

The Difference Between Israel & the Church, *part 10*

“Church vs Yeshua’s Body”

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Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”

Your notes:

God’s Word is the only Truth

And the foundation of YHVH’s Word is the Torah. This is established by YHVH, Himself, and administrated by Yeshua, the Son of God.

Remember the Biblical Scriptures are not about religion, but about the way of life!

- First, Yeshua (Jesus) is the one & only Messiah (Christ).
- Second, Yeshua declared that only He will build His Body (the Elect) and that the Gates of Hades will not overcome His Body.
- It is Yeshua’s Body that will transform the world. And in the end, the Jewish Messiah Yeshua will rule the world.

The word Church

Below is a brief sketch of the meaning & history of the word “church.”

Definition of Church in most dictionaries:

- “a building for public worship.”
- The origins of the word Church is debated. Many link its origins to the Greek word “kuriakon,” which means “the Lord’s house.” However, this is questionable as “kuriakon” did not appear until 400 AD. Furthermore, neither Yeshua, nor His disciples, James, nor Paul used the word “church.”

Today’s translators of the major Bibles have used the word “church” in the English translations.

The word “congregation” could not be used

The controversy over the word “church” is more than just a mincing of words.

The first Bible translated into English was the ***Tyndale translation in about 1524***. Tyndale was highly educated and contributed many words that are in today’s English Bible.

In Tyndale’s translation, he used the word “congregation” and not “church.” He understood that using any word other than “church” was against the law. His using “congregation” resulted in his

being put to death at the stake and his body's being burned. He went to his death understanding that the ***Roman Catholic Church*** as corrupt.

But know this, the Body of Yeshua is still deceived regarding this false hope, the "church."

There is not a clear consensus regarding the word "church" except what the Catholic Church gives it. For example, the the Catholic Church call itself the first church.

The true Roman Catholic Church held its hierarchy together based on the word "church;" the Roman Catholic could not place its hope in another "congregation" nor "assembly." During that day, people had no Bible of their own, so they had to believe whatever the Pope and Bishops told them.

Likewise, the Reformation continued to use the word "church."

The Reformation was involved in civil government. For example, it was John Calvin who set up the civil government in Geneva. They learned from the Catholic church and continued with the hierarchy of applying Christianity into the civil government. Another failure.

In 1604 the newly named, state-run, Anglican church under the rule and direction of King James himself started a new translation project: ***King James Authorized Version of the Bible***. This version was produced for the English state-run nationalized church to compete with the Protestant Geneva Bible.

King James had 15 rules for translation. Of the 15 rules, article 3 says, "The old Ecclesiastical Words to be kept is the word "church" not to be translated "congregation."

By translating Ekklesia as "church" instead of "congregation," King James and the Anglican state church obtained their goal of maintaining power by defining Christ's body as "the Lord's house" and not a Biblical "legislative ruling congregation."

Consequently, the King James Authorized Version was published in 1611. Due to its popularity, also came the word "church" instead "congregation."

How did this all start

In 325 AD, the Roman Catholic Church joined the State under Emperor Constantine. Constantine organized the Council of Nicaea and funded 300 plus gentile bishops to attend. These gentile bishops were placed on the payroll The Jewish Bishops were forbidden to attend.

The Emperor also stated that Shabbat was to be replaced with Sunday (Romes's sun god day), Easter to replace Passover, forbid circumcision and so on. In fact, the Roman calendar was to replace Hebrew dates. Constantine refused to have anything to do with those pestiferous Jews!

Constantine's actions set the stage for not only rejection of the Jews, but also for antisemitism within the Roman Catholic

Church; this theology is carried forth to this day! In fact, during Constantine's reign, anyone who kept these Hebrew Holydays was an enemy of the state.

Let me close with this, ponder what Genesis 12 verse states "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

(Genesis 12:3, NASB 1977)

Romans 11:17-36, NASB 1977

In Romans 11, Paul warned the Roman Congregations in Rome to think about their actions against the Jews.

¹⁷ "But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. ¹⁹You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; ²¹for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. ²²See then the kindness and severity of God: to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; for otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵For I do not want you, brothers *and sisters*, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written:

"THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

²⁷"THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." ²⁸In relation to the gospel *they are* enemies on your account, but in relation to God's choice *they are* beloved on account of the fathers; ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. ³²For God has shut up all in disobedience, so that He may show mercy to all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! ³⁴For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? ³⁵Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM, THAT IT WOULD BE PAID BACK TO HIM? ³⁶For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:17-36, NASB)

Matt 12:36-37, NASB 1977

³⁶“And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. ³⁷“For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.” (Matt 12:36-37, NASB 1977)

James 3:5-6, NASB

⁵So also the tongue is a small part of *the body*, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, the *very* world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body’s parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of *our* life, and is set on fire by hell. (James 3:5-6, NASB 1977)

“How to Interpret Scripture”

Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
 2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
 3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.
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The character of Yeshua according to His Word:

1. “Jesus Christ [Yeshua HaMashiach] is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
 2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
 3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]
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Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible

Matt 28:18-20 – *this is after His resurrection.*

¹⁸And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8 – *after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.*

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 3:36 – John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

1 John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. [Note: Yeshua perfectly kept the Torah; likewise, we also need to &, thereby, stop sinning.]

Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision & Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oral Law ○ Customs of Moses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews only</u> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 years after Pentecost ○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles only</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 years after Acts 10 ○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation & circumcision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the auspices of Constantine ○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend