

# CREDAL STATEMENT

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE UNITY WITHIN THE SPIRITUAL BODY OF YESHUA and to insure the safety and well-being of our constituents, the elders of Hoshana Rabbah Biblical Discipleship Resources and Congregation Elim make the following declaration of our spiritual beliefs. Additionally, we require all those who teach in our congregation on the weekly Sabbath as well as at our biblical feasts celebrations to affirm in writing their belief in and adherence to these basic biblical tenets.

## **YHVH Elohim and the Bible**

- ☞ YHVH Elohim, the God of the Bible, is the one and only deity in existence.
- ☞ The Bible (from Genesis to Revelation with no additions or subtractions) is YHVH's inspired and revealed word to mankind.
- ☞ The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are the expression of Elohim and are one (as revealed by the Hebrew word *echad*, meaning "a compound unity").

## **Yeshua**

- ☞ Yeshua (Jesus) is the one and only Messiah, and is the Son of YHVH Elohim and is Elohim.
- ☞ Yeshua was born of the virgin Mary and became flesh and dwelt among humans. He was crucified and died and resurrected from the grave after the third day.
- ☞ Currently, Yeshua is at the right hand of YHVH Elohim in heaven acting as our Great High Priest.
- ☞ Yeshua is coming again to the earth to establish his kingdom on this earth and to rule over it as King of kings and Lord of lords.

## **Salvation**

- ☞ Yeshua lived a sinless life and was crucified as the Lamb of Elohim to pay for the sins of men. Men are redeemed from the wages of sin, which is death, by his blood when they place their faith in him.
- ☞ Men obtain salvation from sin and entrance into the kingdom of Elohim including immortality when they place their faith in Yeshua and receive his forgiveness of sin. Salvation is a free gift and can't be earned by men's good works. Once one has received the gift of salvation, one is required to love, serve and obey Yeshua by becoming his follower or disciple. This involves loving him by keeping his Torah-commandments.

## **The Torah**

- ☞ The Torah, which is YHVH's instructions in righteousness, is YHVH's immutable standard of righteousness for all people for all time. It shows us how to love Elohim with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourself.
- ☞ The Torah — both the letter and the spirit — as understood through the teachings of Yeshua and the apostolic (New Testament) writers should act as a lifestyle guideline for all believers. No parts of the Torah have been annulled. This includes,
  - Belief in and observance of the seventh day Sabbath.
  - Belief in and observance of the seven biblical feasts including not working on, buying or selling or otherwise profaning the holy days of YHVH.
  - Belief in and practice of the biblical dietary laws.
  - Adherence to the *abib* barley and visible new moon-calculated biblical calendar to determine the dates of the biblical festivals.

**The One New Man**

- ✎ Belief in what the Bible teaches about the restoration and reuniting in the end times of the two houses of Israel (i.e., the house of Judah or the Jews and the house of Israel or Ephraim) through faith in Yeshua. Together, these people groups make up the one spiritual body of Yeshua, and within that spiritual body, the term *Gentile* is no longer applicable, but rather, terms like *the one new man, the saints, the elect, the bride of Yeshua* or *the church* now apply to all disciples of Yeshua.

**Personal Statement of Faith**

- ✎ I affirm that I have repented of my sins (i.e., Torahlessness), have placed my faith in Yeshua the Messiah who, by his shed blood on the tree, paid the legal debt for my sin, and I have confessed and received him as my Savior and Master/Lord and have been baptized for the remission of sins with the full understanding of what this means, and by his divine enablement, to the best of my ability, according the light of truth he has given me, am walking in faithful and loving obedience to him by observing his Torah commandments in my daily life, and that when I stumble and sin, I quickly confess my sins and repent of them.

**Personal Devotional Discipline**

- ✎ I confess that I have a living and personal relationship with Yeshua the Messiah involving regular (daily) Bible study, prayer, meditation or other spiritual communion with him.

I, the undersigned, affirm before YHVH Elohim, who is my witness, that I believe in and have implemented into my life the above-listed principles.

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*Signature*

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*Date Signed*