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We, the Body of Messiah Yeshua **have missed the mark in one major area!** We look at earth and mainly see things horizontally, including our religions. But God sees everything on earth more vertically. **“Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done on earth as it is in Heaven!”** Matthew 6:10 **The King of Heaven** is coming down to Reign over the earth from the city of Jerusalem.

At Mount Sinai, about 3500 years ago, God sounded His first Shofar blasts over the earth, and there God spoke to Moses and to the 12 tribes of Israel and gave them **the Laws of the King and the Kingdom of Heaven** for the earth.

God began by giving to the nation of Israel **the Ten Commandments**, the basic **Laws of Heaven** for Israel to keep. Later **these Laws of the One true God** would go out from Israel to all the idolatrous nations on the earth.

What was given by God as **the primary Laws of the Kingdom of Heaven** to the Jewish people, eventually led to a man centered religion, ‘**Rabbinic Judaism**’. Despite the commands of God not to change or modify these Laws of God (Deuteronomy 4:1,2, Proverbs 30:5,6), religious Jewish sages came up with ‘**oral laws**’ and **traditions and rituals of man**, in man’s attempt to control and manipulate **these Laws of God which man could not keep**. Religious Jews placed their primary focus on the writings and interpretations of man, Talmud and Mishnah, which became a major part of ‘**Rabbinic Judaism**’, ***instead of putting their main focus on the Word of God!*** Much of mankind have ignored the Commands that God gave to Israel and to the world at Mount Sinai!

God had specifically told the Jewish people that **He, the One and Only Living God, the King of Heaven, the King of Israel, would come down and Reign from Jerusalem as King over all the earth ...**

For **the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place.** **“This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it!”** Psalm 132:13,14

And He said to me, “Son of man, **this is the Place of My Throne**, and the Place of the soles of My feet, **where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.**” Ezekiel 43:7

“So you shall know that **I Am the LORD** your God, **dwelling in Zion, My holy Mountain.** Then **Jerusalem shall be holy**, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again.” Joel 3:17

“As a **Lion** roars ... so **the LORD of hosts** will come down to fight for **Mount Zion and for its Hill.** ... so **the LORD of hosts will shield Jerusalem.** Defending Her, He will deliver Her, passing over, He will rescue Her!” Isaiah 31:4,5 (see also Obadiah 21; Zechariah 14:4,8,9)

A similar scenario to Mount Sinai happened 2000 years ago after God Yeshua came to earth, born as a Man, to save mankind from all their sins. But this time God began this new Work by personally announcing His Kingdom to Israel, “**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!**” Also, His cousin, high priest Yochanan, had made **this same proclamation** just six months prior.

And again God gave mankind **the Laws of the Kingdom of Heaven**. But this time Yeshua expounded on **these Laws**, bringing Light to man’s understanding of them, to bring mankind into a higher spiritual relationship with their God. Man could not keep **these Words of Heaven** without God’s divine intervention, such as **God’s Laws of Love**, and **God’s Laws of forgiveness** of our enemies. Read all **Yeshua’s Words** from the Beautitudes, especially Matthew 5:17-19.

After Yeshua ascended back to Heaven, those who were the first disciples of this **Mighty King of Love** and ‘**The Way**’, shared His teachings far and wide, the ‘**Good News**’ of what Yeshua, **King of Heaven**, had done for us through His Great Love to save mankind by dying in our place for all of our sins, so that each of us could have a personal ‘Love relationship’ with **our Loving King** and Creator. Also **this King of Heaven** who rose from the dead, said He would one day soon return again bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth, and giving us **Eternal Life to Reign with this King as His Bride**, to be with Him forever.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as Yeshua went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, “You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same **Yeshua**, which was taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.” Act 1:10,11

Yeshua spoke much against religion and also the Pharisaic Jewish sect which later became **Rabbinic Judaism**, the basis for all contemporary Judaism.

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up **the Kingdom of Heaven** to men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” Matthew 23:13

No religion can stand up against God’s Message of **the Kingdom of Heaven!**

The main Message that King Yeshua proclaimed for 3 ½ years was almost always about **the Kingdom**. We see this Message over 50 times in the book of Matthew; over 40 times in Luke; in Mark 16 times. But when we read the rest of the New Testament, this Message of the Kingdom of Heaven (of God) is mentioned very few times by the disciples, and then mainly by the Apostle Paul.

And Yeshua said to them, “I must proclaim **the Kingdom of God** to other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.” Luke 4:43

He received them, and spoke to them of the Kingdom of God, and healed all that had need of healing. Luke 9:11 (Matthew 4:23; 9:35)

Yeshua answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ‘Except a man be **‘Born Again’**, he cannot **see the Kingdom of God.**’ ” Yeshua answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ‘Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot **enter into the Kingdom of God.** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said to you, you must be **‘Born Again.’** ” John 3:3,5-7

Being **‘Born Again’ into the Kingdom of Heaven** has nothing to do with man’s religion, for in fact religion can only hinder the Holy Spirit of God and stop many people from entering into the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 23:13)

Let’s look at **Yeshua’s instructions to His disciples** as our guideline:

Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And **He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.** Luke 9:1,2 (see also Luke 10:9,11)

“**But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** And as you go, proclaim, saying, **‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’** **Heal the sick**, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely you have received, freely give.” Matthew 10:6-8 [These signs would follow after **proclaiming the Kingdom!**]

“**But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Rigtheousness,** and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33 (Luke 12:31)

“**And this Gospel of the Kingdom** shall be proclaimed in all the world for a witness to all nations, **and then the End shall come.**” Matthew 24:14

“**But I say to you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine, until that Day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s Kingdom.**’ ” Matthew 26:29

For **the Kingdom of God** is not in word, but **in Power!** 1st Corinthians 4:20

Why doesn’t the Christian religion have real power with God? Did you ever think that perhaps Yeshua never came to set up another religion! Yeshua came to announce **the Kingdom of Heaven;** and as you have just read **He commanded His disciples to do the same!** But within a short time after the original disciples died, Yeshua’s message of **the King and the Kingdom of Heaven** had become institutionalized, and had lost most of its power; **for it had now been turned into a message of religion called Christianity.** Yeshua never presented **His ‘Gospel Message of the Kingdom’** to His disciples for this to become another religion!

Yeshua’s message of the Laws of the King and the Kingdom of Heaven was spoken aloud into the earth by our Creator, **so that ‘Born Again’ believers in Yeshua would implement His Words throughout the earth, in preparation for the coming of the King and His Kingdom.** **“Come to Me! “Go make disciples of all the nations...” “Go...into all the world and proclaim the Good News...”**

However, this great appearance on earth of **God the King**, and His Message about the Kingdom of Heaven was turned into a man made religion, this time by religious Gentiles, in their attempt to control, change, modify, pervert, and rebel against God's Words, thinking that man did not have to obey these Laws of **this Loving and Just King and His Heavenly Kingdom**.

But man's rebellious behaviors will never change God's Commandments!

God Yeshua has presented the Laws of the Creator of Heaven to mankind, which can never be bottled up into any man made religion ... for as **the King** of Heaven said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall never pass away!" King Yeshua, the Almighty King of Glory, has clearly announced that the Reign of this King and His Kingdom of Heaven will take over the earth. For **these Truths** that King Yeshua spoke while on earth can never be stopped; for God's Words are not governed by any of man's controls or man's religions!

The King of Heaven has entered into different Covenants with mankind: the Mosaic Covenant which later became the religion called Judaism, and then God's New Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31-34, ratified by the King's own Body and Blood later became the religion called 'Christianity'.

Then Pilate... said to Him, "**Are You the King of the Jews?**"

Yeshua answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world! If My Kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now My Kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a King?" Jesus answered, "You rightly say that **I Am a King**. To this end I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to **the Truth**. Every one that is of the Truth hears My voice."

Pilate said to Him, "What is Truth?" John 18:33,36,37,38

In the very near future **God will Judge the earth**, and every nation and every unsaved person will be brought before Yeshua, the King of Heaven, and Judged on the basis of refusing the free gift of forgiveness of sin and Eternal Life given by the King of Heaven, and for violating the King's divine Laws. And all true believers who have repented and been forgiven for their sins by **King Yeshua** will enter His Kingdom on the basis of Yeshua's Life and His shed Blood.

And when He had called the people to Him with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it!" Mark 8:34,35 (see also Matthew 10:38,39 and Luke 14:27)

But His citizens hated Him, and sent a message after Him, saying, "We will not have this Man to Reign over us." ... "But bring here those enemies of Mine, who did not want Me to Reign over them, and slay them before Me!" Luke 19:14,27

For God will have His Way over all His enemies on that Glorious Day!
The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies
Your footstool!” Psalm 110:1

The Laws of the Kingdom of Heaven given by God have never changed;
for the plans and purposes of **Yeshua, King of Heaven** are always in full effect
and are ever moving towards their absolute fulfillment for the whole earth!

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Behold, we have forsaken all,
and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” And Yeshua said to them,
“Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when
the Son of man shall sit on the Throne of His Glory, you shall also sit upon
twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that has
forsaken houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children,
or lands for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit
Everlasting Life!” Matthew 19:27-29

... to whom He also shewed Himself alive after His passion by many
infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things
pertaining to the Kingdom of God. When they therefore were come together,
they asked of Him, saying, “LORD, will You at this time restore again the
kingdom to Israel? Act 1:3,6

Here Yeshua’s disciples seemed to have not understood. Yeshua kept
presenting to them the message of the Kingdom of God: “Go ...!” But they
were still focused on Israel being freed from Roman control, and regaining
her sovereignty, like as in the days of king David and king Solomon.

Let’s look at other Scriptures on God’s Kingdom Rule from other’s writings.

And in the days of these kings the God of Heaven shall set up a Kingdom
(on earth) which shall never be destroyed. And this Kingdom shall not be left
to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these other kingdoms
and it shall stand forever. Daniel 2:44

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **One like the Son of man**
came with Clouds of Heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought
Him near before Him. And there was given Him Dominion, and Glory,
and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him.
**His Dominion is an Everlasting Dominion, which shall not pass away,
and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed!** Daniel 7:13,14

... His Kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:19

But **the saints of the Most High** shall take the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever. And the Kingdom and Dominion, and the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people, **the saints of the Most High, whose Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.** Daniel 7:18,27

The Body of believers needs to reach out to the unsaved world with correct knowledge of the **King and the Kingdom of Heaven**; and this will help change the **incorrect religious theologies** which have opened many doors to division. For everything in Yeshua's Body that can be shaken is about to be shaken ... **God is about to move His Body into Kingdom submission and alignment !!!**

And He gave some to be **apostles**; some to be **prophets**; some **evangelists**; some **pastors and teachers**, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Messiah. Until we all come to unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah... but **speaking the truth in love**... Ephesians 4:11-13,15 (see also Jeremiah 3:15-17; Ezekiel 34:2,13-16; Luke 6:13; Luke 11:49; 1st Corinthians 4:9; Ephesians 2:20; 2nd Peter 3:2;)

And God has set some in the Body, **first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers**, gifts of miracles, then gifts of healings, etc... 1st Corinthians 12:28,29

Believers are tired of religion; we want His Kingdom Presence!

The Purpose of the Restored Tent of David is to help Prepare 'The Way' of the LORD!

The Restored Tent of David, as seen through Kingdom eyes, are key positions on the earth for the Kingdom of Heaven to invade earth with God's Government and Power and Glory; with signs, and wonders, and miracles being released by God for His Kingdom purposes to penetrate over a specific region, territory, or area of the earth, such as the city of Jerusalem, released through High Worship, Intercession, & Kingly decrees of God's faithful Melchi Zedek Priests and High Priests on the earth, so that the Authority of God + Born Again redeemed man can be fully restored on the earth, first given to man in Genesis 1:26-28.

“When **the Son of man** comes in His Glory, and all the Holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the Throne of His Glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then **the KING** will say to those on His right hand, **'Come, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.** For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ ”

“And the KING will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”
Matthew 25:31-36,40

Our God Yeshua, **the King of Heaven**, will restore many things in **Truth** before His Glorious return. Above all things, He will again restore greater knowledge of **the KING and His Everlasting KINGDOM in Heaven and on Earth!**

“And I bestow upon you a Kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, **that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom**, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (in your Kingdom).” Luke 22:29,30; Rev 3:21

The conflict that believers in Yeshua face today here in Israel is not about Rabbinical Judaism versus Christianity or Messianic Judaism; it is really about Judaism resisting the KINGDOM of GOD and the Spirit of the Living God!

“Thus says the LORD of hosts’ ‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal, with great fervor **I am zealous for Her.**’ Thus says the LORD, ‘I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem.**’

**‘Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain!’”
Zechariah 8:2,3**

King Yeshua shall Reign from Zion, His holy Hill!

“Of the increase of His Government there shall be no end...”

Isaiah 9:7

“The kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdoms of our LORD and of His Messiah, and He shall Reign forever and ever!”

Revelation 11:15

Amos 3:7...

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“The Word of our GOD shall stand forever!” Isaiah 40:8

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