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En Hy het 'n nuwe lied in my mond gegee, 'n lofsang tot eer van onse Elohiem (Ps. 40:4)

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Who Is Your Rabbi?

Vertaling van 'Wie Is Jou Rabbi?'

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In a recent article received from the Hebrew Roots Teaching Institute (HRTI), named *HTG's Beit Psak Constitution (2015)*, they make the following statement:

Believers from the house of Israel, also known as Ephraim or Joseph, who is generally known as „Messianics“, is commanded by the Torah to listen and learn from the House of Judah.

One of the verses quoted to prove this is Zech. 8:19 to 23, especially in verse 23 where the prophet Zechariah says:

ADONAI-Tzva'ot says, 'When that time comes, ten men will take hold — speaking all the languages of the nations — will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you."' Zech. 8:23 (CJB¹).

In this article of HRTI the following statement is made:

How arrogant of the "church" and "Messianics" to come and pretend they can teach the Jews. No, Scripture has it that the Messianic lost sheep will eventually learn from Judah concerning the Divine Constitution during the Olam Habah. This Divine 'Constitution' is enshrined in the Torah of Israel. Its judicial interpretation has been Divinely mandated to the Tribe of Judah (the Jews and their spiritual leaders of today, the Rabbis).

The immediate question is whether or not Yeshua would agree with this article ('mission') of HRTI? It should be obvious that Yeshua would never say something like this to His disciples! We can be assured of this, as Yeshua specifically warned against the leaven of the Pharisees (Matt. 16:6 to 12). We also know that Rabbinic Judaism was founded on Pharisaism. This leaven of the Pharisees is their doctrine:

Then they understood — they were to guard themselves not from yeast for bread but from the teaching of the P'rushim and Tz'dukim. Matt. 16:12 – CJB.

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It is with absolute certainty that we can accept Yeshua telling us today: *Careful of the leaven – the doctrines – of Rabbinic Judaism!* Who do you listen to? To the words of Yeshua Messiah or to the words of HRTI and Rabbinic Judaism? Who is your Rabbi – your Teacher?

It is almost unfathomable that HRTI expects us to be taught by Rabbinic Judaism while we know they rejected Yeshua as Messiah, being part of their doctrine.

However, I was even more surprised to read: *How arrogant of the "church" and "Messianics" to come and pretend they can teach the Jews.* I consider it arrogant of Rabbinic Judaism to reject Yeshua as Messiah! This is to be sitting with the scoffers (Ps.1:1) as if to justify themselves! Like Paul we can say the following of Rabbinic Judaism:

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Rom. 10:1 to 3 – CJB

The problem with many believers in the Messianic Movement (*Hebrew Roots Movement*) is that they start neglecting Scriptures from the new covenant or doubt all or some of it. They are therefore inclined to forget what Yeshua said of the Pharisees, or to discard it as part of the Scriptures of the new covenant. Let us therefore remind us of Yeshua's words:

"But woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! For you are shutting the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces, neither entering yourselves nor allowing those who wish to enter to do so. "Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You go about over land and sea to make one proselyte; and when you succeed, you make him twice as fit for Gei-Hinnom as you are! "Woe to you, you blind guides! You say, 'If someone swears by the Temple, he is not bound by his oath; but if he swears by the gold in the Temple, he is bound.' Matt. 23:13 to 15 – CJB

"Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You pay your tithes of mint, dill and cumin; but you have neglected the weightier matters of the Torah — justice, mercy, trust. These are the things you should have attended to — without neglecting the others! Matt.23:23 – CJB

Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. Matt. 23:25 – CJB

Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look fine on the outside but inside are full of dead people's bones and all kinds of rotteness. Matt. 23:27 – CJB

Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the tzaddikim, Matt. 23:29 – CJB

Yeshua replied to them (the Pharisees), "If God were your Father, you would love me; because I came out from God; and now I have arrived here. I did not come on my own; he sent me. Why don't you understand what I'm saying? Because you can't bear to listen to my message. You belong to your father, Satan, and you want to carry out your father's desires. From the start he was a murderer, and he has never stood by the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is speaking in character; because he is a

liar — indeed, the inventor of the lie! But as for me, because I tell the truth you don't believe me. Which one of you can show me where I'm wrong? If I'm telling the truth, why don't you believe me? Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says; the reason you don't listen is that you don't belong to God." John 8:42 to 47 – CJB

Even John openly voiced his opinion of the Pharisees and Sadducees as we read in Matt. 3:7.

But when Yochanan saw many of the P'rushim and Tz'dukim coming to be immersed by him, he said to them, "You snakes! Who warned you to escape the coming punishment? Matt. 3:7

All words of Yeshua mentioned above, as well as those of John, should be the reason for every believer on Yeshua as the Messiah, not to accept Rabbinic Judaism as doctrine. Yeshua warned us that the Doctrines of the Pharisees, and therefore of Rabbinic Judaism, is leaven that should be removed.

Many boast of their knowledge of the doctrines of Rabbinic Judaism, but let us keep Paul's words in mind:

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know the saying, "It takes only a little hametz to leaven a whole batch of dough?" 1 Cor. 5:6 – CJB

So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth. 1 Cor. 5:8 – CJB

Does this mean we should discard all of Rabbinic Judaism? No, but we have to separate the fish from the bones very carefully. Please remember:

- ❖ It is easy to separate the fish from the bones when eating snoek, but it is extremely difficult to separate the fish from the bones when eating sardines! We rather eat the sardine bones and all! Is this not the small amount of leaven that affects the rest?
- ❖ As Christendom is a mixture of lies and truth, so also is Rabbinic Judaism .
- ❖ Rabbinic Judaism opted two thousand years ago not to accept Yeshua as the Messiah, or putting it differently, that YHVH doesn't have a Son. This is the big problem we face if we believe they should teach us Torah! Remember: Rabbinic Judaism, just like Christianity, proclaims only half a truth!

In the article of HRTI they also use Gen. 49:10 to confirm that *Judah (the Jews) would retain the ruling legal authority amongst the Twelve Tribes of Israel "... UNTIL Shiloh (Y'shua Messiah) physically comes to earth," to whom the ruling authority "over the nations" belongs.* What HRTI apparently doesn't understand, is that Yeshua came to establish a heavenly kingdom, which will physically manifest with His second coming.

Shiloh (Yeshua) came and the Kingdom of Heaven's Malki-Tzedek Priesthood was restored. Yeshua is now the Legislator (King) with His laws revealed in the New Covenant, viz. the Torah of the Messiah. He is our Everlasting High Priest according to the Malki-Tzedek Priesthood.

*Therefore, if it had been possible to reach the goal through the system of cohanim derived from Levi (since in connection with it, the people were given the Torah), what need would there have been for another, different kind of cohen, the one spoken of as **to be compared with Malki-Tzedek** and not to be compared with Aharon? For if the system of cohanim is transformed, there must of necessity occur a transformation of Torah. The one about whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar; for everyone knows that our Lord arose out of Y'hudah, and that Moshe said nothing about this tribe when he spoke about cohanim. It becomes even clearer if a "different kind of cohen," one like Malki-Tzedek, arises, one who became a cohen not by virtue of a rule in the Torah concerning physical descent, but by virtue of the power of an indestructible life. For it is stated,*

***"You are a cohen FOREVER,
to be compared with Malki-Tzedek."***

*Thus, on the one hand, the earlier rule is set aside because of its weakness and inefficacy (for the Torah did not bring anything to the goal); and, on the other hand, a hope of something better is introduced, through which we are drawing near to God. Heb. 7:11 tot
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We are a royal priesthood and we are not under the authority of the Levitical **priesthood!** According to the letter to the Hebrews a change had been made to the law (Torah), to wit the **priesthood** and the sacrifices. Remember: The planned temple, which might be built shortly, will again institute a Levitical priesthood. Everyone will have to choose between the Malki-Tzedek priesthood and the Levitical priesthood. What will you choose? You have to make your choice now!!

HRTI uses Zech. 8:19 to 23 as proof, which in turn proves their spiritual blindness. Read attentively what is written in verses 20 to 23, especially verse 23.

"ADONAI-Tzva'ot says, 'The fast days of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months are to become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Y'hudah. Therefore, love truth and peace.' "ADONAI-Tzva'ot says, 'In the future, peoples and inhabitants of many cities will come; the inhabitants of one city will travel to another and say, "We must go to ask ADONAI's favor and consult ADONAI-Tzva'ot. I'll go too." Yes, many peoples and powerful nations will come to consult ADONAI-Tzva'ot in Yerushalayim and to ask ADONAI's favor.' ADONAI-Tzva'ot says, '**When that time comes, ten men will take hold — speaking all the languages of the nations — will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you."**'" – CJB

This prophecy has already been fulfilled! Note that verse 23 refers to *those days!* It refers to those days when a man (singular) will appear from the tribe of Judah. That man is Yeshua Who comes from the tribe of Judah; His cloak of righteousness is taken hold of by ten men, that is to say peoples from various nations. We are currently living in those days!!

The International Standard Version translates it as follows:

This is what the LORD of the Heavenly Armies says: "In the future, ten men speaking all the languages of the nations will grab hold of one Jewish person by the hem of his garment and say, 'Let us go up to Jerusalem with you, because we heard that God is with you.'"

Speaking figuratively, Yeshua's disciples 'took hold' of His cloak and followed Him, while literally there were people who touched ('took hold of') Yeshua's cloak and followed Him for healing.

A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years approached him from behind and touched the tzitzit on his robe. For she said to herself, "If I can only touch his robe, I will be healed." Matt. 9:20 and 21.

They begged him that the sick people might only touch the tzitzit on his robe, and all who touched it were completely healed. Matt. 14:36.

The history of Joseph and his brothers is also a metaphor that the house of Judah will bow before the house of Joseph (Ephraim). It was Judah who sold Joseph; likewise the house of Judah 'sold' Yeshua. Judah rejected Joseph, the favourite son of his father Jacob and in similar manner Rabbinic Judaism also rejected the Son of YHVH. This image is repeated in the Scriptures of the new covenant. In her Afrikaans article 'Jona: Duif' ([JONA \(Duif\) 2015.2](#)) Ina van Niekerk explains it as follows:

In Matt. 27:16 – 26 and corresponding places in the other gospels we read of Barabbas.

This is "Bar Abbas". Son (bar) of the father (Abba-s), but which father?

BarAbbas was a prisoner as a result of being a thief and murderer (John. 18:40, Mark. 15:7, Luk. 23:18). He therefore had the devil as his father (Joh. 8:44).

Then again there is YaHUsha the Messiah Who comes from His Father. He and the Father are one.

His Father was YaHUaH (John. 5:43, John. 17:1 - 26). YaHUsha talked with His Father while on the execution stake (Luk. 23:34, Luk. 23:46).

*The name "BarAbbas" here in Matt. 27 **alluded** to those who would choose **Satan**, the Anti-Messiah, **as their father**, like they chose "BarAbbas".*

*When asked who was to be **released**, "BarAbbas" or YaHUsha (Matt. 27:19), they called out: "BarAbbas".*

During Yom Kippur the lot is cast between two goats (Lev. 16:8 – 10). The one goat is sacrificed as a sin offering for our sins (Jes. 53, Rom. 4:25).

This pointed to YaHUsha and the death He would suffer for our sins.

*The other goat, the scapegoat, **Azazel**, is **released** into the wilderness, just like **BarAbbas" is **released** here!***

In the book of Enoch we read of Azazel (Enoch 54,55). He is portrayed as Satan. Azazel, the scapegoat, is Satan.

The same pattern is given in Lev. 14:4 -7 with two birds. One is slaughtered and one is set free.

However, there is a hint as to the names at this critical time two thousand years ago,

where the people had to make a choice: BarAbbas or Messiah YaHUsHa.

*BarAbbas, Azazel, has his followers, namely **those who do not choose Messiah**, but who consider YaHUsHa the Messiah as “**dead**”.*

BarAbbas was a type of political leader of his time and promised liberation of the Roman yoke. They didn't expect a suffering Messiah such as YaHUsHa.

In spite of all of this, other Jews, such as His disciples followed YaHUsHa as their great High Priest after the order of Malki-Tsèdek.

It is “Shiloh” that came (Gen. 49:10), the Kingdom of Heaven's Priesthood which was restored, and He is now the Legislator, Whose laws are revealed in the Brit Chadashah, explicitly the Torah of Messiah.

*Those who chose Him, have distanced themselves of any Judaism. This is where the **division** came!*

BarAbbas, the murderer, was released and YaHUsHa, the innocent, as far as they were concerned, murdered.

Acts. 3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Although HRTI states that *there is nothing wrong with the Oral Law but it must and can never contradict or supersede the Written Law (Torah)*, and I agree with this, we should still ask the following question: How does HRTI expect spiritual babies to tell the difference? A spiritual baby eats what he is given, especially when very hungry! Therefore:

Spiritual babies who learn from Rabbinic Judaism are ‘predator meals’!!

The seed sown by Rabbinic Judaism is in many ways the weeds sown while people are sleeping (Matt. 13:24 tot 30)! The Greek word for *weed* means *darnel*. During growth this plant looks like wheat, and only experts would be able to distinguish the darnel from the wheat. Darnel is therefore mock wheat, which also contains a **pacifier** to make people feel good. Rabbinic Judaism also makes one ‘feel good’ and this is the danger each person needs to be aware of! But remember:

“The heart is more deceitful than anything else and mortally sick. Who can fathom it? I, ADONAI, search the heart; I test inner motivations; in order to give to everyone what his actions and conduct deserve.” Jer. 17:9 and 10 – CJB.

Hence: Follow Rabbi Yeshua and learn from Him with the aid of the Set-apart Spirit **and avoid the leaven of Rabbinic Judaism – or at least have a serious awareness of the dangers it contains!**

So when Yeshua said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourselves against the hametz of the P'rushim and Tz'dukim,” they thought he said it because they hadn't brought bread. But Yeshua, aware of this, said, “Such little trust you have! Why are you talking with each other about not having bread? Don't you understand yet? Don't you remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you filled? Or the seven loaves of the

four thousand and how many baskets you filled? How can you possibly think I was talking to you about bread? Guard yourselves from the hametz of the P'rushim and Tz'dukim!" Then they understood — they were to guard themselves not from yeast for bread but from the teaching of the P'rushim and Tz'dukim. Matt. 16:6 to 12 – CJB.

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Receive the Word of YHVH with kindness, but search the Scriptures yourself to see if these sayings are true (Acts. 17:11).

Shalom greetings.

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