

Synagogue of Satan Part 3

Today's Rabbis – Jeremiah's False Shepherds

Introduction

It is incredulous that Messianic believers will doggedly follow those who are described by Scripture as false and bad shepherds. Today's Rabbis claim to be the descendants of the Pharisees and Sadducees, the very people Mashiach scorned. Weren't these the people who called for His execution? Yes, His death is pivotal to our salvation but those who demanded His death did not do so for our benefit, it was because they saw Him as a threat to the religious administration they controlled. This was their motivation when they cried 'Execute Him' esteem and control, is it any different with the Rabbis of today? A lot is said in the Prophets, particularly in Jeremiah, about the end time leaders of Israel and none of it is complimentary, quite the opposite. In Jeremiah, specifically chapters 23 through 25, YHWH lambasts the end time leaders of His people but few in Messianic circles are taking any notice and stubbornly cling Rabbinic doctrine.

How is it that those purporting to be in the 'Body of Mashiach' are willing to follow the dictates of a group who, following in the footsteps of their ancestors, denounce Mashiach, by which they are separated from YHWH (*nobody comes to the Father except through Me – John 14:6*) and currently beyond atonement. Mashiach is the 'foundation stone' of our faith thus any religion not having the same foundation is a different religion even if it does share some of the same principles. That Judaism awaits the first coming of their Mashiach and the Messianic movement awaits the second coming of Mashiach is a difference of monumental proportions, yet for some strange reason many in the Messianic movement are willing to dilute what is a fundamental difference of two philosophies and concentrate on the similarities between the two religions. Let me be clear this has nothing to do with race, I am not anti-Semitic, it is purely about faith, whilst I have no time for Judaism or Islam I have every time for Jewish and Arab people.

Hopefully, this article will at least cause some in the 'Body of Mashiach' to question the authenticity of such rabbinic doctrine as the lunar calendar, Saturday Sabbath, Sabbath worship principles, Pesach Seder, Hanukah, Purim, etc. where these have permeated into true worship;

This article completes this trilogy and presents a final criticism of the end time leaders of Judaism and how they are fulfilling prophesy.

What YHWH Says Through the Prophet Jeremiah

We are fortunate that today we have such easy access to the Scriptures, unfortunately many are reading Scripture with their eyes closed and not benefiting from the warnings YHWH has provided. Let us start with YHWH's criticism of those who will be leading Israel during the end times, that is, today,

"Oh no! The shepherds are destroying and scattering the sheep in My pasture!" says, YHWH. Therefore, this is what YHWH, the Elohim of Israel, says against the shepherds who shepherd My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away and not taken care of them. So I will take care of you because of your evil deeds," Says YHWH. "I Myself will gather what remains of My flock from all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their homes, and they will be fruitful and increase their numbers. I will appoint shepherds over them who will shepherd them; then they will no longer be afraid or disgraced; and none will be missing," says YHWH. (Jer.23:1-4).

This verse spans from time past until when YHWH sends Mashiach to put an end to the tribulation and gathers His people from the ends of the earth. Whilst the passage infers that the shepherds themselves have scattered the people, this is a metaphor referring to the cause behind YHWH scattering the people of Israel – bad leadership. This passage sets the theme for the following verses in Jeremiah which continue the theme of poor leadership of Israel up until the end of this age. If there is any doubt that this passage carries overtures of the end times this doubt is alleviated by what follows the above passage,

"The days are coming," says YHWH, "When I shall raise a righteous Branch for David. He will reign as king and succeed, He will do what is just and right in the Land. In His days Y'hudah will be saved, Israel will live in safety, and the name given to Him will be YHWH Tzidkenu (YHWH our Righteousness). (Jer.23:5-6).

"Therefore," says YHWH "The day will come when people no longer swear. 'As YHWH lives, who brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but, 'As YHWH lives who brought the descendants of the house of Israel from the land to the north and from all the countries where I drove them. Then they will live in their own land.'" (Jer.23:7-8).

We all know that the 'righteous branch' has already been raised but Mashiach has not fulfilled what continues in these verses and they remain prophetic.

Chapters 23 through 25 of Jeremiah are a roller-coaster of what is now history and that which is still to come and we must interpret the information accordingly. In Jeremiah chapter 25 YHWH describes the extent of His wrath and its effect on humanity

"As for you Jeremiah, prophecy all these words against them (those leading Israel falsely), 'YHWH is roaring from on high, raising His voice from His holy dwelling, roaring with might against His own habitation, shouting out loud, like those who tread grapes, against everyone living on earth. The sound resounds to the ends of the earth, for YHWH is indicting the nations about to pass judgement on all mankind, the wicked He has handed over to the sword'", says YHWH. Thus says YHWH Tzva'ot, "Disaster is spreading from nation to nation a mighty tempest is being unleashed from the furthest ends of the earth. On that day, those killed by YHWH will be strewn from one end of the earth to the other, they will not be mourned or gathered or buried but will lie on the ground like dung. (Jer.25:30-33)

Wail, shepherds cry! Wallow in the dust, you lords of the flock, for the days of your slaughter have come. I will break you in pieces, and like a prized vase you will fall." (Jer.25:34).

The very first sentence of the first passage links to the whole of the second passage above. The first passage describes the effect of YHWH's wrath as it is poured out upon humanity which, as verse 34 confirms, encompasses the end time leaders of Israel.

Conclusion

Israel is today being led by a group who, whilst purporting to follow 'Moshe' have deliberately transgressed what he instructed. They have issued their own Talmudic Torah in violation of Deut.4:2, 12:32. Today's Rabbis continue the traits of their ancestors and the following warning from Mashiach is just as valid today as when He gave it,

Then Mashiach spoke to the crowds and to His talmidim (disciples) saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on the seat of Moshe. "Therefore, whatever they say (when quoting the Book of Moshe) to you to guard, guard and do. But do not do according to their works, for they say, and do not do. "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders, but with their finger they do not wish to move them. "And they do all their works to be seen by men, and they make their t'fillen wide and lengthen the tzitziyot of their garments, and they love the best place at feasts, and the best seats in the congregations, and the greetings in the market-places, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi,' for One is your Teacher, the Mashiach, and you are all brothers. (Matt.23:1-8).

Mashiach is instructing the people to listen to the leaders when they preach Moshe, that is, when they preach from the written Torah of YHWH but not to follow their ways – the Talmud: the oral Torah of the Rabbis. That Mashiach's words apply to today's leaders is sufficient justification of this article? Remember Yochanan's words when the Pharisees and the Sadducees came to him to be immersed,

And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his immersion, he said to them, "Brood of adders! Who has warned you to flee from the coming wrath? "Bear, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance. (Matt.3:7-8).

'Flee from the coming wrath!' Whilst Yochanan could be referring to the immanent destruction of the temple by Rome (AD70) his criticism of those leading Israel remains valid today. Mashiach uses the same metaphorical terms to describe these leaders but He refers to end time judgement,

"Serpents, brood of adders! How would you escape the judgment of Gehenna? (Matt.23:33).

To clarify a point, Mashiach does not call the Pharisees and Sadducees snakes just because they will not listen to Him. From this whole discourse He is condemning both pharisaic philosophy and leadership which, as was proved in part 2 of this trilogy, is the very foundation of Judaism today. Nothing has changed, if anything the situation today is worse with Israel's leaders offering the hand of friendship to Daniel's 'little horn' – Rome. No wonder YHWH includes them in the out-pouring of His wrath at the end of this age (Jer.25:34),

Wail, shepherds cry! Wallow in the dust, you lords of the flock, for the days of your slaughter have come. I will break you in pieces, and like a prized vase you will fall."

Not only is it evident from Jeremiah but also from Yochanan and Mashiach Himself that the bad leaders of Israel will remain until YHWH Himself appoints good shepherds over them (Jer.23:4).

Why would any enlightened member of the 'Body of Mashiach' want to follow the dictates of a group who are not only descended from those who have earned for themselves condemnation from both The Father and His Son but also insist on following the philosophies of 'snakes/vipers?'

It could be contended that the Rabbis are not all bad. This merely categorises them as lukewarm to be vomited out by Mashiach (Rev.3:16) and such a contention just undermines the character of YHWH. There is no area of grey with YHWH, it is all or nothing; you are either one thing or the other: good or bad: you follow YHWH or you follow HaSatan. If you follow YHWH then, in the words of Mashiach, you must obey everything in the Torah (Matt.4:4). There is no in between and insofar as Israel's end time leadership is concerned, YHWH has decided their fate all we have to do is read it. Today's Rabbis are treading in the footsteps of their ancestors. Just as their ancestors did, they reject Mashiach by which it is impossible for Judaism to lead its followers to salvation thus the majority of Jews being Orthodox, will be destroyed as stated in Zach.13:8-9. It is YHWH's Israel and not Rabbinical Israel that will be saved and live in the Land through the millennium.

For those not convinced I would ask when was it the bad leadership described in Jeremiah became good leadership?

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