

NATURAL ISRAEL OF JACOB and SPIRITUAL "ISRAEL" OF JESUS.

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From Christ and His Apostles we learn that for purposes of biblical messianic covenant redemption of THE PEOPLE OF GOD, the New Testament Apostolic 12 Tribes of the Messianic Kingdom Church – SPIRITUAL ISRAEL OF JESUS – has replaced but never excluded the Old Testament Political 12 Tribes of the Patriarchal Kingdom Nation – NATURAL ISRAEL OF JACOB – (Matt 19:28; Luke 22:28-30; Gal 6:15-16; Rev 21:12-14). According to the Scriptures, Natural Israel belongs to Jerusalem below which brings to bondage and desolation by the Old Covenant and has been cast out; Spiritual Israel belongs to Jerusalem above which brings to freedom and restoration by the New Covenant and is the heir of the promise (Gal 4:24-31).

The New Testament Gospel teaches that prophecies and promises of redemption of "ISRAEL" is most properly fulfilled in the "CHURCH". In the Old Testament, the NATURAL NATIONAL ISRAEL was partitioned and distanced from other NATURAL NATIONAL GENTILES whereas in the New Testament the partition and distance were removed to unite the both into One Spiritual Body in Christ for one Bridal Heavenly Jerusalem (Eph 2:11-22; 3:1-10; Rev 21:9-27).

God's SECRET IN CHRIST is that His plan for HIS PEOPLE (Jacob's Natural Israel) is now available for ALL PEOPLES (Jesus' Spiritual "Israel" of Jews and Gentiles alike) because of Christ's redemptive work. On the Cross, Christ fulfilled all partitioning requirements, whereby He nullified all Jewish and Gentile custodial bondages, through His propitiatory death and victorious resurrection. The result is that all "guardian" written ordinances against the Israelites (Jewish Biblical LAW called Schoolmaster in Gal 3:22-29KJV, Grk=*paidagōgos*) and all "guardian" spiritual powers against the Gentiles (Heathen Rudimental LAW called Tutor-Governor in Gal 4:1-9KJV, Grk=*epitropos/oikonomos*).

Colossians 1:25-28 (GNB)

(25) And I have been made a servant of the church by God, who gave me this task to perform for your good. It is the task of FULLY PROCLAIMING HIS MESSAGE,

(26) WHICH IS THE SECRET HE HID THROUGH ALL PAST AGES FROM ALL HUMAN BEINGS BUT HAS NOW REVEALED TO HIS PEOPLE.

(27) GOD'S PLAN IS TO MAKE KNOWN HIS SECRET TO HIS PEOPLE, THIS RICH AND GLORIOUS SECRET WHICH HE HAS FOR ALL PEOPLES. And the secret is that Christ is in you, which means that you will share in the glory of God.

(28) So we preach Christ to everyone. With all possible wisdom we warn and teach them in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature individual in union with Christ.

Colossians 2:11-15 (GNB)

(11) In union with Christ you were circumcised, not with the circumcision that is made by human beings, but with the circumcision made by Christ, which consists of being freed from the power of this sinful self.

(12) For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ through your faith in the active power of God, who raised him from death.

(13) You were at one time spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were Gentiles without the Law. But God has now brought you to life with Christ. God forgave us all our sins;

(14) HE CANCELED THE UNFAVORABLE RECORD OF OUR DEBTS WITH ITS BINDING RULES AND DID AWAY WITH IT COMPLETELY BY NAILING IT TO THE CROSS.

(15) AND ON THAT CROSS CHRIST FREED HIMSELF FROM THE POWER OF THE SPIRITUAL RULERS AND AUTHORITIES; he made a public spectacle of them by leading them as captives in his victory procession.

Christ and His Apostles clearly taught that the New Testament messianic Israel of Christ's Apostolic spiritual successors, should be reckoned as the true fulfilment of God's Word (promises/prophesies) in the Old Testament about national Israel of Jacob's Patriarchal natural successors (Rom 2:28-29; 9:6; 11:25-26; 1Pet 2:9-10 cf Exod 19:5-6). HENCE THE OLD TESTAMENT (UNDERSTOOD FROM CHRIST'S POST-RESURRECTION REVELATORY EXPOSITION) WAS THE FIRST SCRIPTURES OF THE EARLY CHURCH. The New Testament Scriptures were written on this basis (Mat 1:2; 2:17; 1Cor 10:6,11; Heb 8:8-13; 1Pet 3:21).

Luke 24:44-49 (GNB)

(44) Then he [the resurrected Jesus] said to them [the disciples], "These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES, THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHETS, AND THE PSALMS HAD TO COME TRUE."

(45) THEN HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES,

(46) AND SAID TO THEM, "THIS IS WHAT IS WRITTEN: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later,

(47) and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.

(48) You are witnesses of these things.

(49) And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you."

144,000: LITERAL and SYMBOLIC.

The "144,000 of Israel" is NOT ONLY a "literal number" of "all the Heir-Saints of Jacob's natural Israel", BUT ALSO the "symbolic number" of "all the Heir-Saints of Jesus' spiritual Israel=the Church" (Rev 7:1-4), who are being sealed and redeemed with Christ's Blood meanwhile till during the Great Tribulation (Rev 7:14; 2Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14).

Therefore, the "144,000 of Israel" also represents the "complete number" of "all the innumerable Saints of every Nation" (Rev 7:9: Rom 2:28-29; 9:6; 11:25-26) "from all Humanity" (Rev 14:1-4), cleansed and redeemed with Christ's Blood from now till during the Great Tribulation (Rev 7:14).

Everyone knows (or should know) that pure blooded descendants of Ten out of the Twelve Tribes of Israel can no longer be distinguished from the Middle Eastern peoples. The northern Ten Tribes of Israel carried away by Assyria in 722BC were scattered and got lost by assimilation among the Middle Eastern nations and never returned nor retained their Israelite identity. They were replaced by the Samaritans brought from other Middle Eastern nations by the Assyrians (1Kings 17:21-24).

The JEWS are not the 12 Tribes of Israel but the southern Israelites from JUDEA (made up of the southern Tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi) who maintained their pure blood and identity. These were mostly carried away to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 582 BC (2Kings 25:8-12) while the rest of them took Prophet Jeremiah along and migrated to Egypt (2Kings 25:25-26). Some of those Jews (southern Israelites) carried to Babylon later returned to Judea with Zerubbabel/Ezra/Nehemiah in 538/458/432 BC respectively. These were again sacked from Judea by the Romans and replaced by the Palestinians in 70 AD till they returned again in 1945 after the Second World War.

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