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OUR VISION

This is what, I believe, as Adonai has clearly given it to me, to be the divine purpose and mandate for Beth Messiah Synagogue:

- To be the testimony of God's faithfulness and His existence, as declared in **Isaiah 43:12**: "I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God."
- To proclaim the prophecies and adhere to the prophetic tradition of the Tenach.
- To retain the knowledge and lifestyle which are identifiably of Israel.
- To be the visible community of Israel, faithful to prophetic Judaism where Yeshua is the center and jewel of our life.
- To keep the covenant of our forefathers in humility.
- To practice the reality of prophetic Torah-Judaism.
- To practice the presence of God in our services, studies, etc.
- To be the visible community from which Yeshua sprang.
- To help the Synagogue retain Yeshua her Messiah.
- To help the Church recognize her Jewish roots and sensitize them to the deep-seated hurts of history between the Synagogue and the Church.

We will make disciples; seek a total transformation (not a *reformation*) of our lives in Messiah,; heal the sick; help the needy; foster unity within the Body of Messiah, and preserve the Messianic traditions of the Tenach and the Brit Hadasha.

VISION STATEMENT OF BETH MESSIAH SYNAGOGUE

EMBRACING THE VISION



"Where there is no vision/revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law" (Proverbs 29:18).

A nation's well-being depends on obedience to divine revelation. The above verse refers to two forms of divine revelation: *vision* and *law*. The first line is worded negatively--if there is "no revelation" or "vision" (*hazon*), the people "throw off restraint" (*yippara`* as in *Exodus 32:25*). The word *hazon* refers to divine communication from prophets (as in I Samuel 3:1) and not to individual goals that are formed.

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The Importance of the Nation of Israel to Messianic Judaism



I. THE SIGNS OF THE END TIMES--ONLY ONE IS QUANTIFIABLE.

- Gospel preached to all the world
- Troublous times where Evil is rampant
- Signs in the heavens and the earth
- Pouring out of the *Ruach* (Spirit) on all flesh
- *The redemption of Israel*

II. ISRAEL IS CENTRAL TO THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD

There are three hundred thousand Jewish believers in Messiah and about 500 Messianic congregations throughout the world. The redemption of Israel is central to the redemption of the world. Notice what Rabbi Sh'ul (Apostle Paul) says in **Romans 11:15**: "For if their (the Jewish religious leaders') rejection (of Messiah Yeshua) is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead for the world? For if their rejection (of Yeshua as Messiah) means that the world has come into friendship with God, then what will their acceptance of Yeshua be but life from the dead for the world." The salvation of the Jewish people will bring forth a revival that will bring life to the Gentiles and to this world; such a revival will usher in the return of Messiah.

III. PHYSICAL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL LEADS TO THEIR SPIRITUAL RESTORATION

When God returns the Jewish people to their land, He will spiritually restore them as well. **Ezekiel 37:11-14** declares, "we are cut off for our parts. ¹² Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, ¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD."

IV. ISRAEL WILL NEVER BE OUSTED AGAIN

Now that Jerusalem is in Jewish hands, God has mandated that the Jewish people will never be uprooted again. **Amos 9:11-15** declares, ¹¹ In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: ¹² That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. ¹³ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. ¹⁴ And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵ And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

V. BE CAREFUL HOW YOU TREAT ISRAEL

God Himself has placed a blessing upon Israel. Consider these Scriptures: **Genesis 12:3** ³"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Zechariah 2:8-11 ⁸ "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. ⁹ For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. ¹⁰ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. ¹¹ And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee." These Scriptures reveal God's faithfulness and love for the world.