

## **New Wine in new wine skins!**

**I often speak on Unity, Echad, oneness between Jew and Gentile but a grave misconception arises from this teaching that this unity or echad will reflect one of two sources: This unity will look like Christianity or this unity will look like Messianic Judaism. We are not here to start a new denomination, we are fulfilling biblical, end time prophecy, the final move of God to usher in His Son, our Grooms return! We have to eliminate both the old and contemporary expressions of worship from the past.**

**Isaiah 43:18-19.** "Stop dwelling on past events and brooding over times gone by; <sup>19</sup> I am doing something new; it's springing up - can't you see it? I am making a road in the desert, rivers in the wasteland.

**We are at a crossroads of a religious, theological quagmire in both Christianity and Judaism! The Oral Law was for the most part was nonexistent when Yeshua walked the earth, Christianity was 350 years in the future from when Yeshua walked this earth! Judaism didn't exist in Yeshua's day! Judaism's birth was several hundred years in the future! We are not going back to the first century church because it didn't exist in the first century, were not going back to the Judaism of Yeshua's day because that didn't exist then either! So many opinions regarding theology, how things should be taught, what the correct theology or doctrine is, one person is right the other person wrong, it's all gotta go! God is doing something new! We've moved into uncharted territory, something brand new, secret hidden things that have been prophetically reserved for this end time season!**

**Isaiah 48:6-7.** You have heard and seen all this, so why won't you admit it? "Now I am announcing new things to you, secret things you have not known, <sup>7</sup> created now, not long ago; before today, you did not hear them: so you can't say, 'I already know about them.'

**What I have come to understand is that what God is doing through us will not fit into an old Greek, Roman, or any other religious Wineskin. We cannot be compared to anything that currently exists today because there is nothing like it. What God is doing requires a New Wine Skin, a teaching that Yeshua Himself gave us 2,000 years ago.**

**Luke 5:36-39.** Then he gave them an illustration: "No one tears a piece from a new coat and puts it on an old one; if he does, not only will the new one continue to rip, but the piece from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup> Also, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the new wine will burst the skins and be spilled, and the skins too will be ruined. <sup>38</sup> On the contrary, new wine must be put into freshly prepared wineskins. <sup>39</sup> Besides that, after drinking old wine, people don't want new; because they say, 'The old is good enough.'"

**Yeshua's teaching concerning the wineskins and new patches leaves the Pharisee's speechless. Because unlike the greater body today who study and read the word through Greek Philosophy, these Pharisee's are Native born Jews and Hebrew speakers who clearly understand and comprehend**

**Wine is common and central in daily, biblical life. In fact, the grapevine and its primary product, wine, are mentioned more than any other plant. We find the word "wine" mentioned in the Bible over 342 times in the TLV. Archeological evidence reveals that Israel was a major and significant grape growing and wine producing region with thousands of ancient wine presses discovered throughout Israel. Israel today is a world class maker of wines! Its natural then for Yeshua to teach using a parable concerning wine since it was and is a central theme and focus of scripture and biblical culture.**

**Wine is referenced in blessings and Judgment, and we are strongly admonished not to get drunk. Wine is mentioned in association with all biblical feasts and special occasions. We make a special blessing over it. We savor it. Ahhh, the fruit of the vine.**

**Wine and grapevines are a central theme in Israeli Art and culture going back over 3,000 years. Malki-Tzedek king of Shalem brought out bread and wine in Genesis 14 to honor Abraham, its part of the Birthright blessings in Genesis 27 "So may God give you dew from heaven, the richness of the earth, and grain and wine in abundance.", wine is given in the Temple as a drink offering as recorded in Leviticus 23, wine gives cheer to God and humanity cites Judges 9:13, we are to give "wine to the deeply depressed;" states Proverbs 31:6. Boaz in the book of Ruth drank it until he felt good, and Adonai Himself promises in Isaiah 62 that "ADONAI has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain to your enemies as food; nor will strangers drink your wine, for which you worked so hard; 9 but those who harvest the grain will eat it with praises to ADONAI; those who gathered the wine will drink it in the courtyards of my sanctuary."**

**The psalmist even declares that "yayin yisamach levav enosh", that "wine gladdens the heart of man in Psalms 104:15.**

**Contemporary Theology is vexed by these Hebrew idioms because they make no sense in Greek based study. In fact, quit a few Greek based denominations have gravely erred by incorrectly teaching that wine in the bible is grape juice. This false teaching really makes the wineskin parable confusing.**

**The problem is that we who claim to follow him—no matter our status or stage in life—are so prone to pour the new wine of his life and word into the old rotten skins of religious and legalistic practices that the skin cannot contain it, ruining both in the process. The "one new man" is the New Wine that Adonai is pouring out!!**

**Mark 14:25.** Yes! I tell you, I will not drink this 'fruit of the vine' again until the day I drink new **(kainos: new not used, renewed, a new nature that's different from the old, of a new kind, unprecedented, uncommon, unheard of, recently born or born again)** wine in the Kingdom of God."

**We drink of this new wine in the Kingdom of God with Yeshua!! We've entered into a Kingdom Kairos moment, Kingdom time of God as evidence by the New Wine that was poured out!**

**This is exactly what occurred 2,000 years ago when Yeshua came to earth, the Natural was invaded by the Supernatural and Yeshua shared in Matthew 4:17: "The Kingdom of God is at hand! Yeshua invaded the normal Judean religious routine with new wine!! Yeshua came in the flesh and walked among them. It was a new season. This was the new wine. New Wine signifies a new move of Adonai among us.**

**Now here was the tragedy – the new wine had come yet they sought to retain their old wineskin and were working hard to try to contain him in that old wineskin. This was the main reason why a majority of the Jews in those days missed out of that new wine. Often the more religious a person is, the harder it is to move with God. The religious spirit is an ugly spirit that's prevalent within the mainstream body making it very difficult to discern. But the test question is, 'What am I following? Rules and Rituals or Messiah and God's word? What does my heart pant for? Yeshua? Or just to belong and be accepted in the group?**

**When God begins to do a new thing in our life we need to change some of the ways in which we do things to receive what he is doing. We can't go on doing everything as before in a new season.**

**Oftentimes the reason is we are not cooperating with God! Not willing to cast away the old and prepare for the new! Because we do not even discern that the new wine has come or is almost here. Just as many of the Judeans did not recognize that the Messiah had come. There is New Wine flowing today but few can recognize it!**

**The general consensus in most Commentaries, Expositions, Concordances, and References is this: The old wine, old wineskins and the old coat are all symbols of Judaism and the Law whereas the new wine and the new coat are symbols of Christianity and Grace.**

**This theology truly captures the essence of the cultural battle between Christianity and Messianic Judaism. This is why we have had such a vast separation for over 1,700 years. This is why there has not been unity between Jewish and Gentile believers. This interpretation or theology teaches that the Old and the New are incompatible, that Messianic Judaism is incompatible with Christianity. "The old is worn out, obsolete, no longer valid. So, by default, this**

**teaching makes the Church a new and separate entity, not a patch that weaves the Old to the New Covenant. The New Covenant has erased and replaced the Old. This then easily leads to Supersessionism (Church replacement Theology) and Anti Semitism within the greater body. Yeshua's ending statement of this teaching makes this interpretation impossible:**

**Luke 5:39.** Besides that, after drinking old wine, people don't want new; because they say, `The old is good enough

**This statement creates a significant flaw with the commonly accepted interpretation of the New Wine parable. It reverses the meaning assigned the new wine. If the Gospel is represented by the new wine, then the statement is ridiculous in Yeshua's mouth. If this meaning is applied it makes Yeshua's words this: "Judaism is a good, Mature wine worth drinking and the Gospel is new wine that no one wants." We know this is not true, therefore, the interpretation is incorrect. This is an all too common an error in modern theology. But this then explains why new wine skins are required, because the old won't accept the new!**

**The Pharisees Yeshua was talking to in Luke Chapter 5 knew exactly what Yeshua meant. They would have already been familiar with this Hebrew idiom of new and old wine. How would we know this? Those wacky Pharisees wrote extensively and their writings are found in the Talmud and Mishnah. By comparing Luke 5:36-39 with the well known Pharisaic proverb found in the Mishna Avot 4.20, a light of revelation is unleashed as the true meaning begins to unfold before our very eyes.**

#### **Pirkei Avot 4:20**

**"He who studies as a child, unto what can he be compared? He can be compared to ink written upon a fresh [new] sheet of paper. But he who studies as an adult, unto what can he be compared? He can be compared to ink written on a smudged [previously used and erased] sheet of paper.**

**"He who learns from the young, unto what can he be compared? He can be compared to one who eats unripe grapes, and drinks unfermented wine from his vat. But he who learns from the old, unto what can he be compared? He can be compared to one who eats ripe grapes, and drinks old wine.**

**The Avot passage is comparing different types of teachers, disciples and teachings. We now see a surprising result, a similarity between the Idioms of Avot 4 and the words of Yeshua in Luke 5. In Avot, the vessels for containing wine are not institutions, religious movements or teachings. The skins or cloth represent individuals. The patch or the wine is the teaching that the individual consumes or contains.**

**Now apply this profound understanding to Yeshua's statement in Luke 5:**

**New garment = uneducated students  
Old garment = previously educated students  
Patch = teaching**

**New wineskins = uneducated students  
Old wineskins = previously educated students  
New wine = new teaching  
Old wine = previous teaching**

**Every great move of God in the last 2,000 years, in those with whom God was using in the move were thrown out or removed from the current religious base. Yeshua, Luther, Fox, John Wesley, Evan Roberts, William Seymour, Aimee Semple McPherson, Kathryn Coleman to name but a few. All were shunned by the current religious establishment when God began to move. The old refuses to accept the new.**

**Luke like the other Gospel writers, gave great detail regarding the background of Yeshua's Talmidim. They were fishermen, tax collectors and 'sinners.' They have not been educated by the sages. In this regard, they are like a clean slate, a fresh, unsmudged piece of paper, new wine skin, new clothe for Yeshua to write on, mold, teach, and reveal His new wine, His new clothe! The summation of this is revealed in Acts:**

**Acts 4:13.** When they saw how bold Kefa and Yochanan were, even though they were untrained 'am-ha'aretz, they were amazed; also they recognized them as having been with Yeshua.

**A common mistake is to assume that because they were un trained people of the land that they had no education. A primary education in Yeshua's day involved an extensive memorization of Scripture and knowledge of Torah. Educational standards in the Galilee may have even surpassed those of Judah, so even fishermen and tax collectors had received training in the Scriptures, but this was limited to reading and memorizing the word-no theology or interpretation was given or done at that stage.**

**The extremely gifted were sent on to study beyond the age of 12 or 13 and only the truly exceptional (perhaps wealthy) went on to become disciples of the sages. We have a common idiom regarding this thought process in American culture:**

**"You can't teach an old dog new tricks."**

**This parable is reminiscent of a story regarding one of the great 18<sup>th</sup> century European painters who was renown for his great works of art. He often remarked that he would rather teach his art craft to a drunk he found in a bar who had**

never held a paint brush in his hand than teach a painter with previous artistic training and experience. A man who had never been taught to paint was teachable, but a man who thought he already knew how to paint was not because he thought "The Old is Better" – The exact words of Yeshua in Verse 39.

This same concept is revealed in how Yeshua's chose His disciples. I've often remarked about this. There were great Jewish Sages, renown theologians alive when Yeshua taught on the earth. One of these sages Sha'ul mentions as His mentor and teacher. This teacher is still most highly regarded within the Religious Jewish Community today, who is this sage? Gamaliel, a member of the Sanhedrin 2,000 years ago who is actually mentioned twice in scripture and is know by us for giving rather sage advice in Acts 5.

Yeshua proved He was in fact Mashiach through certain miracles He performed, Yeshua raised a person from the dead after being in the grave for 4 days. Contemporary theology of the day (and some still believe this today which is why the body is guarded in Orthodox Judaism-its believed today that the soul hovers around the body until its buried) stated that the soul of a person hovered around the dead body for 3 threes and departed for the next world upon the fourth day. Upon hearing the news that He was sick he waited two days before beginning the journey which was 2 days walking.

**John 11:17.** On arrival, Yeshua found that El`azar had already been in the tomb for four days.

**Yeshua raises Lazarus from the dead after the fourth day, after the soul had departed from the next world, proving He was the Messiah. What did this miracle result in:**

**John 11:45-48.** At this, many of the Judeans who had come to visit Miryam, and had seen what Yeshua had done, trusted in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went off to the P'rushim and told them what he had done. <sup>47</sup> So the head cohanim and the P'rushim called a meeting of the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do? -- for this man is performing many miracles. <sup>48</sup> If we let him keep going on this way, everyone will trust in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both the Temple and the nation."

**Why would Rome destroy the Temple because of Yeshua's miracle? Rome destroyed the Temple regardless! I began to understand this early on when we began serving the Congregation. It's far easier to teach a new believer the bible than someone who is filled with religious training! Those who are filled with the religious training say that old is good and after tasting the new don't want it! The old say: What are we going to do with them? They're Judaizing, they are teaching the Law, etc, etc, etc... Just like Yeshua the new was challenged by the old. Yeshua sums this up and puts this all together in:**

**Matthew 13:52.** He said to them, "So then, every Torah-teacher who has been made into a talmid **(Matheteuo {math-ayt-yoo'-o}: Disciple (Tamid), teacher, instructor, pupil)** for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a home who brings out of his storage room both new things and old.

**We must understand and comprehend Yeshua's words here. Every true Talmid, every true disciple is one who teaches both the old and the new! If you're not being taught both the old and the new you're not a disciple, you're not a Talmid or Talmidim! This is radical but Yeshua said this, not me! This is where I must admit I get slightly agitated. People will see this, hear this, and go right back to their old Hellenistic way. There's grave danger in knowledge and awareness regarding the Kingdom of God. You're held accountable for the truth when you are exposed to it and know it. People will drive for an hour to attend a hip, seeker sensitive service yet repeatedly turn their back on truth when presented. We were warned this was coming:**

**II Timothy 4:3-4.** For the time is coming when people will not have patience for sound teaching, but will cater to their passions and gather around themselves teachers who say whatever their ears itch to hear. <sup>4</sup> Yes, they will stop listening to the truth, but will turn aside to follow myths.

**Every teaching that states the Old Testament is done away with is not of Yeshua! Who said:**

**Matthew 5:17-20.** "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete **(pleroo {play-ro'-o}: to make full, complete, to cause God's will (as made known in Torah) to be obeyed as it should be, to carry into effect, bring to realization)**. <sup>18</sup> Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or a stroke will pass from the Torah -- not until everything that must happen has happened. <sup>19</sup> So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

**Adonai is not only preparing His bride for the return of His son, He is restoring His word, Torah with integrity, honor, loyalty, submission, obedience, trust, and faith accompanied by signs and wonders back into His body. Not counterfeit grace. Love is even miss taught. Love is a command of God, not an emotion, not a warm fuzzy. We are returning to the basic core principles in the Kingdom of Heaven that have been are being taught throughout scripture yet have fallen asunder as the greater bodies love has grown cold due to increased distance from Torah as Matthew 24:12 states. The hypocrisy within the body is mind boggling. I've met people who are professed Christians who frown upon having a glass of wine yet are OK with a man and woman living together outside the bonds of**

**marriage or even same sex marriage. Our practice, our expression of faith and worship is how it was done 2,000 years ago when Yeshua walked the earth.**

**Luke 4:14-16.** Yeshua returned to the Galil in the power of the Spirit, and reports about him spread throughout the countryside. <sup>15</sup> He taught in their synagogues, and everyone respected him. <sup>16</sup> Now when he went to Natzeret, where he had been brought up, on Shabbat he went to the synagogue as usual. He stood up to read,

**Yeshua lived a life and performed miracles in a biblical culture centered on Shabbat, Synagogue, The Temple, and Biblical feast days, as Luke 4 records: "on Shabbat he went to the synagogue as usual". Easter, Christmas, and Sunday worship wasn't invented until over 400 years later!**

**The "one new man" is the vehicle to get us to where God is taking us, it's not the end of itself! We are not here to start a new denomination, we are fulfilling biblical, end time prophecy, to implement the restoration of all things of Acts 3 to usher in Yeshua's return. We are returning to the expression of Faith that Yeshua worshiped which was not Christianity or Judaism.**