

Ordination

We have ordained David Derush for the task of representing us in contacting a half a million Christians via the Internet. It's not as if he is ordained as an elder, but he has been ordained for the sake of him representing us. He's going to be contacting half a million Christians across the country, which he said he could do easily. He knows exactly how to get to them.

Mevaser — He's going to be sending out emails with the URL that points to the Litmus Test website to every Christian email address he can find. He is going to post things, e.g., on the Yahoo Bible Study pages and church listings of their members. He expressed a lot of faith about this in the meeting yesterday, so we set him apart to do it, and ordained him to get going. He's been working all day long, getting the domain names registered, e.g., *The Black Box Speaks Again* will have its own website come up under a Google search under "Christian history."

He's very good. He has a burden and a heart for it. He really cares about Christians who are stuck in that system. He's done something like this before, where with just a little bit of effort he had a book that people were ordering from him.

I thought we would also have a website about "Traveling through Christianity after the Fall" (like "Traveling through Russia after the Fall," which is a program on public radio). It would go from James 1 through today, explaining the "black box" and why the church fell, and on to the Crusades, the Inquisition, and so on.

The New Testament applies to community living and was never meant to be applied to independent living — how to live a good life independently. I would like to go all the way through, like traveling through Christianity, traveling through Christian history with insight about the community in the beginning, the whole message of this new life. Christianity is totally divided into tens of thousands of denominations. This is going to be totally separate from our twelve tribes website.

Mevaser — That freepaper talks about how it can only happen in community, so we will have to say we are a community. I told David, we're the twelve tribes and we live together. He worries about what people have

said about us, but the underground is going to hear about the twelve tribes.

No one said anything worse about someone than what was said about our Master. He had a following of 120 and then later 3,000 followed Him. If no one said anything bad about us, we wouldn't be real. Our Master said Jn 15:18–20. It is always the liar who pays attention to malicious lips. That maligning keeps people from coming in that would destroy us. We have to expect that. When we are persecuted, we are persecuted for our Master's sake, and we are supposed to rejoice.

I wanted David Derush to know that he was set apart for this thing, that he would know it, that he would have confidence, because he's going to be on the Internet. He's going to be communicating with millions of people, and if someone would say, "Who gave you the right?" they would see that it was not proper for everyone to get on the Internet, independently, and be doing these things. That would be independent action and lawless deeds. Therefore, David is commissioned, ordained, or whatever you want to call it. For lack of a better word, we use "ordain" because it means commissioned to do it. We laid our hands on him. It was not a big formal thing, but we laid hands on him as a way of recognition. A lot of people are getting on the Internet now and communicating with other people. I think it could be detrimental unless they are commissioned to do it.

ha êmeq — If anybody would take time to read the rest of Bob Pardon's website, they would read what he says about us, but also what he says about so many other people. If you just read what he wrote about us, you could think, "Oh, wow." Even in the magazine article, he was referred to as an "ordained minister," which is all he can put after his name. But to worldly people that means a lot. But what kind of ordained minister is he? He tears everyone apart, Baruch said. Anybody who read through the whole site would realize that they would also be a cult in his eyes. There are 300 different groups he demolishes; he destroys anything he doesn't like, including the Seventh Day Adventists. But most people just click on twelve tribes and get the information without realizing what he thinks about so many groups. If they would just read the rest of his website they would think so little of him then. What he says would offend the average person.

Baruch's father took the time to read the whole site and said this man is ridiculous in how he judges everybody else. Baruch's father wrote an open letter to genuinely concerned parents, those who were concerned enough to look into where the accusations are coming from.

David Derush is working under Mevasser. We ordained him. It sounds so Christian, but for lack of another word, we said we ordained him. It just means that we commissioned him, we gave him confidence to go ahead and act, to serve in this way, so that he knows he's sent to do it. He's set apart, commissioned, and devoting a lot of his life to it. He did that in the world; he got his book out to hundreds of websites. After he was saved, he tried to go back to every one and show how crazy he was.

Ordain means to issue or order. Someone ordained is appointed to serve in a certain capability or capacity. To ordain is to establish, by the laying on of hands, so as to give confidence to one who is chosen to serve in a certain way to do a certain job. A *commissary* is one delegated by a superior to execute a duty or office. The one ordained needs the confidence that he has been commissioned to do what he is doing, since it deals with other people outside the Body in a communicative way. You don't have to have hands laid on you to serve within the Body, but you are ordained in that way by the Holy Spirit to do that. But we don't set you apart. Some people we do set apart. It's according to the ministry they have.

Since it deals with other people outside the Body, David Derush has been given authority to act over the Internet. We gave him that authority to act on behalf or in place of others. Others don't have to do it. Now he can do it for us. We don't all have to get on the Internet and be doing all these things. We devote our time to whatever our Father wants us to do, but he is acting on our behalf.

This is a task or matter entrusted to one as an agent for another, to perform a duty, conferred to David Derush by a public acknowledgment, entrusting or giving authority to him as one under authority, to do what he will be doing over the Internet, representing the whole nation of Israel. Yesterday we made a public acknowledgment so

that he and all of us and others would know that it is not just David Derush and his own independent action, but he has been given authority to act in this way of ministering.

So, now we won't see David down there on the computer and start wondering, "What is he doing all the time down there all the time on the Internet?" We know what he's doing. It's like going on a waiting period. We don't have to wonder, "What are those people walking around together all the time?" They're on a waiting period. We commissioned them to do that! It rests our conscience, so we don't have to be asking questions.

He's been given authority to act in this way or ministry in order to serve, to perform a duty conferred to him by public acknowledgement to confer from authority. *Confer* means to bring together and bestow and give the right to act in a position of service to the leaders and to the Body. He serves in that capacity so the leaders don't have to do it. He's doing it on their behalf. That's why we have to set people apart. Every person in the Body has received a gift in order to function in the Body, but this is a particular gift that needs acknowledgment because it affects millions of people.

He's going to have apprentices and a staff. We've already talked about having a staff on papers too. *There are going to be twelve different types of papers.* Hakam, you're going to have the *Hippiecrit* — that's your paper. You're going to put it out every three months. You don't have to ask anybody. You come together and put that paper out. Someone else will write *To Christians Only*, and someone else will write for something else. They will already have their staff for how they function every month. We'll continually be putting these papers out; that's why we need a web press.

Ordained in the New Testament means to set apart, to establish, as determined by the apostles, the council, or the Body. So that everyone will not be doing what is right in his own eyes, the Body (the community or the elders) ordains someone to represent them in what he is set apart to do for them. Every member in the Body has spiritual gifts and is called to serve in a certain capacity. *Capacity* means the potential suitable for

accommodating or performing a certain service. Others may not be able to have the same gift or capacity for it. But some have it and they can use it according to their gifts and grace. I think David has it. Other people could possibly do it, but he's totally energized. We laid hands on him by the Holy Spirit. He has faith for it.

An office is a special duty or position, a special service to the Body, a work or a position ordained by authority to have and hold, exercise, as to execute by executive authority, as one ought to do or must do, for he's assigned to do it. He must do it; he's assigned. The Holy Spirit is giving him that to do. It's a task and that's why we (the council) meet every year with every person in the Body to make sure they're adjusting perfectly in their own gifting, that they're not being overlooked and they're not functioning in some other capacity than what they're given the gift to do, and then the Body will function and grow with growth that is from God (Col 2:19).

We have to do that. It's our responsibility — the apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers — to adjust people in their proper place in the Body. Right now we are doing every thing we can do to exist, but the day will come when we will be doing this.

An office is something done for another since all do not have the same gifting and capacity; it is a special duty which we could not do ourselves, since we have other essential duties. A person is ordained because he represents us *outside the community*, so he has to be set apart. Someone might write to him and say, "Who gave you the authority to do this? Who do you think you are doing all this?" He'll say, "I've been ordained to do this by authority which has set me apart to do this." He's at rest in his conscience that he's not doing any independent action. He's doing it because that's what we feel the Holy Spirit is assigning him to do.

He represents us outside the community in a special way, as a representative, not elected, but chosen for the task of service or evangelism, or a branch of evangelism (what David Derush will be doing is a branch of evangelism) in dealing with the public

on the Internet, dealing with others in a representative capacity. So we've got to be sure we're laying hands on the right person who is going to represent us.

David Derush can say in confidence that he is commissioned, ordained to do what he was set apart to do. He deals with Internet communication, like the 800 phone number. We have to set apart people to talk on the 800 phone number when people call up who want to be saved. What if you just put anybody on it? Someone has to be there who is an evangelist, who knows how to talk to people, to draw them in. A lot of times people answer that number and they don't even know what to say. We have to do the same with the letters and answering the web mail.

Such evangelists represent you. They speak on behalf of the people who commissioned them, on behalf of the Body, on the leaders' behalf, as representing the community and Body of Messiah with great responsibility and accountability. To misrepresent our Master could hold Him up to public shame, and that's a pretty serious sin, or to misrepresent Messiah as His spokesman. We could all do that. We could misrepresent Messiah as His spokesmen. He speaks through us, so we'd better be speaking the words He speaks. No one should not be on the Internet without ordination, without being commissioned.

Ps 111:9; Hab 1:12; Ex 28:41; 29:9,29,35; Lev 8:33; 21:10; Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:12-13; Acts 14:23; Tit 1:5; 1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6

To *ordain* is to put in order. There is no such thing as an elder without ordination from an apostle, whoever the apostle is who was sent there to that particular community in order to establish it, or that tribe whatever it is. We haven't ordained anyone in the last ten years or so, maybe 20. We did a little bit in Sus, but nowhere else. Right now, we're just finding out who is who. There is no such thing as an elder without ordination from an apostle, a sent one, one sent to a particular place to establish a community. No one who is not ordained can ordain or set apart, for one may not be adjusted properly himself.

Eph 4:12 — People are adjusted *down*. It takes many years to be adjusted in the proper places. Maybe this is not David Derush's ultimate place to be adjusted, but right now he's functioning in that and we'll see if it is his place. Later on, we don't know if he'll be an elder or a leader. He's obviously an evangelist. We see that already. We don't know yet if he's going to be a prophet. He may not be able to be an elder or shepherd. Who is capable of that, of being an overseer?

Mevaser — I am so encouraged to hear this. Two or three years ago, someone sent a message from outside the community to someone inside the community that I was in and invited him to get involved in one of these Internet discussion boards. He asked me if he should get involved, and I checked it out. That was my introduction to these things, and I've looked at them here and there over the years, but every time I realized that I don't know how to think about it, to know if it's worth answering them or if it's casting pearls before swine to write to these ex-twelve-tribes people. I see it's a realm you cannot get into without the confidence. I always end up turning away because I don't have the confidence.

These ex-members want you to respond; it feeds them. It stirs them up.

Mevaser — They suck people in, especially young disciples off on a computer who start answering these things and these people spin them around, like Sanballat. Nehemiah didn't have time to come down. It's like you said, I have other things to do.

We're reaching out for the lost, not necessarily the people who are speaking out against us.

Mevaser — Even those people will start investigating us and will come back with the questions. "We hear this... what do you say?" So you will have to have confidence to know how to respond.

Othniel — Someone who is ordained will need to have relationship with those in authority over him to come back when he's stuck. If he doesn't know where he's sent from, he doesn't know where to go back to, as we were talking about the list you are given. You do the things on the list and when you get to a place where you can't do that task, then you know where to go back to because someone who is responsible would not want to represent us in the wrong way. So he would come back because he would want to judge himself.

We have confidence that anyone we put in that position would do that — have discretion, discerning the Body, discerning how they represent us, seeing the great responsibility in those who laid hands and those who receive it. Think about the tremendous stimulus of receiving all this feedback. In your own strength, you could easily start handling it yourself because that realm is so familiar to you, but it might not be at all how it needs to go.

David Derush ought to know where his limitations are and come to you, Mevaser.

Mevaser — I think this is part of the reason our Father was able to ordain David Derush, because he wants more than anything to be covered in everything he is doing. In my experience so far with him, he is not one who is presumptuous. I don't have to worry what he's doing, because he is going to come and ask. He's very submissive; he's not strong about how he sees things.

Othniel — That would be one of the prerequisites of having confidence to actually give that responsibility. I was thinking of the sobering reality of the things we've given to do sometime, how they affect the Body and people's lives. I am hearing the responsibility in this for all of us. This teaching speaks to all of us about where we're going as a nation and representing this new social order.

We've just got to know that everything we do is to serve Him, to serve one another. David is serving us; we're serving Him. We're serving one another. Serving the Body is serving our Master.

Jeremiah — It's really thrilling that our Father is leading us into ways to reach people. I was working today, doing something simple, and it dawned on me, "I could be doing this, or I could be in the soap shop putting on labels, or on the farm picking avocados." What we do with our hands is not so important as long as it's our Father's will. Whatever our Father wants to do as far as establishing His nation, I want to be in tune with it, not thinking about what I want to do with my hands. I see how He wants to open the door to reaching millions of Christians with the Litmus Test.

Mevaser — It could be one aspect of fishing with nets, fishing with the Internet. There are a significant number of people in Body because they found our website.

We have to, by our Master's grace, create an underground in house churches, so they would see it and bring it to their house church. They think the gates of the

underground won't overtake the church, but they don't know they have already been overtaken. It's going to be demonstrated to them how the underground is going to lead people out. We were all there once. We had no inkling of an idea. My daddy had not one clue that he wasn't doing God's will by going to church on Sunday, by doing good picking up trash around the house and helping people in the neighborhood. That's just what good people do in the world. Helping old ladies across the street is just good deeds. That's the good deeds that he thinks were prepared for him in advance. He had no idea that it had to be in the Body, within the community setting. I guess it was hidden from him.

Labeshu — Paul said first the message has to be preached to the Jews. Acts 17:30 — “Truly these things of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.” So who first? Christians have to repent.

We say that now the gospel is the Christians first and then to the Gentiles, the world, but Acts 13:45-48 says it. I am through with you; I am going to the nations now. He said it in Romans, but in Acts which might have been before Romans or after, “Since you reject it, and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, behold we now turn to the Gentiles.”

I would say that the gospel is not to the Jew first now, but it is to Christians, then to the Gentiles. Jews now are regarded as Gentiles. I guess they are just like Christians. I don't know any difference between a Jew and a Christian. To me, I think it's Christians because we used to be Christians and Paul used to be a Jew. He loved his brothers and he wanted to preach to them. We spend a lot of time on preaching to the Christians. Most of our papers are to Christians. We can get the *Litmus Test* in the hands of everybody, even to Billy Graham's website. That's what David said — we could get it anywhere in the world.