

# Hebrew Roots or Hebrew Wrestling?

Which is worse? Deception from within Christian doctrine (including Roman Catholicism, from which Christianity originated), Messianic doctrine, or Rabbinic Judaism? Read carefully, friend. These are not specific teachings in each of these groups. This is about the DECEPTION within these teachings – whether Christian, Messianic, or Judaism! Deception means the added part that was not originally part of the doctrine – that which we do not part of Scripture. Remember the words of YAH:

*Debarim 4* <sup>2</sup>Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it, so as to guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim which I am commanding you.

Ironically, this is confirmed, which means that YAH is very serious about this:

*Hazon 22* <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim shall take away his part from the Book of Life, and out of the set-apart city, which are written in this Book.

There is deception in every form of faith, or faith walk, as it should actually be called. Only when Yeshua is followed unconditionally is there no deception:

*Yohanan 14* <sup>6</sup>ישוע said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Many Christians and Jews have already woken up to the deception in their congregations / synagogues, cell groups, gatherings, as well as some individuals and are searching everywhere for other forms of worship to the one, true *Debarim 6:4 Elohim*. However, when they come to certain Messianic or Hebrew Roots groups, it confuses them more than it strengthens and teaches them, because everything “has to be Jewish”. Really? Where is this recorded in Scripture?

Many people, mostly Christians or those who have moved on and are following “something (someone?) else” are very quick to say that one should eat the fish and spit out the bones. Actually, this statement is completely wrong, because if you know the fish has bones in it, you should take them out before you eat it! Alternatively, if you know in advance that the bones may be poisonous, you should not eat the fish at all. There are enough sources these days that can warn you in advance about large, small, none or poisonous bones – the best source is *Ruach haQodesh*, the Holy Spirit! There is indeed poison in every form of Christianity, the Messianic Movement and Judaism!

The Jews in the time of Yeshua rejected Him, therefore the true believer in Yeshua is to lead his brother Yehudah to jealousy (YAH and Yeshua’s words):

*Ma`asei 13* <sup>42</sup>And when the Yehudim went out of the congregation, the nations begged to have these words spoken to them the next Shabbat.

YAH tells us in His miraculous plan of salvation:

*Debarim 10* <sup>12</sup>And now, Yisra’el, what is יהוה your Elohim asking of you, but to fear יהוה your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being, (emphasis added)

Take a look here:

*Ma`asei 13* <sup>45</sup>But when the Yehudim saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. And contradicting and speaking evil, they opposed what Sha’ul was saying.

Kěpha (Peter) teaches us:

*Kěpha Aleph 4* <sup>14</sup> If you are reproached for the Name of Messiah, you are blessed, because the Spirit of esteem and of *Elohim* rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is praised.

The prophecy that *Shim'on* uttered about *Yeshua*:

*Luqas 2* <sup>34</sup> And *Shim'on* blessed them, and said to *Miryam* His mother, "See, this One is set for a fall and rising of many in *Yisra'el*, and for a sign spoken against –

We also see:

*Romiyim 11* <sup>11</sup> I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Let it not be! But by their fall deliverance has come to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy.

It seemed to work, for they were made jealous, even virulently, according to Scripture and His intention concerning them, even a sign that they would fight against, according to *YAH's* will.

We read:

*Eph'siyim 1* <sup>11</sup> in whom also we did obtain an inheritance, being previously ordained according to the purpose of Him working all matters according to the counsel of His desire,

This is an interpretation of:

*Debarim 32* <sup>21</sup> They made Me jealous by what is not *Ĕl*, They provoked Me with their worthless matters. But I make them jealous by those who are no people, I provoke them with a foolish nation.

Through nations we see wisdom:

*Debarim 4* <sup>6</sup> And you shall guard and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the peoples who hear all these laws, and they shall say, 'Only a wise and understanding people is this great nation!'

Again from the words of *Sha'ul*:

*Qorintiyim Aleph 1* <sup>27</sup> But *Elohim* has chosen the foolish matters of the world to put to shame the wise, and *Elohim* has chosen the weak of the world to put to shame the strong.

A few verses later:

*Qorintiyim Aleph 1* <sup>30</sup> And of Him you are in Messiah *יְשׁוּעַ*, who became for us wisdom from *Elohim*, righteousness also, and set-apartness and redemption,

*Kěpha* speaks again:

*Kěpha Aleph 2* <sup>6</sup> Because it is contained in the Scripture, "See, I lay in *Tsiyon* a chief corner-stone, chosen, precious, and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame."

We see something similar:

*Ma`asei 9* <sup>22</sup> But *Sha'ul* kept increasing in strength, and was confounding the *Yehudim* who dwelt in *Dammeseq*, proving that this (*יְשׁוּעַ*) is the Messiah.

*Sha'ul* (Paul) could even disturb the rabbis and their followers (*he confounded them*, according to most popular translations), with these statements.

This is not to suggest that new Gentile converts or Messianic Christians know any more, are better, or have already achieved any goal, even 'arrived' as we are accused of. The "new (*Ma`asei 2*) congregation" does not replace Jews either – all of them were Jews anyway! It is absurd to think that

YAH would choose Jews during the outpouring of *Ruach haQodesh*, only to later discard them! The real congregation was already established at *Sinai* with the gift of the Ten Words – *Shavu'ot* (Pentecost). However, there were added to the congregation (of YAH) daily:

*Ma`asei 2* <sup>47</sup>praising *Elohim* and having favour with all the people. And the Master added to the assembly those who were being saved, day by day.

*Ruach haQodesh* equips every person who has had an encounter with *Yeshua*, both Jews and Gentiles, to proclaim the Word of YAH. This command was given by *Yeshua* himself (to Jews):

*Mattithyahu 28* <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit, (emphasis added)

After *Yeshua* 's ascension, this commission quickly spread to non-Jews. In some ways, many Jews may know more about the *TaNakh* than Christians, while many non-Jewish believers have already had a personal experience with our Salvation, *Yeshua*, such as *Sha'ul*, *Kefa* and many others, whose words are recorded in Scripture.

*Torah* was deliberately taken away from most of us who have come from Christianity, especially by so-called teachers who lend their ears to the enemy and do not rely on convictions of *Ruach haQodesh*. It is therefore important that we learn from Jews what they know of Scripture that has not been twisted or adapted; it must in no way contradict *Torah* in any way. Similarly, we must teach them about *Yeshua*, without any sugary 'christian' evangelism – it needs to be the truth of the *b'sorah*, the Good News of *Yeshua* and nothing more or less.