

Appendix I

Statement of Faith

Beth El Shaddai is a Messianic Jewish Congregation, a community of Believers in Y'shua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Messiah) who are called to worship Him in a traditional Jewish manner. We are a part of the Body of Messiah and hold to the same basic tenets of faith as most mainline denominations.

We believe unwaveringly in the following truths:

- i. that there is one G-d, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;
- ii. that G-d Created Man in His own image;
- iii. that Satan is a fallen angel, cursed by G-d, and a liar and deceiver who seeks to turn men's hearts from G-d;
- iv. that Man is by nature a fallen creature, separated from G-d by sin and disobedience;
- v. that G-d, by sovereign choice, selected Abraham and his descendants to be His people and instituted the Laws and the Feasts to order their lives and to reveal himself to them;
- vi. that G-d, at the time of Creation, set apart the seventh day, sanctifying it as a day of rest and commanding His people to observe it;
- vii. that the coming of a Messiah was foretold by G-d through the prophets of Israel;
- viii. that Y'shua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the Messiah) is the Son of G-d, an indivisible part of the triune nature of G-d, and was born of a virgin in order to dwell among men;
- ix. that in due time and according to G-d's will, Y'shua was executed by crucifixion and became the perfect sacrifice making atonement for the sinfulness of men;
- x. that each person must believe in his heart and confess with his mouth the atonement of Messiah and that only by receiving Him as L-rd and Savior does man escape eternal torment in a literal Hell;
- xi. that the Ruach Ha'Kodesh (The Holy Spirit) descended from Heaven as a Helper of G-d's people and indwells them with power and spiritual gifts to do the work of G-d;
- xii. that G-d has not rejected the Jewish people and earnestly desires to see all Israel saved;
- xiii. that the Feasts and Holy Days instituted by G-d and communicated by Moses are a meaningful expression of worship and obedience and that their observance, while not a requirement for salvation, provides unique and profound insight into G-d's relationship with His people;
- xiv. that the return of Messiah is imminent and there is an urgency to do His work before He comes.