

## Reformation vs. Restoration

1. *Reform* — to improve by correcting errors, removing defects, to abolish abuse or malpractice, a change for the better.

2. *Restore* — to bring back into existence the original condition based upon the original foundation and pattern (as to restore the first or original church recorded in Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37).

Jer 30:20 — ~~As before~~, as fulfilling the words of Messiah in Mk 9:11-12.

Jer 30:20 — As before, the ~~edah~~ as a community.

This is a prophecy of the restoration of all things. The words “all things” indicate that there is nothing left to be restored. This is fulfilled in the end time prophecy of Isa 49:6.

Martin Luther, the great *reformer*, felt that “God” called him to reform the Catholic Church into a purer faith. He was devoted, ardent and zealous to reform the church according to the biblical standard, as he understood it to be, by “God’s grace”. But did “God” reveal all things to Martin Luther? Was there anything left that Luther did not restore to the true biblical standard?

The change from the original foundation and pattern of the first church in Acts 2 and 4 was brought about long before the days of Martin Luther by the great apostasy which crystallized into the Roman Catholic Church system.

Even as was revealed to the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos at the turn of the first century, what is recorded in Rev 2-3 denotes the demise of the first, original church. This was the revelation of the Messiah to John where he recalled His words recorded in Mt 17:11 and Mk 9:11-12 (Rev 21:5). The word *first* in Mk 9:12 meant first, just before His return. The word *restore* means for whatever is demised and fallen to be built again from the dust or from the holy roots to its original stature, in order for it to accomplish its original purpose, or to rekindle the fire of Lk 12:49 (Mt 21:43; 24:14; Rev 1:7; 5:9-10; Rev 12:1-6).

Dan 12:4,9 — What the first apostles did not know, the last apostles ~~do~~ know (Dan 2:44; 7:24; Rev 17:12).

Our Master let them know that it was not for them to know the times for the restoration of all things when He would return to set up the kingdom (Acts 1:6-7). Acts 3:21 is the time when He will return to restore all things fallen of the old kingdom of Israel and the devastation of the earth. This speaks of the next age, not this present age. It refers to Mt 19:28, which happens in the next age, speaking of the restoration of physical Israel during the millennial kingdom.

But Mt 17:11 and Mk 9:11-12 speak of this age, at this very hour — the restoration of the spiritual kingdom. It is the restoration of the nation prophesied in Isa 49:6, which Paul spoke of as fulfilling in Acts 13:47. The tribes were raised up (Act 26:7), but did not accomplish their goal (Mt 21:43; 24:14; Dan 2:28; 2:44).

So the fire of Lk 12:49 must be rekindled, to fulfill Mt 21:43 — again (just as the kingdom was given to the first church after old Israel fell, it must be given to a people after the first Edah fell). So the gospel must be proclaimed to the end of the earth (Isa 49:6; Mt 24:14) before He can return to do what the apostles asked in Acts 1:6 (Mt 19:28). This prepares the way for Messiah to return for the restoration of all things in the next, coming age (Acts 3:21).

So today 1 Pet 2:9-10 must be restored, be brought back into existence, instead of improving the present corrupt degeneration of this holy nation and priesthood. The restoration of this holy nation and priesthood (Rev 1:6; 5:9) was prophesied in Hos 2:23. Obviously Hos 2:23 refers to the edah then and now (especially now in its fulfillment).

Rom 9:23-29 — Paul applied it to his day and it is now applied to ours. Paul applied Rom 9:29 and Acts 13:47 to his day, but God re-applied it to ours. And Hos 1:6,8 goes with Mt 21:43; the kingdom was given to the nation raised up (Isa 49:6; 1 Pet 2:9-10) in the first century, but it failed to continue to produce the fruit of the kingdom. This is why God said it is a *light* thing to raise up the tribes of Israel, because the tribes are raised up to achieve a grand purpose — the fruit in Mt 24:14, to bring about Messiah’s return to this earth just as He went (Acts 1:8-11).

Acts 1:8 is what they were to work to achieve, but Dan 2:44 was 2000 years off. But they did not know this, as verse 7 says (Dan 2:44; 7:24; Rev 17:12). So, the lampstand was taken away from every place (locality,

township) and there was no witness (*edah*; Rev 2:5). Mal 1:11 and 1 Tim 2:8 were no longer a reality, so there was no longer the witness (which is the *edah*). So Jer 30:20 applies to us — the *edah*, the witness.

But Rom 9:25-26 is to be fulfilled before Messiah can possibly return to do what the apostles asked in Acts 1:6. The seed in Rom 9:29 speaks of the seed of the restoration of all things. The *seed* in Rom 9:29 is a ripened plant ovule containing an embryo, kept over for planting (#4690). To fertilize the seed plant, the seed plant was received by the *remnant* who are as Jn 12:24, producing the fruit of Mt 21:43. Rom 9:29 — The Christian seed (2 Cor 11:2-4, 13-15) produced Sodom and Gomorrah (Eze 16:49; Rev 18:2).

Rom 9:29 — An embryo, preserved until Isa 49:6, when the twelve tribes are raised up, then the formation of the woman in Rev 12:1, who gives birth to the Male Child and flees to the wilderness (verse 6). The woman is the twelve tribes of Israel. The Male Child is the 144,000 virgin males (Rev 14:1-5).

The seed in Rom 9:29 is not genetically modified. It begins a whole new nation on the *same* foundation and revelation as the first church in Acts 2:39-46, and this restoration will not be left, or given to another people (Dan 2:44). There is only one restoration of the church and this is 1900 years after Rev 2:5. Rom 9:27 is the remnant of the sons of Israel who are scattered throughout the world, the fruit of the seed which God preserved to produce the nation again which died in the first century. Jms 1:1 was written in the second century to an apostate nation that did not produce the fruit of Mt 21:43, which the last church *will* produce.

Mt 24:14 is the result of the restoration of Acts 26:7, which brings to fruition Gen 15:18 and 18:19, which is the fulfillment of Mt 19:28.

Mal 1:11 is the prophecy that will be fulfilled in these last days, restoring 1 Cor 1:10 and 1 Tim 2:8, and fulfilling Jn 13:34-35 and 17:20-21, which brings about Mt 24:14 and Rev 20:1-3 by Heb 10:13.

The love in Jn 13:34-35 has been in abeyance since the Rev 2:5 days because the gift of the Holy Spirit has been in abeyance since the last person who received the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5) in the first century died. The church has been divided since Jn 17:20-23 was no longer a reality, as Jn 13:35 is the witness, the *edah*.