

Text: Jeremiah 30:18-22

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Being in a Torah Community

Introduction:

Everyone knows who and what a Lone Ranger is, being on our own is not advantageous, committing ourselves to participate within a faith community is.

The Hebrew and Greek words most often employed in the Bible describing the believing community is *Kehilah* in Hebrew and *Ekklesia* in greek.

- A. Realities in the believing community:
 - 1. No community of like faith is available.
 - 2. No transportation available.
 - 3. No SAFE fellowship is available. (eq. Spiritual abuse, Spiritual deception and hypocrisy etc)

- B. Encourage to participate in a messianic faith community:
 - 1. Being recipients of biblical revelation.
 - 2. Participating in the biblical appointed times of the Lord.
 - 3. Studying the WORD (TaNaKh) in its original context and understanding
 - 4. Teaching, practicing and sharing the WORD of God.

- C. Understanding the believing Community:
 - 1. Called-Out Community
 - 2. Holy Community
 - 3. Redeemed Community
 - 4. Covenant Community
 - 5. Torah Community

In Summary:

Our view and practice of the Scriptures (Bible, Torah) : The Torah Community studies, teaches and lives the Scriptures. It is important to remember that we as a believing community uses the most accurate method to both study and teach the Bible.

What is the passage in the Torah that provides us guidance in the basic character of leaders in our Torah / Bible Communities? In Exodus 18, the stated qualities of the leaders are they should be “able men who fear God, men of truth, and those who hate dishonest gain.”

The relationship between the leaders and the congregation according to Hebrews 13:7 should have a respectful interchange where the leaders/ teachers/ elders explain and attempt to teach everyone including themselves in all honesty from the Scriptures on various matters.