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Statement of Beliefs

We believe in one God, as He revealed Himself in the Scriptures. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is One." (Deuteronomy 6:4) We believe that the intended meaning of the word "One" is found in the original Hebrew text, which used the word "echad" and means "a composite unity."

We believe that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Eternal One in Whom all the fullness of the deity dwells in the bodily form. He is the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, and whose glory that was beheld, the glory of the uniquely begotten Son of God, full of grace and truth.

We believe that the Spirit of God comforts, teaches, leads, indwells and empowers all whom He regenerates.

We believe that the Bible, both the Tanakh (Old Testament) and the Brit Chadasha (New Covenant), is the only inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16-17)

We believe that all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

We believe that Yeshua's death and resurrection accomplished the atonement for all who would place their faith in Him. Whoever trusts in God, in His work alone, is made a new creation in Messiah, indwelt by the Spirit of God, and is transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His own Son. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5 and 6)

We believe in the community of God's covenants with the physical people of Israel according to Jeremiah 31:35-36 and parallel passages. Part of the fulfillment of these covenants is the physical return of the people of Israel to their Promised Land. (Deuteronomy 30)

We believe salvation is by faith through the grace of God alone, and not by human efforts. One may not earn, merit or keep this eternal salvation by his own efforts. A new creation is the work of God alone. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 8:29-39)

We believe in the spiritual unity of equality of all believers in Messiah Yeshua. (Ephesians 2:11-22)

We believe that everyone who trusts in Yeshua is grafted in to the "olive tree." While this does not make them Jewish, they are granted the privilege of having written upon their hearts, as participants of the New Covenant, God's laws. (Romans 11:11-24; Jeremiah 31:33)

We believe in the immersion in living waters done in the name of Adonai Yeshua HaMashiach.

We do not hold to or believe in the following:

- The "Two House" teaching, as it is a form of replacement theology.
- That any nation is made up of any one of the lost tribes.
- In trying to determine which lost tribe you come from as our identity must be in Messiah.
- The "Sacred Name" movement.
- Sighting of the new moon or by anyone's personal barley crop to determine the Biblical calendar as they have no authority.

We **do** believe that the Jews in Israel are made up of every tribe.