

23 Oct 2005

I've been trying to do some research on Dagon the Philistine Fish God mentioned in 1 Chronicles and found your excellent article (Jesus the Fish God). I've also read parts of the Two Babylons by Alexander Hislop and find it fascinating.

Great job using that info in your article. Easy to understand, well written, and nicely linked together!

Crystal G.

Victoria

British Columbia, Canada

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25 Oct 2005

Shalom Avram

I just want to let you know that I'm currently studying your article GOODBYE MESSIANIC JUDAISM and that I'm absolutely thrilled. You have hit the nail on the head. I have not completely finished it (I have read up to page 10) but I'm so deeply moved when I get all these facts and insights.

Actually, while taking another look at your website I suddenly came across this article yesterday. In fact, it had not been my intention to go to your website at that moment but somehow I was led there. When I saw this article I sensed immediately that it was very, very important.

I also sent it to Siegfried and we met yesterday evening and studied part of it together.

Avram, when did you write this article and how did you arrive at this insight???

I believe the Holy Spirit is moving on you mightily!!!

More soon,

Hermann

Achim, Germany

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Avram responds:

Dear Hermann,

Shalom: May the Peace of Messiah Yeshua be with you today and forever.

Thank you, Hermann, for appreciating the article. It's very new on the site, just two or three days old, and it doesn't yet have the endnotes in place, but hopefully soon, they'll be there. After the endnotes were in, I was going to email you, and all the other candidates for ordination, and ask you to read it and to comment on it. I wanted all of you to know that we were veering off from associating ourselves with the 'Messianic Movement.' But it seems the Lord had other ideas on when you would read it. I was delighted by your appraisal. Thank you, Hermann.

As for how I arrived 'at this insight', as the article relates, it's been a long time coming. I've seen the perversion of Torah in the Messianic Community for the last 20 years or more. I was hoping the Lord would be able to correct it but it never happened. And then, with the reading of Daniel Juster and Russ Resnik's official position paper on Torah 'for the Gentile', I felt it was time to sever ourselves from any association with the 'Messianic Movement' because of it being tainted by the false understanding of the Law of Moses for believers today, by most of the leaders and members of the Movement.

To Messiah Yeshua be the Glory,

For He really deserves it,
For opening our eyes,
To His Truth,
Avram

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30 Oct 2005

Good Morning Avram and Ruti,

This is the reason Yeshua led me to your site. Remember when I first wrote to you and you said it was an advantage that I had no-where to go? I really am finding the truth is setting me free (after being brought up in a strict Roman Catholic upbringing) - my mother thinks I am totally unholy and has a prayer on her fridge for me 'A prayer for a heretic in the family'.

I worked out very quickly that by going to congregations of any kind I'd have to put up with people's egos which compromised or negated God's word; even when you explain church errors, people choose to ignore what you're saying, they'd rather go for the club mentality, safety in numbers, bums on seats, we're saved by grace alone (the Law is an option to ditch) attitude - God's word is much much easier to follow and it really does help that I am not alone as Yeshua is always with me and that you are just on the other end of an e-mail (I appreciate that you do take time out to respond to my e-mails and you and Ruti and your ministry are always in my prayers).

I love the Shema especially "these words which I command you today" He never says "these words which I give you the option of today" - I love black and white, it's just so....black and white.

Thank you for this article (Goodbye Messianic Judaism!), I shall e-mail it onto a friend who has time to think about these things at the moment.

Shalom in the love of Yeshua,

Kate

England

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30 Oct 2005

Thank you Avram (for Goodbye Messianic Judaism!), this is what I have been screaming about for 3 years now, but my screams have landed on deaf ears. I could not possibly list all the examples I have seen, it would take weeks to write them all down. So, I have remained in no man's land, with few companions.

Again, thank you!

Pat

North Carolina USA

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30 Oct 2005

ya know i wrote a friend what i thought of Messy Messianics and went to ya web site and found ya ARTI-CLE (Goodbye Messianic Judaism!) ☺ LOL

in TRUTH...Messianic Congregations are driving me nuts!!!!!!...(i've been in THREE over the years but NEVER join any Conference)

so we are going back to staying home...

they are either playing TORAH

or

mixed up in Kaballah...*DUD*

.....glad ya wrote the ARTICLE AVRAM.

B & B

Mississippi USA

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30 Oct 2005

Avram,

This (Goodbye Messianic Judaism!), is an excellent article and in my heart, I long for Torah. I don't follow it very well, but I miss it. That's why your Hebraic Perspective has such a ring of Truth.

There was a book called Joshua - a modern day fairy tale about a Messiah-like character. It was written by a Catholic Priest, and had Joshua frying his food in bacon fat. How little we (the Church in general) really know our Messiah.

In His service (pathetically, inadequately),

Sam

Georgia USA

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31 Oct 2005

How I praise YHVH for men like you who will take a stand against all this wishy-washy Messianic congregations! That is why I stay at home on Shabbat and keep it HOLY (by myself and whoever wants to join me)... I must admit that there is one that was very kosher and kept Torah... however, they did not encourage the Holy Spirit to visit us in worship... because you see Avram, the rabbi there said that GOD did not need cheerleaders. He missed the whole point.

So I moved on to another 'Messy Antic' congregation - and there, the very Jewish rabbi flirts TOO MUCH with Gentile pastors - just to make extra cash to go and preach his 'whatever'... because he definitely does not encourage the Dietary Law, nor does he encourage the Biblical Festivals. Oh! They put up a succa inside the congregation...for one day - Very nice, but not very kosher. Also, Rosh Hashannah goes by unnoticed.... like another holiday. This rabbi celebrates Christmas with his children because they married Gentiles - and it does not seem to bother him nor his wife. At all. His daughter married a nice Catholic boy...dah! And now they attend an Evangelical church near their home. Ha! They don't even bother with us 'Messy Antics'... Smart. So why should I?

Next we have this wonderful Russian-born guy who proudly says that they eat ham and other pig meat... and he too hangs out with Gentile preachers. He has his meetings on Sundays and says that Shabbat is under the Law. Up until last year, he was decorating his house for Christmas.... until we exhorted him that he was not a good testimony in his Jewish neighborhood....Whatever!

Now do you understand why I stay home? And they say 'Jackie is rebellious'... Yeah, they're right... rebellious to heathens.

I will continue reading Goodbye Messianic Judaism! later... I would like to forward it to a 'Gentile-Messianic' Website with your permission?

Blessings to you & your wife!

Jackie

Quebec, Canada

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Avram replies:

Thanks for sharing, Jackie. What you wrote about the 'leaders', is just awful. Such ignorance and pride.

I want to encourage you to stay home on Shabat, along with the others that join you.

A rose by any other name, is still a rose. And a congregation that doesn't keep Torah, is still a congregation that doesn't keep Torah, no matter if their name is 'Messianic'. Would we go to a Catholic Church? Of course not! Idolatry abounds there. Would we go to a Baptist Church, if it were the only one in town? Of course not. Sunday and pig are on their menu. Why go to a Messianic congregation that eats pig, etc.? It's nonsense and foolishness to receive 'teaching' from such as that.

And if the Holy Spirit is quenched, even if they teach Torah, it's going to be a truncated version of Man.

Please feel free to share the article with whomever you like. I hope it speaks to others as well,

Avram

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31 Oct 2005

Dear Avram,

I agree with you 100%. My husband & I think the 'Messianic Movement' here in the States has gone off the deep end. I'm sorry I don't know the man's name, but a predominant leader here in the States is trying to push an agenda that a male who wants to be involved in the Messianic congregation, **MUST BE CIRCUMCISED!** No if, ands or buts. That is why our little Torah study group meets in someones house, because it seems that in the Messianic movement, they (leaders) have their own personal agenda & have **LOST THEIR FIRST LOVE, Y'SHUA!** Even when you tell them, they don't acknowledge that they are wrong. It is terrible.

We are studying Genesis right now, Isaiah & I believe Matthew in the B'rit Chadasha. We are trying to learn at least 2 to 4 Hebrew words from the Torah each week. We hunger for the **WORD** of God, we rely on God to teach us, because the leaders in the so called Christian & 'Messianic Jewish' congregations are **NOT**.

Continued Blessings to you & your wife. Thank you for sharing, I will pass on your message to my friends.

Until Messiah Returns,

Margaret USA

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31 Oct 2005

Hello again Avram, Ralph 'and' Mindy here ~

We hope and pray that you and Ruti and all your family are well and thriving.

We read your latest article 'Goodbye Messianic Judaism' and it resonated to us. As I mentioned to you before, being a Gentile believer in the Messianic Movement since 1988 and now married to Mindy for the past seven years (a Jewish woman who came to Yeshua in 1992) who began attending the congregation I was a part of in 1992. We now have a worship dance ministry.

An aspect of our ministry is to financially help believers living in the land of Israel. We would like your input, being in The Land, and seeing perhaps for us ways we could be helping.

We currently reside in Nevada however, we intend to relocate back to the Los Angeles area very soon ('God's will'). Your article has also confirmed to us having a home fellowship when we return to Los Angeles. We know other like-minded individuals who we have already shared your new article with. Also, we would like to get back with you with comments on your newest article and perhaps with questions for you regarding both of us becoming ordained through you.

With His Love and Shalom to you,

Ralph and Mindy S.

Nevada USA

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31 Oct 2005

Avram,

I just read your article. I found it difficult to stop reading it. It was as if I was starving and the words were food.

I have attended a host of different Messianic Jewish services over the years and, though I could not put my finger on it, found myself reluctant to fully embrace certain aspects of their theology.

I couldn't put it into words, it was just a feeling. Whenever there was talk of evangelizing the Jewish people something inside me felt uneasy.

I am by no means a scholar of the word. Any wisdom I possess is a gift from the almighty. All I know is how to listen to and trust in my Heavenly Father when He speaks. He is all I have. His greatest gift is the ability to recognize His voice, and the patience to wait on solid the confirmation of His message with sound doctrine based on the written word. I knew it would come in time.

You have just supplied that confirmation.

I don't quite know where I am going, but I know He will lead me there, and I trust He will not allow me go astray, because left to my own devices I surely would.

To obey His commandments are the key to fullness in life. Why reject life? Why reject Torah? How did all this happen? How deep and how high up is the corruption? Where is righteousness?

Many people have come to me to help them find answers. Just last Friday a friend called me because he found out the church he had been attending is infested with corruption of the worst kind all the way to the top. He wants to know where to go.

He wants to pray with me because I have always spoken the truth to him even when it hurt. 3 years ago I

warned him to be cautious of the leaders of his ministry.

They were not using wisdom in their dealings with people. It seems I was right. He had a painful parting of the ways a year later. Now his new 'church home' is found wanting and he feels lost.

Frankly, when it comes to organized religion, I don't know where to recommend. Perhaps Yeshua was setting an example for us as an itinerant preacher. An often overlooked aspect of His life.

Thank you, and bless you Avram,

Bill C.

Chicago, IL USA

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2 November 2005

Shalom, Avram and Ruti,

Thank you so much, thank you so much, I cried because of the 'coming home' for me in your article (Goodbye Messianic Judaism!).

Yes this, is what we experience over the last 10 years.

Thank you, I will share this with friends who are confused about things in their congregations.

I think it will encourage them, because now it is not only from me, they hear it, but they can think it over by scripture verses you gave.

I glorify our Lord Yeshua and our Father the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob for this article, and for Torah which He gave to His bride.

Thank you,

Joke

the Netherlands

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4 November 2005

Goodbye Messianic Judaism!, is beautifully written, Avram!

Once again, another informative and 'no detail left unexplained' article.

Endless thanks and praise to Yeshua for Avram and Ruti!

Yakov

Cincinnati, OH USA

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7 Nov 2005

Avram,

I wanted to thank you for your Yah-ordained article (Goodbye Messianic Judaism!). Yah has such incredibly perfect timing. I had not been on my computer for a week due to work schedule. I had about 70 emails when i finally got back to it. Your article was one of them.

I copied it out to 'study' while the other emails were incoming. As i read it i KNEW it was Providential for that day.

That evening we were to have a Bible study & some of the points you wrote about were brought up. I could not remember all the details you discussed since i had JUST received the article. Yet, i can tell you the Spirit of the Lord brought some pertinent notations up from your article to make a point, to open up someone's mind, or at least challenge their present thinking.

THANKS BE TO YAH!!! HE is ever so 'graceful'.

Further we are studying Exodus chapter 20 in morning class(we began in Genesis) & Yah has opened the present teacher's mind to see the culturalization of himself, the church's history, & how far 'in the hole' we have been deceived. So you see how powerful it is to be 'prepared' for such a class. Your article 'gave much weight' to the arguments we presented yesterday.

So you see your mission field goes far & wide, & Yah's good is never ending.

THANK YOU!

It is good to know, one great day, i will see the faces of my Brother & Sister so far away!

Y'varekh'kha Adonai v'yishmerekha.

Ya'er Adonai panav eleikha vichunekka.

Yissa Adonai panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom.

jodi

Oklahoma USA

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13 November 2005

Dear Avram,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful articles and research that you have done for our benefit. Since I read the first one a few days ago I cannot put them down. I will explain to you a little about my family and our walk with Yahveh at some other time, but for now to keep it short I just wanted to share with you that I have been praying for understanding about the God Family and why He created us as men and women who reproduce together and at the same time in the image of Him.

Your article, 'YESHUA : GOD THE SON' has brought so many things together for me that I just couldn't contain myself from thanking you.

Thank you again!

Yours Truly,

Ed

Michigan USA

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13 November 2005

Oh dear brother, my heart rejoices in the teachings found on your site!!! Before you say it, let me: All Glory to Yehshua!!!

I have not been able to determine it yet. It is quite interesting that I felt led to get rid of my star of David

that I wore around my neck, and also the star of David that was on my prayer shawl.

I hope you do not mind all of my questions.

brother Titu

California USA

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16 Nov 2005

Thank you for writing the article Yeshua: God the Son. It was very exciting and really made a lot of sense to me.

Thank you very much for your time.

Monica USA

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16 Nov 2005

Shalom My Friend,

I stumbled and fell upon your website... :)

Yoffi!

I would be delighted to meet you sometime, my peliphone is...

Shalom U'Vrachot,

Baruch

Jerusalem, Israel

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Avram: Yoffi means Wonderful in Hebrew,
and Shalom U'Vrfachot means Peace and Blessings

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17 Nov 2005

Avram,

My husband Bob and I were part of the MJAA for ten years. We observed many of the same situations you describe in Goodbye Messianic Judaism! I am absolutely astounded by the clarity of your article. I recall how when I gave the Rabbi a booklet authored by a friend, which supported many of the things you have said, he laughed and dismissed it. Since Bob and I were SO certain that the intent of the MJAA was to teach the importance of Torah, we couldn't understand this reaction. Three years later, I tried to again give the Rabbi the booklet and his reaction was the same. 'Why', I asked myself, would the Rabbi dismiss a booklet presenting the Torah as being for both Jew and Gentile?

Before becoming part of a Messianic Cong. in 1992, we had been Jewish believers within the Christian Church since 1975, and had been quite active in ministry. Regardless of our active status, we felt incomplete within the church at that time.

When we joined a Messianic Congregation and MJAA, we became active within that movement because we believed we should contribute as best we could. We had expected that we had 'come home'. Even

though we observed what we considered inconsistencies among the MJAA leadership, the more active we became, we attributed it to misunderstandings on our part. What we later realized was much of what you describe. The leadership of the MJAA was merely continuing in what they originally intended. WE had truly misunderstood. To us, this seemed to be a severe case of insincerity, at the very least. The more active we became, the more inconsistencies and severe bickering we observed. Asking questions didn't get us answers either, or make our 'road' easier within the movement. In 1999, a situation arose which made it necessary, expedient and convenient for us to resign the post we held within the yearly 'Messiah Conference'. Still, we didn't leave the movement until 2002. After ten years, all we felt at leaving was relief. Thank you for your succinct description of both the problem, the solution, direction and scriptural references. May you be blessed.

Sincerely,
Cathy G.
USA

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17 Nov. 2005

Brother Avram,

Please add me to your e-mail list to receive your e-mail teachings. I just read one of your articles that a friend sent to me and I thought you were so "right on".

I would love to get more of your teachings.

Thank you and Shalom,
Batzion

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Chris writes about Avram's emails to Daniel Juster about Torah and Messiah:

20 November 2005

Haha! Daniel seems to be a living archetype when it comes to christian ministers.

What a stereotypical thing to do (re-pasting his previous message, as if it could answer new questions and defend new positions).

But as you should know, my friend, christian ministers can be just as stubborn as hardcore rabbis.

Even though they have the Book of Books right in front of them, telling them flat out what to do, they need months to even begin comprehending that The Law is for today, and that the practices of the church are mostly pagan rituals of various origins.

Thanks for sending this,
from Chris
USA

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BatYah writes about Avram's emails to Daniel Juster about Torah and Messiah:

20 Nov 2005

I agree with everything you said to Daniel, Avram. This is the argument I am currently having with chris-

tians. They want to believe the Torah was ‘nailed to the cross’. I have tried so many times to get them to see that it hasn’t but only those who have eyes to see will see and ears to hear will hear it.

Sometimes it seems like I am talking to brick walls so I move on in another direction. If they will not see it and not change, then your job is done. That is a reality that I am coming to grips with. We are to sow the seed and let Yeshua water it and grow if they so choose. If they do not wish to see the truth that is staring them so plainly in the face, walk away from them and move on. Eventually someone will hear us but as it was in the days of Noach, so to shall it be today.

Blessings and love to you and Ruti,

BatYah

USA

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20 November 2005

Avram

I wished to tell you how beautiful I found your expression concerning the Covenant, ‘Abraham’s is the seed, Moses’ is the stem, and Messiah is the ROSE on the stem.’ Whose heart could this not touch who searches?

Spirit Blessings

Mariah

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Karen writes about Avram’s response to Dan Juster:

21 November 2005

Shalom, brother Avram!

How disappointing that these Messianic leaders do not seem to take your reproofs seriously. To repeat what one previously said in response, or resend the same email is to say that what you are saying is worthy of being ignored.

My experience with Messianic congregations is that there is a Jewish elitism being promoted, and observance to God’s Torah is not promoted by the Jews or anyone else. Bookstores are open on Erev Shabbat, and everyone goes out to eat after Friday night or Saturday morning services.

At the same time that an unScriptural separation is made between Jewish and Gentile believers, no separation is made between Christian (i.e., Catholic and pagan) practices, Jewish (Rabbinic and Kabbalistic) practices, and obedience to Yeshua and Moses in the Scriptures. It is very ecumenical (unity in a bad sense-the unequal yoke in religious matters).

I don’t think anyone really understands that the Immersion of the Holy Spirit is the actual putting of God’s Torah in the heart. You are one of very few that try to teach this concept.

I can see why you have come to the point of saying ‘Goodbye’ to Messianic Judaism. Its leaders do not want its power base being diluted by offending those who are unwilling to keep Torah. They are quite willing, however, to offend those who want to try to keep Torah.

I hope and pray that more believers who seek a closer walk with God will be called out of this movement.

Shalom,

Karen

Toledo, OH USA

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23 November 2005

Shalom Avram:

Please excuse my grammar and spelling, I was never good at this. Bless HaShem for spell check.

I read many articles from different web sites and have never e-mailed anyone who has written them until now.

Last week I came across Goodbye Messianic Judaism. I was so blessed with what I read. The Holy Spirit had been dealing with me about this problem for about a month. I wasn't sure it was the Spirit or me, but inside of me something was not right. Your article really helped me.

I e-mailed it to a friend on mine who e-mailed you about the article. Her name is Alice. She fwd the letter you sent back to her and the article I think it was 'What a day.' I love to read how people witness to others. And even better the testimonies of someone accepting Messiah.

I want to start a class on witnessing. I am trying to learn everything I can about planting seeds. I am not interested in repeating the methods of the church as I spent many years there and saw many come to the lord for a week or two. After they said the prayer of salvation that they where told would get them in to heaven those who led them thru the prayer left them hanging there with no further teaching and moved on to the next person.

My wife and I have been in a Messianic church for a little over 4 yrs now. It is a small church and our turn over is quite high. People come from other churches for a couple of weeks then we never see them again. I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that they are curious and just don't want to leave their church.

We do not have a plan for going out and telling others about Messiah. I want to see if I can put one together. We have a lot of Jewish people in St Louis. I my self am not Jewish. But I have always loved Jewish people as long as I can remember (I am 59). I do have a cousin who is Jewish. My Dad's sister married a Jewish man back in 1945. My cousin and I are the same age. I have not seen him in the past 12 years. I want to find him and tell him about Messiah. But I don't want to mess it up. I need to learn how first.

I have a good man for a Pastor/Rabbi but he is weak it the area of witnessing.

I have read many of your articles in the past week. Right now I am working on SET MY PEOPLE FREE! ACTS 15:20.

(**Avram**: Set My People Free! Acts 15:20 eventually became the book: The Lifting of the Veil–Acts 15:20-21, which can be read and downloaded for free in the Articles section/The Hebraic Perspective)

I would be blessed with any advise or help you can give me.

Thank you and the Lord bless you and your wife.

Please add me to your e-mail list.

Daniel

St. Louis, IL USA

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23 Nov 2005

Shalom mr Avram,

I've read your article on 'Goodbye messianic Judaism'. At first glance on the title, I thought: Oh dear, what happened? Are we on the wrong track? Have we been misled again? Then I carefully started to read and then I understood. You made it very clear to us and it's good to rebuke them who bring false teaching to hungry people.

thank you,

Krgds

BatYah

USA
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23 Nov 2005

Dear Avram Yehoshua,

I am an apostate named DJ, reading for the first time the entire Christian Bible from beginning to end. My object is to discern the truth about Christianity because from so many different Christians have I heard so many different interpretations of what is supposed to be a common belief.

Seeking alternate translations for some of the passages I have encountered, I came (by a search engine) across your article entitled 'TEFILLIN: To Wear or Not to Wear?' I have seen pictures of fervent Jews wearing these odd black devices on their foreheads, so when I read Ex. 13:16, I understood what the devices were. But it struck me as 'misdirected zealotry' because it seems out of context with what the passage is saying.

'A sign upon your hand'...that seems to mean 'signified by the achievements of the do-er,' the sign is the work one has accomplished with one's hand. So does your article agree, and I was pleased by the agreement.

But 'frontlets between your eyes,'...well, 'frontlets' was one of the search engine words that led to your article. My thinking is that what Yahveh is telling us is not a thing between one's own two eyes but between 'your' eyes, as in 'between the eyes of the various participants,' as if the translation is saying, 'The observance of my ordinance will be signified by the act of carrying it out *and* acknowledged by witnesses of the act.' Not between Joshua's eyes, for example, but between the eyes of, say, Joshua and Aaron.

English is what I read, ancient Hebrew is not. But English is not very clear about this, so I am asking you, learned theologian, if you will please clarify whether the interpretation of plural 'your' may be as valid as singular 'your' in the pertinent scriptures.

For your help I thank you. Very much admired your article and will return to read others.

Gratefully yours,

DJ

USA
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23 Nov 2005

Avram wrote back:

Thank you DJ for your astute analysis of the situation with the black boxes. I am also glad that you are coming into the Fold and wanting to know the proper Path to take. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

As for 'your' being singular or plural, there are different words in Hebrew to signify whether it is singular or plural.

The Hebrew word is singular (your eyes) in Ex. 13:1 and Dt. 6:8.

But it's plural for Dt. 11:18 (your eyes).

Even with the plural for Dt. 11:18 though, it's not a way the Hebrew would speak of it to mean, 'between the eyes of your neighbors'. It's just the way the language is.

It was a good point you brought up though.

Avram

Ramat Gan, Israel