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THE JUDAISM OF YESHUA {JESUS}

{A JUDAISM EXPRESSED IN THE HEBREW BIBLE/THE OLD TESTAMENT}

THE WAYS OF GOD

Before MIRYAM {MARY}, that young Jewish mother, gave birth to her son, YESHUA {JESUS}, in that Judean village of Bethlehem, the prophet ISAIAH, in the previous 8th century, revealed that ADONAI {the LORD} is the GOD who thinks outside of the “box” of all human expectations: “My plans are not your plans, nor are My ways your ways—declares the Lord” {Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:8-Jewish Publication Society Bible}.

THE GOD WHO SEES MAN FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

During that momentous 1st century, Rabbi Saul of Taurus {Paul} quoted what ADONAI {the LORD}, had, centuries earlier, said about DAVID, an adulterer and a murderer, a man as deeply flawed as Saul of Tarsus {Paul} himself, yet ADONAI {the LORD} saying about DAVID: “I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will perform my entire will” {Book of the Acts of the Apostles 13:22-New Jerusalem Bible}:

THE GOD WHO CHOOSES THE DEEPLY FLAWED

The GOD who thinks outside the “box” of all human expectations chose RAHAB, the Canaanite “harlot” to be the great, great grandmother of DAVID: “Only Rahab the harlot and her father’s family were spared by Joshua...and she dwelt among the Israelites—as is still the case. For she had hidden the messengers that Joshua had sent to spy out Jericho” {Book of Joshua 6:25—Jewish Publication Society Bible}, the genetic makeup of RAHAB becoming a part of the Messianic line she marrying SALMON, an Israelite: “Salmon fathered Boaz, whose mother was Rahab” {Gospel of Matthew 1:5-New Jerusalem Bible}, BOAZ, RAHAB’s son, marrying RUTH, a Moabite, RUTH becoming the great grandmother of DAVID: “Boaz married Ruth...Salmon begot Boaz, Boaz begot Obed, Obed begot Jesse, Jesse begot David” {Book of Ruth 4:13,21,22—Jewish Publication Society Bible}, YESHUA {JESUS} being genetically linked to DAVID through his mother, the genealogy of MIRYAM {MARY} revealing that she has the genetic makeup of DAVID through NATHAN, one of DAVID and BATHSHEBA’s 4 sons: “...son of Nathan, son of David, son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz...” {Gospel of Luke 3:31,32—New American Bible}.

THE GOD WHO CHOOSES THE WEAK

GOD, who chooses the deeply flawed to be instrumental in carrying out His will, chooses the weak to make His power known: “Where there is weakness, my power is shown the more completely”, that “weakness” being poignantly seen at that place of Roman execution, on that hill outside of the walls of Jerusalem, during that forever-to-be-remembered Passover in that spring of the year 30, the “power” of God being shown on the 3rd day after that fateful Passover, on the Feast of First Fruits, ADONAI {the Lord}

raising YESHUA {JESUS} from the dead: “He was ‘weak’ enough to be crucified...but he lives now by the power of God” {Rabbi Saul of Tarsus’ {Paul’s} 2nd Letter to the Congregation in the Greek City of Corinth 12:9; 13:4-New Testament in Modern English}, the GOD who chooses the deeply flawed to do His will, the GOD who chooses the weak to show His power, being the GOD of new beginnings, the GOD of forgiveness, the GOD who chooses to forget: “I will remember their sins no more” {Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:34—Jewish Publication Society Bible}.

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