

## Israel 1

**What must we preach? The kingdom of YHWH: atonement, justification, regeneration; judgment, eternal life and death, the return of Yahshua the Messiah and King (Lk 24:47).**

**Israel is not Israel just because it professes that it is Abraham's seed (Rom 9:6-8). Nor is man a Jew just because he has been circumcised. He is a Jew who in his inmost being has surrendered himself to YHWH (Rom 2:28-29). Israel is a tree. Some of the branches have been broken off through unbelief and now new branches are grafted in (Rom 11:17-19). The church is the true Israel of YHWH (Gal 6:16), a remnant chosen by grace (Rom 11:15). All who are Messiah's are Abraham's seed and heirs of the promises (Gal 3:16,29).**

**The church is defined by Paul as the Israel of YHWH (Gal 6:16), in order to distinguish the false church of the false gospel from the true church of the true gospel. The false church was formed by a different gospel than the one Paul preached (Gal 1:6-9). The *shepherd* who preaches another gospel is himself accursed along with what he starts by this different gospel — the whole tree is bad, roots and all (2 Cor 11:4,13-15).**

*The true church* will be expressed in twelve tribes. The Israel of YHWH is the true Israel of twelve tribes. Israel is Israel only as a completed whole. Israel is a name given to twelve tribes collectively. The false church today is not true Israel but *apostate Israel* — false or traitorous, an abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion or departure from the Foundation (Rom 12:1-2); one who has forsaken Messiah and become a harlot, unfaithful. A false gospel crept in and a whole new generation grew up with a *different Jesus* from the one Paul preached. Rev 2:1-5 proves that churches can die even though they start well and good. The Roman Church in name only has existed for 1900 years — only in the sovereignty of YHWH for a *demonstrational* purpose at the end of the age (Rev 18:4). It has existed as a HARLOT and her sins are piled up as high as heaven. This church along with her daughters (Rev 17:5) — the mother of harlots and the abominations of the earth — the Greek Orthodox, the Lutheran and Protestant churches, and Christian ministries and clubs and shows, denominational churches — all who dwell in disunity and division. They do not even claim to be the Israel of YHWH, much less have the vision to become this Israel of twelve tribes. Israel is Israel only as twelve tribes — no more and no less (Rev 12:1).

So who and where is the true Israel of YHWH that Paul said the true church was and James addressed his letter to? They are in the same place the chosen race, the royal priesthood and holy nation is (1 Pet 2:9-10; Isa 49:6). The same place Rev 1:6 and 5:10 are — where is this kingdom of priests and this holy nation of twelve tribes? Where is this Israel which has a mission to be a witness of the kingdom before the end can come? To exhibit before the world the glory of the God who called it to be His people (Ex 19:6). This is the Israel in the scripture, but where is it upon the earth? Israel was called to be this *expression* by the God of Heaven. Now where is it? Hosea, where is it? (Hos 1-3). Jeremiah, where is it? (Jer 3:1-5). Isaiah, where is it? ((Isa 54:4-7). You were to be the wife of YHWH — now where is the Bride-to-be today? (Eph 5:22-23; Rev 21:2,9-11; 19:8-9). Where is this Bride who is making herself ready? Where is this one corporate Body, Paul? (1 Cor 12:27). John, where are the twelve branches Yahshua called you twelve to be? The twelve branches connected to the Vine of Israel, the twelve tribes with the many clans — branches and twigs and fruit? (Jn 15:8,1-10). Did you all remain in His love? Did you find you could do something without Him? (Jn 15:5,10). Where you cut off? And only the Vine remains and its Vinedresser, waiting for new branches to grow back, which had been pruned for awhile until the so-called *latter rains*. So whoever finds the Door will come into the Vine again — to become the twelve-tribed, branched, Israel of YHWH

Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 1:30; Col 1:28 — The Door is the only way to come into Him and His sheepfold of the true Israel (Jn 10:2), to be *organically one in Messiah's Body* — one with the vine and one with the branches — one with the twigs and one with the fruit — a commune-ity of disciples, a commune of which Yahshua is the Head.

Faith alone made Israel to be Israel (Lk 18:8), the church the church. Faith survives by finding a people to incarnate itself into. The gospel is the power of YHWH to generate faith into that people — faith to faith (Rom 1:16,17,5). Apostolic ministry brings about the obedience of faith. Faith is looking for obedience, a people to be obedient in and that people will be ISRAEL. When *faith* is spurned by these people, the church of the New Covenant dies, loses its Statue of Liberty as the United States of America will do if it violates its constitution — so the nation of the Bill of Rights dies. Democracy is more than a historic document written by Thomas Jefferson. The church is more than even a Bible. Democracy is men who hold these truths to be self-evident and it will survive as long as such men survive and not ten minutes longer. The church survives the same length of time before the angel blows its lampstand out and once it blows it out, by whom and how can it be lit again? Like salt that loses its savor, it is good for nothing — no longer good for anything, especially the very purpose it was inaugurated for in Yahshua's blood (Heb 10:13; Col 1:18; Rev 11:15); and on and on. So the new covenant is still written in the Bible, but these words are looking for someone to believe them. The faith in this purpose lived as long as a peculiar people were dedicated to it.

But Jn 14:21-24 places one in the position of radical discovery that the Father and the Son want to actually live in a people to do their will and disclose themselves to them. *Radical* means “root, origin and foundation.” We *discover* that YHWH the Father and the Son Yahshua desire to find a people who will obey their commands. For in that day you shall know that Yahshua is in His Father and that those who love Him are in Him and He is in them. He who loves Him will be loved by His Father and Yahshua will love him and will reveal Himself to him — and only he can reveal Yahshua to others. Yahshua said also that if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word and My Father will love him and We will come to him and make our home with him. This is the Shepherd of the sheep (Jn 10:2; 21:15-18).

But if the true church is the true Israel, then it is the people of the *covenant*. The New Testament itself should be called the New Covenant, for it is the record of this New Covenant that Jer 31:31 spoke of (prophesied of, rather) — how it was made and what it meant. We can read of the ceremony in Ex 24:1-11 of the inauguration of the Old Covenant, with the sacrificial sprinkling of blood on the altar and on the people, the reading of the Law and the sacramental meal in the presence of YHWH. A sacrament was an oath, a ceremony producing an obligation, an outward and visible act of inward grace, to bind by oath — this meal together, a *peace offering*, designates unity and oneness. The nation under the Old Covenant was born in the *meal*. They ate and drank (Ex 24:11; 18:12; 1 Cor 11:26; Heb 8:6; 10:28-29; Dt 4:12,13; Ex 33:20-23; Eze 28:14).

The blood of the covenant compares with Mt 26:28; Lev 1:5. Blood is the only way one could approach YHWH in community (Lk 22:15-20). This meal in the presence of YHWH, even Yahshua in the New Covenant, was an act of utmost seriousness which bound the twelve tribes to the God of the covenant — to one another forever. In this act they became a people, a nation, the commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:12,19-22), which one must come into to be saved (even out from among the harlot, as John called them out of apostate Israel, Rev 18:4,5) through the eternal gospel (Rev 14:6). As in the Breaking of Bread one is initiated into the New Covenant by drinking of the cup and eating of the Bread (the New Covenant cup). It may be some day that all twelve representatives of the twelve tribes will gather together for a solemn meal — the birth of a nation in a day (Isa 66:8-9). This is the holy nation.

As we know 1 Cor 10:5,11 — these were written down and recorded for a generation yet to be born (Ps 102), upon whom the age has come to a close (Mt 24:14).

Israel did not remain loyal to the bond of love of that covenant. But did that mean that YHWH could not ever get what He was after and accomplish His purpose of this covenant with Israel? Or did He have something better in mind for us? (Heb 11:39). Israel fell into everything imaginable — divisions, strife, jealousy, contention, discord, hatred, murder — broke every commandment over and over and over. The tribes could not maintain unity even among their own tribe or clan — there was no loving their neighbor or themselves (Heb 3 & 4). The prophets spoke of their unfaithfulness and unbrotherly and idolatrous behavior. It was simply not in Jacob nor his twelve sons to keep covenant with their God, showing, like the church today, that they were *no true people* of YHWH,

which is described in Eph 2:12-22; 4:11-16; Phil 2:1-5; Rom 12; etc. They were not a people who loved YHWH their God with all their heart and their neighbor as themselves (Eph 4:2-3). It simply was not in them after a few generations or so. 2 Cor 5:15 did not happen as a whole, but rather strife and division, disunity, not the bond of peace and love. There was a missing link between the sin offering and the meal of thanksgiving and peace. The burnt offering, and the meal or grain offering and the trespass offering was not even taught. Acts 2:41-47 was lost... the kingdom was lost — but the words of its constitution are still looking for those to consent and accept (Mt 6:33; 2 Cor 5:15). Israel of old and new could not believe that they had a pre-occupation greater than self-interest. And the prophets continued to prophecy of YHWH's faithfulness to do what He set out to do with Israel. That out of the broken pieces of Israel a Deliverer would come to inaugurate a New Covenant, to raise up a new Israel — a pure Israel under a New Covenant (Lk 22:15-20; Jer 32:40). Something that YHWH would do with all of His heart and soul. Mt 5:1-12 — Blessed are the pure in heart, poor in spirit, the meek — He started with the *preamble* to the New Constitution of the New Israel. He said the Law will not pass away but would be put in the ark of the New Covenant — of the human heart and mind — and not one jot or tittle would be tampered with, but it would be fulfilled by LOVE.

Isa 42:6-7; 49:8-10; 55:3 — *steadfast love* (RSV) is a covenant term describing His steadfast love of those with whom He makes a covenant; Isa 54:9-17 is the church/Israel (Rev 21:9-12; Jer 31:31-34). The everlasting good news developed from these prophetic utterances, and with this gospel the Servant's task of Isa 49:6 was to raise up the tribes of Israel from the four winds to be a light to the nations — a witness (Mt 24:14). The hope of Israel of a new Exodus out of bondage, looking for *that Door* — or was *the Door* looking for them? It was in a little upper room that Jeremiah's words found fulfillment. This is the New Covenant in My Blood (1 Cor 11:25; Lk 22:20). Here was the inauguration, the long-awaited New Covenant (Heb 8:6-13; 2 Cor 3:4-6). The ministers of the New Covenant. Here in this *upper room* the New Covenant that Jeremiah prophesied was made reality and actual. Here among His disciples the New Israel was to come about, which would be given the new and better promises and the *law* on their hearts and minds (Mt 5:17-20). Here was *He* whom the prophets longed for to give the law in a new way and to make that new covenant — the One Sin Bearer of the whole world who would mediate it in His own Body upon the Altar of the Cross.

He was the hope of Israel as Israel to fulfill its destiny in the word Yahshua spoke that night.

The Last Supper was a covenant meal — as the peace offering foreshadowed — the kiss of peace — which was to seal the peace and unity of Israel — even as He prayed (Jn 17:21), that they would be one.

So as the covenant at Sinai (Ex 24:1-11), in Law, united the twelve tribes to *oneness* in fulfillment of all things — so the restoration of all things will come about in these last days, in grace, by the shepherds who have found the *Door* into Israel, the sheepfold of YHWH — where the bread is broken and the cup is held high and the sound of rejoicing from that dwelling resounds throughout the town of Sus, Clark's Harbor, and Island Pond, and wherever else the Spirit leads — the New Covenant meal in this upper room brought together the preserved Hope of Israel after the Savior's death and resurrection.

In His death He descended and freed all those in waiting with longing for the New Covenant. For without us they would not be made perfect. For these He freed (Heb 2:14-15), are the friends of the Bridegroom who are present at the great meal in the kingdom. Jn 3:29; Lk 13:25 — All who offered their sin offering in the Old Covenant and gave up their life in it — life for life — to Him who stayed the death sentence by descending at His death to the lower regions to release the captives.

The symbol of Israel (Rev 12:1), *twelve stars*, must be preserved throughout the age (Acts 1:15-26).

The cup is the New Covenant in My Blood (1 Cor 5:7). He is our Passover, the Lamb of Yahweh, who takes away the sin of the world and saves His people Israel from their sins (Mt 1:21; Jn 1:29; Heb 12:24; 1 Pet 1:19; 2:24; Isa 53:7,10). In His sacrifice, the whole sacrificial system of the Old Covenant has been fulfilled and superseded, by the real sacrifice of Himself, so as to allow *real* Israel to be a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1) — burnt offering — so that our *service* would not be in vain and hypocrisy, and we would have atonement for our sins and so we could offer the peace offering of the Breaking of Bread and give praise and

thanksgiving to our King, fulfilling all the Old Covenant sacrificial system in the New Covenant (Lev 1-5 , in a new and living way. Heb 10:20 — burnt offering, grain, peace, in a new and living way — the reality of the shadow.