The Restoration of Israel & the Church

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Part 1
The Everlasting Covenant





The New Covenant to the Jews



"For I, the Lord... will make with them [Israel] an everlasting covenant. Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed" (Isaiah 61:8-9).

An Everlasting Covenant to the Gentiles House of Da



"Ho! Everyone who thirsts... Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him [Christ] as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you" (Isaiah 55:1-5).

Promises to Abraham



- The everlasting covenant, which is Christ, is the same and equal covenant that was promised through Abraham to both Jew and Gentile.
- "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you [Abraham], and you shall be a father of many nations" (Genesis 17:4).
- "Foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed" (Galatians 3:8).

Christ is the Mediator



- Christ is the mediator of this new everlasting covenant to both Jew and Gentile.
- To the Jew, we are under the new everlasting covenant (emphasis on new), free from the condemnation and judgment of the Old Covenant—the written law.
- To the Gentiles, you are under the new everlasting covenant (emphasis on everlasting), free from the condemnation of the natural—unwritten law of sin and death.

Full Equality



- "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).
- α "That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6).
- There is full equality between Jew and Gentile.

Part 2 One New Man





The Cultivated Olive Tree



- ❖ Paul uses the analogy of a cultivate Olive tree to illustrate a great mystery (Romans 11:24).
- The tree is comprised of natural branches (Israelites), and wild ones (the Gentiles), who have been grafted in contrary to nature.

Father of Many Nations



- The tree is Christ, and the root is the fathers, the foundation of the church, connecting both the Jew and Gentile to Abraham—the father of many nations.
- α "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29).

One New Man



α "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh... that at that time you were without Christ... But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one... so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross..." (Ephesians 2:11-16).

This Is the Church



- This is the fulfillment of the promise given to Abraham.
- That we are one new man and one people of God comprised of every tongue, tribe, nation, and people.
- This is the church.

Part3
The Kingdom of God





Definition of the Kingdom



- So what exactly does God's Kingdom look like?
- Let us start with a definition:
- A kingdom is a nation of people—both physical and spiritual—whose ruler is God as King.
- God's Kingship (Malchut in Hebrew) and His Lordship (Adnut) lies in the fact that He is Lord of the whole universe.

In Summary



- So, a kingdom has a King, and His name is Yeshua, and a kingdom has a people who form a nation that serves that King.
- There is two more aspect to God's Kingdom—
- His citizenship.
- And His family.

All Those Grafted into Israel



- The Kingdom of God now encompasses all those who have been grafted into Israel.
- Paul said: grafted in amongst them, the natural branches who are Israelites and the descendants of Abraham.
- God's church, His Ecclesia and congregation includes people from every nation, tribe, people, and tongue.

Part 4
Restoration of The Kingdom





The Time of Restoration



- The prophet Isaiah has given us a powerful glimpse into this time:
- Now it shall come to pass in the latter days [the last days] that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob [Israel]; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:2-3).

Mountains



- *Mountains in scripture represent kingdoms.
- So, the key to understand here is that "the mountain of the Lord's house" represents Christ's Kingdom and His church.

Are We?



- *Are we in the last days leading up to the return of Yeshua?
- ❖ Very likely, but it is impossible to speculate just how long we have left since no man knows the day or the hour.
- ❖If we do not know exactly how long, then we should at least be aware of prophetic events unfolding in the earth during this time.

The Fig Tree



- "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near" (Matthew 24:32).
- *We know from scripture that the fig tree represents Israel.
- And since He gave Israel His biblical calendar, she is the Lord's time clock.

Deceptions



- *Yeshua also revealed many signs of the end:
- Deception, false Messiahs, wars and threats of war, kingdoms rising and falling, famine, pestilence, and powerful earthquakes.
- But all this He said were just the beginning.

All Will be Shaken



- *And it gets worse.
- Listen carefully to these words:
- α "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. Now this, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Hebrews 12:26-27).

The Lord Will Arise



- Everything in the world is going to begin to fall apart.
- But in the midst of this chaos, there is a prophetic promise that God has made to Israel.
- "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you" (Isaiah 60:2).
- "Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side" (Isaiah 60:4).

Rise and Shine



- *As the earth falls into greater darkness, Israel will begin to rise and shine as a beacon of light in the earth.
- Let's go back to our opening scripture from Isaiah where it says:
- *"These things" shall come to pass in the "latter days," meaning the days leading up to the return of the Lord.

His Holy Temple



- *And what things is the Lord speaking of?
- Specifically, it says that the Kingdom of the Lord's house, which is His holy temple, shall be established over all the kingdoms of the earth, and shall be exalted over all the nations.
- It says that all the nations shall flow up to Jerusalem to the Kingdom of God, and Israel will teach the nations how to walk in God's paths according to His laws.

Kingdom of the Living God



- *We know that "all" who are in Christ Yeshua, Jew, and gentile, are both the temple and the Kingdom of the living God.
- ❖I am specifically referring to Messianic Jews (true Israel) and believing Gentiles who have been grafted in amongst us.

The Church



- ❖ I am speaking about the Lord's church—His ecclesia and congregation comprised of every nation, tribe, people, and tongue.
- And I am speaking about the "one new man" in Christ Yeshua who have been brought together by the blood of the Lamb,
- One people of God, comprised of every tongue, tribe, nation, and people.
- *We are the redeemed of the Lord.

Two Aspects



- There are two aspects of the Kingdom that the Lord will be working together in tandem.
- *As the Gentiles accept Christ and provoke Israel to jealousy,
- ❖ Israel will gradually be restored to her spiritual foundation and become a light to the nations.

From Jerusalem



- *Yeshua's words will ring true, that the message of salvation would be shared in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and *then* the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).
- This time of the end, the latter days, is when we would begin to see the restoration of God's Kingdom.

Restoration of All Things



- ❖ If we study the history of both Israel and the church, we will discover there is a common parallel.
- God has been working for centuries to restore both.
- ❖ While they seem to be on different and even diverging paths, at some point not far into the future, the Lord will bring the two together as one.

Next Great Harvest



- *With the restoration of God's word, the power of His Holy Spirit, and the Messianic awakening of many Jewish people back to their Messiah, the church today is poised to receive the Lord's next great outpouring of His Spirit.
- This will culminate in the final restoration of the church and Israel, and the greatest harvest of souls the world has ever seen.
- "Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, When I return the captives of My people" (Hosea 6:11).

Aware of God's Restoration



- The church needs to be aware of God's restorative work with His land and His covenant people—Israel.
- And we need to get our eyes pointed in the right direction—towards Jerusalem.

Parts Few are Chosen





Invited to Join



- The church has been invited to join the Lord is the great endtimes endeavor.
- The Lord told His disciples:
- *"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few" (Luke 10:2).

Selective About His Servants



- *And Yeshua is selective about His servants:
- "[Yeshua] went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted" (Mark 3:13).
- "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14).

Her Am I



- Yes, the Lord chooses those He wants.
- But how are we qualified to be chosen?
- First, I believe we must be willing.
- The prophet Isaiah said:
- "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

The Father's Heart



- Second, we must have the Father's heart to fulfill His will.
- ❖It is imperative we understand God's heart for Israel.
- The Lord has declared:
- "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jeremiah 31:3).
- "Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul" (Jeremiah 32:41).

His Land and His People



- And it is imperative we understand God's heart for His land.
- "A land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year" (Deuteronomy 11:12).

How We are Qualified



- This is how we are qualified.
- We must be willing, and we must have God's heart for His land and His people.
- ❖I pray that we are all qualified and chosen to fulfill His great commission regarding Israel and the nations.
- *Amen!

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