

Restoration of the Corporate Witness

We are the restoration of the first Edah, which is going to supercede the witness of the first Edah. The first witness, the first Edah was in Jerusalem. This is the Judean pattern as Paul said 2 Ths 2:14, “for you brethren became imitators of the Edahs of God, in Judea in Messiah Yahshua.” These churches were branches of the church in Jerusalem, which is the pattern and foundation of all churches for all time. There can be no further progression of this pattern, which is the very foundation upon which all expressions of Messiah would be based.

The Edah (Jer 30:20) of those called out of the world (Acts 2:40,41,47) can be no other way. We look back to it today only as recorded in Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-37. There is no such life as Acts 5:20 to bear witness today. The only place you can see it is in the Bible in Acts 2 and 4, but it is just dead words unless it is brought back to life, rekindled and reincarnated. The witness of the Kingdom is not the record of its life (Acts 5:20) found written in the New Testament. That is the documentation that such an expression existed as a pattern to be followed and imitated (1 Ths 2:14), which is impossible without the Spirit of the first Edah being upon each one of them.

Paul said that the churches he founded were *followers* (#3402) or *imitators* of the churches in Judea. To *imitate* is to follow a pattern or model or example, so as to reproduce the same likeness. It is only by the same Holy Spirit that the example of Acts 2 and 4 could be expressed or imitated as a witness to the watching world (Jn 17:23). This pattern was established by the apostles, as our Master commanded in Mt 28:20 and Lk 24:47, beginning in Jerusalem, Judea, and then to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

The Edah, or the witness of the evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit, would be the light of the world. Tribes and clans were raised up as these witnesses (Isa 49:6), but they didn’t endure and the fulfillment of our Master’s words in Mt 24:14 would be put off for two thousand years. Isa 43:12 — You will be my witnesses in every place where there is no dissension, no grumbling or complaining (1 Cor 10:7-11), no objections, no different directions, no reasoning, no rationalizations, no doubtful discourse or disputes (Phil 2:14-15; Lk 9:46; Mk 7:21-22), over-reactions when personally affected, false presumptions or assumptions, accusations (Isa 11:3), listening to the wrong source, to those who jump to false conclusions, etc. (We always tend to judge and accuse others by how things affect us, our personal comfort, food, clothing, money, etc. The world’s problems cause alienation, estrangement, and divisions.)

Mt 16:18 — *The church* (#1577) is the new covenant communities of the redeemed — all who are chosen to do Gen 18:19 in *every place*, as a witness of Jn 17:23. Rom 16:5 designates a community that *lived* in their house, not that just *met* there. 1 Cor 1:2 — *In every place, such as where Aquila and Priscilla lived* (1 Cor 16:19), *unless and until they would stop loving our Master Yahshua as 1 Cor 16:22 describes, in which case Rev 2:4-5 would come upon them. Their love died for their Master, the love they had at first. We see the gradual demise of the New Covenant churches in every place* (1 Tim 2:8; Mal 1:11), *as in the region or tribal area of Achaia* (1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor 1:1). *Place means locality or township, such as Thessalonika* (1 Ths 1:1; 2 Ths 1:1).

The only explicit picture in the New Testament Scriptures is in Acts 2:38-47 and 4:32-37, which details the demands of the Gospel of Messiah. Other than this pattern there is no true expression of Jn 17:23 on Earth (1 Tim 2:8), *which is the Body expressed in a corporeal reality.*

Jer 30:18 – 31:1; Acts 2:38; 4:32 — These verses really speak to us — they are very important. As Jn 13:35, “If you love one another, all men will know that you are my disciples...” You will be the corporate expression as Jn 17:23 says, “You in Me and I in them.” That is the incarnation. “Just as I am the incarnation of You [the Father], they will be the incarnation of Me.” There must be a *re-incarnation* of Him on Earth.

Jn 17:23 — We must be the re-presentation of the historical prototype that began in Acts 2:37. “What I commanded you, you command them” (Mt 28:19-20) — we will tell people what to do. Peter remembered that, not saying, “Okay, be baptized,” but he went on to preach the many other words of Mk 10:17-31, whatever He commanded them to do. Then it would become clear whether they had real faith after that. So, three thousand

received his words, but how many didn't, after they heard the rest of the gospel, even though they were cut to the heart? This requires an apostle as Jn 17:20-23 and Acts 2:43 requires apostles.

The way one becomes a member of His universal and local Body is through Acts 5:32. You obey Him. Who is the Him? It is our Master Yahshua. "The one you murdered by hanging Him up on a tree... and we are His witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

The Philippian jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Well, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." "Who in the world is He?" They took him to their house and he heard the many other words. Then he and his whole household were baptized. Acts 16:31-33 — All the many other words didn't dissuade them, for they were fully persuaded — they had received faith.

Act 2:40 — So in obedience to the many other words he kept on exhorting them how to be saved from this wicked and perverse generation. You have to leave it all behind. 1 Cor 12:12 is the Body of Messiah. The disciples expressed this evidence set before all. It is the immutable word. The same gospel will cause the same effect as it did at the beginning if preached by the same Spirit upon us (Acts 1:8).

We must turn all of our teaching and ministry to the corporate life of the Body. If you have seen the corporate Body of Messiah, you have seen the witness. If you have seen the Edah, you have seen the Body, and this is made sure if every member is in obedience to His Spirit. This is immutable if Rom 12:1-2 is being done.

The Church — *the witness* or *Edah* — justifies its members, but the Church — *swarm* or *beehive* — is a Body that expels all foreign elements. As history has recorded it, the various attempts to revive the first church have just been forced labor. And there are all those who were persecuted for departing from the "church." In Revelation 18 it talks about the word *Babylon*. The Pope has always expressed a tyranny, a superficial service. All the things you have to do — Hail Mary's, walking on your knees, etc., while the Protestants do not even know what they are doing. They don't even have a pope. It is all oppressive heaviness, dullness.

Jn 10:10 proves that Satan has done his job (Mt 16:18) — the gates of the unseen realm have overcome the so-called "church". They became enemies of the cross (Phil 3:18-20), slaves of their own appetites (inner workings). They were *slack* in their spirits, and so were overcome by the ruler of the unseen realm and but to forced labor (Pr 12:24) — *religious rote*. But we are not under forced labor, are we? Heb 3:6 — We are His house *if* we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope (our outspokenness) firm *until the end* (Mt 24:14).