

The Fire of Purification

The Indestructible Jew

The word “Jew” today is the only term used to identify a natural descendent of Abraham, whether it is right or not to for someone to call himself a Jew. Paul said they shouldn’t call themselves Jews if they are not fulfilling Rom 2:28-29. They really aren’t Jews in the sense of doing the deeds of Abraham. Still, the Jews have a name that identities them as natural descendents of Abraham. It is not that they are God’s people. At this present time, only those who have His Holy Spirit are God’s people. We are partakers of the New Covenant and in the next age it will be bestowed on the natural seed of Abraham.

You can speak of the “Indestructible Jew” if you want to, although in the last two thousand years they have brought terrible things upon themselves. That is not hard to see in Eze 36:23. Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 predicted the things that would come upon them for how they are. These things happen to them because of how they cause the name of God to be blasphemed wherever they go in the nations. This is true not only of the Jews but of anyone who claims to know God. We also could hold our Master up to public shame, and a lot of people have. We have had to send people out of the Community because in a nearby town you would find them going into a bar or doing other unspeakable things, blaspheming His name, just as Hebrews 6 says:

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:4-6)

So, it is not just the Jews who have done that. But Jews won’t recognize that they do blaspheme the name of God because of their actions. Our Father has preserved the Jews down through the centuries. The whole of Israel is referred to as “Jews” today,

which is a wrong concept. A lot of Christian theologians will call old Israel the Jews. “The Jews came out of Egypt,” they will say, and of course they did, as part of the Twelve Tribes. The reason our Father has preserved the Jews, and not allowed them to be totally destroyed, is because of the prophecy in Zec 13:8-9, “Two thirds will be cut off and one third will be saved.” That one-third will go through a time of purification. The one-third in Zec 13:8 will be preserved. And then in Zec 12:10 it says:

And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. (Zec 12:10)

Here, the prophet of the Most High goes and puts the direct blame on the Jews themselves, or on the natural descendents of Abraham, for the death of Messiah.

Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. (Zec 12:10)

This sorrow will be an amazing thing, for they have heard all kinds of horrible, evil things about our Master Yahshua. They have heard how He was a bamboozler, a charlatan, and an evil person – that is how He is presented in the Talmud. So, even though they have heard all kinds of horrible things, still they will look on Him whom they have pierced. They have passed these things onto their children. Rev 1:7 refers to those who have pierced Him:

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, amen.

John distinguishes between the Gentiles who actually carried out the execution, and the Jews who bear the guilt for taking the Lamb and slaughtering Him out of envy and malice.

The Purification of Community Life

So in this day we are being purified. Mal 3:1-3 speaks specifically of us in our day of being purified from all the defilements of the world. We have so much defilement that is always accessible to us, on the radio, the Internet, so many places, to even defile our

precious children. All we can do is try to keep them undefiled. These things always will be accessible, but there will be those who are purified and refined. They will be able to offer proper, acceptable sacrifices of praise to our Father in the minchot.

There will be those who are made like Him. They give themselves to the refining process. The dross has to be taken out of us in order to look like Him. There is dross in us and dross in the whole community. There is dross in those who are really, truly sincere about their faith. There will always be the tares, the wise virgins, and the foolish virgins. It will always be that way until the angels come down and separate the bad fish from the good fish, the wheat from the tares of Mt 13:47-50. In the days when the testing is so intense, they will turn against one another – those who don't truly love our Master (Mt 24:8-12).

A lot of people don't truly go through the refining process. They can even "go along with things" for fifty years. Their heart doesn't truly turn over to our Master Yahshua. Finally, they even quit praying.

The Survivors will be Purged

All those who are called Jews today were not all from Judah originally. They are probably divided between all the tribes, all the sons of Jacob. Then there will also be survivors of the nations in Zec 14:16. The survivors of Israel, of the seed of Abraham, will be as our Master said in Mt 19:28, ruled over by the twelve apostles, sitting on their thrones. We have to see and know that. King David will be the King of Israel in that day. The twelve apostles won't have a big throne. They will be like us in ruling over the nations. The throne is our Father's throne. It is His authority. The apostles will rule over the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Zec 14:16 — The survivors from the nations will be scions, going over to the next age, and they will repopulate the earth. Then those of us who are faithful will rule in

that age in certain localities or cities. The nations will probably be reestablished. Or their cities will be, anyway. Lk 19:16-19 talks about it.

The survivors from among the “Jews” in Zec 13:9 will be purged:

I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, “This is My people;” and each one will say, “The Sovereign is my God.”

The survivors will be purged, purified, and established in the New Covenant, as we are now in the New Covenant. We are the forerunners, the foretaste of the age to come. We are the new Israel doing what they are not doing. The kingdom was taken away from them and given to a nation that would do what they never did (Mt 21:43). New Israel will do what Abraham did and old Israel never did. We are, on their behalf, serving night and day. As Paul said before King Agrippa:

And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. (Acts 26:6)

Then He said in Acts 26:8 that God will resurrect old Israel:

Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

Acts 26:6-8 goes along with Isa 49:6-8. Heb 10:13 goes along with Rev 20:3, for we are laboring, serving, for that purpose – to bring about an enemy-free land. Then our Master can come back. This is what will bring about the Millennium, when Israel is reestablished in their land. The Edah has to be restored in this age (Mt 17:11-12; Mk 9:11-12), to bring about the restoration of all things in the next age, which is everything promised to Israel (Mt 19:28).

We see Jer 31:1, “I will be the God of all the clans or families of Israel,” which is the restoration to bring about the New Covenant of Jer 31:34. They will then be refined. He is preserving all the Jews now, in order for the one-third to be saved. He will kill those who come against Israel now in order to preserve the one-third who will be saved (as in Ezekiel 38-39). It is for the sake of those who will look upon Him whom they

pierced. It is not that He *favors* the apostate Jews who are causing so much havoc over there, as the Christians think.

They will look upon Him and be pierced because they have heard the truth for fifty years from a people. They got mad about it, but then something started going on in their hearts. Then at the very end of this age the Male Child will go out. Some of the Jews will want to kill them and so they will go on to take the Mark of the Beast. But the ones who were hearing something in their hearts will have to flee before they take the Mark of the Beast. (You can see what we are living for on the earth today. We have to know our purpose.)

They will be refined as we are now. The Community is a smelting pot. It separates the dross in our lives. It shows our rebellion, our inattention, which shows our tendency to be a foolish virgin. We can be distracted, or we can pay attention and respond to pass it on to others. Community life is the proving ground. How else can you be proven? You can't. It is the pot where what is worthy of our Master comes forth.

Do you know what the "intense heat" of community life is? Even Harry Truman said it one time, "If you don't like the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Doers of the Word and Doers of the Work

The smelting pot uses intense heat to separate the dross from the pure metals. It is then tested, purified, and refined, after which the precious metals can be judged to determine their value. We will stand before him (2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 4:5) to see what our value to Him is. Is there any value in us, as Dan 12:2-3 speaks of? Our value is determined by what we do — our works. It is determined by the love we have demonstrated and shown, the encouragement we have always given, and how we have worked. We are supposed to be doers of the word and doers of the work. Where is that recorded? Jms 1:22 and 25:

²² *But be **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

²⁵ *But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a **doer of the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

That is amazing, isn't it? Martin Luther didn't like that.

Therefore, we have a work ahead of us. People don't even know what they are saved for. They say, "I am saved to go to heaven."

"No, you are saved to do the works that build up the Body, as Eph 4:16 says."

This is so our Father can have a dwelling place. Each person does this work according to the abilities he has. Each person is adjusted down to do his or her works. You can adjust the logs on the fire to get it going. Too close together and the logs smother the fire. Move them a little apart and the air gets between them and the fire burns nicely. Sometimes you move people around to see if they can get the heat of the fire going there.

Those who did the works in Dan 12:2-3 will be as the luminaries forever and ever. They will continue to give light, understanding, revelation, and direction to the nations forever and ever. The nations are going to need us. Our Father will give them deficits so that they need us. We have deficits. None of us have it together by ourselves either. We are all needy. We all need to submit to the grace in other people.

So, He says, "This is now my people again." You can see that covenant in Lev 26:12, which was spoken to old Israel. Just look at Leviticus 26 sometime. The blessings in it are to the revitalized Twelve Tribes of the next age to which the covenant is restored. They will dwell in the land ruled over by the apostles in Mt 19:28.

When the Dross Can't be Burned Out

Heaven retains our Master and He can't come back, even if He wanted to, until the time comes, as someone read last night in Lk 1:17 (Mt 3:1-3). The dross has to be burnt out and we have to be perfectly prepared for Him. It is by the intense heat that the dross is removed from His people.

In Jeremiah 6 the fire burns on and on, but it accomplishes nothing.

I have set you as an assayer and a fortress among My people, that you may know and test their way. They are all stubborn rebels, walking as slanderers. They are bronze and iron, they are all corrupters; the bellows blow fiercely, the lead is consumed by the fire; the smelter refines in vain, for the wicked are not drawn off. People will call them rejected silver, because the Sovereign has rejected them. (Jer 6:27-30)

You can see the rejection there. But there is going to be a renewed, restored Israel, partakers of the New Covenant in the land in the next age. You can see that in Lev 26:9-45 if you ever want to read it. Eze 37:21-28 is something else you can read about Israel. It is amazing what it says if you have spiritual understanding (Eze 37:24 specifically, and Eze 36:28-38, and especially Eze 36:36). Num 35:34 says if you shed innocent blood the land won't get rain, or just enough to make you mad. It doesn't do much good. It is just superficial. You can see why these things happened to Israel:

And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters... I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. (Lev 26:27-29,32-33)

Of course, there are four or five other places where it talks about them actually eating their children. There was the siege in Jerusalem and the one in Samaria in 1 Kings, and these things came upon them because of their rebellion. Our Father will save one-third of them, but it will only be because of His mercy. He is not going to give a perpetual, enemy free land to those who are rebellious. They will always have conflict over there (Eze 36:28-38; Num 35:34).

Acts 26:8 speaks about Rom 11:15. The desolate heritages of Isa 49:8 cannot be restored until the Great Commission is fulfilled (Mt 28:18-20). So Isa 49:6 brings about Isa 49:8 and Acts 26:6 brings about Acts 26:8. These things can't come about until the Twelve Tribes of Israel are raised up to bring light to the world at the end of this age. You have to understand that. Rom 11:15 means that our Father will keep His covenant

with Abraham to give him an enemy-free land. Gen 15:18 is the enemy-free land and it can only come about when a people are doing Gen 18:19. No people have ever done it before. It says, “Only when this happens will I give Abraham what I have promised Him.”

He will do it when He has got a people who will pay attention to their children, bringing about justice and righteousness. And what will happen if He doesn't get that?

Jeremiah – He will smite the land with a curse (Mal 4:6).

And God will have to walk through those split animals as He vowed in Genesis 15. It is the same kind of covenant the people of Jerusalem made and broke in Jer 34:18. Whom did He have His eyes on when he made that covenant, according to His infinite foreknowledge? He knew this according to the will of man, through what men would choose to do. He knew someone would do His will. What does Jer 34:18 say?

I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it – the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf — I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth. (Jer 34:18-20)

You can see how essential we are, the *Derusha*, the *Yah-shama*. Eze 48:35 is the name of someone, “YHWH Shama.” If it was a name it would be *Yahshama* or *Shemiyah*.

All the way around shall be eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: The Sovereign is there. (Eze 48:35)

Yes, YHWH is there. In Ezekiel 48 you can see the Twelve Tribes in the next age. In Revelation 7 you can see the Twelve Tribes in this age; twelve thousand will come from each tribe. In the last three and one-half years they will go out and be sacrificed, every one of them being killed. Finally, even the two in Israel will die (Rev 11:7-11).

In Eze 48:12-29, you can see the Twelve Tribes in Israel in the next age. In verses 30-35 you can see the Twelve Tribes in eternity. You can't be saved without being in the Twelve Tribes. We are saved to build up the habitation of the Godhead in eternity. We

are the wife of the lamb, the corporate Body in whom the Godhead will be embodied, for Him to rule the universe through. You can see the eternal age in Eze 48:30-35.

In the siege in Jerusalem they do those horrible things it was prophesied that they would do (Dt 28:64; 2 Kng 6:26-29; Jer 19:9). The one-third left in Zec 13:8-9 are from all the tribes, not just the Jews in Judah. Our Father is not going to just establish the Jews in Judah. The different tribes will be separated from the Jews to be the progenitors of the Twelve Tribes in the next age.

I could go on about the fate they chose for themselves to be outcasts. The last and final straw, of course, was to say, "Let Him be crucified" and let something come upon our heads. What was it? "His blood, and upon our children's children."

Then Zec 13:8-9, that one-third, maybe a few thousand, who will be separated into each tribe in the next age. If our Master's words in Mt 19:28 don't come true, then you can't trust Him. But it will come true. David will be the King in that day.

My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. (Eze 37:24)

Eze 37:21-28 talks about the whole thing. David will be the King in the next age over Israel. Our Master Yahshua will be the King over the whole earth, not just Israel. Then the original apostles will be rulers also in Israel over each tribe. Then we will rule over the nation where we are from. It will be a rule of helping them, leading them, and loving them in the next age. It will be like the Garden of Eden. We won't be sitting on thrones or something, but guiding and leading people as we sit together under a tree. They will need us so desperately. It will be a foretaste of the eternal age, when we, as Rev 22:2 says, will eat the essence of the tree, its fruit, and the nations will eat the leaves. It might be maté or something else for the healing of the nations.

The Twelve Tribes will take on the essence of divinity. We will partake of that divinity in our humanity and pass it on somehow to the nations, for their healing and well being. We will not be divine, but we will house divinity.

And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. (Rev 22:5)

Who is this? The Twelve Tribes of Israel. It is just like the proper translation of Dan 7:27 in the Living Bible, the RSV, which says, “They will serve and obey *them*,” meaning the corporate man, the saints, the Body of Messiah. Then our Master will give everything back to the Father and be one with all of His brothers. The Godhead will dwell in all of the saints. “Don’t touch me,” He said, “until I ascend to My Father and your Father” (Jn 20:17). That is who our Master is, and we are to be like Him.

So, instead of going through all the gory things the Jews have gone through the last two thousand years in history books, you can just look at those verses. They won’t receive it that those things happened to them because they were rebellious. They won’t be like Daniel who said, “I am guilty too, like my fathers. Forgive us!” Daniel identified with their sins. We are not just getting on the Jews. They are certainly no more guilty than anyone else who sees our Master and rejects Him.

Ha-êmeq – Because of all the revelation they received, which was supposed to make them different, when they got out of the boundaries, they went into the terrible, horrible things they could never have imagined. So, we have to have the same fear for we are in the same place. Often people who leave here get into horrible, gross things, and they go way out of character for the person you knew them to be. They go way out of the boundaries of where they were supposed to be. You couldn’t even imagine the things they have done.

Maybe you stepped out of the boundaries and were shocked at how you were at the mercy of whatever thing that was tempting you. Those who make it back are so thankful, for they know there is no telling what they could have become. Those who know the way, but take their will and move themselves out there, will be the worst.

Some may look at people in the world and think they are not doing so badly. Why? They grew up without direction, but we didn’t. We know. It puts fear in us, not making us arrogant. That is why Paul told the ones who got arrogant in Rome and said, “We are better than the natural seed” that they were not to say that.

Jude 1:21 – Stay within the boundaries where He love and blessing can reach and keep you. When you get out you are on dangerous ground.

Soreph Gamaliel – The victim spirit is one of the most evil spirits in the world. The Jews don't see themselves as guilty, as the prophets did, shaming God's name among the nations, so most see themselves as victims of anti-Semitism. I can remember Miriam Hur telling me about the fall of the First and Second Temples (Solomon's and Herod's) on the exact same day of the year centuries apart (Tish b'Av). It is a very signal coincidence to them. I asked her, "Do they see those things as judgment for their sins?"

Miriam didn't think so. Now I know they don't, but they are embittered by such things instead. It makes them want to kill and destroy, like the Jews in the Book of Esther who killed all their enemies. With the Jewish control of the media, it is not surprising that the victim spirit permeates America. It is the power behind the Black and Woman's Liberation movements, and many other things as well.

If I am under that, it is easy for me to be think the worst. We can justify almost any action when we are under the victim spirit. It removes the boundaries. "Look at my life, my lot, the way my brothers treat me." I have struggled with things like this.

Years ago we heard that "A worthless man can do anything." When Shaul compared himself to David, he became worthless in his own eyes, and could even order the death of the priests. The victim spirit, and the evil it justifies, is why so many Jews leave their religion. If we come out from under it ourselves, we'll be able to speak to them. We need all the Aharon Cohen's, Baruch's, and Yedidiah's we can get.

Jeremiah – Something that stuck out to me was that our Father told Israel, "If you don't stay faithful to me, I am going to cause this to happen." If there were people who were sensitive they would say, "That is why these things are happening to us, as Jews and as His people, because we weren't faithful."

They can't say, "This is just what God told us was going to happen." If they could do that, they could see and be saved. That is what one-third of them will say. Now here we are, a people, saying we are Israel, and we have the same accountability, and if we go off, everything that could happen to us, everything old Israel got, we would deserve. It is a high calling we have and I want to be faithful.

For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. (Rom 11:21-22)

We know that those who aren't faithful will be cut off too. But then you go to Dan 2:44 and read, "...and the kingdom shall not be left to other people," and get an attitude that we can relax and say, "Oh, I have read the back of the book, and we win!"

But whoever those people are in Dan 2:44, it won't be left to another people. We will know who we are, and this will propel us, energize us to be whoever we are individually supposed to be. The people of Rom 11:21-22 weren't the people. They were cut off too, just like old Israel. The restoration of all things in Mk 9:11-12 in the days of those ten kings won't be left to another people. Those who get that attitude, who sit back and relax since they are the "holy people of God" and think everything is going to happen regardless of how they are, have a foolish and wicked attitude. When we relax is when we end up cut off.

Elliot – Our Father made a self-cursing oath. He's got to keep on looking if we don't do what we are supposed to do. But, He is my friend and I want to just set my face like flint and go forth, doing the works prepared for me.

Natan – When people have a purpose, they are different, knowing they have a reason for being alive. If anyone were to walk up to us and ask, "Why are you alive? What are you doing with your life?" We can answer them. Whenever I forget that, I am different. I start to wane, decrease, and drift. When we know why we are here, and talk about it, we start to increase.

The salmon don't go up the stream because it is a nice field trip. They know they have to go reproduce where they were born. We have to leap up the waterfalls and get to where our Master is. Someday people are going to come to us and say, "What are you doing?" Our answer can't be, "We are the Twelve Tribes and we live in community." It has to be the purpose we are giving our lives to, to see Israel be restored.

Dodavah – I am thankful for what we have heard this morning. It makes me not want to ever sit back and be lazy. It is in all of us, to just get used to things and not go forward. The evil one wants to quench our lives. I am

thankful that I was able to come and live here. I want this to be a mark in my life that I don't ever go back but always go forward, like that salmon jumping forward. I don't want the evil one to come in and take away that life our Master Yahshua wants us to give to others.

Jesse – I was thankful for what we heard about the intense heat. How humiliating it would be if we didn't let the dross be worked out of us by it. It is so important what we hear, like about Old Israel and how they came to do such disgusting things as eating their children. They were in intense heat, but they could never be evaluated, for they hung onto their dross.

Our Father humbles us, puts us through the fire and smashes us down, so that He can remove everything in us that hinders that gold from shining. Then at the end of the age, He will see that we have let all those things go. The work of the evil one is to hold those things there and not let them go, causing us to be refractory disciples. The difference between the nations and Israel is that the holy people let themselves be purified.

Noel – I am really thankful for being here. I was out in the wilderness and dying, and our Master brought me here to this place, the conclusion of the journey of my life, where I am being set free every day. It is scary knowing what words to say, but I am thankful for everyone being here and living this life of unity. I am thankful for Yoneq saving me twice. It is awesome to see the awesome faces here everyday. I see that is what makes us powerful. I can't really say it in words. It is like the morning sun. It is awesome.

Amen. Just like we said, Yapheth will dwell in the tents of Shem that eat with chopsticks. Of course, that will happen in the nations, but also in Israel, where we eat with chopsticks. They will say, "I am jealous; I am eating with forks." So I am thankful our Father is saving Yapheth. "Cham, Shem, and Yapheth," we have a song that goes something like that. How does it go? [We sang Psalm 133.]

Can you imagine? What if I hadn't of gone into the library the other day? Or what if I hadn't given him a Freepaper? Or what if I hadn't gone after him when he left that day? Those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God. We will just be a disaster if we are not.