

Radical Claims of the Good News Encountered

Part 3 — Another People

Mk 1:15 — Let's start with Abraham, "the father of our faith" (remember Jms 2:14-26), if we have his faith (Jn 8:39). To have his faith, Jn 18:37 is required, just as Abraham was of the truth (Gen 18:19). From Abraham, the holy people formed into a nation, a different people, peculiar but very special to God. They knew themselves as Israel, the chosen people or race, the people of God. In the first century, the new nation of Mt 21:43 were known as and knew themselves as a chosen race (1 Pet 2:9), a generation begotten of the Spirit of God, a kingly or royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people that are peculiar, who do not live so as to be in and of the world, but are God's own possession to set forth or show forth or declare the virtues of Him who called them out of darkness (Lk 1:79). They were called to His wonderful light, to be the light of the world. They were not ashamed of who they were. We *now* are the people of God, having obtained the mercy of God. For once we were not a people or a nation belonging to God, but now we are His holy nation through whom He will bring about the end of this age and His return and His eternal purpose (Rev 20:3; Heb 10:13; 1 Jn 3:8). The twelve tribes of Israel is a holy nation, His special jewels (Mal 3:17).

So are we today far removed from any natural identification with Abraham and his offspring, or from knowing who we are as the actual citizens of God's kingdom, as when our Master came on the scene? Mk 1:15 was the breaking in of the Kingdom. Natural Israel, or the Jews, lived in expectation of a Messiah coming to reform or revive the twelve tribes in order for the kingdom to be victorious over all their enemies and to rule the whole world. But they only lived in vain expectation of the kingdom coming, without shouldering the responsibility¹ to bear its fruit. But to the contrary, the Messiah

¹ i.e., working together in unity as Acts 4:32, as Yahshua prayed that we would do, and which if we are not as Jn 13:34-35 and 17:23 can never happen, and Mt 21:43 will never be done, nor Dan 2:44 or Mt 24:14. So who will these people be who do this?

whom they had hoped would restore them to a twelve-tribed nation prophesied in Mt 21:33-45 of another nation to take their place in bearing its fruit (verse 43). Therefore, 1 Pet 2:9-10 did not speak of old Israel, since the Kingdom was taken away from them and given to the new people of God, nor did Paul in Acts 26:7 or Gal 6:16 or Eph 2:12, or James in Jms 1:1. Yahshua, Paul, Peter, and then James in the second century were talking about a twelve-tribed nation, not of Jews, but of Abraham's spiritual seed (Gal 3:28-29).

Dan 2:44 — "...and the kingdom shall not be left to another people..." Who are the people from whom the kingdom will not be taken away and given to another people who will produce the fruit of it? What is the fruit of it? (Mt 21:43; 24:14,34)

The kingdom was taken away from ancient Israel and given to the first church (Acts 26:7), a people who would produce the fruit of it. But they failed to produce its fruit, so it was taken away from them also, and would be given to another people (Mk 9:11-12; Isa 49:6).

Acts 26:6-8, fulfilling Isa 49:6-8, is the fruit, if they would continue to be faithful to Yahshua to the point of verse 8, fulfilling Gen 15:18 by doing 18:19. Acts 26:7 — Earnestly serving Him day and night, night and day, is our reasonable service/worship (Rom 12:1-2), to attain to the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers, which can only be fulfilled by a twelve-tribed nation, restored to produce its fruit (Mk 9:11-12; Isa 49:6).

Acts 26:8 is Rom 11:15, raising dead Israel, and the dead first church. Rev 2:5 — The lampstands were taken from their places, but now lampstands are being set "in every place" (1 Cor 1:2,10; 1 Tim 2:8) from the rising to the setting of the sun, beyond the borders of old Israel and the first church (Mal 1:5,11), by "another people," that is, "our twelve tribes" who hope to do or attain *for them*. Who? (Gen 15:18; 18:19)

So Paul spoke of a twelve-tribed nation who would bear the fruit for them (Acts 26:6-8), to fulfill the promise to Abraham in Gen 15:18 by doing Gen 18:19. This is why

Yahshua said what He said in Jn 8:39-44, knowing that the Jews served a different God. So many Christian theologians today are just like the Jewish theologians then. In Jn 8:39-47, the Word was speaking directly through the man Yahshua the Messiah to do the very thing they supposedly hoped for but couldn't do, for they were not Abraham's descendants (Jn 8:39; Gen 18:19). Abraham would not recognize them either.

So today, as Mk 9:11-12 spoke of the future in the very last days, Mal 4:6 applies again. The Spirit of Elijah is a forerunner to our Master's first coming *and* His second coming. The first coming of the Spirit of Elijah did not restore old Israel's twelve tribes in order to bear the fruit of the Kingdom, but when Messiah came (of whom Elijah was the forerunner in John the Baptist, who told the religious leaders Mt 3:7-12), He took the kingdom away from what remained of old Israel and gave it to the remnant who were saved on the day of Pentecost (the Feast of First Fruits), who were to be formed into a holy nation of both Jews and Gentiles (Gal 3:26-29) to bear the fruit of the Kingdom given over to them. The fruit, though, would not be borne until the day Messiah prophesied of in Mt 24:3,14, which would bring about the end of the age and the restoration of all things in the next age (Acts 3:21), which would be Mt 19:28, an enemy-free land promised to Abraham (Gen 15:17-18; Rev 20:3). This is brought about by Acts 26:7, but 1900 years forward, at the time of the ten kings of Dan 2:44 and 7:24, as in Rev 17:12 (Isa 49:6,8; Acts 26:6-8; Rom 11:15).

So that means Acts 3:21 is Gen 15:18, which is brought about by a holy nation, the seed of Abraham's faith to accomplish Gen 18:19, which goes with Mal 4:6 and all the child-training teachings that must be inculcated into the parents and the generations of Ex 20:5-6 — those who love God. We have seen enough of those who hate Him.

Mk 9:11-12 and Acts 3:21 are two different restorations. Mk 9:11-12 is the restoration that produces the fruit of the Kingdom (Mt 21:43) in order to bring about Messiah's return to earth to fulfill His promise to Abraham in Gen 15:17-18 (Mt 19:28). So *our* restoration of the twelve tribes must bear the fruit old Israel never bore, as

prophesied in Isa 49:6, and verse 8 is the resurrection of old dead Israel (Rom 11:15; Acts 26:8), which is the restoration of all things in the next age (Acts 3:21), as our Master prophesied in Mt 19:28.

Lk 19:13-19 — This is all of us in the Body of Messiah who bore fruit for Him (Eph 2:10; 4:11-13). We will rule over the world, while the first church will rule over their own nations, as the apostles over Israel (Mt 19:28). So our children must know more about the history of their nation and their ancestors than anyone else in the whole world. This is why the History of Israel is so essential to them, before baptism and after, before they fly away from their cocoon. I know *you* know this, but what about your children? Do they know who they are? Have you taken the time to tell them?