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The poisonous Levitical Mindset of the Messianic World

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“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **Therefore by their fruits you will know them.**” Matt. 7:15-20

HURT IN THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

So many people have been hurt people in the Messianic and Hebrew Roots movement. Perhaps you are one of them. I am. After travelling this new world of turning back to the Torah, trying to find fellowship and like hearts for nearly a decade it seems that the Messianic movement has the kind of soil where people do not flourish, but instead are hurt, betrayed and bruised. From experience I can say that most people within the Messianic movement seem to share a few basic character traits that all other foul traits flow from: they are rude, self righteous and above all they do not know how to love.

This movement just seems to attract ill-mannered, impolite, disrespectful, brash, abusive, controlling and judgemental people. They are quick to stone, judge, betray and accuse. They are generally not overly happy people, but fearful and conspiracy focused. They tend to vomit their beliefs onto others, are vicious and attack

anyone who challenges them. They do not love you and are not tolerant of you unless you are in agreement with them.

I speak from too much personal experience myself (in person and online), I've read and been part of the Facebook threads, seen the YouTube videos, read the articles, visited the websites and I've heard other people's first-hand stories. Something is desperately wrong! What is happening to generally good and hungry-for-truth people who are exiting Babylon and coming out of the nations? What is corrupting them? The point of this article is to submit to you what I believe is the problem.

CORE TO THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

It is time for a change. **The way of Yahshua is the change we need**, but to understand what that is we must address what is at the core of the Messianic movement. The Messianic religion CAN NOT AND IS NOT operating with the mind and heart of the Messiah. It seeks to control another human. This is the core of the problem. Once addressed and exposed to the light we pray that we can help you discover what the "Good News of the Gospel" actually is and a superior way to repent and come out of the nations back to obedience, back to the heart of the Torah and back to YHVH.

I believe that the reason people are getting hurt in the Messianic movement is because those who are teaching in this movement and their followers are of a Levitical mindset (steeped in rabbinics) and this flies in the face of what our Rabbi Yahshua was, taught and how he requires his priests to operate.

Please know that I speak in general terms as I know not everyone in the Messianic world is like this. There are many good people in the movement (read my Disclaimer at the bottom of this article). There are people who show up to a Messianic gathering and do not feel that they are not on the "in crowd." There are those who wonder why teachers can not seem to reconcile the book of Hebrews. There are those who can not stomach to wear the Messianic dress code of head coverings, prayer shawls, dawn the linen frumpy look and think tzitzit wearing on the "4-corners of your jeans" is silly. These people are being led into another priesthood. They Ruach will eventually lead them out of the Messianic movement into Yah's Royal Priesthood. The freedom Yahshua has for them and the reality of "Yahshua's-burden-is-light" will attract them. Perhaps you are one of them. Perhaps you are leaving the Messianic movement hoping to find true friends, a more level path to walk, a lifestyle that is more in line with the Messiah and Truth based on better promises. If that is you, then you must find the only path available, the only priesthood available — the Melchizedek Priesthood.

That said, our Rabbi warned us and said by people's fruits you will know. And the fruits of most people in the Messianic world are poisonous. Don't eat of their tree, my friend! Here's why...

THE POISON OF THE LEVITICAL MINDSET

Obviously, we can all agree that the rabbis within Judaism are operating in a Levitical mindset. That doesn't mean that absolutely everything in Judaism is wrong. We are called to be discerning and divide truth. But at the heart of Judaism is a religion that finds its roots in the Levitical/Aaronic priesthood. The Messianic crowd is imitating them to a pretty large degree. Why is this so bad? Because the Messianic movement as a whole is being taught by teachers who are more sensitive to the teachings of the rabbis and the traditions of man than to what Yahshua taught and lived. And by operating in this rabbinical mindset these leaders and their followers are leaving themselves wide-open and vulnerable to a spirit that breeds rudeness, meanness, fear and

haughtiness and all the poisonous fruit that Yahshua said to be aware of. And ha'Satan is having a hay-day!

ONE PRIESTHOOD PRODUCES BAD FRUIT THE OTHER PRODUCES GOOD FRUIT

Don't misunderstand me, the Levitical Law WAS Yah's provision for Israel before Yahshua. And it was good for a specified amount of time. But that time is over and the new and more superior order has come. Therefore, it is not going to work to continue to try to operate in a dead (done-away with, inferior, set-aside) priesthood. To seek to operate here is to invite the author of death, ha'Satan to turn it into an orchard of death. Just like Yahshua said, it seems logical that the "fruit" of such a tree "growing" (or perhaps "dying") in that orchard would produce fruit that is no good.

A Levitical mindset will attract the foul spirit of legalism/rabbinicalism. Our Rabbi Yahshua spoke against this foul spirit when he was here. It is not allowed in his Melchizedek (Royal) Priesthood. Actually, it's not that it just isn't allowed — it's not there! The Melchizedek Priesthood functions with or without us, because it is eternal. Either we are operating as a Royal priest within the parameters of the priesthood or we are not. It's that simple. Some days we are, some days we don't. With some decisions we are, with others we aren't. The goal is to operate in this Royal order more and more, until it is our 24/7 go-to and way of life. The more we live in it the more good fruit we produce.

THERE IS A SUPERIOR PRIESTHOOD

What am I talking about? Well, the Hebrew Roots / Messianic believers have failed to see is that there is another priesthood from which to operate. There is a better option (the only available option). For you who are being called out of the nations, out of Christianity and back to the Torah you don't have to go straight to the Messianic world for guidance and fellowship. There is an emerging movement that is making level paths for you to walk straight to your King! The priesthood that we are called to operate in is YHVH's (of whom Yahshua is the High Priest of) and because of its very nature and because of who is in charge of it ha'Satan and his accomplices can not operate in it, ever.

I speak of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The Royal Priesthood. The entry point into this Royal Priesthood is circumcision of the heart. This seems to be the one thing missing from the Messianic crowd: circumcision of the heart! I've known people in this movement who were more interested getting their flesh circumcised than getting their heart circumcised. Once the heart is circumcised to YHVH one must continually eat of his Son, Yahshua who is the Bread of Life (practiced during the Feast of Unleavened Bread). They also must continually clean their temple—their heart (practiced at the Feast of Dedication) so that YHVH's Ruach wants to dwell in them (no wonder there is a strange push to destroy the practice of the Feast of Dedication or Chanukkah). Eating of Yahshua and having the Ruach dwell in your heart is the basic requirements to be part of the Royal Priesthood. When those things are present in one's heart then rudeness, meanness, fear mongering, haughtiness, lack of love and being judgmental will not exist (or will at least be on it's way out). And love for YHVH, love for others and love for themselves will be the primary fruit seen. All "fruits" that produce poison is a sure sign that that person is eating from ha'Satan's tree. Those that eat from ha'Satan's orchard, will not be able to operate in Yahshua's Priesthood or his Kingdom.

Again, Yahshua said that by the fruits of the heart and hands you will know. It is not a shock that people

are not overwhelmingly accepted, given grace, basic love and kindness in the Messianic movement because the spirit of rabbinical Israel doesn't operate to produce things of a "my-yolk-is-easy-my-burden-is-light" Melchizedek mindset. Legalism doesn't allow a person a journey. YHVH looks at the heart. He considers the collective heart of the nation of Israel and at the individual heart within Israel. He looks at the heart of families, at the heart of businesses, ministries and governments. We must look at the fruit of the heart to determine what spirit is operating there. Only then can we determine how to proceed.

THE LEAVEN OF THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

Rabbinics are alive and well in the Messianic movement because the Messianic movement is teaching a Levitical mindset. And this mindset is vulnerable to the fallacies and foul spirits that Yahshua was so against. Yahshua taught a better way. He rebuked the rabbis and their takanot and ma'asim. He tore them apart.

Yahshua came to do away with the prescriptive, "good-for-a-time" Levitical bridge and all the extra junk the rabbis were illegally adding to his Father's instructions. He came to make a way for Scattered Israel to come back into a New Contract with Elohim and thus live in his Father's original Melchizedek intent. This is the Good News of the Gospel!

Yahshua's teachings set the parameters for what his Melchizedek priests would look like and what they would NOT look like. Anyone who is seeking and operating as he taught is a Melchizedek priest. Anyone who is not seeking or operating like he taught is either a pagan, living in rebellion or is a Levitical (steeped in rabbinics) Messianic—completely vulnerable to the foul spirits preying upon those YHVH is calling out of the nations to come home.

AUDIT YOUR LIFE

Yes, YHVH said he would bring us out of Babylon. But he never said it was going to be easy. Even the most righteous people have to audit themselves repeatedly and have to make a constant effort to discern and reject ha'Satan's lies and twisted truths to make sure that they are on the narrow path and living in the way of our Melchizedek High Priest. The narrow path is Yahshua's Melchizedek Way.

Must we be reminded that the Evil One will do everything he can to destroy each heart that moves on the call to come out of Babylon? He will not let you go easily. If you are easily confused or fall prey to sharp tongues and chaos-making then he will make it as hard as he can for you to have clarity and lead you into the Messianic movement to stay. If you are serious about responding to the Ruach's call to come out of Babylon beware that you must do it appropriately, Yahshua's way. YHVH's Adversary, ha'Satan will try to trap you in a "less than on-the-mark priesthood." As Perry says, there's a ditch on both sides of this narrow road. The ditch of Christian's sloppy grace. And the Rabbinic ditch on the other. Judge for yourself. Rudeness, Fear and Suspicion are having free reign within the Messianic movement and it's producing more hurt people than whole people. Which was never Yahshua's goal.

WWYD?

Look at how Yahshua handled himself. Look at what he taught. Was he operating with these bad "fruits?" Did he vomit the truth on people? Did he tear apart his followers that weren't doing things his way? Did he go about with a self-righteous nose in the air and speak his own words? Was he rude? No! Actually, he was

and taught the opposite. He laid out the characteristics or “fruits” that would be present in his royal priests—characteristics that if they ate of him would become theirs. Do you have these characteristics? Teshuvah College has a “Characteristics of a Melchizedek Priest According to Yahshua” course for only \$12. If you want to do a quick audit of your life and see how you line up with what Yahshua said was important in his priests -- then take the course!

YAHSHUA SAID “BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL KNOW!”

I am suggesting that the leaven of rabbinics mixed with a belief in the Messiah is actually a very real and deadly trap. Rabbinics is a foul spirit and it attaches itself to people still operating with a Levitical mindset. If “by their fruits” we can know, then the fruits of this movement alone proves that Levitical is inferior to Melchizedek. Foul spirits have nothing to attach to in the Royal Priesthood. They can’t because the way of a Melchizedek priest is built and operates on YHVH’s other-centered love which when in full operation is immune to the spirit of fear, self preservation, disobedience, suspicion, anger, judgment and hate etc.

My goal is to continue to grow and operate as a Melchizedek priest more and more each day. Some days I’m all in. Other days not so much and I need his grace. But take warning—just because someone understands and recognizes this Royal Order and rejects from the pulpit the Aaronic/Levitical order does not necessarily mean that they know HOW to or are operating as a Melchizedek priest. Remember that Yahshua himself said that many will come in his name saying that they did and taught his way, but Yahshua will say, “Get away from me I never knew you!” (Matt. 7:23) The simple farmer down the road may be a person who bears better fruit than the guy on stage talking about it. It is a journey for all of us.

As you learn about this Priesthood remember that any person or teacher you see teaching on the Melchizedek order who demonstrates any of the characteristics of bad fruit (and who are unrepentant about it) are perhaps still needing to shed some remaining leaven of the Messianic movement that they perhaps came from. There is a place for strong words, for hard guidance and for the Truth that hurts, but if there is any “punishing” or “disciplining” or “surgery” or “vomiting” or “screaming” or “preaching at you” coming from another human being towards you I suggest that you look again at the fruit and judge from where they come and by what spirit they speak. Disciplining belongs in the hand of your Father, YHVH. You have no other Father. On top of that, I do not see any Scriptural support that gives leaders the right to break the Royal Law in order to achieve any end result. This all would be part of the bad fruit we must be aware of. It doesn’t mean that all that they preach is wrong. It means that we have to be discerning, use wisdom and divide the Truth. We are to glean.

ONLY ONE GURU

No one person is to be your end all. No one person is to be your guru. You are to have only one Rabbi. Only one Guru --- Yahshua. Line up everything people preach with what Yahshua did and preached and dump all the rest. . I have more to say on this in another article or video.

Don’t understand the difference between the two priesthoods? It’s time for you to learn!

AN “OUT-OF-ORDER” / DEAD PRIESTHOOD

As an brief reminder let’s go back to Exodus. If you recall after the first Melchizedek contract breach that occurred with the Golden Calf incident, YHVH turned the nation of Israel (all 12 tribes) into a nation with

priests (sick Israel) instead of a nation of priests (healthy Israel). But he promised Levitical Israel that he would put his Ruach ha’Kodesh in their hearts at the End of the Age. This would transform them back into his original intent: they would become Melchizedek Israel. This would take them back to the original, healthy and much higher calling than the inferior (yet “much-needed-at-the-time” bridge) prescriptive “buying-time-till-I-can-corporately-heal-you” Levitical provision.

Through the work of his Son, Yahshua YHVH has now replaced the Levitical priesthood with the original Melchizedek Priesthood intent. “He sets aside the first to establish the second.” Hebrews 10:9 (the entire book of Hebrews is about this change). For another read about this view the article, “A Quick Unpacking of the Levitical vs Melchizedek Order.”

I am suggesting that because the Levitical priesthood is not in operation anymore YHVH is not in it. He was, but now he’s not. Thus, it is without his presence. It’s not guarded by him therefore, it’s wide-open. Wide-open to the mean, unkind and haughty spirit that we see permeates it. These spirits can easily attach to anyone trying to live in this dead priesthood. That Aaronic order is not lead by the Cohen Godal, Yahshua because he is seated over the everlasting Melchizedek Priesthood not the done-away with Aaronic priesthood.

OPERATING IN THE FAULT OF THE OLD CONTRACT

I believe that people trying to operate in the old order are untended by the Ruach ha’Kodesh which leaves them open to these foul spirits. The old order was created with a “fault” in it. The first Melchizedek Contract Israel entered into at the base of Mt. Sinai with YHVH had a fault in it — it did not come with his Ruach. This is what sets the New Covenant (the second Melchizedek Contract) to be superior to the first — the gift of the Ruach ha’Kodesh! YHVH pours his Ruach out on the people who want circumcision of the heart, who desire to repent and obey him and who acknowledge his Son. The Ruach ha’Kodesh is working at moving people into the Everlasting Royal Priesthood within the context of and power of the New Melchizedek Contract! Not that she doesn’t work on all hearts to move them into the Truth, but as a whole the Ruach is not in the dead priesthood.

The Scriptures marry circumcision of the heart, the New Contract and the superior Melchizedek Priesthood order which was ordained by YHVH and put into effect by Yahshua who is in charge of it. Not everyone who says the name “Yahweh,” keeps Shabbat, knows Hebrew, reads the Torah or keeps the feasts has experienced the circumcision of the heart. We are transformed into loving Melchizedek priests when we repent and experience true and full circumcision of the heart. Until then, we are stuck in the Levitical mindset which is prone to foul spirits. This is why we should wear tzitzit into the Mikvah of Identification and when we come up out of the water (alive in Yahshua), those tzitzit should be cut off as an act that acknowledges that we are not under that inferior law anymore.

A LEVITICAL MINDSET SEEKS TO CONTROL ANOTHER

Dr. David Perry Th.D. is right — at the heart of the Messianic movement is a Levitical mindset. Levites were given the power over the people for a time. That time is over. The only one set over the people now is Yahshua. We grow into being Royal priests directly under Yahshua. There is no third party to answer to. Of course, there are guides, shepherds and teachers among us that the Ruach has us listen to and mimic, and if we have wisdom we will learn at their feet and let them light our way, but in the end Yahshua is the only one who is over us! This is one reason I think that teachers with a Levitical mindset don’t like the Melchizedek idea.

Because it actually takes their power away. They can't control us anymore.

Remember that it's not that the Levitical Law was bad. It was YHVH's provision to Israel for a time, and for a time it was good. But it is not in operation anymore—it's dead! And to continue to try to operate in this dead priesthood is to reject the work of Yahshua, thus refusing to fully repent and embrace his offer. Operating with a Levitical world view makes it impossible for the message of YHVH's life-saving New Melchizedek Contract to be accepted. The Levitical Law is a thing of the past. People in authority operating in the rabbinical mindset is what destroyed the prophets before us and what will continue to damage Israel as she comes out of the nations. Israel must stop being so careless and consider what Yahshua is fighting to establish here on Earth before YHVH says time is up!

IT MAKES YHVH SICK TO HIS STOMACH!

Until things change, the Messianic movement seems permeated with a Levitical world view—thus perpetuating the idea that people have the right to command, scream, throw-up on, or bore someone into right-doings. Or that because they know the Torah, teach the weekly parshas, know the paleo-Hebrew and call themselves Levite priests they have the right to sit in judgment, gossip, cast stones, betray and pass verdicts around as they break challah together around a feast table! This is not good fruit. This makes YHVH sick to his stomach! Prevalent in the Messianic movement is a holier-than-thou spirit as well as a growing amount of Moses envy — every one wanting to have the authority YHVH gave Moses so that everyone will shema them! These “Messianics” trash the very hearts that Yahshua gave everything to restore and rescue so that they could enter into the New Melchizedek Contract with the Father.

WHEAT AND THE TARES ALLOWED TO GROW TOGETHER FOR NOW

Yahshua's gifts of the Ruach are poured out on his Melchizedek priests. New Covenant benefits are for those who enter this Royal Priesthood. If those trying to operate in the Levitical system seem to produce any good fruit or if we see that the Ruach has blessed them somehow all I can say is that YHVH is not only a very generous Elohim who preserves with Israel until the very end, but that the rain falls on the righteous and the wicked. And is it not prophesied that the wheat and tares will be allowed to grow together until the harvest?

Let us remember that Yahshua is not from the tribe of Levi. Therefore, he is not a Levitical high priest. He is not a Pharisee. He is not a pastor of a man-made religion. He is not in the rabbinics. This is why the Messianic movement is a mess! It is why there is no overwhelming love, kindness, gentleness or softness among it's followers. It is why there is no respect for someone else's journey, no regard for another person's heart but instead there lives a sense of strange. It's all because Yahshua and his Ruach are not these things. Messianics are operating in the name of a dead / non-operational Levitical priesthood! They will get what the sow.

A GOLD MINE BEHIND A COAL MINE

Please people, do your homework and you will discover a gold mine back behind a coal mine! Yahshua warned his Melchizedek priests to be careful how we judge others (Matt. 7:12; Mark 4:24) Yahshua also said the second greatest commandment is to love each other (Matt. 22:36). He said that his Melchizedek priests would be known by their love. Which, just by these two commands alone it should be easy to know from what

spirit yeasty people come to stone you from and that they are actually in violation of a direct command from both the Father and the Son. True love will lead you to obey and thus get you to the Great Wedding Feast. What you are to obey and from what spirit is the question. Messianic preachers might say this, but they don't try very hard to show you where love and obedience come together. 1 Cor. 13:1 says that obedience without love is like a clanging symbol—annoying. And so many of these self-proclaimed Messianic preachers are completely annoying. Obedience to a dead priesthood and its values rejects the work of the Messiah. Listen to how bad it is to reject this Royal Priesthood and its High Priest:

“Anyone who rejected the law of Moses [the Levitical Law] died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of YHVH under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant [the New Melchizedek Contract] that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Ruach of grace? ... It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.”
Hebrew 10:28-30, Parentheticals mine.

May the Ruach ha’Kodesh give you eyes to see and ears to hear! To learn more (and to be guided through the Scriptures to study this) get the book Back to the Melchizedek Future by Dr. David Perry, Th. D. and study it. It will change you. There will be more books in the future. We are working on some more books that explore this to offer the Priesthood.

DISCLAIMER

There are many kind and loving people in the Messianic movement who will one day realize that their Rabbi is calling them into a royal priesthood—and this will be good news to them. They will be thankful that they came out of the nations into knowing that obedience is crucial, but they will keep walking through the door of the Messianic synagogues into the “marvelous light’ of the Royal Priesthood. They will repent and follow Yahshua instantly. I believe that there are also many teachers and shepherds who, out of love for others and their King have come forward to teach and speak to call Scattered Israel out of the nations. This is wonderful that they stood up and lit up the path for others. Isaac and I came out of organized religion by learning at the feet of a Messianic teacher. But these teachers think they are Levites. They just do not yet understand the Melchizedek offer. Once they see the Truth they will also repent and begin to guide people into the Melchizedek Priesthood and see themselves as Melchizedek priests and drop the Levitical title. That will be a good day.