

The Difference Between Israel & the Church, *part 8*

“YHVH’s Body”

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Note that in the Torah the word συναγωγήν and ἐκκλησίας in the Septuagint and קהל and עדה in Hebrew are used for “congregation” or “sons of Israel” but, when we come to the Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament) the word “ekklesia” in Greek is referring to the word “church” as (Yeshua’s Body). The word church is used only in the Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament). The word church was no doubt created during the time of Constantine/Roman Universal “church,” however God’s Word shows no record of the word church in Hebrew or Greek! So where did this word come from? And its purpose for creation?

Supersession/Replacement theology

Old Testament scholar and author, Walter C. Kaiser stated:

“Replacement theology...declared that the Church, Abraham’s spiritual seed, had replaced national Israel in that it had transcended and fulfilled the terms of the covenant given to Israel, which covenant Israel had lost because of disobedience.”

Kaiser defines replacement theology as the view that the church has replaced, superseded, or fulfilled Israel:

- Replacement theology erroneously views the church as the new or true Israel.
- Furthermore, replacement theology incorrectly states that the nation Israel no longer has a role to play to the nations in God’s purposes.

What does YHVH’s Word say about His Body?

YHVH shows the restoration of the nation of Israel:

- Genesis 12:2-3 indicates that Abraham and the nation Israel had to come from him were to be a means of blessing to the Gentile peoples. Consequently, both Israel and the nations are part of God’s plan.
- Deuteronomy 30:1-6 Israel would experience dispersion because of disobedience but would one day be saved as a nation and experience restoration to its land.
- Jeremiah 30,31, and 33 this prediction of the New Covenant promises a restoration of Israel that includes spiritual blessings and physical blessings.
- Ezekiel 36-37 This passage promises the future salvation and restoration of the nation Israel to its land.
- Amos 9:11-15. Verse 12: “All the nations that bear by My Name” and in Acts 15:14-18.
- Zephaniah 3:14-20. In vs 15 יהוה | ישראל | מלך YHVH the King of Israel

- Isaiah 49:3-6. The Messiah's mission as the true Servant and Israel is to restore the nation Israel and bring blessings to the Gentiles.
- Zechariah 12-14; 14:3
- Romans 11:25. Restoration of Israel.

YHVH (Yeshua) is Israel, He is the government.

Jerusalem is the Capital of Israel.

Israel is His Body, and Nation

Blessing to all the nations! Gentiles are grafted-into Israel.

The Body of Messiah is being called "the Elect" or "the Remnant of Israel."

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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