words, despite God’s call upon Elijah, there were thousands of other faithful people, with their respective assignments, who had **never** begun to worship Baal.

What about today in America? For the sake of elementary mathematics, imagine there were 3,300,000 Israelites alive during Elijah’s era, and 7,000 were always loyal to the Holy One, never worshipping Baal. **If the percentages are similar today**, in a country like America (founded on Biblical principles) with many professing Christians among its 330,000,000 citizens, it **could** mean that there are some 700,000 faithful Believers who have **not** bowed their knee to or kissed the image of Baal. Certainly, as the increasing amount of prayer groups are formed almost

daily, it is possible that godly people are responding to their respective assignments and God will preserve America from judgment (2 Chronicles 7:14).

With examples like the offspring of Issachar, Elijah, and Daniel from the Holy Writ to mediate upon, here are a few questions and thoughts to consider in prayer and meditation—with the expectation that God’s still quiet voice will be heard.

- Heavenly Father, will You allow me to be a person who interprets and understands the times, as the End of the Age approaches, and respond according to Your will?
- Heavenly Father, am I one of the saints who has *not* bowed my knee to Baal?
- Heavenly Father, do I need to get alone with You to hear Your voice clearly?
- Heavenly Father, do You want me to temporarily disconnect from the electronic devices which consume my time and thoughts?
- Heavenly Father, do You want me to fast and pray for the future of our nation and the world?
- Heavenly Father, do You have any specific assignment for me at this point in time?
- Finally, Heavenly Father, please allow me to eliminate the distractions, seek Your face, and hear your voice without interference, and joyfully obey the good works (assignments) which are foreordained for me to do. Not my will, but may Your will be done, according to Your mercy and compassion.
- **May I be one of the saints who has never and will never bow my knee to Baal!**

As always, Outreach Israel and Messianic Apologetics are extremely grateful for your prayers and financial support of our efforts to advance God’s Kingdom on Earth. We have many assignments that we are accomplishing, and your partnership makes a big difference in our ability to perform them!

Until the restoration of all things. . .

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CAN MESSIANIC JUDAISM and Hebrew Roots talk to each other?

by J.K. McKee

This month of August 2020, a highly significant development has taken place in the modern Middle East: the announcement was made that the State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates are to have normalized relations. This should involve the exchange of ambassadors and embassies, trade and economic ties, and travel and tourism links. This is the first time in over twenty-five years that a country from the Muslim world has opened up relations with Israel. In a region marred by unrest and instability, the thought of the Jewish state and a Muslim country *trying to get along* is a very good thing.

Why has the UAE opened up relations with Israel? While there will continue to be questions regarding the final status of the Palestinians, a country like the UAE ultimately operates out of its own self-interest. The UAE is far less concerned about the Palestinians, than it is about its own security and long-term economic prosperity. The UAE sits right across the Persian Gulf from Iran, one of the world's most avid state sponsors of terrorism, and a regime that has open ambitions for possessing nuclear weapons. The UAE is threatened by Iran, and with the UAE and Israel both strong allies of the United States, the UAE having open relations with Israel only makes good sense for helping to oppose Iran.

The United Arab Emirates also considers itself one of, if not the most, modern and moderate of the countries of the Islamic world. While not a Western democracy, the UAE and its major cities, like Abu Dhabi and Dubai, are extremely open and technologically advanced. While like the other Gulf states, much of its wealth has been based on petroleum, unless its economy properly diversifies, its oil capital will eventually run out. As the UAE has sought to diversify in matters of the Information Age, an economic relationship with Israel makes perfectly good sense.

But I think one of the most overlooked reasons for us witnessing the UAE and Israel opening up relations, is that a new generation of Arab leaders is coming on the scene. The Jewish state has been relatively modern from the very beginning. The first leaders of the State of Israel were Zionists from Europe, who had university educations, who were multi-lingual, and many of them had professions in law and government before

independence. Many of their ancestors had been scholars in the Torah and Talmud, and leaders in the Rabbinical community. More than anything else, the Zionist leaders of the State of Israel had several generations before them which had reckoned with the modern world.

Not to belabor the point too much, many of the Arab princes, sheiks, and emirs of today are the great-great-grandsons of those who lived a relatively nomadic lifestyle, and whose wealth was broadly determined by their agricultural possessions like flocks and herds. Of course, they held to a rigid interpretation and application of Islam! Yet, when oil was discovered in the Arabian peninsula, and the great powers of the world focused on the Middle East for their energy needs, a long process of modernization had to begin. For Arab countries in the Middle East, this would not only involve their emergence onto the scene as independent, modern countries—but the education of their leaders in a significantly interdependent, technologically driven world. If countries like the UAE want to be respected and taken seriously in the Twenty-First Century, then having open diplomatic relations with Israel actually puts it in a better place to have influence over a final settlement for the Palestinians. "*We have peace with Israel, so why can't you?*" Not having relations with Israel is just not smart business in the Twenty-First Century.

We will continue to follow the array of Gulf states that appear to be making similar strides to normalizing relations with Israel.

Many of those I have interacted with, across the Messianic Jewish movement, tend to be rather pleased with the fact that Israel and the United Arab Emirates will be normalizing relations. While it will not be an easy relationship, Israelis genuinely want peace with their neighbors, and they want to get along with the Arabs.

Last month as I was commemorating the Fourth of July (actually on July 5, a Sunday) with some of my close Messianic Jewish friends, the thought that for most of us, this was the first time in many years (four years for us, perhaps fifteen or more years for them), we were not at the Messiah Conference in Grantham, PA, really hit hard. The Coronavirus scare, the quarantines, lockdowns, the civil unrest in America, and generally the unknown future for our society, were certainly discussed. What is the future of the major Messianic Jewish conference events going to be? More importantly, what is the future of the Messianic movement going to be like? **And most severely, there are so very few of us.**

The future of the Messianic Jewish movement is very uncertain in

the year 2020. In late 2019 and early 2020, my parents and I attended four major Messianic Jewish events, involving people from all of the major denominations, as well as Jewish evangelistic ministries. It was very important to interact, in person, with such a large selection of people. We made important contacts and new friends. But we also got to literally put our fingers on the pulse of the movement. **The worst kept secret in Messianic Judaism today, is that the average age of its congregational leaders is between 65-75.** A concern that is not being taken seriously enough, is that if some new congregational leaders are not identified and raised up soon, that within the next fifteen years, Messianic Judaism could literally die of natural causes.

I do not believe that this is going to take place! But one of the significant reasons why there are not new leaders being raised up, is because the predominant Baby Boomer leadership has not tended to think through some of its long term goals and aspirations. There is a lot of talk in the Messianic Jewish world about the need to be relevant to Millennials, but far too frequently—when issues that matter to Millennials are actually brought up, Millennials are told not to bring up those issues again. I myself can attest to being patronized, as well as being silenced, when various theological and spiritual issues that matter to me as a person are mentioned. (Two of the largest issues that matter to the Millennial generation, involve women in leadership and the effect of science on our approach to Genesis 1-11.) Yet, we are the future of the Messianic movement. While I want to respect the hard work of those who have preceded us, I am also quite keen to see that a number of the mistakes that they made are rectified.

One of the biggest issues that does not get handled in the Messianic Jewish community very well, involves the presence of the independent Hebrew/Hebraic Roots movement. Most Messianic Jewish people I know get very tense when the Hebrew Roots movement is brought up. Yet, it is also very true that some of the major issues that matter to Messianic Jews—such as declaring the good news of Yeshua to Jewish non-Believers—do not tend to matter that much to Hebrew Roots adherents. And, while there is a widespread disapproval for the Hebrew Roots movement in Messianic Judaism—if anyone is paying attention, there are certainly individual people and families in Messianic Jewish congregations, and attending major Messianic Jewish conferences, who receive a majority of their Bible teaching from ministries that identify as “Hebrew

Roots.” The Hebrew Roots movement is filling a void for them somehow.

This past Fourth of July, recognizing how very, very few of us there are in either Messianic Judaism *or* Hebrew Roots, I felt strongly convicted that we have got to make some effort to talk to each other and get along. ***We do not know what the future beholds.***

The Hebrew Roots movement frequently does not want to recognize that without the modern Messianic Jewish movement, its stress on Jewish evangelism, and its emphasis that Jewish Believers in Israel’s Messiah do not stop being Jewish—that it would not exist. The independent Hebrew Roots movement spun off when non-Jewish Believers started flooding Messianic Jewish congregations around the turn of the Millennium. Too many of these people did not feel welcome as equal brothers and sisters in the Lord, and went off to do their own thing.

The Messianic Jewish movement, while rightly concerned about much of the sensationalism and hype of the Hebrew Roots movement, tends to be dismissive and act as though it really does not exist. If my social media experience is at all accurate, the Hebrew Roots movement is at least twenty times larger than Messianic Judaism! More often than not, one can do an Internet search on “Messianic,” and will not encounter a Messianic Jewish congregation but instead some Hebrew Roots website. While it certainly has its problems, ignoring the presence of the Hebrew Roots movement—and how people in one’s Messianic Jewish congregation, no less, do access Hebrew Roots ministries online—is akin to the State of Israel acting like Saudi Arabia or Syria does not exist. It is just not too wise.

Is it possible for there to be better relations between people in Messianic Judaism and the Hebrew Roots movement? Today, I do not know. There is bad blood on both sides.

Messianic Jewish organizations have issued various white papers condemning the Hebrew Roots movement, and indicating how much they disapprove. The Hebrew Roots movement does not tend to be known for being that favorable to mainline Messianic Jewish Torah *halachah* (i.e., using different calendars and speaking the Divine Name affluently), and is a hotbed for a great deal of false teachings. The Hebrew Roots movement does not tend to be too concerned about the salvation of the Jewish people, as Messianic Judaism does.

The Baby Boomer leaders of today’s Messianic Jewish movement, are not too likely to be open-minded to want to talk to a Hebrew Roots leader

interested in some level of peace. Yet, I can personally attest how there are Hebrew Roots individuals and families who are simply non-Jewish Believers following a Torah lifestyle like Yeshua, who are grace-filled, truly born again Believers—who simply need exposure to the Messianic Jewish experience, to get on board with the salvation of Israel. In dismissing these kinds of people, as though they are a total aberration and they do not matter, some in Messianic Judaism have pushed away some potentially valuable allies and co-laborers in the Messianic Jewish mission. Rather than dismissing the moderate Hebrew Roots people, we need to see if we can bring them over to our side, and get plugged in to our mission of Jewish outreach, evangelism, and Israel solidarity.

As I have been thinking about the best way to look at the relationship between Messianic Judaism and the Hebrew Roots movement, the most useful analogy that I can provide is **how the modern State of Israel looks at its Muslim neighbors**. There are clearly countries like Iran and Syria, which are probably a lost cause for normalized relations, until the Messiah returns. Yet, Israel has diplomatic relations with Egypt, Jordan, and soon the United Arab Emirates. Others are coming. These are not easy relationships, but the ability to discuss the issues and avoid a military confrontation, is there. As some of these once hostile states become more and more economically integrated with Israel, the likelihood of there being a conflict between them decreases.

There are people in the Hebrew Roots movement who are a totally lost cause. These are the ones who promote polygamy, believe in a Flat Earth, and do not believe the Jewish people are legitimate descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There are people in the Hebrew Roots movement who are Holocaust deniers, and who believe that Ashkenazic Jews are Khazar imposters.

Far more of the non-Jewish people in the Hebrew Roots movement, while embracing their faith heritage in Israel's Scriptures, find themselves going through different phases of legalism and rigidity. They do not know how to adequately balance a Torah lifestyle with the grace and final sacrifice of Yeshua. They succumb to simplistic and fundamentalist applications of Torah commandments, and rush off to make conclusions that have not gone through any kind of troubleshooting. But every single one of us, at some point in our faith experience, has gone through some phase that we are not proud of, and that we would never want to repeat again!

There are sincere, born again, non-Jewish Believers in the Hebrew Roots movement, who are actually only a stone throw or two apart, theologically, from most people in mainline Messianic Judaism. These people are not legalistic or rigid, and they recognize that love for God and neighbor are paramount. They do not make it a point to unfairly chastise or criticize either Christianity or Judaism as "pagan." These people, while embracing a Torah lifestyle in emulation of Yeshua, have certain ideas about Messianic Judaism mainly from what they read, but not from what they encounter on the ground. They assume that if they are non-Jewish, that all Messianic Jewish congregations are going to treat them as second class, or not good enough for personalized ministry. They lack the experience of knowing that the Messianic Jewish movement is pluralistic, and that while there are some groups who are not too interested in welcoming non-Jewish Believers, there are others who just want to make sure that non-Jewish Believers entering in are truly **called** to be there, and co-labor with Jewish Believers in Jewish ministry. Many need a chance to encounter those Messianic Jewish leaders and groups, who try to be inclusive, not unnecessarily turning people away. They need a legitimate chance to see that the Messianic Jewish mission of Jewish outreach and evangelism becomes a part of their spirituality.

In our ministry activities, as Outreach Israel and Messianic Apologetics, we interact with people who identify with labels such as: Messianic Judaism, One Law/One Torah, Two-House, and Hebrew Roots. We try to promote a Messianic faith experience which places **the sacrifice of Yeshua for human sins at the very center of our faith**. We also try to promote various third- and fourth-party, moderating solutions, that not enough people—at least as of yet—have been too willing to consider. We do not believe it is a good, or even smart, idea, to unnecessarily antagonize anyone, if you do not have to. In the case of the Hebrew Roots movement, you have a group of people which is at least twenty times the size of Messianic Judaism. Rather than issuing a blanket white paper against them, acting like you do not really want to be bothered by *some* of the legitimate questions that they might raise about the Scriptures—how can we see a few of the Hebrew Roots people out there integrate the Messianic Jewish mission into their lives? Is it even possible?

Today, questions are being raised about how rivals in the Middle East are recognizing that it does not help the region—but most importantly their own place as world powers—if they do not talk to one another, and

find common interests and goals. If the State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates are now going to have an open relationship—and more moderate Arab countries are on the way—then surely today’s Messianic movement does not have to look at every Hebrew Roots person or family as some kind of spiritual jihadist. Perhaps some unforeseen solution, or at least option, is out there, for those who can have a positive encounter with Messianic Judaism.

Some of the tension that exists between Messianic Judaism and the Hebrew Roots movement is generational. Many of the Baby Boomers unnecessarily inflamed tensions, dismissing legitimate questions raised by non-Jewish Believers about the Scriptures of Israel, and even seeing that many non-Jewish Believers who God *legitimately* called into the Messianic Jewish movement saw themselves unwelcomed and leave. Today’s Messianic Judaism is still struggling over the end-time reality of the nations streaming to Zion in the end-times to be taught Moses’ Teaching (Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-3).

Many of the Hebrew Roots groups out there do not care too much about how the main purpose of the Messianic movement is rooted in Romans chs. 9-11, and Jewish people coming to salvation in Yeshua. Many of the Hebrew Roots groups out there think that Jewish and non-Jewish people are 100% the same, and have no differences of any kind, at all.

Every one of us has made mistakes. Fortunately, the Lord also gives us ample opportunities to acknowledge those mistakes, and to correct them.

Many people entered into the year 2020 thinking that the Lord was going to give us all 20-20 vision. Many of us think that 2020 is an important year of getting unfinished spiritual business taken care of. Even with many Hebrew Roots people tallied together with the people in Messianic Judaism, the “broad” Messianic world is not very big. There are very, very few of us.

The Middle East is likely to change because Arab states are not going to wait for Israel to make a final peace settlement with the Palestinians. They are going to make peace with Israel now.

I think it is time for people in both Messianic Judaism and the Hebrew Roots movement, to find areas of agreement, where we can. Think how much better off we would all be, if we asked the Lord to show us some new ways of attempting to get along, that we have been too unwilling to consider in the past...