Most Bible believers are aware that the Jewish people today are not biblical disciples or followers in the purest sense. Unbelieving Jews who have not come to personal faith in Messiah Yahshua are traditional Jews who live by rabbinical halacha and tradition as opposed to both Torah’s (First and Renewed) given to man. Either by choice or through ignorance they often have chosen the traditions of the rabbis over the Word of YHWH, when the two sometimes contradict. Below you will find a brief but interesting comparison between the traditional views held by the Jewish masses and those held by the chosen faithful remnant of Nazarene Yisrael.

**Issue #1: Belief in Yahuwah’s Word As The Sole Authority For Life**

**Traditional Jews say:** Some Jewish sects believe in divine inspiration of Scripture, but others do not.

**Biblical Messianic Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Both the Tanach (Old) and Brit Chadasha (new) covenants are divinely inspired and alone are the basis for obedience to Yahuwah.

**Issue #2: Blood Atonement**

**Traditional Jews say:** Not necessary. Referred to as "teshuvah, tzedakah, and tefillah in Hebrew."

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Blood atonement in both covenants is essential to remission and forgiveness of sin without which no man can enter Yahuwah's holy presence.

**Issue #3: Old Testament (Tanach)**

**Traditional Jews say:** Some sects believe in its entirety. Others believe in none of it, and still others believe only in the first five books of Moshe.

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Believe that genesis to Malachi is inerrant and eternal.

**Issue #4: New Testament (Brit Chadasha)**

**Traditional Jews say:** It is fictitious at best and anti-Semitic at worst and is responsible for atrocities done to the Jewish people.

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** It is as much the Davar Yahuwah as is the Tanach. It is the second part of Yahuwah's complete revelation to humanity.
Issue #5: Oral Law (Torah she-be-al peh)

**Traditional Jews say:** It is central to Jewish belief and lifestyles, giving us halacha (ways to walk) before Yahuwah. Without the Oral Law traditional Judaism would cease to exist.

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Talmud is rejected as divine revelation, but respected as a great historical work of man’s wisdom that can add insight to understanding scripture.

Issue # 6: The Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4)

**Traditional Jews say:** We profess it as the bedrock and pillar of Jewish faith. The traditional view is that the Shema proves that Yahuwah is an "absolute unity, and not a trinity."

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Profess that the bedrock and pillar of Jewish faith. The word echad in the Shema is written by Moshe Rabbeinu with the clear intention of teaching the true compound nature of the one Yahuwah.

Issue # 7: The Torah

**Traditional Jews say:** The Torah is the primary focus of Life. They try to fulfill Torah through personal striving, personal fulfillment and good deeds.

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** The Torah is the instruction manual for the redeemed community of Yahuwah. Torah observance is a byproduct of a spirit filled and directed life. All attempts to perform Torah outside the born again experience is doomed to failure,

Issue # 8: Ephraimites

**Traditional Jews say:** All non-Jews are automatically pagans or unclean Gentiles.

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Humans fall into three groups. Unsaved traditional Jews, unsaved Gentiles and the kehilla of Yahshua composed of saved Jews Ephraimites and friends.

Issue #9: Two Messiah Theory

**Traditional Jews say:** Most conservative attire and orthodox Jews believe that scripture teaches two separate Messiah's. One suffers as Messiah Ben Joseph (suffering Messiah), and one is the eternal reigning kind, (Messiah son of David). Reform Judaism rejects the concept of a literal and personal Messiah instead of adopting the hope of a future Messianic age.

**Nazarene Yisraelites say:** Messiah is only one person not two. Yahshua is that Messiah. He has come to suffer and fulfill all the suffering servant Messianic passages over three hundred, and will return to rule the world from Jerusalem upon David's throne. Reject the idea of two Messiahs as fallacious.

Issue #10: The Virgin Birth

**Traditional Jews say:** This is a pagan concept totally unbiblical that has in various Greek and pagan cultures in different forms and variations. Adopted by Messianic Jews from paganism. Yahshua was an illegitimate child according to Talmud.
Nazarene Yisraelites say: believe that Messiah's virgin birth is biblical as found and prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 and Jeremiah 31:22. Without the virgin birth Yahshua's blood would have been tainted by sin through the agency of a human father, therefore disqualifying him from shedding of blood for mankind.

Issue # 11: Good Deeds

Traditional Jews say: This is an individual's stairway to heaven. Combined with prayer and repentance they lead to eternal righteousness.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: All of man's attempts at good deeds are filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Only Yahshua's blood atonement entitles entry into life eternal.

Issue # 12: Deity of Moshiach

Traditional Jews say: Impossible that YHWH can become a man. See that as a pagan view and those who believe that as pagans. See it as another manifestation of Greek mythology.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: Without the scriptural belief on the deity/divinity of Messiah thus making his blood kadosh and not that of a mere man, one cannot live forever nor have the forgiveness of sins. To us it is a no compromise issue and those who deny Yahshua as YHWH are not saved according to Yahshua’s own teachings (John 8:24) and remain pagans.

Issue # 13: Calendar

Traditional Jews say: The calendar is correct with Rosh Hashanna being the New Year. They add second days to such single day events as Passover, Shavuot/Pentecost and Trumpets.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: The Enochian solar year, determined by the sun, is correct, as the moon cannot be depended upon. (Updated 08/19/2013.)

Issue # 14: Tzitzit-Fringes

Traditional Jews say: Only men can wear them. Some wear them in others out of the pants.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: See the children of Yisrael as containing both men and women and thus both can wear tzitzit.

Issue # 15: Kashrut/Keeping Kosher
Traditional Jews say: All meats and such must be bought and approved by a kosher butcher and rabbi.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: As long as meats and foods are chosen from the menu as outlined in the Torah and the blood is fully and completely drained it doesn't matter if a rabbi blesses it or not, or if it’s bought from a kosher or non-kosher butcher.

Issue #16: Shabbat Goy

Traditional Jews say: It is permitted to hire a non-Jew and allow him or her to work and serve and do things a Jew cannot do on Shabbat such as having him come in and mow the lawn or move furniture.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: The Torah is clear that no work is to be done within your gates and that would include non-Jews who desire or even don’t desire to keep Torah. You as the Torah observer must not allow any mundane work within your gates.

Issue #17: Lighting Lights on Shabbat and Moadim

Traditional Jews say: Turning and off lights and driving car with the ignition turned on is kindling a flame and thus forbidden by Torah.

Nazarene Yisraelites say: We are forbidden to make a fire such as in cooking, but turning on a light or car requires no work or working to produce fire as it is instantaneous. We are fee to drive and to use lighting.