

Natural Israel

[Yoneq encouraged people to share and then singled out Elezar.]

Elezar — I was really thankful because I feel how today God's will is being done; it is being revealed to us because he is doing something totally new with this different nation, this spiritual Israel.

I understood that there are three distinct nations: natural Israel, spiritual Israel, and all the rest of the nations. And now there is only one way to be spiritual Israel — it is His Body. And in order for the nation ~~or~~ the Jews to inherit the promise of Abraham they have to come into the Body of Messiah — the commonwealth of Israel. Because there is no other way. *He* is life; *He* is the way. We are beginning this people. We are initiating this way. We are going to constitute the Body. Now we know why we are using up our lives. We have vision about the future and the roots behind us. It is not something changing and loose and floating. But something rooted and solid. You feel the roots behind you and you are growing in the vine and you see the fruit it is producing and the fruit is good. I feel I can be faithful to this. We all need to be faithful to be part of Messiah's Body.

Nahaliel — it relates to what Martha was saying about our ancestry — we have a past history. We know where we came from and where we are going. We are secure and this is what we pass on. We are not just a bunch of people living together but we have an identity and a destiny so we can give our strength and force everyday to this purpose that we have.

Elezar — (had a question): Even though natural Israel was privileged in history because it is Israel, when Yahshua came to them, they rejected Him — the Messiah, so they lost their privileges. So now, should we regard natural Israel as part of the nations?

Yes, at this point they are a natural nation, not a spiritual nation. In the age to come they will be the predominant nation. But right now it is numbered amongst all the nations in the world since it is not really true Israel. But God is directing them, just like He is directing everyone else. They are not really Israel because Israel is twelve tribes collectively (otherwise it is not Israel). There are no twelve tribes in Israel, so the nation is defunct. The kingdom was taken away from them and given to the nation who produce the fruit. So we are the legitimate heirs according to promise because it was taken from Israel and given to a nation who would produce the fruit of it (Mt 21:43; 1 Pet 2:9). But it is all in God's plan, to give it back to Israel in the next age. And (Mt 19:28) the apostles will sit on twelve thrones and judge the natural twelve tribes in the *next age*. It is going to require the return of Messiah to be King over the earth. David will be king over Israel and the apostles and patriarchs will rule over the twelve tribes. Israel in that age will be the pre-eminent nation. Our Master will rule over the earth. And those who are faithful in this age will rule with Him over the nations. Those who are faithful will be given five cities or ten cities to rule over according to their abilities. Those who overcome (Rev 2:26) will rule the nations with a rod of iron.

Israel *will* be a nation. We are their servants. We are doing for them what they cannot do for themselves — because we are spiritual. Natural Israel is natural, not spiritual. The Christian church today is not spiritual. Not until we receive the Holy Spirit can we be spiritual. Elad [*an Israelite guest*] is natural. Rosanne [*a guest*] is natural — only being led by her inclinations and emotions.

Israel will be restored as a result of Isa 49:6 and so Isa 49:8 will come about. The desolate inheritances will be inherited because He has made a covenant with them. But *we* are the covenant keepers. They are not keeping His covenant, but *we are* keeping the covenant. So once Israel decided to reject their king 2000 years ago, *their* Savior, they also rejected the covenant which gave Israel the right to be called Israel (Romans 9 brings that out). So now the true church which is not even fully formed yet, is the true Israel. Gal 6:16 — the church is the Israel of God. It is who God was procuring through Abraham. Up until that time (Gen 12) he only had the nations. Now he wanted a covenant made with a people — those who would be Israel — a prince who would rule over the nations. God does not do anything now independent from human beings. He uses human nature to dwell in and to rule through. He made human beings to be his house. That is His temple. That is His plan. Eph 2:19-22 makes that obvious. We are the Israel of God, the legitimate heirs to the covenants of promise (Eph 2:12). We

are no longer aliens, separated from Messiah, but we are brought into that house (Heb 3:6; Lk 1:32-33 Eph 2:21-22). We are that house, outside the borders of natural Israel (Gen 15:18 — from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates). Mal 1:5 prophesied that Israel will go beyond the borders of the land God gave Abraham as a promise, in order to bring that promise about. Through us He is going to bring in another age in which age He will fulfill that promise. Satan must be bound in the church before God can give the promised land (Gen 15:18; 17:7,8,11; 18:19) to Abraham's seed in the next age. When Satan *is* bound in the church he will be thrown into the abyss and the new age will come and God will reestablish the nations and the land of Israel can be given to Israel (the natural Jews). Mal 1:5 — He is made *greathrough a people* — not by Himself, but through a people; and (verse 11) from a "pure drink offering." Drink offering means the poured-out life. Giving a drink offering is what they did in the Old Covenant as a type of how we (of the Israel that is outside the natural borders) will pour out *our* lives. Paul said that his own life was a drink offering of service to our God (2 Tim 4:7). His life was a drink offering — a drink that he poured out. Such lives are what is going to bring the end. There will be a temple that is greater than Solomon's. Even in the building of Solomon's temple, God said that it is not His ultimate purpose to dwell in temples made of bricks and stone. This was only a type of a temple that He was going to build out of human beings. 1 Pet 2:5-7 talks about living stones. He did not dwell in temples made out of stones. We are living stones being fitted together. There can be no friction between us (Phil 2:2-4,14,15). We have to be perfectly fitted and joined with cement. The Spirit is cement that joins us together so He can have that nation. 1 Pet 2:5-10 speaks about that temple greater than Solomon's. You can see our Father's ultimate purpose. Eph 2:20-21 talks about the dwelling place of God in the spirit — that temple that is rising — and when He gets that temple built, made of human beings, He will be able to rule the universe. Can you believe that God cannot rule the universe without human beings? There are no human beings in the universe. There are spirits and souls of human beings in heaven wherever Yahshua is, but God wants human bodies with human spirits and human souls — He made us that way so he can dwell in us individually and collectively so He can rule and fill the universe. How big is the universe? Does it have limits? He is going to rule through the edah for all generations, forever and ever. He will continue to have generations of human beings colonizing the universe. He is not able to rule by His Spirit alone, without human beings. He has to have real live human beings who are the exact representation of His divine Spirit in human form — as Yahshua was the exact representation of the Father wherever *He* was on earth (Heb 1:3). Therefore we are going to be exactly like Yahshua. There will be no difference between us as far as our function is concerned. We will always love and appreciate Him. And for some reason, in His resurrected body, the scars in His hands and feet and side are still there. He will have the only 'imperfect' body in the universe. Thomas believed because he stuck his fingers in our Master's side, *then* he called Yahshua Lord and Master. And our Master told them that they all believe because they have seen Him, but blessed is Emet and Chassidah and Yael who believe without seeing Him (Jn 20:29).

David Derush — 6000 years ago Adam was created and fell and since that time, God has wanted man back and man has that empty hole inside him. He instinctively knows he needs God and after all the things that happened and all the prophets who spoke and then Yahshua came and began the first church and it shone on the earth for a little while and then that was finished also, and it has been 2000 years when so many men have been searching without hope or light in their lives and now the prophets are speaking again and working in this age because we were chosen to bring about the end. It is incredible that we were chosen to bring about the end of all the sufferings of mankind and that He is communicating this to our hearts.

Our Father is forming it into our heart. That is where the prophetic message comes in through — it gets a hold of our heart. We are not dead stones; we are living stones in that temple.