

The Difference Between Israel & the Church, *part 7*

“The New (Renewed) Covenant”

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In the Greek Septuagint, the word *ekklesia* is used differently in the Torah than in the Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament). The Greek word συναγωγή (*synagogue*) and ἐκκλησίας (*ekklesia*) in the Septuagint and the Hebrew קָהָל (*kahal*) and תְּהִלָּה (*congregation*) both mean *congregation* or *sons of Israel*. It is interesting to note that in the Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament) the Greek word *ekklesia* changes and now refers to the word *church* as (Yeshua’s Body). The Roman Catholic Church, covenant church theology, and dispensational church theology advocate the usage of the word *church*. But from where did the non-Biblical term *church* come?

The New Covenant and the word *church*

The Body of Messiah is called *the Elect* or “the Remnant of Israel.” The believers were not nor did they ever consider themselves as a separate entity from the Nation of Israel.

It should be noted that YHVH never made a covenant with the church nor did anyone in the Second Temple Period ever hear the word *church*! The term “New Covenant” was the very same one that YHVH originally made “with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah” (Jer 31:31).

The New Testament never mentions that there was a covenant made specifically for the church nor with the church. God established that the New Covenant was a continuation of His plan that He originally gave to Abraham and David. The gospel presented in the New Covenant was a continuation of His dealings with Israel.

It was from the Torah that the early body of Yeshua received the message of the good news/gospel that it proclaimed with such joy from approximately AD 30 to 48 or 50 before the Apostolic Scriptures were even revealed or printed by the “Way.” The body of YHVH already had its roots in His Promises and Plan that was expressed in the Torah.

Jeremiah 31:29 – 37 ESV

²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

“‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’”

³⁰ But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

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,

³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD [YHVH].”

³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD [YHVH]: I will put my law [Torah] within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD [YHVH],’ for they shall **all** know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD [YHVH]. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

³⁵Thus says the LORD [YHVH], who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD [YHVH]of hosts is his name:

³⁶“If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD [YHVH], then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.”

³⁷Thus says the LORD [YHVH]: “If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the LORD [YHVH].”

Dispensationalism theology:

It advocates 2 peoples:

- Israel
- Church

It also advocates 2 programs:

- Heavenly or spiritualize
- Earthly

Homework: Name three flaws from the above study. (Also refer to Romans 9-11.)

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

Baruch YHVH,
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Note: the Hebrew words קָהָל & עֵדָה in Exodus & Leviticus which are translated into Greek as *ekklesia*, are translated into English as “church.” However, these Hebrew words actually mean “called out”.