

The Difference Between Israel & the Church, *part 5*

YHVH and His Prophets in the Scriptures

All Roads Lead To The Torah!

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The Scriptures speak clearly about Israel and how it came about but also its purpose. YHVH also reveals the ingathering of His elect from gentile nations and their relationship to Israel.

As a cursory review of **Difference between Israel and the Church** in part 4, we learned that from history the word “church” started with the Roman Catholic Church and that the Protestant Reformation continued to use the term “church;” and it has continued to be used today.

Protestant theology which came out of the Reformation is called “Covenant Theology.” Later, in the early 1800’s, “Dispensational Theology” began. Today, it is the most popular theology in Christendom.

In part 5, we are not looking at man-made theologies but rather **what the Scriptures proclaim**. As a Messianic follower of the Torah (in other words, a Torah-observant individual), it is incumbent that we seek YHVH’s will according to the Scriptures. Our true identity is the Torah. As believers our goal is to move away from the theology of both Judaism and Christianity; we desire to establish and follow Yeshua. We need to make every effort to become skilled at interpreting the Scriptures from a literal, an historical, and a contextual understanding. We adhere to all of the TaNaKh as well as the Apostolic Scriptures. These are YHVH’s living documents.

Our goal is to discern YHVH’s Words and to learn that our true identity comes from His words! As we study the Scriptures, the difference between the Church’s theology and what the Scriptures actually state.

Let us look at some simple steps so everyone can understand and believe. We will also see that the Word’s of Yeshua in the Apostolic Scriptures continue with the same theological continuity. After all, Yeshua is YHVH, He is the Word made flesh.

Abrahamic Covenant -- *unconditional, eternal, YHVH took an oath to Israel (that He will bring to pass).*

It is the Abrahamic Covenant in Gen 12 where YHVH established Israel as a “great nation”, a specific land and “in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” In Galatians 3:8, Paul refers to this as the Gospel (coming of the Kingdom of God and Messiah).

After the Abrahamic Covenant, which YHVH made with Abraham, YHVH confirmed this covenant with Isaac and Jacob, and He affirmed His redemption of Israel through the exodus from Egypt.

In Exodus 2:24, Moses further affirmed YHVH's covenant when he said:

^{2:24} And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Mosaic Covenant (part 4) -- *conditional, eternal, given to Israel. (ie 'you do this; I will do this')*

YHVH delivered the Mosaic Covenant only to Israel, no other nation.

Davidic Covenant -- *unconditional, eternal to Israel (birthing of the Messiah)*

Next week we will look at the Davidic Covenant and line of the Messiah!

Renewed (New) Covenant -- *conditional, eternal, and to Israel*

The Abrahamic Covenant established Israel as a nation, and again YHVH delivered the Mosaic Covenant only to Israel, plus the David Covenant and the New Covenant was prophesied by Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:31 ESV:

^{31:31} "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD [YHVH], when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah"

The point is that all of the eternal redemptive promises and covenants were established and promised to Israel alone, and Israel only, that is the nation of Israel. We read from the prophet Amos.

Amos 3:2 ESV:

^{3:2} "Only you have I known from all the families of the earth."

And, again, Zechariah is quoted in Zech 8:23 ESV.

^{8:23} "This is what the LORD [YHVH] of Hosts says: "In those days ten men from the nations (gentiles) of every tongue will tightly grasp the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

Then Isaiah prophesied in the context during the future reign of the millennial Temple at YHVH's house of prayer and said

Isaiah 56:3-7 ESV:

^{56:3} "Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD [YHVH] say, "The LORD [YHVH] will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."

^{56:4} For thus says the LORD [YHVH]: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

^{56:5}I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

^{56:6}“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD [YHVH], to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD [YHVH], and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

^{56:7}—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

And again, Isaiah says, Isaiah 2:2 ESV

^{2:2}It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of [יהוה] the LORD [YHVH] shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it.

Here we can see that other nations flow only to Israel, nor there is a hint or inference of a separate people or another nation other than Israel.

Assignment:

1. Can you sum up each Covenant in ten words or less?

Bring these papers back, and we will continue with this.

Baruch YHVH,
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