



the CONFEDERATION OF TWELVE TRIBES

a manifesto

The New Israel,¹ or the New Sons of Jacob,² is an alliance of twelve tribes.³ Joshua 24 shows the tribes of old Israel gathered one last time under their great commander, Joshua. No longer would his strong leadership hold the tribes together. Now they would have to be a true confederation of twelve self-governing tribes, yet still able to act as one man under their elders, judges, and officers. He called upon the twelve tribes of old to serve Yahweh “in sincerity and faithfulness,” putting away all idolatry. It was a call to holiness which they would often forget:

“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” ... So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. (Joshua 24:14-15, 25)

On the basis of this solemn declaration, the Twelve Tribes of Israel entered into a covenant. Joshua brought them into a covenant fellowship as a confederation, having a sacred bond of unity under the name *Israel*.⁴

Many years later Yahshua, the Savior of Israel, would say:

“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.” (Matthew 21:43)

And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things...” (Mark 9:11-12)

So old Israel was disqualified, as all the sincere already sensed. A new, spiritual Israel would have to be raised

up from the dust to fulfill the promises made to Abraham.⁵

In Mark 9, Yahshua prophesied that “Elijah” would have to come again to restore “all things.” In doing so, He prophesied of the fall of the first-century church. His words about wisely building on the rock versus foolishly building on the sand weren’t just for His Jewish listeners. They warned of the trouble to come. Indeed, over and over He labored to warn His disciples, the apostles and pillars of the new spiritual Israel, that they too could be cut off just as old Israel had been. Pride and overconfidence had plagued old Israel, stopping their ears and hardening their hearts against the many prophetic warnings of doom and God’s righteous judgment on sin.

New Israel — the Israel of the New Covenant, whose goal is to make God’s name great *beyond* the borders of the land of Israel⁶ — is also an alliance of twelve tribes. They are brothers allied in the same struggle and cause,⁷ in an eternal fellowship with one another. John the Apostle spoke of their ultimate glory in the Book of Revelations. Here you can see the twelve tribes of the New Covenant:

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed. (Revelation 21:9-12)

Yes, the Bride of Messiah is also a confederation of twelve tribes, the fullness of what old Israel was meant to be and what the first century church was for a brief, shining moment. Confederation means allied together

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WHAT IS A CONFEDERATION?



A confederation is an alliance of states or communities, with little or no central government or headquarters, retaining ruling power among the members. Decisions are made only by complete agreement (unanimity) of the members, so change happens slowly.

A federation is a union of partially self-governing states or communities, united by a central (“federal”) head. Only a majority vote is required to make a decision, which is imposed upon the other dissenting members. A hierarchal system increases the efficiency and power.



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¹ Galatians 6:16

² Isaiah 44:5

³ Isaiah 49:6,8; Acts 26:6-7

⁴ Ephesians 2:12; 4:4-7

⁵ Acts 26:6-7; Genesis 15:18; 18:19

⁶ Malachi 1:11

⁷ Proverbs 17:17

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Have You Heard What's Going On?

Have you heard about the radical new movement that's going on? People of different backgrounds and races from all over the world are leaving everything behind to form tight-knit communities. The work is shared, the money is shared, and possessions are shared, all for the sake of the movement. In this environment there is healing. Lives that seemed damaged beyond repair are being restored in every aspect. This movement is a full-time life. It's not some fly-by-night organization. In fact, it's been building for over 30 years, gaining momentum. It is a rich, new, emerging culture built on an ancient spiritual foundation.

The manifesto is this: God is real and is serious about making a radical change in our lives. But He needs devoted people who will abandon everything to follow His lead. We who write this paper have done just that. We are peaceful, yet powerfully united, but not without a struggle. Together we are working to undermine the evil spiritual attack on the soul of mankind on this planet. Spiritual enemies

such as selfishness and greed lead to conditions such as loneliness, fear, and ultimately death. The movement is aimed at reversing these effects and bringing great healing to people. Our Creator has the power to reach deep within our souls and make real changes, but not without our wholehearted participation in the movement He is starting.

The power to change comes from Yahshua,* the one called Jesus in the scriptures. To join the movement means following Him. It's life for life. He died and went into the agony of death for us. There He received the full wages our sins deserved. To follow Him means we must likewise give everything for Him. Not once or twice a week, but 24/7 for the rest of our life.

Yahshua didn't come to establish some milk-toast religion. He caused an earthquake that shook the status quo. Those who loved their own selfish pursuits more than the truth were threatened by Him. But those who were seeking the truth found the hope they were looking for — a hope that did not disappoint

them. This same hope is on the earth again today.

Humanity is currently being swept downstream. It's heading for the waterfall of no return. The moral foundations that support a good society are rapidly being destroyed. Most people seem strangely unaware of the consequences that result from such breakdowns. Mindlessly they follow along, mesmerized by the siren song of prosperity, ease, and pleasure. Don't be lulled to sleep! Don't be fooled by the politically correct propaganda that is flooding society. The destruction of the moral foundations in peoples' lives is destroying society, the earth, and God's very image in mankind. Something must be done.

We who write this paper have found the way out. If you dare to read it, be warned that this paper may cause deep thoughts that could change your life. Our addresses are on the inside back cover. Come and see for yourself what's going on! ↗



* See page 7 for an explanation of the name Yahshua

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in the same cause, having a bond between tribes, acting in a harmonious concerted fashion. It is a union that expresses the real communion that Messiah, her Bridegroom, prayed she would have.⁸ What a man says, and even more, what he prays in the final hours of his life tells us what is most important to him. Before His crucifixion, Yahshua earnestly prayed that she, His bride, would be one, having the same fellowship with one another as He had with the Father.

Building on the Rock

We are now at this time laying the last foundation stones of this “Holy City” on earth — the Confederation of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. It must be on earth before it is in heaven, for this is the first thing He taught His disciples to pray: “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!” The Sovereignty of Yahweh — His rule uniting a people in His love — is to be once more visibly apparent in all its glory. *Israel* is a name given to the twelve tribes *collectively*, as a completed whole.⁹ (One tribe does not constitute *Israel*.) Israel is Israel only as a completed whole. Yahweh cannot answer a prayer from anything less than a people — *His people*.¹⁰

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:1)

Jeremiah is prophesying of a fellowship of tribes that God will be the God of “at that time.”¹¹ These are the new sons of Jacob who serve Him wholeheartedly, putting away all foreign gods. New Israel is a confederation of twelve tribes which has this foundation to their common life: serving the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

—Yahweh alone — through Yahshua in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Royal Priesthood

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

1 Peter 2:9 describes nothing less than a confederation of twelve self-governing tribes. This *is* the holy nation. Each tribe is made up of self-governing clans, and all the men in these clans, in every place,¹² are in total unity.¹³ From every such place the communities (churches) sent out evangelists just as the Savior sent out His disciples. These walkers are sent out two by two with the gospel.¹⁴ This leads to new communities forming in nearby towns, just as bees swarm to new locations when the hive is full. This self-replicating life forms itself into a *confederation* of clans. Each region is coordinated by gifted brothers who gather in council. This is the pattern in all the tribes of the new Israel. Twelve tribes is the limit, fixed for New Israel, although there is no fixed number of clans for each tribe, and no limit of clusters within a township.

Israel is the dominion of Yahweh on earth. It is made up of willing subjects who willingly submit to His rule. The Holy City is made up of these willing servants.¹⁵ There is no central sanctuary or centralized government other than the Spirit of our Master Yahshua. He is found where His people dwell together in unity and serve Him night and day. This is “where He is”¹⁶ as He told His disciples in John 12. He

is in every place where a lampstand gives light.¹⁷

The elders in each place are in submission to all the other elders. All these councils of elders, such as Paul called to meet with him from the Community in Ephesus,¹⁸ are in fellowship with the apostles. For new Israel, *confederation* means a fellowship of tribes and their tribal leaders. The clan leaders (elders) within each tribe must always be in fellowship with the apostles.¹⁹

The name *Israel* means “Elohim rules,” and He rules through His servants who serve Him *where He is*.²⁰ Service and obedience is required of all who make up a tribe and its clans. Elohim rules where He dwells in the fellowship of tribes.²¹ He rules through the Word of God, the Ruler who gathers into one.²²

Our Twelve Tribes

Organized religion is institutional in nature, meaning all activities are planned out (prescribed), right down to the worship. Within the Twelve Tribes there is no trace of such deliberately created institutions for the ordering of life and limb. Instead, all are led by the one Spirit and taught by Him.²³ The rule of Elohim is the very *life* of the Confederation of the Twelve Tribes. These tribes are not governed merely by good principles such as states use to organize themselves.

Our twelve tribes are the twelve tribes of Acts 26:7 restored in these last days. Here, each person out of his own free choice serves the only God day and night. We were not brought under the control of a man-made government or order of priests (the clergy), such as the organized institutions of the world’s religions — including Christianity. The truth is that God rules in Israel, and since He is not the god of confusion, but of peace, there is no independent action or movement among His people, which is lawlessness.

Ours is a supra-natural culture, one that transcends the natural boundaries of race, culture, and nationality. It is a culture that does not change according to the whims of fashion or thought. The world saw another supra-national culture twenty centuries ago in the first-century church, but it mutated beyond recognition in comparison to its beginning. The result was the death of community, of sharing all things in common, of the daily life of love that so astounded the ancient world. How infinitely far is Christianity today from this?

So, the Twelve Tribes is not an institutional order of priests ruling over the laity. It is a royal priesthood,

a holy nation, and a confederation. To *confederate* is to bond together in a union of self-governing tribes.

The Acceptable Year of the Lord

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

We are now in preparation for another fulfillment of Isaiah 61:1-2.²⁴ Now is the hour in which the rule and authority of our God is growing into its fullness in His people. By that power, we are the new people of God. The new sons of Jacob are now being brought into being. By His mighty word He is bringing us into existence as a new people, a new nation.²⁵ He is gathering us together from both the Gentiles and the Jews.²⁶ From the trunk of the holy tree of the Old Covenant, branches were cut off and the Gentiles were grafted in. So the present restoration of the Twelve Tribes lives from the roots of the first-century church, which in turn, as Romans 11:21 says, lived from the roots of the old Israel.

Now, in the present hour,²⁷ the New Israel is being restored to produce the fruit that both old Israel and the first expression of the New Israel didn’t produce.²⁸ The holy nation is now being restored.²⁹ It has to be restored since the first expression in Acts 13:46-47 didn’t produce the fruit as Paul hoped it would.³⁰ Just as old Israel was cut off, so was the first church. It did not abide in His goodness, as Paul warned the Roman Church to do. Otherwise, he said, “you also will be cut off.”³¹ And so it was.

The Decline and Fall of the First Church

Towards the end of the first century A.D., John “gathered” the tribes of new Israel at “Shechem” again in his first letter. Like Joshua, he summoned them to serve God in sincerity and truth. He told them that those who did not love their brothers did not love God.³² He warned them to

⁸ John 17:23; 13:35

⁹ 1 Kings 18:31

¹⁰ Jeremiah 30:18 - 31:1; Isaiah 49:6,8

¹¹ Micah 5:3,7-9

¹² 1 Timothy 2:8; 1 Corinthians 1:2,10

¹³ This is true in all places where a lampstand remains (Revelation 2:4-5; John 13:34-35; 17:11,21-23)

¹⁴ Mark 6:7-11

¹⁵ Revelation 22:3-5; John 17:17

¹⁶ John 12:26

¹⁷ Revelation 2:5

¹⁸ Acts 20:17 and forward

¹⁹ 1 John 1:3

²⁰ John 12:26

²¹ Numbers 23:9,21

²² 1 Corinthians 1:2,10; John 17:23

²³ John 6:45

²⁴ Matthew 21:43; Luke 4:21; Mark 9:11-13

²⁵ 1 Peter 2:9-10; Matthew 21:43; Mark 9:11-12; Isaiah 49:6

²⁶ Romans 11:11,15,17-24

²⁷ Daniel 12:4,9; 2:44; 7:24 (as Revelation 17:12)

²⁸ Matthew 21:43

²⁹ Mark 9:11-12; Isaiah 49:6

³⁰ Acts 26:7

³¹ Matthew 21:43; Romans 11:22

³² 1 John 4:20

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“keep themselves from idols.”³³ This new Israel failed to do so, just as old Israel failed before them. They ceased being a light to the world and became one more corrupt worldly religion. We know it as Christianity.

From the second century onward, the Christian Church has always shown this drift from its roots. They embraced the separation Paul warned them was coming in Romans 11:22. They deliberately distanced themselves from old Israel. They adopted Greek names for Israel's Elohim and the Savior Yahshua, abandoned Sabbath keeping and the festivals, and became one with the world's governments. There was no separation between church and state. They took on the world's cultures, traditions, and festivals as though Israel had none! All the while they were wholly unaware of their shift from Israel's roots to the roots of the world which Satan rules.³⁴ All of this happened because they had long before cut themselves off from Messiah, excluding Him from their hearts and their councils.³⁵

The Twelve Tribes of the New Covenant³⁶ was the nation of Matthew 21:43 that was to bear the fruit of the Kingdom. Sadly, they did not endure in the unity and oneness of the Father and the Son. They failed basically because the love of Messiah³⁷ was left behind for the love of the world. The leaven of wickedness crept in over the wall and even arose from within. Eventually, the whole lump was leavened.³⁸ Every lampstand was taken out of its place — the light of revelation from heaven, such as had illuminated Peter's soul the day He proclaimed Yahshua “the Messiah, the Son of the Living God,” went out.³⁹ Darkness fell over all the land, even over all the earth. The night had come, as the Savior had prophesied.⁴⁰

So Malachi 1:11 was not fulfilled to its completeness. No holy people made His name great to the ends of the earth.⁴¹ Never has there been a 49-year witness of righteousness and justice, culminating in a celebration of the Year of Jubilee on the 50th year, fulfilling the epic commands of Leviticus 25. Neither old Israel nor the first-century church could do so. It was too radical and revolutionary for them. They tolerated the old leaven in

their midst instead. The price of being a new, unleavened lump was too high.

An evil religious spirit that Christians wrongly call the Holy Spirit interprets the Scriptures to allow divisions, enmity, and even war between believers (and against unbelievers, whom the Savior came to seek and save). This evil spirit brainwashed the “church fathers” in such a powerful way that Ephesians 4:2-7 lost all meaning. Instead, the leaven of pride, malice, and wickedness was tolerated.

Conspiracy: Defeat of the Confederacy

So in both old Israel and the new Israel of the first century, the confederacy was lost. Forced toleration of compromise and insincerity took its place. No longer were there sons of God led by the Spirit of the true Elohim, the same Spirit who led our Master Yahshua. He is one with the Father as we also are to be.⁴² So the confederacy was over. No longer was there the bond of peace Paul spoke of in

Ephesians 4. No longer was there an alliance, the league or compact, covenanted together for common action to carry out the will of Abraham's God. But there rose up in the midst of them a satanic deception. An unconscious conspiracy destroyed the confederacy of mutual support, as Paul warned in Acts 20:28-30. “Savage wolves” he called them, perverse men who would “draw away the disciples after themselves.”⁴³

Civil war is always promoted by such savage men conspiring together to promote strife (war) and division (denominationalism). This is evidently and irrefutably in full bloom today among those who claim to love one another as the Son loved them, in spite of their countless divisions, both within and between their countless denominations. They are as divided as they can be.

Conspiracy is the action of plotting or secretly combining — a joint effort made by many towards a particular end. To conspire is to use such means to accomplish a persuasion of the innocent, ignorant people to do the conspirator's bidding. In pre-Civil War America, it reached the point of inspiring northerners to invade the South, unleashing torrents of bloodshed which all of America's other wars totaled together do not equal. It's the same thing Satan conspired to do against the Church in the first century. All who were deceived among the Twelve Tribes — the Body of Messiah — conceded. They gave way to *his*

persuasion when they accepted *his* lies as true and valid.

Christian writers to this day are still under the same persuasion. That is why they wrote such intellectual nonsense praising “unity in diversity,” as if such confusion existed between the Father and the Son! Under this false persuasion they talk about how the nations of the world are still full of confusion and hostile ambitions, but they don't see their own confusion. They claim to be the light of the world, but what do they see when they look at the world but a mirror of themselves. They see themselves as full-fledged citizens of the world, and as such they are certainly and willingly “strangers to the Commonwealth of Israel.”⁴⁴

All that the nations have seen in the past, from the third and fourth century until today, is the same thing they saw in old Israel. They saw quarrels between the tribes then, and ever since the fall of the first church they have seen quarrels between all who claim to see and to know the God who is one. So what they see above all is those who claim Jesus as Lord but do not love as He loved. John rightly called them all liars for claiming to know Him but not keep His commandments.⁴⁵ What then awaits such presumption but guilt that remains eternally?⁴⁶

The Restoration of All Things

The restoration of all things in Mark 9:11-12 is one of the greatest prophecies of Yahshua. It is also the most disregarded.⁴⁷ The twelve tribes of James 1:1 must be restored if “all things” are to be restored, if there is ever to be a nation that will bear the fruit of the kingdom. Paul hoped to bring Isaiah 49:6-8 to fruition by “our twelve tribes” in Acts 26:7-8, since Romans 11:15 was the hope and goal of Paul's calling⁴⁸ — to fulfill Matthew 19:28, as the Prophet spoke.

In the restoration of all things, a new people will emerge out of the dust that will fulfill the Law in the most remarkable manner. They will do this by the grace their Master Yahshua supplies in obedience to the Law of Yahweh. Jeremiah 31:31-34 sets forth this promise, which is the very promise of the New Covenant itself, that in the last days Yahweh Himself will write His law upon our minds and in our hearts. With it comes the promise of

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the power to fulfill it. This is what the promised Holy Spirit is for.

This set apart Spirit, “given to those who obey Him,”⁴⁹ has not been given to one soul of man since the fall of the early church. That church turned into what is commonly known as Christianity, including Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism. Ever since the Spirit departed, the church has been under the Law. For as Paul makes plain in Galatians 5, to be under the Law is all that is left to those who are not led by the Spirit.⁵⁰ This law could never be obeyed without the Holy Spirit of love poured out into the hearts of the redeemed.⁵¹

The attitude of the redeemed to the law of God can be understood only in the light of Jeremiah 31:31-34. The time of salvation will return only after the restoration of Mark 9:11-12 has begun. This will bring about what is prophesied in Isaiah 49:6. This unified Twelve Tribes of one heart and one way occurred for a short time in the first century.⁵² Paul applied Isaiah 49:6 to himself in Acts 13:46-47.

Only now, in the days of Jeremiah 31:1 — “at that time”⁵³ — can it be “The Time” of Micah 5:3 when “the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel.” *That time is now* when the Law will not be oppressive as it is for those without the Holy Spirit's power.⁵⁴ For them it will be as David sang in Psalms 19:7-10, where the Law of God was his delight, more desirable than fine gold. This psalm will be sung by the new Israel. No longer will the Law be regarded as an oppressive, exacting burden, but in reality it will be what brings joy to the heart. In new Israel, that heart to obey the Law actually provides the assurance of nearness to the heart of God. It will be the evidence of the new people of God coming into existence to restore all things at the time of the end, bringing it about.⁵⁵

That is when joy in doing the will of God finds such simple expression as Psalms 19:7-10. As verse 11 promises, great reward awaits all who do. This is the manifesto of the new people of God who live in a new

obedience, which can only be possible with the newly poured-out love of Romans 5:5. This love *is* the Holy Spirit, by which God's purpose will be restored and fulfilled on the earth.⁵⁶

Unless His new people obey Him and our newly restored twelve tribes bear the fruit of the kingdom, Yahweh's promise will fail.

³³ 1 John 5:21

³⁴ 1 John 5:19

³⁵ Daniel 9:26

³⁶ James 1:1; Acts 26:7; 1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:12; Galatians 6:16; Revelation 7:4-8; 21:9-12

³⁷ John 13:34-35

³⁸ 1 Corinthians 5:6

³⁹ Revelation 2:5; Romans 11:20,22; Matthew 16:16

⁴⁰ John 9:4-5

⁴¹ Isaiah 49:5-6

⁴² 1 John 2:6

⁴³ Acts 20:28-30 sounds like the start of denominations, doesn't it?

⁴⁴ Ephesians 2:12

⁴⁵ 1 John 2:4

⁴⁶ John 9:41

⁴⁷ Matthew 21:43; Mark 9:11-12

⁴⁸ Genesis 15:18; 18:19

⁴⁹ Acts 5:32

⁵⁰ Galatians 5:18

⁵¹ Romans 5:5; Psalms 40:8

⁵² Acts 26:7

⁵³ Jer 30:20 - 31:1

⁵⁴ Romans 8:4

⁵⁵ Matthew 24:14

⁵⁶ Acts 2:40-47; 4:32-37; Isaiah 49:6; Matthew 21:43

IN 1861, A CONFEDERATION among the southern states of America came about when they, of their own free will, attempted to remedy the defects of the federal Constitution. It had failed to guard their liberties and they were being robbed of their tax dollars. These brave men of the South joined together to do what the United States Constitution gave liberty to all men to do, which was to form a more perfect union to safeguard their rights and liberties. All men who are led by the knowledge of good and evil have this right under natural law.

It was a conspiracy foisted on the innocent citizens of the North that deceived them into waging war on the South. They were persuaded to believe that a lie was the truth, that what was good was evil. There is no way possible that the United States government could have mustered up enough enthusiasm in the North to make them sacrifice the lives of their youth unless there had been a great conspiracy. So they seduced the parents with an evil persuasion to enable their youth to volunteer for war. Three hundred and sixty thousand Northern boys paid for this deception with their lives, and nearly as many southern boys were its victims.

Only when God Himself sets His Law within a people's heart⁵⁷ can it be the evidence of the coming kingdom. Then it will be seen by all that a new people is bearing the fruit of the kingdom.⁵⁸ Jeremiah 31:1 is the newly formed Body of Messiah in geographical areas of the earth in the last days. They live by the New Covenant, which re-creates the royal priesthood and holy nation of 1 Peter 2:9-10. This brings into existence the new people of God. They are a confederation of twelve self-governing tribes who are not under the Law. Instead, the Law is in their hearts.⁵⁹

The Time is Now

The time of Jeremiah 31:31 and Micah 5:3 is here. It requires the *whole* house of Israel. Israel is Israel only as a completed whole.⁶⁰ Jacob had twelve sons, so now there must be the new sons of Jacob, twelve in number. These new people will produce the fruit that old Israel never produced.⁶¹ Nor did the new Israel in the first century.⁶²

Jeremiah 31:1 says "At that time" — NOW IS THE TIME for the restored Twelve Tribes, with all their clans. They are the sign of Revelation 12:1-6. "At *that* time" — the time is *now*. *Now* is the time!

⁵⁷ Psalms 19:7-11; Jeremiah 31:31-34

⁵⁸ Matthew 21:43

⁵⁹ Jeremiah 30:18 - 31:1,31-34

⁶⁰ 1 Kings 18:31

⁶¹ Matthew 24:14

⁶² Matthew 21:43; Romans 11:19-22

A Great Conspiracy



The conspiracy of the North was required to make their soldiers believe a lie about the South and its reasons for secession, which they had every right to do according to the Constitution.

But in the southern states no such thing was needed to rouse the youth for battle, since they were not ignorant of what was actually going on in the South. They knew what the youth of the North were hearing to deceive

them into believing they were fighting a righteous cause. These northern youth were deceived into thinking the South had fired on their flag without provocation, and that their lives were the ransom paid to free the slaves. But

In Matthew 21:43, the fruit of the kingdom is Jeremiah 30:19-20:

From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained. Their children will be as in days of old, and their community will be established before me; I will punish all who oppress them.

This is a life of righteousness and justice whose joy is expressed in festivals as a foretaste of the coming age.⁶³

The New Covenant scriptures are chiefly to explain how Matthew 21:43 happened to both old Israel and the first-century church so that there can be a people who *will* produce the fruit. How else, since the kingdom was taken away from them, can anyone ever produce the fruit of it? The Old Covenant scriptures did not inspire the bulk of the people of God to obey Him. The words alone didn't keep them from being as Matthew 21:33-46 says that they were. So Paul was inspired to say in Acts 26:7 that "our twelve tribes" would produce its fruit in order to bring the promise to Abraham in Genesis 15 to fruition. Acts 26:6-7 says that "our twelve tribes" will do it for them who did not do it. This is the sad tale that Matthew 21:33-45 tells, how the servants sent by the Owner of the vineyard to obtain its fruit were instead beaten or killed. And verse 43

⁶³ Jeremiah 31:4,13, as in Colossians 2:17

says it would be taken away from them and given to a nation who *would* produce the fruit of it — *for them*.

That is why we have all that Yahshua said, in order to be the Twelve Tribes of Israel who will obey Him. We also have the Spirit to show us the way to do it.⁶⁴ So now we know the significance of the New Covenant Scriptures, erroneously called the "New Testament."

Unless His new people obey Him, the age will not come to its end.⁶⁵ Unless our newly restored twelve tribes bear the fruit of the kingdom, Genesis 15:18 will never happen. This is the land grant made by God to Abraham, which no power on earth will ever bring about. Only God Himself will ever give Abraham's seed that land in peace. And Genesis 18:19 is the only way it can be done by a spiritual people who turn their hearts to their children, raising up generations who walk in the way of Yahweh. Then, and only then, can He, the mighty God, bring about all that He has promised Abraham.

This special people will do this by obedience to the New Covenant Scriptures (both the Gospels and the Epistles). This obedience qualifies and enables our twelve tribes to bear the fruit of Matthew 24:14. If we are not obedient, 1 John 2:4 says what we actually are — a bunch of liars. And what else is Christianity, which disavows obedience as a matter of

⁶⁴ Acts 2:40-47; 4:32-37

⁶⁵ John 13:34-35; 17:11,21-23; Matthew 21:43; 24:14

in the South they had lived in peace with their black servants, whose lives were a hundred times better than laborers in the cities of the North, or in Africa, since they were cared for by their new masters who had bought them, just as Abraham, as a good master, cared for the slaves he had bought. That was one of the chief reasons God chose and knew him.

So there was no need for a conspiracy in the South to gather the youth for war to defend themselves against the northern aggression. The conspiracy of the North was required to make their soldiers believe a lie about the South and its reason for secession. That separation from the union of states was something they had every right to do, according to the Constitution and according to such experts on its meaning and intent as Thomas Jefferson.

The North crushed the South in the same way and for the same reason that King George had desired to crush the Thirteen States in the American Revolution. The Civil War, so-called, was the antithesis of the American Revolution. Its effects overwhelmed constitutional government then, and continue to do so now. ❀

doctrinal necessity? If the new Twelve Tribes disobeys His word, we will be no better than anyone else who has ever claimed to be God's people.⁶⁶

As the leaven creeps in, the youth not obeying their leaders or parents causes it to permeate into the whole batch of dough. If anyone defiantly refuses to obey, he is sent out into the world to face his fate alone, unless his parents also are sent away. We cannot tolerate or forbear with rebellion. But the story of the Prodigal Son shows the Father's mercy for those who repent and return.

So our Master Yahshua came to enlist a people to take old Israel's place for an age. He did this in order to restore Israel to its proper place in the Kingdom. Then the curse of Jeremiah 34:18 would not come to pass upon the One who promised to keep the covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15:18. It was a self-cursing oath that God humbly took that day when His presence went between the animals which Abraham had split in half. So upon Him lies the weight of keeping His word — *and* the penalty of non-compliance seen in the divided carcasses of the sacrifice.

Paul knew of the oath in Genesis 15 and knew that if Israel, Abraham's descendants, would not do Genesis 18:19 — the very purpose God chose him — and if Yahshua's disciples would not do it, then Yahweh Himself would

⁶⁶ John 9:41

Confederation

be as Jeremiah 34:18. It was a self-maledictory oath: “May this be done to me if I do not keep this covenant.”⁶⁷

Israel did not do Genesis 18:19, which Abraham was foreknown to do, but the promise would be fulfilled only if his offspring would do as he did. But they would prove to be imposers.⁶⁸ At first they took the land,⁶⁹ but it is another thing to keep it, which requires faithfulness to raise up the generation after them to maintain it. That generation must likewise do what Abraham did in commanding their children and household and walking in the way of righteousness.⁷⁰ We must do what Joshua and the Twelve Tribes did at first. It is one thing to raise up the twelve tribes,⁷¹ but another thing to bear the fruit of it, to maintain unity for 49 years.⁷² Abraham was faithful to the end with Isaac, then Isaac was faithful with Jacob, then Jacob was faithful to give birth to his twelve sons. Their descendants formed a confederation of twelve self-governing tribes, and later the Law was added.⁷³

Genesis 18:19 says, “his children and his household after him,” but his house, the house of Israel, did not do what was right and just in order for Yahweh to bring about what He promised in His oath. So He knew when He walked through the split animals that He would give the bearing of the fruit to another nation to fulfill His oath by the fruit they would bear.⁷⁴

So the New Covenant Scriptures are written down for us.⁷⁵ They remind us of the Old Covenant which was not obeyed by Abraham’s offspring, except in a few periods of history. Joshua 1 is such an example. But we, as Revelation 17:14, must be faithful, and not just called and chosen. How many times did old Israel think as 1 Corinthians 10:12? In Joshua 21:43 was the promised oath, but it was not long until Israel became unfaithful again and again, until Matthew 21:43 came upon them, as Joshua 22:18 and 24:20-25 foreshadowed.

Renewing the Covenant

Our twelve tribes must renew the covenant inaugurated in Luke 22 in the first century. Mark 9:11-12 is the New Covenant restored in order to bear the fruit for old Israel and the first church.⁷⁶ As in Acts 26:7, now we must renew the covenant to bear the fruit they did not bear. Acts 26:7 is referring to the oath of the Old Covenant in Genesis 15:17-18, which is kept by Genesis 18:19. It

takes a faithful generation “after us” to keep the covenant so that Yahweh can do what He said. Exodus 20:5 says, “to the third and fourth generation of those who *hate* Me,” but verse 6 speaks of those who *love* Him.⁷⁷

Israel violated every one of these “ifs” in Joshua 23:12-16. Joshua 23:1-5 is the promise, but it requires obedience and faithfulness as verses 6-11 exhort, while verses 12-13 warn, “BUT IF YOU TURN AWAY...” Then Genesis 15:18 will not be a continued victory, but rather a fall,⁷⁸ and it is the same with the New Covenant Israel. They did not remain faithful, but turned away as 2 Timothy 3:1-7, in spite of 2 Timothy 4:1-5. But Paul himself remained faithful,⁷⁹ and we must all be as he.

1900 years of Christian history provide ample proof that the churches of the first century died out,⁸⁰ as Ephesus 6:24 gave way to Revelation 2:4-5 in every place. In Romans 11:22, “IF” is a condition, or as some versions read, “*provided* that you...” The holy nation of 1 Peter 2:9-10 in the first century took the place of old Israel to bear the fruit of the kingdom *for them*. But they also had the kingdom taken away from them, since they became Christianity. The nation that replaces old Israel⁸¹ MUST produce the fruit of Genesis 18:19 in order to bring old Israel back to be restored when Messiah returns. And He will *not* return until the restored holy nation of Mark 9:11-12 replaces the first church in Acts 26:7. They will do for them what they did not do or remain faithful to do, in order to have the promised oath made by God to Abraham.⁸² It cannot by any means be fulfilled by what is called Christianity today, for Christianity did not begin until the first church was “cut off.”⁸³ Then they all started calling themselves by the name the world called them to make fun of them.⁸⁴

Old Israel will rise again,⁸⁵ but only when heaven releases Him to return.⁸⁶ They will only rise at the end of this age. That end will be brought about by the good news of the kingdom being proclaimed and demonstrated to all the earth.⁸⁷ This is the fulfillment of Matthew 21:43, bearing the fruit of the Kingdom.

⁷⁷ Revelation 12:1-6

⁷⁸ Matthew 21:33-45

⁷⁹ 2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁸⁰ Romans 11:19-22

⁸¹ Matthew 21:43; Acts 26:7

⁸² Genesis 15:17-18

⁸³ Romans 11:22

⁸⁴ Acts 11:26

⁸⁵ Acts 26:6-8

⁸⁶ Acts 3:21

⁸⁷ Matthew 24:14

The restoration in Acts 3:21 comes *after* the restoration in Mark 9:11-12, which is the restoration of Isaiah 49:6 in order to bring about verse 8.⁸⁸ Romans 11:12-15,25 is a mystery which comes about through Matthew 28:20. That apostolic ministry produces the witness of Matthew 24:14, which is Isaiah 49:6, the nation that bears the fruit of Matthew 21:43. Only that restoration will allow Him to return in Acts 3:21⁸⁹ to restore all things in the next age for Israel and the world.

When the end comes, Yahshua will return with and for those who remained faithful.⁹⁰ They will be caught up to be together with Him in the air as Paul prophesied. Then, they will return to earth for the dreadful war of Revelations 19:11-21. There will be a 30-day war followed by a 45-day judgment.⁹¹ Hebrews 10:26-30 is speaking of *His* people. The faithful are worthy to rule with Him, for they are compatible with Him and comparable to Him.⁹²

The Messiah “is come” in the flesh,⁹³ since He said He would send the Spirit, not leaving us as orphans.⁹⁴ John 14:20 is the reality of “is come in the flesh.” All who have surrendered all to Him will be where He is and serve Him there.⁹⁵ He is made manifest in His Body to the world. The oath His Father made to Abraham can now only be fulfilled in the restored Body of Messiah. This means all who are actively being built up together in love,⁹⁶ who serve Him night and day. They do so to see to it that the hope is fulfilled of Israel having that enemy-free land promised to Abraham’s descendants. Those who do what He did will also be raised to live in that land in the Kingdom age.⁹⁷ Only those whose Father is Abraham’s Father will dwell there.⁹⁸

All who do the works of Abraham⁹⁹ are his offspring.¹⁰⁰ Therefore, know that only those who are of the same faith (i.e., *persuasion*) as Abraham are the sons of Abraham. It is not impressive to God that someone shares his DNA; what matters is who shares his faith! They are persuaded to do the works God had for him to do in Genesis 18:19 in order for God to keep His oath

⁸⁸ Matthew 28:18-20

⁸⁹ returning just as He went in Acts 1:9-11

⁹⁰ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

⁹¹ Daniel 12:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10

⁹² Daniel 12:2-3,10; Revelation 2:11; 3:5; 17:14; 1 Peter 1:4-9; 4:7-11

⁹³ 1 John 4:2, KJV

⁹⁴ John 14:3,18,20-23

⁹⁵ John 12:25-26

⁹⁶ Ephesians 4:16

⁹⁷ John 8:39; Genesis 18:19; 15:17-18

⁹⁸ John 8:37-47

⁹⁹ John 8:39; Genesis 18:19

¹⁰⁰ Galatians 3:7,29

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in Genesis 15:17-18. This is the reason and cause or purpose for which God chose Abraham — to procreate people to fill the universe — as many as the stars and sands of the seashore. But “first things first.” Genesis 15:18 is an enemy-free land.

In Genesis 15:18, the word *give* means not temporary, but forever. That means lasting for an age, as “forever and ever” means *eternally*. The age of peace will come when all of God’s enemies are put under His Son’s feet.¹⁰¹ But this is done “for them” by “our twelve tribes.”¹⁰² If no holy nation will keep Genesis 18:19, then God’s promise cannot be kept. But God made this oath in His infinite foreknowledge that *His* people would do it *for them*, for Abraham and his descendants. He chose us¹⁰³ to do the works of Abraham, which were prepared for us to do.¹⁰⁴ We were chosen to be the faithful ones¹⁰⁵ who would *do* Genesis 18:19.

Make no mistake about this: The mystery here concerning the restoration of the twelve tribes in the last days requires exponential growth for the full number¹⁰⁶ to come into the Body of Messiah. They are the New Sons of Jacob, the Sons of God¹⁰⁷ in the time of the end. Nothing can happen before the full number¹⁰⁸ of the nations are saved and brought into the Twelve Tribes in every place.¹⁰⁹ The physical seed of Abraham, known as the Jews or Israel, are blind as far as their own twelve tribes are concerned. Matthew 19:28 is fulfilled in the next age for them. But it can only happen then after Isaiah 49:6 happens in *this* age. This is what Paul was saying in Acts 13:41,46-48. Verse 47 was put off until the end of days in this age, since they (“our twelve tribes”) in his day did not produce the fruit of the kingdom.¹¹⁰ Acts 13:47 is Isaiah 49:6. Verse 8 is after the full number of the Gentiles comes in¹¹¹ to produce the fruit. Matthew 28:19 is *now*, at the end of this age.¹¹²

The end of the age is brought about by the faithfulness and service of the new people of God in all the world.¹¹³ They are living in just such a situation of crisis as that which old Israel had to wrestle with.¹¹⁴ So the Scriptures have recorded now not only old Israel’s struggle, but also that of the nation of Matthew 21:43 in the first century. Remember, it fell in the same way.¹¹⁵

¹⁰¹ Hebrews 10:13; Acts 3:21

¹⁰² Acts 26:6-8; Isaiah 49:6,8; Romans 11:15

¹⁰³ Ephesians 1:4; 2:10

¹⁰⁴ Ephesians 4:16; 2:22

¹⁰⁵ Ephesians 1:4,9; 1 Peter 1:2; 2:9

¹⁰⁶ Mark 10:29-30

¹⁰⁷ Galatians 3:26-29

¹⁰⁸ Romans 11:25-26; Luke 21:24

¹⁰⁹ Malachi 1:5,11

¹¹⁰ Matthew 24:14

¹¹¹ Luke 21:24

¹¹² Isaiah 49:6; Acts 13:47; 1 Corinthians 10:11

¹¹³ Acts 26:7

¹¹⁴ 1 Corinthians 10:11

¹¹⁵ Hebrews 4:11

So now it is restored and it remains for us to be faithful,¹¹⁶ since we have the way they fell recorded, and we are now warned not to fall in the same way. It is according to whether we have the attitude of the One who endured to the end.¹¹⁷ We must walk as He walked.¹¹⁸

Time of Crisis

Our Father will bring the work which began in Abraham to its final end even though the new people of God will be thrown into a state of grave crisis.¹¹⁹ Do you think by any means the crisis has already begun?¹²⁰ This crisis is coming in an unstable or crucial time, a severe test or situation in which concentrated forces interact, but they do so to cause change or development into the kind of people God needs to rule the earth and then the universe. *Crucial* means a necessary and final determination in the crucible of testing. It is *crucial*, essential, necessary to His purpose that we pass the test as our Master did, who endured to the end.¹²¹ This produces the end result of determination — the goal of the time in the crucible. This preparation and testing is what it means to be His followers.

The crucible requires a high degree of heat to cause the development into His vessels. It is like the the word *crucifix*. Crucify speaks of an extreme, painful test. We shall then say, after it is over, “It is finished; His will and purpose have been accomplished on earth.” Then He will have the finished vessels of highest honor.

To be baptized into Messiah means nothing less than Romans 6:2-6. We are baptized as Galatians 3:27 into the crucible, the Body of Messiah.¹²² 1 Corinthians 1:2 is the result of being baptized into the Body of Messiah, which is a real body of people living together in a set-apart place. There, they are in the world but not of it. They are a community where this purifying process can take place. That is where we can be made holy, as our God is holy. There can be no one who is called to be a saint anywhere else except where He is. Only where He is can one serve Him, now and forever and ever.¹²³

It is a major *process* for the Holy Spirit to make us into the image of Messiah.¹²⁴ We must be *malleable*¹²⁵ to be shaped and formed into His image, surrendered into His hands. If we are not malleable, we will be malformed.

¹¹⁶ Hebrews 3:7

¹¹⁷ Philippians 2:5

¹¹⁸ 1 John 2:6; Hebrews 2:10,11,17,18

¹¹⁹ Luke 21:16,17,19; John 15:18

¹²⁰ Mark 13:9-12

¹²¹ Matthew 24:9-13

¹²² 1 Corinthians 12:13; Malachi 3:2-3

¹²³ Revelation 22:3-5

¹²⁴ 1 John 3:1-3

¹²⁵ *Malleable* — able to be hammered, pounded, or pressed into various shapes without breaking or returning to its original shape; yielding, amenable, adaptable (Jn 6:44-45; Mt 24:13).

Process means something going on, a spiritual phenomenon marked by a gradual change. This leads toward a particular result — a saint, holy as God is holy, pure, undefiled.¹²⁶ A *process* is a series of actions conducive to an end,¹²⁷ a continual operation or treatment. We are made into saints by a special process, but by no artificial means or modification, but a continuous procession,¹²⁸ a forward movement, a progression, effluence on the way to effulgence¹²⁹ — from glory to glory.¹³⁰

We will be glorified together with Him if we go through the process, the crucible.¹³¹ 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 speaks of those who will receive an immortal body, but they are only those who are *saved*. That is, they went through the refining process in this present age. It is a process of going through “much tribulation” as Paul encouraged the saints in Acts 14:22. He spoke of how saints are made on the winnowing floor of the Community.¹³² A process is what one must go through to reach the other side, as in the process in making a vessel of highest honor to set on the king’s table. Do you know what a vessel must go through to be useful to the Potter (our Master)?

He is making something out of us, so as to do 1 Corinthians 2:9. To go through this process you must love the Potter who puts you through

¹²⁶ Revelation 14:1-5

¹²⁷ Revelation 19:7-8; Ephesians 2:10; 4:16

¹²⁸ *Procession* — moving forward, continuous forward motion for success (*pro*=for; *cess*=success) — to go through the process, to gain success, successful journey.

¹²⁹ *Effulgence* — radiant splendor.

¹³⁰ Romans 8:17-18,29

¹³¹ Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 4:12-13; Romans 8:17-21

¹³² 1 Corinthians 1:2; Matthew 3:12; Luke 3:17

the whole process, from the streets of asphalt in mid New York to the streets of gold in the Holy City. To reach the center of God’s will and purpose we are immersed into the fiery process to make us like our Master¹³³ through the purifying process. Our Father has had enough who were like Jeremiah 6:28-30 — reprobate silver.¹³⁴ In the process of refining silver, the lead was consumed as the alloys were drawn off. But too many times, the process failed because the silver ore had too many impurities. His people must overcome their inherited iniquities¹³⁵ and not bow down to them, or they will be as rejected silver.¹³⁶

The word *refine*¹³⁷ means to smelt, test, purify, to prove, examine, try by fire; the smelting process where impurities are removed from precious metals such as gold or silver.¹³⁸ In Jeremiah 6:30, “like reprobate silver” they resist the purification process, having no understanding,¹³⁹ like foolish virgins. Silver is silver as a virgin is a virgin, but one virgin is wise and another is foolish. One’s offering is accepted and one’s is not.¹⁴⁰ Acceptable offerings are what He wants.¹⁴¹ For some it is in vain that the process goes on.¹⁴² *Reprobate* means rejected as worthless, not standing the test — an unacceptable sacrifice.¹⁴³

¹³³ 1 John 3:1-3

¹³⁴ Malachi 3:1-3

¹³⁵ Exodus 20:4-5

¹³⁶ Jeremiah 6:29-30; Malachi 3:2-3; Isaiah 1:21-23; James 1:26-27; Zechariah 13:9; Revelation 18:2

¹³⁷ *Tsaraph*, #6684, to smelt, refine, test by fire.

¹³⁸ Psalms 12:6; 17:3; 66:10; Isaiah 1:25; Malachi 3:2-3; 1 John 3:1-3

¹³⁹ Daniel 12:10

¹⁴⁰ Malachi 3:2-3

¹⁴¹ Revelation 3:4-5; Exodus 20:5-6; John 14:15,21; Daniel 12:10; Matthew 24:40-41; 1 Cor 16:22

¹⁴² Jeremiah 6:28-30

¹⁴³ Malachi 3:2-4

Conspiracy in the Church

In the Twelve Tribes, the Body of Messiah, there will be no deliberate conspiring to divide, even as there were none even in the early church. But as Hebrews 2:1-3, when disciples drift away, they fall into the hands of Satan, the great conspirator.

Matthew 6:33 is in contrast to verses 31-32. Verse 33 is the righteousness of God, by which the Holy must surpass the righteousness of the nations. In doing so, they go into another dimension altogether. In Revelation 22:11, the Just or Righteous and the Holy are in entirely different realms. Matthew 6:33 goes beyond the natural righteousness to the spiritual righteousness. As Yahshua commands us, our righteousness must exceed the most righteous ones in the natural realm. Seek first God’s own righteousness in conformity to all He commands: obedience to this call cannot be avoided by any who know Him. Those who claim to know Him but do not heed this call are, as John said, liars. God Himself is the standard for the Holy, who seek only His approval.

The righteousness of God means the righteousness which belongs to God, or God-like righteousness, to be holy as He is holy.¹⁴⁴ He is holy and we must be holy. He is set apart for us, and we are set apart for Him. We cannot have the kingdom we seek for without having the righteousness of God to rule over His kingdom.

¹⁴⁴ James 1:20; Romans 5:17; 10:5; Galatians 3:21; Romans 10:3; Philippians 3:6

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Yahshua

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The Name Above All Names

In the days of John the Baptist and the Son of God, the preserved language of the devout Jews was Hebrew. So, when the angel Gabriel brought the good news to the Hebrew virgin, Miriam (or *Mary* in English), that she would give birth to the Savior of the world, and told her what His name would be, what language do you suppose he spoke? Hebrew, of course! And certainly Miriam and Yoceph (or *Joseph* in English) named the child just as the angel had commanded them — *Yahshua*.

In Matthew 1:21, your Bible probably reads, “...and you shall call His name *Jesus*, for He will save His people from their sins.” But the name *Jesus* is a modern English adaptation of the Greek name, *Iesous*, which is itself a corruption of the original Hebrew name *Yahshua*. The name *Jesus* or *Iesous* has no meaning of its own, but the Hebrew name *Yahshua* literally means *Yahweh’s Salvation*,¹ which makes sense out of what the angel said in Matthew 1:21,

¹ *Yah* is the personal name of God, and *shua* is from a Hebrew root word that means “to save.” God identified Himself to Moses as *YAH* (meaning “I AM”) in Exodus 3:14, as in Psalm 68:4, KJV (“whose name is *Jah*”), and as most familiar in the word *Hallelujah* (“Praise *Yah*”). And in John 5:43 and 17:11, Yahshua says that He came in His Father’s name, “the name which You have given Me” (NASB), so it is not surprising that the Father’s name would be incorporated into the Son’s name, *Yahshua*.

“...you shall call His name *Yahshua* [Yahweh’s Salvation], for He shall save His people from their sins.”

The fact is, the name of God’s Son was not even pronounced as “Jesus” in English until the 16th century, simply because there was no “J” sound or letter in English until then.² The modern letter “J” developed from the letter “I” which began to be written with a “tail” when it appeared as the first letter in a word. So in old English the name now written as *Jesus* was actually written and pronounced much like the original Greek *Iesous*. Eventually the hard “J” sound crept into the English language to accompany the different way of writing the initial “I” in the name.

You may also find it interesting that in Acts 26:14-15, it says that the apostle Paul heard the name of the Son of God pronounced “in the Hebrew tongue” by the Son of God Himself, so he certainly didn’t hear the Greek name *Iesous* or the English name *Jesus*, but rather the Hebrew name, the name above all names, *Yahshua*.³ ✠

² Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (Oxford University Press, 1971), pp. 1496,1507.

³ Philippians 2:9; Acts 4:12

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COME AND SEE US!

WE USED TO BE DESPERATELY LONELY, even though most of us had a lot of friends. Some of us were successful in what we did, and some of us were failures beyond hope. We came from everywhere and we have done everything trying to make sense out of our lives. But no matter what we did, we were left feeling dirty inside. We were scarred deeply from the effects of mistrust and hurtful relationships. We strove for acceptance, money, and whatever else could give us comfort. Some of us had dreams of a better life, but most of us had given up the struggle, settling instead for compromise and consent to the way things are. We were lost, scattered, without direction, doing our own thing.

Then we heard a voice that spoke to us right where we were, exposing the emptiness of our lives. This voice matched up fully to the longing of our hearts. Somehow a lifetime of being unable to trust was overpowered by this voice of hope. It came from a people who had their dirty conscience washed clean. They had a clean slate and an absolutely new life. This new life they eagerly offered to all who wanted it.

So now we have a life together. We no longer have to be separated by race, education, appearance, position, status, or where we came from. Instead, our days are filled with seeking first the needs of our brothers and sisters. In so doing, we find our own needs are met. This new life has given us the power to care.

We hate the death, war, strife, hatred, starvation, murder, injustice, greed, and selfishness that is leading the whole world to destruction. We want to see all of this come to an end. We want many, many more people to hear the voice of hope we have heard, to come and see the life. We are thrilled to be able to invite you to come and see that it is a reality.

We are a messianic community, and by *community* we do not mean a town or locality. Nor do we mean a loose association of individuals living near one another. And we surely do not mean a religious organization centered around meeting in a building, otherwise called a church. *Community*, as we use the term, means those who love one another so greatly that they are of one heart and mind, holding all things as common property, living together, taking their meals together, devoted to one another because they're devoted to the One who saved them from death and misery. ♦

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