

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE

The Bible, consisting of the Tenach (the Hebrew Bible), and the later writings, the Brit Hadasha (New Covenant) is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26

GOD

The Shema, “Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one” teaches that God is Echad, as so declared: a united one, a composite unity, eternally existent in plural oneness. There is one God, triune in nature who has revealed Himself as: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11

MAN AND REDEMPTION

Man was originally created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell. Man in his natural state is a sinner—lost, undone, without hope in the world and without God. His only hope of redemption is in Messiah Yeshua, the Son of God.

Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21; Isaiah 53; Romans 6:23; Romans 3:19-23; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 2:1,12

ISRAEL

God chose Israel, the Jewish people, and entered into an eternal covenant with them so they might be the firstfruits of a renewed humanity, who would mediate blessing and restoration to all the nations of the world through Messiah Yeshua. In gracious love, God gave to Israel the holy Torah as a covenantal way of life, and the land of Israel as an inheritance and pledge of the blessing of the world to come.

Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15; Ezekiel 37; Jeremiah 31:34-37; Romans 11:28-29

MESSIAH YESHUA

Yeshua the Messiah is God the Son, and is God. On earth, Yeshua was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was sent to the House of Israel, born of a virgin, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory.

John 1:1,14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5

VIRGIN BIRTH

Messiah Yeshua was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit in the virgin Miriam's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God.

[Matthew 1:18, 25](#); [Luke 1:35](#); [Isaiah 7:14](#); [Luke 1:27-35](#)

SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Messiah Yeshua: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts.

[Ephesians 2:8-9](#); [Galatians 2:16, 3:8](#); [Titus 3:5](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [Acts 16:31](#); [Hebrews 9:22](#)

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Yeshua, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation.

[Matthew 3:2](#); [Matthew 4: 17](#); [Mark 1:15](#); [Acts 2:21, 3:19](#); [I John 1:9](#)

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Messiah's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the disciples of Yeshua are enabled to live a Godly life.

[I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23](#); [II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18](#), [II Thessalonians 2:1-3](#), [Romans 8:29, 12:1-2](#), [Hebrews 2:11](#)

THE BLOOD OF YESHUA

The Blood that Messiah Yeshua shed on the tree of suffering was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Yeshua allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death.

[I John 1:7](#); [Revelation 1:5, 5:9](#); [Colossians 1:20](#); [Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9](#); [John 1:29](#)

MESSIAH YESHUA INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

We, as believers in Messiah Yeshua, are people who have invited the Lord Messiah Yeshua to come and live inside us by His Holy Spirit. We relinquish the authority of our lives over to Him thus making Yeshua the Lord of our lives as well as Savior. We put our trust in what Yeshua accomplished for us when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead.

[John 1:12](#); [John 14:17, 23](#); [John 15:4](#); [Romans 8:11](#); [Revelation 3:20](#)

IMMERSION IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Given at Shavuot, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Yeshua after His Ascension, to empower the Body of Messiah to deliver the Good News throughout the whole earth. We believe that immersion of the Holy Spirit primarily evidenced by speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is for all believers as promised by John the Immerser, Yeshua, and Peter and as witnessed by the early disciples of the Lord Messiah Yeshua.

[Joel 2:28-29](#); [Matthew 3:11](#); [Mark 16:17](#); [Acts 1:5](#), [2:1-4](#), [17](#), [38-39](#), [8:14-17](#), [10:38](#), [44-47](#), [11:15-17](#), [19:1-6](#)

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the community, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The *Bible lists* of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters.

[Hebrews 2:4](#); [Romans 1:11](#), [12 :4-8](#); [Ephesians 4:16](#); [1 Timothy 4:14](#); [2 Timothy 1:6-7](#); [I Corinthians 12:1-31](#), [14:1-40](#); [I Peter 4:10](#)

THE BODY OF MESSIAH

The church is the international Body of Messiah, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Gentiles who were once separate from Messiah, His people, and the covenants are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Messiah Yeshua Himself as the chief cornerstone. Gentile believers are not spiritual Israel, but will enjoy the promises given to Abraham along with natural Israel, not in place of it. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the household of God, and has a divine role to play in God's redemptive plan. The Church and Israel remain distinct, but believing Jews and believing Gentiles are united as one people of God through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua, the Son of God. With this in mind, the church should love Israel as it loves itself, should pray for Israel, should minister with the understanding that their Savior is Israel's Messiah, and should pursue the salvation of Israel.

[Ephesians 1:22](#), [2:19-22](#); [Hebrews 12:23](#); [John 17:11](#), [20-23](#)

ORDINANCES

- **Water Immersion (Tevilah):** Following faith in the Lord Messiah Yeshua, we are commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[Matthew 28:19](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [Mark 16:16](#); [Acts 8:12](#), [36-38](#); [10:47-48](#)

- **The Lord's Table (Shulchan Adon):** Shulchan Adon was instituted at Yeshua's Passover Seder before His crucifixion, and serves as a memorial of His death, resurrection, and the second coming. Believers are free to take part in it as often as they feel led. As a congregation, we corporately partake of the LORD's Table at Passover, to conclude Yom Kippur, and in small group settings within homes.

Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25

- **Marriage:** We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God.

Matthew 19:4-6

HEALING OF THE SICK

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Yeshua, and included in the commission of Yeshua to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Yeshua's work on the cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. We believe that God uses doctors, medicine, and other material means for healing, but we also believe that divine healing is provided in the atonement and may be appropriated by laying on of hands by elders, or by believers, by the prayers of any believer given the gift of healing, or by a direct act of receiving this provision by faith.

Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29

GOD'S WILL FOR WHOLENESS

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy, and marked with His blessing in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent any believers from seeking the full benefits of Messiah's provision in order to better serve others.

- **Spiritual**

John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10

- **Mental and Emotional**

2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3

- **Physical**

Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24

- **Financial**

Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19

SECOND COMING

We believe in the visible, bodily, premillennial return of Messiah Yeshua to earth. Our King Messiah will return to Jerusalem in glory at the end of this age, to rule forever on David's throne. He will effect the restoration of Israel in fullness, raise the dead, save all who belong to Him, judge the wicked (those not written in the Book of Life who are separated from His presence), and accomplish the final Tikkun Olam (healing of the world) in which Israel and the nations will be united under Messiah's rule forever. This restoration will bring everlasting joy to those who belong to Him. They will live forever in an order of mutual blessing and fellowship with God.

[Daniel 12:2-3](#); [Isaiah 9:4-6](#); [Zechariah 12](#); [Zechariah 14](#); [Romans 8:18-19](#); [Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64](#); [Acts 1:9-11](#); [I Thessalonians 4:15-17](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:7-8](#); [Revelation 19](#); [Revelation 20:11-15](#); [21:1-4](#)

RESURRECTION AND FINAL JUDGEMENT

Messiah Yeshua was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected and will be judged according to what they have done. Those who know God and have their names written in the Book of Life will dwell with Him forever and enter into eternal life, and those whose names are not written in the Book of Life will enter into eternal punishment.

[Daniel 12:2-3](#); [Luke 24:16, 36, 39](#); [John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4](#); [Acts 24:15](#); [I Corinthians 15:42, 44](#); [Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21](#)

HEAVEN

We believe that we have a Kingdom, a city, and a building prepared by the LORD—a home not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens.

[Matthew 25:34](#); [John 17:24](#); [2 Corinthians 5:1](#); [Hebrews 11:16](#); [I Peter 1:4](#)

THE NEW HEAVENS, NEW EARTH, AND NEW JERUSALEM

After the final judgment God will create a new heavens and a new earth, and a New Jerusalem. There will be no more Temple, for ADONAI Tzva-ot and the Lamb will be our Temple. We will not have a sun or moon to shine, for the glory of God will be our light. Only those written in the Book of Life will be able to enter.

[Isaiah 66:22-24](#); [Revelation 21](#); [Revelation 22:1-5](#)

HELL

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels.

[Daniel 12:2-3](#); [Isaiah 66:24](#); [Matthew 25:41](#); [Mark 9:43-48](#); [Hebrews 9:27](#); [Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8](#)