

**STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE MESSIANIC JEWISH ALLIANCE OF ITALY
PROJECT**

WE BELIEVE :

1.THE BIBLE: That the Bible, consisting of the תנ"ך (Tanàkh: Holy Scriptures) and the later writings commonly known as the ברית חדשה (Brit Chadashah: New Covenant), is the only infallible and authoritative word of Hashem (God). We recognize its divine inspiration, and accept its teachings as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 3:1-6; Psalm 119:89, 105; Isaiah 48:12-16; Romans 8:14-17; II Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17).

II. Hashem (God): We believe that the “Shema”, שְׁמַע, יִשְׂרָאֵל: יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְהוָה אֶחָד, “Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One” (Deuteronomy 6:4), teaches that Hashem (God) is אֶחָד (Echad), as so declared: a united one, a composite unity, eternally existent in plural oneness (Genesis 1:1 לֹהֵאֱלֹהִים Elohim: God); Genesis 1:26 “Let us make man in our image”; Genesis 2:24 Adam and Eve were created to be as one flesh (בָּשָׂר אֶחָד : basar echad), that He is a personal Hashem (God) who created us (Genesis 1&2), and that He exists forever as: Father, Son and Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit), as written in Romans 8:14-17 (Father, Spirit and Messiah-Son) and Matthew 28:18-20 (immersing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

A.GOD THE FATHER (אבא: Abba) John 6:27; I Corinthians 1:3; Galatians 1:1; Revelation 3:5, 21; Jeremiah 3:4, 19; 31:9; Malachi 1:6; Matthew 6:9,32; Luke 10:21-22; John 1:14;4:23; 5:17-26; 6:28-46; Romans 8:14-15.

B.THE SON (הבן: Ha'Ben)

1. Hashem (God) does have a son [Psalm 2, Proverbs 30:4-6 (Hebrews 1); Luke 12:35-37; John.1:29-34,49; 3:14-18].

2.The son, called ישוע (Yeshua: Jesus, meaning Salvation), came to this world of a virgin [Isaiah 7:14 (Luke1:30-35)].

3. The son is God (Deity), and is worshipped as God, having existed eternally [Psalm 110:1 (Hebrews 1:13); Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 28:18-20; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-19; Revelation 3:21 (Hebrews 1 worshipped by angels); Revelation 4:8 & 5:5-14].

4. This one is the promised משיח (Mashiach: Messiah) of Israel [Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1; Daniel 9 (esp. verses 20-26); Isaiah 53; John 1:17,40-41,45,49; Mark 8:29].

5. He is the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star (Numbers 24:17; Revelation 22:16).

6. He is our Passover, the lamb of God (I Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5; John1:29).

C. THE RUACH HAKODESH (HOLY SPIRIT) (רוח הקודש Ruach HaKodesh).

1. Introduced in Genesis 1:2

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2. In the Tanàkh, the Spirit of God came upon individuals during the times of our forefathers, like Moses, David (see II Samuel 23:1-3), and the Prophets, for specific purposes.

3. In the New Covenant, the Messiah Yeshua, promises his disciples that the “Comforter” would come to them after he was gone, described as the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17,26), who was with them and would be in them. Yeshua further declared that the Spirit of Truth, would guide us into all Truth, and would glorify Him the Messiah not himself (John 16:13-15). He empowers us (Acts 1:8). He seals us (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30). If we have not the Spirit (Ruach), we are not His (Romans 8:9). He leads us and teaches us (Romans 8:14-17). His indwelling enables us to live a godly life. Acts 2:38 says, “Repent, be immersed, and receive the Holy Spirit” (Ruach HaKodesh)

III. MAN

A. Created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27), but:

B. Through disobedience, man fell from his first state and became separated from God (Genesis 2:17 & 3:22-24). Therefore, according to the Scriptures, all men are born with a sinful nature (Psalm 14:1-3; 49:7; 53:1-3; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-12, 23; 5:12).

C. Man’s only hope for redemption (Salvation) is through the atonement made by the Messiah (Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24-26; I Corinthians 15:22; Hebrews 9:11-14,28; John 1:12, 3:36), resulting in regeneration by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), which is the new birth (John 3:3-8). For by grace we are saved, through faith, it is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

IV. RESURRECTION AND JUGEMENT

We believe in the resurrection of both, the redeemed and the lost: the former to everlasting life and the latter to eternal separation from God, a state of everlasting punishment (Job 14:14; 19:25-27; Daniel 12:2-3; John 3:36; 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-6, 10-15; 21:7-8).

V. THE MESSIAH- The Redeemer

The Scriptures promised two “comings” of the Messiah:

A. First coming

1. Promised in Daniel 9:24-26

2. Its purpose was to make an atonement for sin (Isaiah 53; Romans 3:21-31; Hebrews 9&10; John 3:16-17).

B. Second coming

1. Promised coming in the air to receive the believers to Himself (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:1-6; I Corinthians 15:51-57).

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2. Messiah's return to the earth

- a. The Redeemer shall come to Zion (Isaiah 59:20-21; Zechariah 14:4).
- b. Israel spiritual redemption (Zechariah 12:8-13; Romans 11:25-27; Hebrews 9:28; Jeremiah 31:31-40; the New Covenant).
- c. Israel national restoration is to recover the remnant of His people Israel from the four corners of the earth, and restore the Davidic Kingdom (Isaiah 11) to re-establish the throne and Kingdom of David, which will last forever [Isaiah 11 & 9:6-7 (Luke 1:30-33); Jeremiah 23:3-8].

VI: ISRAEL IN PROPHECY

We believe in God's end-time plan for the nation of Israel and for the world. A central part of Messianic Judaism is the belief in the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel, as taught in the Scriptures. The greatest miracle of our day has been the reestablishment or rebirth of the state of Israel according to prophecy (Ezekiel 34:11-31, 36-39; Hosea 3; Amos 9:11-15; Zechariah 12-14; Isaiah 11;43;54;60-62;66; Romans 11:1-34). (See also Scriptures under V. THE MESSIAH).

VII: MESSIANIC JUDAISM

- A. We recognize that Jewish people (physical descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, whether through the mother's or the father's blood-line), who place their faith in Israel's Messiah-Yeshua, continue to be Jewish according to the Scriptures (Romans 2:28-29). Gentiles who place their faith in Yeshua, are "grafted into" the Jewish olive tree of faith (Romans 11:17-25), becoming spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham (Galatians 3:28-29).
- B. We observe and celebrate the Jewish Holy Days given by God to Israel, with their fulfillment in and through the Messiah Yeshua. We believe that "Biblical Judaism" is the faith of first century believers, which we seek to practice, acknowledges the continuity of faith in the One true God, revealed throughout the Scriptures, and ultimately manifested in God's son, Yeshua the Messiah. We believe that salvation has always been "by faith" and that works of law, or righteous acts, have never saved anyone. (Genesis 15:6; Romans 2:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:6,39).
- C. We acknowledge that the New Covenant body of believers is composed of both Jews and Gentiles who have received Yeshua the Messiah as the promised Redeemer. The "middle wall of partition" has been broken down and now we worship the God of Israel together. (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 2:13-14).