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A Rebuttal:
A Simple Error...Or A Deadly Error?

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Landmines (15 May 2016)

It was the darkest kind of night, the sort of dark that enters one's very marrow and carries with it the cold that can fire one's deepest fears. The six young men of the United States Marine Corps crept forward into the night, dedicated to carrying out their mission, which on this night was to ensure the safety of this parcel of the Khyber Pass so that in the morning, their Army counterparts could safely lay the deadliest of all modern armaments meant to kill other men – Landmines!

The dawn had barely begun to break across the darkened world, and already the Army Engineers were busily at work. Based upon a seemingly random order, printed by a distant computer, based upon an even more distant intelligence satellite photograph, the engineer soldiers began their deadly mission. As one engineer directed one team, they would carefully excavate the ground, gently place the mine, then covering it. The mines disappeared as if they were never there. And as each mine was placed, another engineer recorded its location into a laptop computer with exact GPS latitude and longitude coordinates.

Shortly before mid-morning the task at hand was complete and the chief engineer deployed a small satellite antenna and uploaded a message to his military superiors. At that instant a military satellite, 22,000 miles above the Khyber Pass, sent a signal that was instantly received by every newly-laid mine in this newly-planted field of death. At that moment they all came to life and patiently began to wait – waiting for the moment when a human or an animal would step onto it and enable the landmine to fulfill its created purpose. To kill, or even better to maim or wound the enemy, thus requiring 2 or 3 soldiers to retrieve a wounded one.

Maps

One more significant thing happened in that brief moment and if one were to consider it carefully, this was perhaps the most important. The coordinates, based upon a grid and exact GPS pinpoints, found its way to a military computer in the form of a map. The map would reside there in "0's" and "1's" until called upon by its human masters. Its purpose: to provide the American military and its allies with the exact position of every landmine – should friendly forces ever have to traverse the field.

Court-Martial (17 March 2017)

"Major Roger Brim, United States Army: You are hereby found guilty of the charges of withholding vital information, which lead to the deaths of 19 French Army Forces on the 17th day of March, 2017. By withholding the mapped coordinates of minefield KP-77Alpha, you knowingly allowed friendly forces to enter a death-zone without the map - which WOULD have saved their lives. Your decision not only cost the lives of 19 innocent soldiers, but you have deprived their families of their loved ones and affected untold unborn children of the heritage of these lives that were needlessly cut short." "It is further noted that you freely gave the maps of KP-77Alpha to American forces and to Canadian Rangers, but withheld the maps from the French forces, who are our allies." "It is the decision of this Court-Martial that you be stripped of your rank and all military privilege, and you be dishonorably discharged from the United States Army. And that you be immediately taken from this place to Leavenworth Federal Prison, where you will spend the rest of your natural life as a military prisoner."

The UMJC Decision

Recently there has been a resurgence of a centuries-old debate concerning the Torah and its availability to non-Jewish people groups. The UMJC says the Torah is for Jewish people only. More specifically, while the moral teachings of the Torah are "OK" for non-Jewish people to follow, the specific aspects of Torah Observance that can be expressed in a peculiar lifestyle and an identifiable expression of worship and faith, is reserved for Jewish people only. (Q. How do you parcel it out?) Moreover, the Messianic movement is Messianic "Jewish" only – non-Jews NEED NOT APPLY. (If they do, it shall be in a support role – only).

*Boatrockers Ministries sees NO difference between this decision and those made by various Protestant and Catholic ruling body's over the centuries that have prescribed that Jewish Believers in Messiah had to divest of all Jewishness before being "allowed" to practice Christianity. In essence: Christianity was for "Christian" folks ONLY – Jews NEED NOT APPLY. (see **Heb 10:28-29**)*

Quotes

The UMJC,¹ at its 23rd Annual convention decided the following:

“[Messianic Judaism] is a movement of Jewish congregations and congregation-like groupings committed to Yeshua the Messiah that embrace the covenantal responsibility of Jewish life and identity rooted in Torah, expressed in tradition, and renewed and applied in the context of the New Covenant.” “You have many Gentile congregations who are calling themselves Jewish because they practice Jewish festivals and love Israel, we think God raised up Messianic Judaism as a Jewish people movement for Yeshua.” “Gentiles in Messianic Judaism are not here for themselves, but for Messiah’s own people.”

Our Response

THE MAP

Life is a like a minefield. No, it isn’t *like* one...**it is one**. All men and women are born into this world in a state of Spiritual Darkness (**Matthew 4:15-16**). The Torah is the Light (Psalm 119:105, John 1:4, 8:12). Messiah is the Living Torah, and whoever receives Him, He gives the *right* to become children of God (**John 1:12**). Messiah came to make all men and women into brothers and sisters; to tear down the wall and to make ONE FLOCK (**John 10:16, Ephesians 2:11-18, 19**). Further, **all** men will dwell in the Land and inherit everything (Ezekiel 47:21-23, Isaiah 56:3-8). *Everyone* with a passport to Spiritual Israel **CAN** live out Torah!

BOOM!

When anyone (Messianic Jewish Rabbis *or* Post-Modern Evangelical Pastors *or* Ancient Jewish Rabbis) is willing to share with *anyone* the truth that God loves them and wants to **Save** them, but then **withholds** from them the Torah that is *God’s Instruction Book and Map to Avoiding Life’s Landmines*. They are sentencing them to possible death, but most certainly to a life fraught with dangerous connections made with life’s landmines, for instance: Greed, Lust, Adultery, Pride, Anger, Sloth, Gluttony, etc, embodied in such forms as Misplaced Priorities, New Secretaries, Stock Manipulation, Selfish Motivations, Wars, Terror, etc.

God gave His Only Begotten Son to be the Atonement for our sins. “Whosoever that believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (**John 3:16**). He also came that we should all live life more abundantly, richly, and fully. We can only do this when we avoid the landmines that are crippling those of an unredeemed world who still live in spiritual darkness. For although we, when we receive Messiah, are transferred spiritually to a kingdom of Light, we still live on planet Earth which continues to spin in darkness. Torah is “**a LAMP to our feet, and a LIGHT unto our path**” (Psalm 119:105). Every Believer gets a Torah flashlight.

When well-meaning but misguided “theologians” declare that: **A**). The Torah is nailed to the Cross or **B**). The Torah is only for Jewish folks. They both are guilty of taking from the hand of the Redeemed Believer the LIGHT (and map) that CAN guide them through the minefields of life! The end result for the Believer is then identical as the unbeliever: tip-toeing through life, never knowing (Situational Ethics) whether the resistance is a live mine, or a rock, until...**BOOM!** Defeat...rather than a life of victory.

God Intended For Everyone To Get A Map!

Deuteronomy 4:1-8: Moses explains that when Israel settled into the Land, they were to live by the Torah, His Word (Light, Revelation, Knowledge). The nations would see Israel and marvel at the wisdom, love, and kindness of God! (Living out Torah protects us AND glorifies God!) They would then approach Israel and inquire about God and their lifestyle. Some ancient rabbis (and apparently some modern ones too) have said, and are saying, that non-Jews can have Salvation and Redemption by knowing God, but the map to the minefield belongs only to the *ethnic people of God*. Peoples of the 70 nations can’t have a map (Torah)! This is utterly ridiculous! And it is utterly dangerous to the peoples of the 70 nations who come to God., for God is no respecter of people. It is God’s desire that all come to repentance. And everyone gets a copy of the map! And everyone gets a Torah flashlight!

God Created Everyone For A Purpose

Our Father created Jewish folks for a purpose (carry the Messiah’s bloodline, be a nation of priests to the nations, and to protect the Oracles of God). Our Father created the 70 nations *too*, and they also have special purposes and talents. He created men and women; black, white, brown, yellow, blue, and red. **BUT IN MESSIAH WE ARE ALL ONE.** (Hebrews)² (**Eph 4:4-6, Num 15:14-16**).

The Major - Revisited

This could be a 100-page paper...but it won’t be. Notice that poor Major Brim did not forfeit *his* life for his dereliction of duty and his misguided belief that the maps were only for **his** people. Major Brim’s reward for his ‘safely keeping’ the maps from his brothers-in-arms was that he merely descended in status from Commissioned Officer...to prisoner. To those “theologians” who would, for ‘safe-keeping,’ deny the blessings and wise instructions of Torah to any, we offer the following verse for your perusal:

“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” – Yahshua, Matt. 5:19

Words of Wisdom from our Messiah. Should this verse not be sufficient to see the folly of this decision, read **Prov 28:9, I Jn 2:1-11.**

¹ Union of **M**essianic **J**ewish **C**ongregations, the entire document can be read at: www.umjc.org, www.messianictimes.com.

² Hebrew means: “he who crossed over.” *Anyone* who accepts Messiah and is grafted into Israel is a Hebrew (not Jewish: Jew is ethnic).