

The Witness and the Demise

It is by virtue of partaking of the body and blood of the Messiah that a new disciple is sealed for membership in the New Israel, the Twelve Tribes, the Body of Messiah. Before that new Israel could emerge into actual reality or historic actuality, the Messiah had to die and go into death for three days and nights and rise again from death. The new Israel (Mt 21:43) would do for the old Israel what they couldn't do (Acts 26:6-8; Isa 49:6-8; Mt 24:14), and this would take Mk 9:11-12, two thousand years after the first expression of this new Israel grew lukewarm and left their first love (Eph 6:24; Rev 2:4-5).

Isa 49:6 is what Paul thought would bring in the new age called the Millennial Age (Mt 24:14; Isa 49:8), as the Church in Acts 26:7 would do for them. But Acts 13:45-47 did not happen then in his days. Mt 21:43 and 24:14 is still future.

Mk 9:11-12 — The restoration of all things is the second coming of Jn 14:18, that is, His Spirit with them, that they would be able to be where He is (Jn 12:26). So He comes again by His Spirit (which precedes His actual bodily return as in Acts 1:11) to join the new disciples of the restoration of the Body of Messiah, the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and for its ministry to the whole world as to complete what was left undone in the first century (Isa 49:6,8).

The emergence of this witness in Mt 24:14 (which is Isa 49:6 as a result of Mt 28:19-20) is a signal to all that what His original disciples and apostles asked in Mt 24:3 is at hand. No one can be saved by Messiah's death apart from being a part of this great witness in these last days. 1 Cor 6:17 is still relevant,¹ and so is Acts 2:44-45 and 4:32, if the Master's prayers and His commandments are also relevant (Jn 13:34-35; 17:21-23).

¹ Relevant — having significance and demonstrable bearing on the matter at hand, and affording evidence to prove or disapprove the matter at issue or under discussion (which is love and unity — *fruit*).

Without Mt 24:14, Isa 49:6, and Heb 10:13, Acts 3:21 or Isa 49:8 can never happen (Rom 11:15; Mt 19:28) — the kingdom will never come on earth as it is in heaven, and Rev 20:3,10 will never happen.

The restoration of all things by, first of all, the Church, the Body of Messiah, the Commonwealth of Israel, brings to fruition all that is spoken by the prophets. And this Church cannot be divided any more than Messiah can be divided (1 Cor 1:2,10,13), for if there is any disruption or breach of the fellowship in the Church, it is a denial of the essential nature of the Church. Our Master did not come to open the “pearly gates” to isolated individuals. He came to create a Body for His disciples to dwell securely in (Jn 17:15-21), to fulfill His Father’s covenant purpose for His people (1 Pet 2:9-10). He came to gather His people into an eternal relationship with one another (Jn 13:34-35; 17:21-23).

The Church is then the community of those who love their Master (Jn 14:15,21), who are His people. Only by 1 Jn 3:16 can we know we have passed out of death and into life (verses 14,23). We do not *create* the unity of the Church, but we *maintain* it by obedience (Eph 4:1-3-6), since there cannot be a divided Church (which is His Body, Col 1:18; Eph 1:22-23). Is there *more* than one Spirit, one Body, one baptism, or one Father?

So it is a contradiction in terms to speak of a divided Church. If it appears that what is called the Church today is divided, it appears that way because *it ain't the Church*. Jn 17:21-23 is the Church, made up of those who are obedient to Jn 13:34, which is the unity of it. If the Church is the Body of Messiah, as Col 1:18 says it is, which He is the head of, then don't tell me if He is the head of the Church, which is His Body, that His Body is divided so that the members of His Body are not in fellowship as 1 Cor 1:2,10 in every place (Mal 1:11). So Paul asks, “Is Messiah divided?” No! How could He be?!

There is no unrestrained individualism in the Church. Of course, there will be the wheat and the tares, but the tares are not the dwelling place of the Spirit, but of Satan

(Mt 13:40-43,47-50). Of course, then what is called Christianity today is not in any way, shape, form, or fashion *the Church*.

It is only when the Church grows lukewarm and their love is left behind that the shift from love to doctrine occurs, and the Holy Spirit becomes inactive (Rev 3:20²) in the members of Messiah, and the *overcomers* are ostracized (rather than those who are lukewarm), and there are no others added to the Church who receive the Holy Spirit. Then the Nicolaitan system emerges, and when all the overcomers die with no one else receiving the Holy Spirit, then the Church no longer exists on earth. (Yes, the Church can die, as strange as it sounds!) That is when all its earthly members die and the only ones left are those who claim to see, claiming to be the Church. They call themselves the Church, the Body of Christ, of which He supposedly is the Head (2 Cor 11:4,15).

So Mk 9:11-12 had to be spoken by the prophet Yahshua.

Mt 13:44; 16:26 — The incomparable value of the gospel, the good news of salvation, that would cause a man to forsake everything that he may possess the greatest of all, as comparable to our Master. Rom 6:2-5 is valid if our death is as His — the equation must balance with our Master's sacrifice. He gave all He had in order to purchase the treasure of His Church, His bride.

² When the Holy Spirit leaves the soul and recedes to the human spirit, then the Holy Spirit is knocking at the door of the soul for re-entry. No one can receive the Holy Spirit through one like this, but only from one who is as Mt 10:41.