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It's Not "Us" vs "Them" – It's ONE Body

Why – “Am HaDehrek”?

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Am HaDehrek is Hebrew and it roughly means – **People of The Way**. Notice that it is “people.” Not Jewish people, nor non-Jewish people, nor Hebrew people, nor people from the 70 nations. Not white people, black people, yellow people, brown people, red people, or blue people.¹ Not Caucasian, Asian, Semitic, Hispanic, African, or any other specific ethnic or racial group of people. Just...*People*.

We'll Get To The Point At The End Of The Article...But First,

“In the beginning...,” YHWH created one group of people and they remained one group of people until the infamous *Tower of Babel Affair* – when God was forced to divide the world into 70 distinct nations...plus one – which would become Israel. Eventually a man named Abram is chosen and through him, YHWH unveils His *Plan of Salvation* for mankind, that He will work through Abraham's physical descendants – the nation of Israel. So even though Abraham comes from one of the 70 Gentile or non-Jewish nations – he is called a Hebrew² and God uses His Chosen People for 3 main purposes:

- 1). – They were entrusted with the oracles of God (**Romans 3:2, Acts 7:38**).
- 2). – They were to live out the Grace of Torah and be a nation of priests to the whole world (**Deuteronomy 4:1-8, Exodus 19:6**).
- 3). – The Nation of Israel protected the bloodline of the Messiah (**Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:3**).

For Salvation came first to the people of Israel (**Romans 1:16**) – *but* it also came to all the people of the other 70 nations.

Salvation Was Always Open To Everyone

Before the Flood we see that people were “saved” declared Righteous by Adonai: Seth, Enoch, Noah, Shem. After the Flood we see that Abraham is the first of the post-Flood people to be identified in Scripture as being declared Righteous by God – by FAITH and FAITH alone (Genesis 15:6). The interesting thing is that we can see men and women who were born not of Israel – coming to God in faith and being declared righteous by God. The biggest group we can see is the group in Exodus 13:38 that comes with Israel out of Egypt. This “mixed multitude” apparently participated in Passover by faith and were Redeemed – just as Israel had also been Redeemed by their faith in God's promise of Deliverance. These people were then absorbed into Israel – when they all gathered around Mount Sinai and accepted the Mosaic Covenant. Of course they became part of physical Israel *and* Redeemed Israel.

We then see individuals such as Rahab, Uriah the Hittite, and others. But in the times leading up to Messiah's Ministry – we see that they had to come in faith (just as Israelites had to do) but then they had to “convert” to Judaism by formal process – in order to become heirs to the Covenant of Abraham.

But we begin to see in certain Books within the Tenach – that Adonai had something bigger and grander in mind – in regards to Redeeming the entire world: and in regards to bringing the peoples of the 70 Nations into the nation of Redeemed Israel! Not just as “converts” ...but as full-fledged native born sons and daughters of His People!

Some Of The *Tenach* Hints

“So you shall divide this Land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. And it will come about that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the aliens who

¹ Blue people? Yes. In Kentucky there are people who originate from France (Kentucky was originally settled by the French). These people have a blue tint to their skin, due to the capillaries being closer to the surface than most people. So Adonai even created *blue* people. (This was in *Discover Magazine* around 1981-1984).

² **Hebrew** roughly means “he who crossed over.” Many scholars think that this refers to his crossing over from Ur to Canaan. But some think it means that he crossed over from man's way (death) to God's Way (Life).

stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it will come about that in the tribe with which the alien stays, there you shall give him his inheritance, declares YHWH.” - **Ezekiel 47:21-23**

*“Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, ‘The Lord will surely separate me from His people.’ Neither let the eunuch say, ‘Behold I am a dry tree.’ For thus says the Lord, ‘To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My Covenant, to them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.’ Also the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to Him, and to love the Name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, and holds fast My Covenant; even those I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer, their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.” - **Isaiah 56:3-7***

Factoid: How many people know all 7 books in the *Left Behind* series... but not 7 verses to lead someone to the Messiah?

...And Even Earlier

*“All of the congregation of Israel is to celebrate this, but if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the Land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you.” - **Exodus 12:47-49***

Beloved, this last passage is transmitted by the Ruach HaKodesh to Moses – between the actual Passover event and the departure of the Israelites (and the mixed multitude) the next morning! For other verses regarding ONE law, ONE people – see **Leviticus 24:22**, **Numbers 15:14-16**, and **verse 29**. Even Naomi had instructed her daughter-in-law Ruth in this Torah concept, as Ruth demonstrates when she makes her famous declaration of faith in **Ruth 1:15-18**.

Paul Unveils The “Mystery” Of The Gentiles...

Jeremiah in his day, was also inspired by the Ruach HaKodesh to make a prophecy concerning the bigger and grander plan that Abba had in mind – when He first made the promise and hope for redemption to Adam and Eve (and us) in **Genesis 3:15**. Take a look at **Jeremiah 31:31-33**.

“Behold, days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the Covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt, My Covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,’ declares the Lord. ‘But this Covenant which I will make with the house of Israel³ after those days,’ declares the Lord, ‘I will put My Torah within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’”

Salvation has *always* been through Israel - but before Messiah, one had to essentially become a Jew. But after Messiah died upon the tree, was buried, resurrected, and ascended to be with His Father again – anyone could become grafted into Redeemed Israel – entirely by their FAITH! Faith is what brings Salvation to everyone – Jew, Greek, Slave, Free, man or woman! But the Security of our Salvation comes from being part of Israel. All of the Covenants: Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and the “new;” ALL were made with Israel. *The Way* has always been open to everyone – only now more so.

³ The House of Israel and the House of Judah. When they came out of Egypt they were ONE nation (house). They existed this way until after the death of Solomon – then they split into two kingdoms (houses): 10 Northern tribes, and 2 Southern tribes. Assyria rose to power and took the 10 Northern tribes to Assyria. Then Babylon rose to power and conquered both Assyria and the 2 Southern tribes. Babylon brought the 10 Northern tribes to Babylon and they rejoined with the 2 Southern tribes and once again became *The House of Israel*. Notice even in the prophecy of Jeremiah, when he wrote this, they were indeed split – but then He writes that this new Covenant will be made with the house of Israel “after those days.” How could this be? Because when Nehemiah and Ezra came back to Jerusalem – all 12 tribes came back. So when Messiah came to fulfill His Ministry “to the Jew first” – He could proclaim the Good News to all 12 tribes living in the Land. THEN after the Ruach HaKodesh came during Shavuot, to the disciples and followers of The Way – they could then take the Good News to the Jews of the 12 tribes living in the Diaspora and to the peoples of the 70 nations in the whole world!

God allowed His Temple of Stone to be destroyed⁴ so that His Plan of Salvation could literally go into all the world (this article will not deal with aspects of how He wants to be worshipped). Salvation is still through Israel (Messiah is Jewish) but now anyone who wants to come by faith – may do so: and no longer does anyone have to make a trip to Jerusalem to be converted – our faith grafts Jew and non-Jew into Redeemed Israel!

The Temple becomes the body of each individual Saint (**I Corinthians 3:16**) – the Spirit of God indwells each Believer (same verse) – and He indeed then writes on our hearts His Torah, still. But now He gives each Believer the Ruach HaKodesh so now we all desire to willingly and cheerfully follow His Instructions in Righteous Living (**Titus 2:14, I John 5:1-3**...and many others). **Romans 11:16-24** becomes the explanation for this “New” Covenant, and Paul confirms this in Galatians 3:8! The Temple and Spirit are in *us* – and all of us that are Redeemed by faith by His Blood...**ARE ISRAEL!** We DID NOT replace Israel – we are grafted in to her and we become part of her – by our faith.

What Of Messiah Then? What Did He Say?

Messiah had plenty to say – first to His own people – then to the people of the nations. Let’s look at some of these:

“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:19

Notice that He does not differentiate between Jew and non-Jewish. Just as in the verse in the Tenach: ONE Torah for EVERYBODY. The Father does not change (**Malachi 3:6**) and neither does the Son (**Hebrews 13:8**) – if they did change and were able to alter Their promises, oaths, and covenants (**Deuteronomy 15:8-21, Hebrews 6:13-20**) – we would already be space dust (the last part of **Malachi 3:6**)!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you....” – Matthew 28:19-20a

Notice that once again He does NOT differentiate between what He told and instructed His Jewish disciples and what they were to teach “all the nations.” If this isn’t clear enough, we have another passage.

In this passage Messiah is teaching His Jewish disciples:

“And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they shall become ONE flock with ONE Shepherd.” – John 10:16

The “other sheep” are the myriad peoples of the 70 nations. The Plan of Salvation, *The Way*, is now going into high gear to ALL the world – and when they hear His voice and they shall join the flock of Israel (Romans 11) and they shall have ONE Shepherd (**John 14:6**). Jews and non-Jews will become Redeemed Israel!

Just as Yahshua also prophesied in **Luke 19:46** when He was cleansing His Fathers house for the second time, He quoted **Isaiah 56:7**:

“For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”

Factoid: More people die in the Valley (not to mention this state or nation or world) each year without Messiah – than people who meet Him each year.
Do you find this to be an unacceptable reality?

Bottom Line

This means that if you are born a non-Jewish person (ethnicity and race) – you are NOT a second class person! You don’t need to become a Jew (because you can’t) – you don’t have to wear a kippa, begin to daven, or begin to like gelfillte fish and matzos balls. You don’t have to learn Hebrew or speak it with a Texas drawl. Because YOU are just as special a person to Abba (like Daddy or PaPa) as a person who is born a Jew. He is simply inviting you to come and join His People.

⁴ **Personal Observation:** Many Torah scholars believe that Abba would have had the Temple destroyed *eventually* by earthquake, dis-assembly, or something else. But HaSatan may have had a hand in inciting the “Zealots” to revolt and rebel against Rome in 67-68CE – thus causing the violent destruction of the Temple in 70 CE and the killing of one million Jewish men – essentially creating a leadership vacuum in the growth of *The Way*. And we know that by the time of the second revolt/rebellion in 135 CE – if you were a non-Jewish Believer in a Synagogue in Roman territory (in human terms) it became suicidal to keep attending. Thus the growth of “the Church” was fostered by the two rebellions. Something which no Saint (Jewish or non-Jewish) would have or could have supported, in either case.

- You are grafted into Redeemed Israel (**Romans 11:16-24**)
- You are heir to ALL the promises of Abraham (**Galatians 3:29**)
- You are Saved by your Faith just as Abramham was (**Galatians 3:6-9**)
- You are to be guided only by Torah and not by mans traditions (**Ephesians 2:11-22**)
- You too will inherit the Land (**Ezekiel 47:21-23**)
- You too will receive and inheritance in YHWH's house (**Isaiah 56:3-7**)
- You too will live forever with God, be His child, and inherit all things (**Revelation 21:7**).
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Why would you want to trade your uniqueness that God created you to be – to be something that you cannot become? Jewish. You can wear a kippa if you want to, and you can daven, you can cook all the Eastern European Jewish foods until you think, eat, and breathe like a Jewish person – but you will never be Jewish.

But you can become an Israeli and you can become a Hebrew - by your faith. Remember that Abraham was a Gentile who was called a Hebrew by YHWH. Abraham **crossed over by faith** to God's *Way* – just as you crossed over to God's *Way* – just as I crossed over.

Without faith and Messiah, I am just a lost person of Jewish origin.

Just as without faith and Messiah, you are a lost person of Jewish or non-Jewish origin.

Through Messiah we have life, we have become heirs, and we have become children of God and brothers and sisters of Messiah. And if that isn't enough – there is even more - that He has made you for to be...! For the thief who died on the tree (our brother) taught us a VERY important lesson: NOTHING other than faith is required for our Redemption or Deliverance!

But...what if we don't die within moments – how shall we then live our lives?

Factoid: Remember, that not all physical Jews are part of Redeemed Israel. "Crossing Over" to His *Way* to be part of Redeemed Israel is what is important! Whether you are a Jew *or* a Gentile. **John 3:16-21**

Our Purpose

Someone once told me, "The purpose of life is to pursue a purpose." What then is the purpose of a citizen of Redeemed Israel? What then is the purpose of a Hebrew? What is the purpose of a Saint, a True Believer and follower of our God and Savior?

✦ Be a nation of priests (all of us) – **Exodus 19:6, Isaiah 61:6, I Peter 2:5-6, Revelation 1:6.**

✦ Live our lives by His Word (Torah) so others see it and want to know God – **Deuteronomy 4:1-8, Matt 5:16.**

It is **not** to build Crystal Cathedrals or Jazzercise classes or anything else in a human endeavor – we are to live so that the Ruach HaKodesh can shine forth in power – *from our lives and thus we can help to draw others to Messiah's Atonement.*

"Come let us reason together" says Abba, 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are like crimson, they will be like wool. If you consent and obey.' - Isaiah 1:18

YHWH has always had a *Way* that was open for everybody, Beloved. Let us then be ONE Body of Believers, ONE Flock, with ONE Shepherd – and ONE Message for the world. Time is short, the harvest is great – do we want to stand before a lost soul one day and ask for forgiveness because we wanted to "go it alone"? 3,000 people died in the horrible attacks on the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon – yet 7,000 people die in the U.S. EVERY day – and we scarcely notice. By 11 September 2002...2.5 MILLION people in the U.S. will have died. How many will have died without God's FREE GIFT of Salvation? Who is your neighbor? Who is your brother? When a man in Bombay dies...do you mourn?

Beloved...let us be ONE people – leading all peoples to *The Way*!

Beloved...do you believe that in 5 years there could be dozens of Torah Communities in the Valley?

Beloved...let us reason together.

Question: It has always been time to live Torah to move our Jewish brethren to jealousy – perhaps it is now time to live Torah to move our evangelical brethren to jealousy? Who are the people in **Revelation 12:17 & 14:12**? Where are they now?