

FAMILY BREAKDOWN – THE REMEDY – WEEK TWENTY.

When setting our ‘Sabbath table’ this week, I was drawn to the two candle sticks and the Menorah we usually have on the table. The Menorah we have has the emblems of the twelve tribes embossed upon it, and we usually have the two candle sticks arranged so one is on each side of the Menorah. It was this arrangement that caught my attention, reminding me about some aspects of the reconciliation between the Two Houses. The two candle sticks either side of the Menorah with the twelve tribes represented, reminded me of the fact it is both HaMoshiach Yeshua and the Torah that encompass the Whole House of Israel, bringing all together under the one roof of the Father. It is HaMoshiach and Torah that shed Light upon the Whole House of Israel. As a nation Israel cannot stand without both HaMoshiach Yeshua and the Torah being embraced by all Citizens of Biblical Israel. Thousands of years have gone by and still no reconciliation. Surely we are entitled to ask if it will ever change, and if so, why and who will bring about the change and what will that change mean to both Houses?

“Brothers, join in imitating me, and pay attention to those who live according to the pattern we have set before you. For many – I have told you about them often before, and even now I say it with tears – live as enemies of the Messiah’s execution-stake. They are headed for destruction! Their god is their belly; they are proud of what they ought to be ashamed of, since they are concerned about the things of the world. But we are citizens of heaven, and it is from there that we expect a Deliverer, the Lord Yeshua the Messiah. He will change the bodies we have in this humble state and make them like his glorious body, using the power which enables him to bring everything under his control. So, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, my dear friends, keep standing firm in union with the Lord.”
Philippians 3:17-4:1 [CJB]

The words above are the writings of Paul/Shu’al trying to encourage believers in the Holy One of Israel, to follow his example, because Paul imitated Yeshua HaMoshiach.

“Take me as your pattern, just as I take Moshiach for mine.”
1Corinthians 11:1 [NJB]

We have here the teaching that Yeshua and the Torah go hand in hand. Paul is saying, just as he now imitates Yeshua HaMoshiach, we also must imitate him, because in doing so we please Hashem and follow in the footsteps of HaMoshiach Yeshua. Yeshua is the Word of HaShem, therefore He is the living Torah, and Paul now follows the living, breathing Light of biblical Torah as found in HaMoshiach Yeshua. Paul warns us about those who are enemies of the stake of Moshiach. He does so with tears in his eyes, because these are those who distort the Good News found in Yeshua HaMoshiach in the same fashion as

those he once fellowshipped with and followed with a passion. Paul can obviously recognise such because he himself was an enemy of Yeshua HaMoshiach before he met the Master. Paul says their end is destruction, if they do not change. Consider what Paul is saying here. If those who distort and reject Yeshua as HaMoshiach and do not follow in His footsteps keeping the Torah as Paul now taught, their end could be destruction. In fact Paul says their end will be destruction.

Paul tells his audience that it is from heaven [therefore the Father] that the Deliverer comes from. Paul is dogmatic that this One is Yeshua. He then makes a remarkable claim, a claim that will see us changed and transformed into a people pleasing to HaShem. Our bodies will be changed from their earthly state to a heavenly state. Our bodies will be glorious in nature, in the image of Yeshua HaMoshiach whom rose from the dead and now sits at [or as some say as] the right Hand of the Father. We will have been re-born from above and thus be in the image of God. What a wonderful time this will be, for all citizens of biblical Israel.

It must not be missed that Paul says all this will be achieved because of the power Yeshua has been given to bring all things under His control. The writer of Hebrews agrees.

*“In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to the Fathers through the prophets. But now, in the acharit-hayamim, he has spoken to us through his Son, to whom he has given ownership of everything and through whom he created the universe. This Son is the radiance of the Sh’khinah, the very expression of God’s essence, upholding all that exists by his powerful word; and after he had, through himself, made purification for sins, he **sat down at the right hand of HaG’dulah BaM’romim.**” Hebrews 1:1-3 [CJB]*

Paul is an intriguing character when it comes to the subject of reconciliation. I say this because just as Yeshua HaMoshiach is misunderstood and misrepresented so is Paul. This goes to show that Paul did indeed follow in the footsteps of Yeshua and became an imitator of Yeshua. So how is Paul misunderstood and misrepresented, just as Yeshua was?

Most who see themselves as present day Judah despise Paul and Yeshua, as they believe that both came to remove the Torah from the lives of Jews. This could not be further from the truth. How could the Living Word/The Living Torah remove Himself from the nation of Israel? Yeshua actually said to follow Him! Yes Yeshua had plenty of arguments over manmade laws and burdens that the religious leaders placed upon the people. Yeshua never tried removing the Torah from the lives of the people or told them the Torah was no longer valid. He never

led the people away from HaShem. He leads people back to HaShem. That is why He said to follow Him, as He has the power to bring all things under His control, because He is HaMoshiach, He is the Living Word of HaShem. Those who fight HaMoshiach Yeshua are fighting HaShem. As Paul ended up following in the footsteps of Yeshua, he also is accused of distorting the Torah and leading people away from HaShem. This distortion and misrepresentation of Yeshua and Paul came about because they challenged the established religious leaders of the day. They challenged their power base and exposed the corruption within the system. Just as their fathers stoned the prophets of HaShem, so the leaders stirred up the people to destroy Yeshua and Paul. There is an old saying, "If you cannot kill the message, kill the messenger". No different today. Yeshua and Paul challenge the religious leaders of Rabbinical Judaism. The tactics they use today are the same tactics they used in the time of Yeshua and Paul.

None the less the biblical Yeshua and Paul also challenge the Christian church and their leaders. You will find very little support in Christian organisations if you try and present them with the biblical truth that the Torah is valid for all biblical citizens of Israel to follow. If you try to show them Yeshua would never sanction changing the Sabbath to Sunday, if you try and tell them so called Christmas and Easter is an abomination that Yeshua and Paul would never support, they become very aggressive. Some foolishly do not believe Yeshua was from a Jewish family and thus He is not the Lion of Judah in their eyes. Some Christian organisations hate the Jews and thus Judah so much they are totally blind, they cannot see the real Moshiach Yeshua and thus put words in Paul's mouth that he never spoke.

I don't write these things with any joy, as we all fall short of the glory of God. I write these things in hope that both Houses take a fresh look in the mirror, leaving aside our pride, positions and deceitful hearts. Man cannot solve mans problems. How foolish of us if we continue to do the same things over and over and expect change. **Only Yeshua and Torah** can change our stubborn deceitful hearts. I feel HaShem could well be saying to us. "You can either do this the hard or easy way, which will it be, because My will, will be done."

I cannot understand why Judah refuses to look at the possibility of Yeshua being Moshiach Ben Yoseph and coming back as Moshiach Ben Dovid. I cannot understand how the Christian church rejects the Torah and refuses to follow in the footsteps of Yeshua. Then I recall how Paul wrote the following:

"For I wish not, ye should be ignorant, brethren of this sacred secret, lest within yourselves ye be presumptuous. That a hardening in part has befallen Israel, until the full measure of the nations shall come in; and so all Israel will be saved: Even as it is written – 'There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, - He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

And this for them is the covenant from me, As soon as I take away their sins.'

As touching the joyful-message indeed they are enemies for your sake, But as touching the election beloved for their fathers sake; For not to be regretted are the gifts and the calling of God:- For just as ye at one time had not yielded unto God, And yet now received mercy by their refusal to yield So these also have now refused to yield by your own mercy, in order that themselves also should now become objects of mercy; For God hath shut up all together in a refusal to yield, in order that upon all he may bestow mercy. Oh! The depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgements! And untraceable his ways! For who hath come to know the mind of the Lord? Or who hath become his counsellor? Or who hath first given unto him and it shall be recompensed to him again? Because of him, and through him, and unto him are all things:- Unto him be the glory unto the ages, Amen!" Romans 11:25-36

As we close today I suggest that when Paul says; ***“That a hardening in part hath befallen Israel”*** that we consider this actually means all the Children of Israel, not just Jews/Judah. I say this because Paul continues to say; ***“And so, all Israel shall be saved.”*** Surely the word Israel incorporates all the Children of Israel in both cases. If Paul was only meaning Jews or Judah in the first usage of Israel, he would have written Jews or Judah. It is both Houses that have been blinded/hardened in part, Judah to Yeshua as HaMoshiach and Ephraim to the beauty of the Torah.

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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