

FROM KINGDOM LIFE TO CONVERSION DEATH

‘A SOMBER YET LOVING WARNING’

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CONVERSION

According to Webster's College Dictionary, (Random House 1992 edition p.298) conversion means to “to change into something of different form or properties; to transmute; to cause to adopt a different religion, belief, political, doctrine, course, etc.” or to change from disbelief to faith. Conversion is further defined as the “act or process of converting”. The biblical word for convert in the eternal set-apart Hebrew tongue is shuv. Shuv means to revert, and turn back to. The corresponding Greek word preserved in the equally inspired Brit Chadasha is epistrepho, having an identical meaning as the Hebrew shuv. The contradiction in terms between the biblical syntax, and the listed lexicon understanding, is light years apart. The difference between worldly, and spiritual conversion is just as wide of a gulf. From the worldly perspective, spiritual conversion is the adoption of something new, different, and is considered nouveau.

In scripture however, conversion means just the opposite. Teshuva or epistrepho means to return and readapt the ways of our forefathers, (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16, Maaseh Shelechim/Acts 3:19) when the ecclesia of Israel stood at the foot of Mt. Horeb/Sinai (Maaseh Shelechim/Acts 7:38). Furthermore this kosher conversion route is kick started by a personal cry of repentance from chet/sin, expressed in true sorrow to Yahuwah for being a rebellious and wayward sinner. A repentant person who cries out to Yahshua, Yahuwah’s chosen vessel and Messiah, as Savior and Master, begins the process of regeneration, that leads to full conversion, only when that person has returned to the ancient paths of Yisrael who was, is, and always will be Yahuwah’s eternal bride.

Today as multitudes at long last come into the truth of their identity as returning Israelites from both houses, one of the most nagging questions remaining in this unfolding process is this. How does one really go about rejoining Renewed Covenant Israel anyway? Simply put, anyone who believes in the HaAdon/The Master Yahshua is already part of the “Israel of Yahuwah”, a physical people that have become Ruach filled. However, for many returning Ephraimites this rejoining

together with believing Yahudah does not seem to be enough. And far too often, it does not seem to offer them legitimacy as physical Spirit filled Israel. It remains a legitimacy that seems to escape them, as they often continue in their erroneous belief system, where only Jews are really Israel. Rather than seeing and resting in the truth of who they are as the legitimate offspring of the 10 tribes of non-Jewish Israel, they seek to somehow continue to chase the unattainable approval of non-believing Jewish Israel. This act is sadly reminiscent of the proverbial tale of the dog, trying to chase down but never seeming to “take hold” of its own tail! This often leads to an adoption of some heretical views, that ultimately and often times ends in an outright denial of the very Master’s blood that bought them.

WHO JOINS WHOM?

Much has been made of Yehchezkel’s/Ezekiel’s two sticks becoming echad in Yahuwah’s hand. Zechariah 8:23 declares that in the end of days, the 10 tribes of non-Jewish Israel found in all nations, speaking ALL languages, will grab the wings/tzitzit of regenerated Jews in a joint return to Zion’s ways, and her land. However the lingering puzzle before all Messianic believers from both houses is this. Who joins with whom? There are some who teach that the two stick prophecies can only be fulfilled when Ephraimites succumb to the “established” ancient Seat of Moses, and their rabbinical offspring, through formulated conversions to non-Messianic forms of Judaism. According to these scenarios, only when all Ephraimites lose their identity as Ephraimites by undergoing arbitrary manmade conversions into one of the three major branches of Judaism, (usually Orthodoxy) will Ephraim truly become one stick with Yahshua. There are however, many problems with this kind of erroneous theology.

MANY PROBLEMS. ONE SOLUTION.

Let us examine the dangers of non-Jewish/Ephraim Israel, being forced to convert into any and all forms of “recognized” Judaism.

Problem: Conversions openly defy scripture by telling returning Ephraim that they are somehow not completely physical heirs in Israel, until unbelieving Judaism grants such recognition (Ephes. 2:11-14). How can they tell who is, and is not Israel, when they cannot even identify Israel’s Messiah?

Problem: Conversions seek to undo the primary mission, and finished work of Messiah by allowing man to attempt a reunification based on his or her own criteria, and understanding, as opposed to the biblical truth that only HaAdon Yahshua has completed what man could not possibly achieve. Only Yahshua through His omniscience knows who is, and is not a biological Israelite (Yochanan/John 10:16/Ezekiel 34:11-13). This ability to discern is far beyond any

human capability.

Problem: Most recognized forms of Judaism would force an Ephraimite to renounce HaAdon Messiah Yahshua, either early or perhaps later in the conversion process. But ultimately, completion of successful conversion to a major branch of Judaism requires a renouncing of Yahshua as Master, along with the Renewed Covenant scriptures as legitimate. In many conversion cases, believers often have to lie about their belief, and deny Him as Savior/King.

Problem: The Orthodox and Conservative conversion process now in place uses stealth, to cause the previously illuminated Ephraimite to pronounce a watered down version of the "Birchat HaMinim" or the curse against believers in Yahshua, and thereby cursing him or herself. This curse is subtly hidden in the modern versions of the traditional siddur/prayer manual, and has been significantly watered down in this era of politically correct ecumenicalism. However just as shockingly, the original curse remains in a cleverly cloaked and edited format.

Problem: All major forms of Judaism not only ultimately require a renunciation of personal belief in Yahshua as Savior, and King over Israel, but often goes further by requiring an Ephraimite to deny his or her Ephraimite pedigree in order to become Jewish. The rabbis have no set system in place to formally recognize Joseph as Joseph, so they have determined to turn Joes into Jews! So in essence, the conversion processes that leads Ephraimites down a path of worldly conversion to forms of non-Messianic Judaism, is a program designed to undo the very plan of Yahuwah. Yahuwah's plan is to make two sticks one in His hand. Conversion's goal is to make one stick swallow the other stick, like Moshe's did when it swallowed those of the Egyptian sorcerers. However, the Father's will is that neither house lose their unique identity, and gifting but rather that we should recognize both houses, and their unique roles in kingdom restoration. Yahudah is to maintain their strong identity as the preservers of the eternal and glorious Torah. Ephraim/Israel needs to be preserved in his eternal role as the proclaimers and guardians of the Besarot/Good News of individual salvation. According to scripture, both sticks live as one in Yahuwah's hand. At no point, is one stick to supercede or consume or overshadow the other. That is not what scripture teaches. Any form of manmade conversion that causes Ephraim to forfeit their unique and recognizable calling as the other house of Israel, is a false anti-Messiah system, designed to keep Israel divided into anti-nomian churches, and anti-Messiah synagogues.

Problem: All forms of conversion to Judaism require the convert to "admit" whether by word or by deed, that they cannot bear the spirituality of Yahudah/Judah. That somehow they are not made or created by the Almighty to carry a "full spiritual load". [This nonsense is also taught in Messianic Judaism

addressed later on]. While often times these words are not said or expressed out loud, the conversion process is designed to make it quite clear that the non-Jewish convert has not been blessed with the same spiritual strength, and ability to carry Torah's obligations, as has the naturalized Jew. Therefore a less stringent set of rules or Torah commands [as in design your own slimmed down version] are given to the convert. This kind of brazen pride is found in all forms of manmade conversions.

Problem: A strange irony often results when Ephraim comes to Yahudah for an Israelite seal of approval. The irony is often played out in the ironic and even humorous fact that the very ones doing, overseeing or conducting the conversion process into rabbinical Judaism may in fact not be Jews themselves! All of the generational family records stored in the Moriah Temple were destroyed in 70 CE. No one knows for sure who is, and is not a Jew. And well known is the fact that the modern day Jewish people have literally made millions of prior converts from among the Gentile nations by allowing them status as Jews (Ezra 2:59, Esther 8:17, Acts/Maaseh Shelechim 2:10). Many of these blood Goyim today are called Jewish or Jews. It is entirely possible, even probable, that these Gentile converts to Judaism from prior generations, have no Israelite blood at all! On the other hand, many from among the scattered Ephraimites in the nations, who may, and often do in fact have Israelite blood, and are true biological descendants of Israel, come running to Jewish converts with no Jewish or Israelite blood, for approval, recognition and national acceptance! What an ironic situation this presents, as a result of the manmade conversion process. Also, many in the so-called church, may be direct biological Jewish descendents of the early first century believers. Also other true blood Jews have hidden in the so-called church, during times of persecution. Aren't these people biological Jews, and not Ephraimites? DNA does not change upon ones changing of his or her faith. DNA remains constant from the cradle to the tomb.

Or how about the children of rape in days gone by when "Christian" crusaders impregnated Jewish women? Are these children biologically Jewish? And who would makes that determination? Where and when is that determination made? The Talmud? [No not at all. Because the Talmud is not the Word of Yahuwah, despite wishful thinking on behalf of its adherents, not to mention that the very essence of the Mishna, and Gemara is grounded in the diversity of opinions on any topic, including proper conversion methods. Scripture on the other hand, holds to only one opinion: Yahuwah's!] The Sanhedrin which today does not exist? The traditional rabbis of today or of yesterday? Sephardic (Jewish leaders from Spain and Spanish Jews) conversions or Ashkenazi (Jewish leaders from European and Russian Jews) conversions? No one knows for sure. And other than our Moshiach Yahshua the Blessed, who really is qualified to pass such judgment? What we can

know for sure is found in Matthew 23:15! Yahshua declares that converts to Pharisaic Judaism are not His children, since His children must be born from above (Yochanan 3:3). This may not be what you want to hear. But it is the ‘thus saith YHWH’ that we need to hear! Dual Covenant Theology (increasingly popular among Messianics of all persuasions), where all Jews are automatically saved from the Lake of Fire through Moses and Torah keeping alone, [thus negating the entire purpose for Messiah’s coming and passion] is not taught in scripture (Mark 16:15-16). If it were, perhaps the conversion process to Judaism might make some sense, so folks could get “an automatic pass”.

FURTHER IRONY

Further irony suggests that many from Ephraim Israel, may in fact be Jewish, since scripture clearly does teach limited population crossover between the two houses during the time of righteous King Josiah, and repentant King Hezekiah of Yahudah, as well as at other times. (See my book *The Truth About All Israel* www.yourarmstoisrael.org homepage)

Wouldn’t that be a barrel of laughs! Jews who are really biological Ephraimites, being approached by Ephraimites who are really biological Jews, begging for entry into national Israel. Comical? Problematic? Nonsensical? Confusing? How about all of the above!

Yet undoubtedly, this absurd situation has played out many times throughout the centuries, and continues to play out in our generation, as Ephraim comes to Judah for manmade conversion, even after a salvation experience. Yahuwah is not the author of confusion. And as such, He made only One Door back into the Commonwealth of Israel (Yochanan/John 10:1-9). All who go through that Door are Yisrael! Yeshayahu/Isaiah 56:3-4 instructs all would be Israelites, that the way to become Israel is simply TO JOIN YAHUWAH THROUGH HIS SON, and then follow His instructions (Torah) to remain/abide in Israel. When this occurs, Yahuwah Himself will forbid any returning Israelites from separating from Israel. According to Yeshayahu/Isaiah 56: 8, it is Yahuwah who gathers Israel by divine favor, and foreknowledge, and it is that very program, that Yahshua came to enact in His Father’s Name. We need to return to sanity, and end these confusing and anti-scriptural manmade conversions, no later then yesterday!

Israel cannot be divided into who is a Jew, and who is an Ephraimite. Rather “who is who”, is defined by “what is what”, in scripture. If all believers are physical/Spirit filled Israel regardless of the tribe or clan of a person’s origin, that person is said to be Israel. If believers are national Israel renewed, then all its members are as well, for a total is made up of the sum of its parts. Romans 9:1-8 reminds us that to be part of the reconstituted people of Israel, one must be both a

physical and spiritual offspring, as was Isaac the child of promise. For not “all who are Israel are Israel”, just because they are Abraham’s biological seed. Rather in Isaac shall Israel be reckoned as the children of promise, for even Ishmael’s common seed, is descended from Abraham. Genealogy from Abraham alone does not make anyone chosen. Yitzchak and Yaakov must be brought into the equation in order to establish who is and is not part of chosen Israel, for Jacob was the first to become Israel.

Therefore like Isaac, we must be Spirit filled-physical heirs of the promise! So Israel cannot be merely physical, as are the unbelieving Jews (who conduct most of the manmade conversions) but spiritual and physical in order to be considered children of the promise. Only Yahuwah knows who is who. And Ephraim is NOT hidden from HIM according to Hosea 5:3. When taken in conjunction with Yahshua’s coming for all of the lost sheep of Israel, the one and only way to guarantee that you are an Israelite is by His blood, and your faith in His blood alone, and not your own bloodline.

JEWS IN THE SO-CALLED CHURCH

Problem: Through the centuries, many biological Jews have converted to Gentile forms of Christianity. The descendants often time were brought up as Christians. Were the conversions or forced conversions/baptisms of Jews by Christians valid? And did these conversions undo their Jewish DNA strands? If Judah has always accepted converts, then why should Ephraim not do likewise? Why shouldn’t Ephraim set up rabbinical boards, and Bet Dins of their own, and set up their own manmade standards of conversion? Why not? Would that bother you? If you’re Jewish or even a two house Jewish advocate, it probably would bother you, were the leaders of the House of Ephraim to take upon themselves such arbitrary and serious responsibilities.

Now if the principle of manmade conversion is palpable in Judah, why not in Ephraim? Proverbs 20:10 states that Yahuwah requires us to deal justly, and equally with the methods and behaviors in both houses of Israel. For He hates unjust or unbalanced weights and measures. So operating within the Torah principle of equal weights and measures, any Ephraimite board (i.e. the Southern Baptist Convention, Antioch Kirch of Goad, Trinity Broadcasting) or Sanhedrin type of ruling council, could legitimize conversions to Christianity. This thought while rightfully appalling to Jews, is exactly what takes place when a newly illuminated Ephraimite pitifully seeks his or her citizenship papers as a true Israelite from any manmade Jewish source. In all things we must use and apply equal weights and measures. For if Judaism continues to allow Ephraimites to convert to rabbinical Judaism, then the Jewish establishment should not kick and scream when Ephraim does likewise by converting/evangelizing Jews into

Catholics and Protestants. If converting Jews to papist Catholicism or apostate Protestantism is wrong, which it certainly is, [we are to point people to Yahshua and Torah alone] then so is converting illuminated Ephraimites into rabbinical Judaism, a belief system that is blatantly open with hatred for Yahuwah's blessed Son, and guarantees it's adherents (though they may be a biological Jew) removal from Israel's Commonwealth through unbelief (Romans 11:20-21).

THE COMPANIONS

Problem: Any conversion process always leaves some people out. For those Ephraimites that are misled to seek Jewish conversion, the question begging to be answered is, what about Judah's companions (Ezekiel 37:16)? Are these non-Jewish, non-Ephraimite companions, scattered throughout, and living among the Jewish people left out of any claim to Jewishness? If these companions are not illuminated as to their role as Israelites, will the Jewish rabbis come to them and offer them conversion as well? Will the unsaved and often-unregenerate rabbis have a supernatural ability to identify these companions who are neither Jews or Christians but live among modern day Judah? The same questions and principles apply to the companions living amongst Ephraim-Israel. Who are his companions (Ezekiel 37:16)? What if they are not Jews or Ephraimites? Are they to be included or excluded by conversion into a recognized form of manmade Judaism? And what branch of Judaism should oversee such conversions? Sephardic? Ashkenazik? Karite? And, was it not David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of the modern State of Israel who said, "A Jew is anybody who embraces Judaism, regardless of whether he observes or does not observe its precepts, he is a Jew!" (Restoring Israel's Kingdom, A. Wootten, p.65-66). Using equal weights and measures, anyone who says he is an Ephraimite, and simply identifies with the other house of Israel, whether practicing or not, is an Ephraimite!

Again, we are left with more questions than answers. If the rabbis who advised David Ben Gurion almost 50 years ago, along with the leading rabbis in the State of Israel to this very day, cannot conclusively determine just what or who constitutes a "real Jew", what gives these same pretenders the right to decide who is, and is not a real Israelite from among returning Ephraim or non-Jewish Israel? And what about who is, and is not a companion of Israel?

We must resist the allure that awaits those who choose to go down the path of man's approval via conversion, rather than Yahuwah's plan of joining in and signing up WITH YAHUWAH through His Son. For it is written of the Son that, "truly no one comes to the Father but by Me" (John/Yochanan 14:6). Manmade conversions do not solve the problem of the tag-along companions that are neither Judah nor Ephraim (such as Edomites, Moabites, Muslims, Gypsies etc., who desire to join Israel, and already live among Israel but do not yet know who or

WHERE THE DOOR IS. Show them THE DOOR into Israel's Commonwealth, (John 10:1) and you will have all the unidentified companions or tag alongs, going through the exact same Door as does Jewish and non-Jewish Israel, making all enter through a single point of entry. Through that Door, unencumbered by manmade conversions, all Israel must inevitably pass through.

THE SEVEN NOACHIDE LAWS

Problem: Conversion to Judaism for an illuminated Epharimite or a "recovering Christian" is destined to lead them back into the second-class citizenship they have escaped, when they received their initial revelation of two-house truth. Perhaps the most widely used, yet most frightening unbiblical manmade conversion formula used today, is anti-Messiah at its core. Today it is well known as the "Seven Noachide Laws" or principles for Goyim/Gentiles. The "Noachide Doctrine", is not a clear doctrine found in scripture per say, [despite insistence by Noachide advocates who use ascertained principles rather than scripture] but rather is presented to us by those who are not, and cannot prove that they are biological Levites, and who have historically seated themselves illegally in Moshe's hallowed seat, against the Torah requirement that only cohanim/sons of Aaron, can sit in that seat.

The authority of the cohanim to sit in Moses Seat is temporarily on hold, [though they do have other teaching functions in Renewed Covenant Israel; See part 16 this series at: [THE ROLE OF THE LEVITES- A THIRD PARTY AND WITNESS IN ISRAEL'S TWO-HOUSE RESTORATION](#)]

until the time when the Moriah Temple stands again, when the Messiah redeems them all, and Israel is all in the land, the very place where Yahuwah chose to dwell. That place was and will yet be Yahrushalayim, and not Brooklyn or the Lower East Side of New Amsterdam (Deut./Devarim/ 17:8-12). (See Part 13 of this series at: [MOSES' SEAT AND Messianic Nazarene Yisrael](#)) for the original Hebrew of Matt. 23

CASTE MENTALITY

The false doctrine of the "Noachide Laws", allows all non-Jews to become "co-workers" with Goad [sic] (Phillip Birnbaum's Jewish Concepts p.134). "BUT HIGHER IN CHARACTER [than the Noachide convert] MUST BE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL [the Jews]". Ibid

So The Seven Noachide Laws, while seeming to offer Ephraimites an entry point into "real Judaism" or the "real Israel", is by Judaism's own admission a position of lesser value in their belief system. The Jewish conversion mirage then is no

different than the antiquated and disdained Indian caste system! Yet the unsuspecting, and sadly often times duped Ephraimite, in his longing to be “more Jewish” than the Jews, often times becomes ensnared within the prospect of the excitement of the Noachide conversion process. It is a process that not only places them under an apostate anti Messiah hierarchy. It is also one where they ultimately will be forced to confess that which is twice unscriptural. The first denial is of their unique redeemed Ephraimite standing by being told that they are merely “Goyim-co-workers” coming into Israel under the Noachide Laws. In this manner, Noachide converts often deny both their Master, and their prior illumination vis-à-vis their Ephraimite pedigree. The Noachide Laws are a manmade false system of minimal works, designed to give non-Jews a “good feeling”, along with a means by which traditional Judaism can accept them. Even Yaakov/James in Acts 15 realized that a watered down set of instructions might indeed be a start but certainly not a formula for Israelite status (Acts 15:20). In Acts 15:21 Yakkov [the first rabbi paquid/officer of the first century Messianic Nazarene Yisrael assembly] requires full Torah compliance, [on non-Jews] along with prior faith in Messiah Yahshua, [not a general faith in the coming of “a” or “some” Messiah] as requisites for kingdom entry.

Sadly, Ephraimites often desire this acceptance more than that already given by the Heavenly Father, who has declared that all blood washed and atoned for Torah keeping believers who have come out of the false Babylonian religious systems are already in fact kosher citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel. Philip Birnbaum goes on to say that, “as opposed to the person who regulates their lives by the Seven Noachide Precepts [non-Jews], ‘the Jews’ must be thoroughly obedient to Torah”(ibid). Birnbaum speaks on behalf of much of the traditional Jewish movement, when he clearly differentiates between Jews and non-Jews, [even after completing Noachide conversion] where in their belief structure, Jews have the innate and inbred ability to observe all of Torah. On the other hand, non-Jews (including Ephraimites) do not have that ability. The nasty insinuation is that the Ephraimites are biologically, intellectually, and racially, inferior or somehow “less than” a Jewish person. Now if that is man’s idea of reuniting Israel’s two houses, may heaven help us! The non-Jew has been told often enough, and long enough, that he is not as good as a Jew, in his or her attempt to be echad in the kingdom. Only Yahuwah knows how many Ephraimites are now in this pitiful system of second class citizenship, designed to further subjugate Ephraim Israel rather than liberate them.

ONE TORAH FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITY

Furthermore, those who have fallen prey to manmade Jewish conversions are never really looked upon as “good Israelites” or “equal heirs” in Renewed Covenant Yisrael” by their fellow Jews. Rather, they are viewed as “good men”,

or “good” non-Israelite men. Birnbauam accentuates the difference between a Jew, and a Noachide convert by adding: “Just because Judaism teaches that every good man irrespective of belief is saved, and has a share in the world to come, it follows that to be a ‘good Jew’, signifies something ETHICALLY HIGHER than being [just] a good man” (p. 134 Jewish Concepts). In scriptures such as Shemot/Exodus 12:49, Bamidbar/Numbers 15:29-30, and numerous others, Yahuwah makes no such differential between "good men" who can “co-labor” with Him, as opposed to native Israelites. Rather, the Father's plan is that: “there is ONE TORAH, [set of instructions] for the native born, and for the stranger among you”. In the Father of Israel, all who are of Israel’s faith, their Torah, and their Messiah’s blood are Israelites from both houses. They are fully equal heirs of salvation, in the world to come/olam habah. As a matter of fact, joining national Israel was made so simple by the Father, that all He required in addition to a permanent physical dwelling among the 12 tribes, was the mitzvah of male circumcision, and Passover celebration (Shemot/Exodus 12:48-49). All three criteria could conceivably be performed within a space of just two or three days just prior to the annual Passover of Yahuwah, and the joining process would have been completed.

In contrast to manmade conversions based on manmade criteria, and their false system of reunification, the truth of Ezekiel 37:24 states quite the opposite. The Father states that true national restoration will come upon Israel in that day, [time period] when both houses have the same King (Hosea 1:11). The current manmade conversion processes of Jewish-Israel does not have Messiah Yahshua as their King, as does Ephraim. Therefore, there can be no unity apart from the acknowledgment of Yahuwah’s one and only Messiah/Savior and King. Furthermore in Ezekiel 37:24, the Father states that one people having the same King, will all have the privilege, and the benefits of walking in His chukim, and mishpatim, right rulings, and judgments. Therefore any system of manmade conversion that does not allow returning Ephraim the same access, and benefits of guarding and observing all of Torah is not of the Father.

No Ephraimite ought to be told that they are not “strong enough” or somehow do not possess the “right stuff” to keep Torah as Yahuwah has determined, and thereby settle for the observance of the 7 Noachide principles. Anyone one who has willfully taken on a yoke of becoming a “Ger”/sojourner of any form through the Noachide Movement, is not a biblical Israelite. For sadly, either he or she has already renounced Messiah Yahshua as King or in a well intentioned, yet emotional desire to be “more Jewish”, has left his or her birthright as Israel, for the vain bread crumbs handed out by the now apostate seat of Moses. Today that authority of Moshe/Moses still remains in national Israel, [not the kirch] albeit among Messianic believers [whatsoever YOU bind and loose or YOU allow and

disallow based on scripture; Mattityahu/Matthew 16:18-19]. We cover this in detail in part 21 of this series at: http://yourarmstoisrael.org/Articles_new/restoration/?page=21&type=12

NO RENEWED COVENANT GERS

Other subtle tools outside of the Noachide Laws are also available to entrap gullible Ephraim. He is best advised to forsake these cyanide cookies as well. Traditional Judaism also offers Ger-Emet [True/Truthful Sojourner] or Ger-Tzadik [Righteous Sojourner] status, considered “full-fledged Jewish recognition” to converts. Seems good! Seems like there are no problems! But wait a minute! First of all, scripture tells us that anyone in Messiah, specifically those who have Yahshua as Master of their lives, ARE NEITHER JEWS NOR STRANGERS. [GER IS THE EXACT HEBREW WORD FOR STRANGER OR FOREIGNER. Strong’s H. #1616] SCRIPTURE TEACHES THAT MESSIAH’S CHILDREN ARE ALREADY PHYSICAL CHILDREN OF ISRAEL (Gal. 3:28-29)! By definition, any manmade conversion process that relegates converts to a grouping containing the word Ger, is a process that for all intents and purposes denies the finished work of Messiah Yahshua on Golgotha. In addition to Ger-Emet, and Ger-Tzadik, there is another grouping in the Ger category called a Ger-Toshav, who is considered as a “partial convert” and thus “a partial Jew.” For all intents and purposes the only difference between a Noachide Convert, Ger-Emet, and Ger-Tzadik as opposed to a Ger-Toshav is that the Noachide convert falsely believes he is a fully accepted Jew by other Jews, [which he is not] whereas the Ger-Toshav knows he is not.

These other means that cleverly offer full “Jewishness” through the manmade processes known as Ger-Emet, and Ger-Tzadik are simply deceptive caveats, to somehow impart Noachide status. The Talmud admits that even those who become either GER-EMET or GER-TZADIK are still not “full Jews”, specifically and especially when it comes to marriage to a “real Jew”. Babylonian Talmud Gerim 1:3 states that “a Ger-Emet, or Ger-Tzadik, who can become fully converted Jews in rabbinical Judaism, still are not Jewish, if he becomes a Jew in order to marry a Jewess”. This would nullify “the Jewishness” of all marriages by non-Jews, who converted to a form of Judaism “just to get married” and raise Jewish children, and who have been led to believe that they are now full-fledged members of the Jewish community. Even as a child in the traditional Conservative synagogue, this author vividly remembers the whispers that surrounded a woman or man who was known to be a convert or a shickser-female or shaigitz-male, non-Jew, i.e. not a real Jew. Even as a child, I felt hurt for these poor souls, who had gossip swirling around their heads, when it seemed as if all they wanted to do was be left alone, and enjoy the service in an attempt to experience Elohim. It seemed like everyone in the schul knew who the poor souls were that weren’t “real Jews”. Those souls seemed to be

marked as a person to be avoided.

It is into this mish-mash of “be a Jew if you can, and/or if we let you”, that saved Ephraimites are running in record numbers. Surprisingly, even Sun-Day Christians who in the past have in large part hated anything to do with Torah, are beginning to seek a release from the pagan saturated practices of Greco-Roman Christianity by seeking Noachide or Ger status in traditional Judaism. These manmade traps are nothing but a continuation of the historic vexation of Ephraim, which will only lead to more jealousy, and hate in Ephraim against Jews. Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:13-14 by direct implication warns against all manmade solutions to our 2,700 year old national civil war by stating that only the banner of Messiah’s love unfurled to the nations, can bring equality and oneness for the future, in preparation for the final prophesied Israelite battle against the nations of Edom. It is Yahshua alone, who has the formula and the Father’s complete authority (Matt 28:18) to reconstitute a single people of Israel without man’s assistance.

CONVERSION FIASCOS

Despite these conversion fiascos, through HaAdon Messiah Yahshua’s completed work of blood atonement, all is Israel, and Israel is all. In Yahshua, the glorious appellation of the “Israel of Yahuwah” (Gal. 6:15-16) has fully superceded any lesser appellation such as Jews, Gentiles or Gerim. The very term GER/STRANGER itself, if applied in Renewed Covenant theology, is an anathema to the purpose, plan, and will of Yahshua's coming to gather all of His lost sheep. HaAdon Yahshua came to make all the lost sheep of Israel full equal heirs as Israel, in Israel, by the divine mandate of the Heavenly Father! The term GER, was strictly a stopgap First Covenant measure, to open Israel citizenship to all, and increase Israel with non-Israelites, but has no true and eternal application in the Renewed Covenant. Rav Shaul makes this crystal clear in Ephesians 2:19.

In essence, all those non-Jews and Catholics who convert to what they are being told is a full fledged recognition in rabbinic Judaism, with all the inherit rights to live as “real” Jews, are blinded to the fact that in the eyes of the traditional rabbinate themselves, these converts remain “partial Jews”. Is this really the kind of partial conditional acceptance that non-Jewish believers crave? Is this truly the plan of the ages that the Father has set into motion through His Son? His true and loving plan for the full recognition for all Israelites has no hidden agenda or partial recognition, caveats, or institutional quirks, designed to keep the Jewish people one step above their returning brethren. Unfortunately, this same attitude is found in the rabbinic leadership in the modern state of Israel since 1948 until the present. That leadership refuses to recognize either Messianic Jews or Messianic Ephraimites as Israelites or as citizens of Israel. Any Ephraimite that is deceived into chasing Jewish conversion needs to be aware of these not so well known traps

that lead to entanglements, and bondages, from which freedom is never fully guaranteed. For those coveting a conversion to traditional Judaism, you should know that you probably will never be allowed into the State of Israel, unless the Orthodox stamp you as halachicly kosher. All other conversions will not be recognized. That leaves the believer that desires to make aliyah/immigrate to Israel, with only one line of conversion, which is the one that will, and does insist upon a complete renunciation of any Messianic ties and allegiance.

In this time of restoration, Yahuwah requires that Ephraim Israel avoid this gross error of entanglement, by approaching any desire for Jewish conversion, with the “open eyes” of the Ruach!

DANGEROUS MESSIANIC JEWISH CONVERSIONS

Messianic Judaism, (not Messianic Nazarene Yisrael) [see part 12 on the homepage at <http://www.yourarmstoisrael.org/articles/restoration/overview.htm>] sadly has succumbed to the identical error of their traditional Jewish brethren. Many leading Messianic Jewish organizations and their leaders, now offer full Jewish conversion processes and or classes, all designed to deal with the “Gentiles” in their congregations, and turn them into ipso facto Jews by a decision of “their” elders or governing boards. This unscriptural practice against the House of Joseph is known as Reverse Replacement Theology!

Again, as is the case with traditional conversions, it leaves the converter or the overseer as judge, and jury as to who is, and is not a Jew or who can and cannot become a Jew. Invariably, as with traditional conversions, we are right back to square one, with many of the same identical problems popping to the surface in these Messianic Jewish situations. This recently accelerated tendency of conversions into the Messianic Jewish movement, along with the acceptance of traditional Jewish Noachide converts by these Messianic Jewish organizations, is due largely to the fact that Messianic Judaism as a whole, when presented with the truth of both houses of Israel becoming one IN THE FATHER’S HAND, as equal heirs in Israel, continues to reject this truth out of hand (see The Truth About All Israel a response to Messianic Judah’s rejection of two-house truth at:

<http://www.yourarmstoisrael.org/>

Now, desperate, and left with increasing numbers of non-Jews [nice folks but not what they are looking for] in their Jewish Messianic assemblies, combined with their own blindness regarding the true identity of the non-Jews in their congregations, many Messianic Jewish leaders have decided upon a similar destructive course of action as their rabbinical Jewish counterparts. Naturally by pursuing these erroneous conversion paths, they not only are faced with the same problems as traditional Jewish conversions but tragically they overlook the

Renewed Covenant promised to both houses (Jeremiah/Yirmeyahu 31:31) to make the twain into "One Israel", as found in Messiah Yahshua. From a well known Messianic organization's website, we read the following recently drafted statement, (2002) concerning Messianic Judaism's alarming yet determined trend, to follow the generational errors of traditional Jewish conversions.

NOW AN OFFICIAL POSITION

In "Messianic Judaism Defined-Addendum One" by Rabbi Russ Resnick the official position of a major Messianic Jewish governing body (UMJC @ www.umjc.org) as related to conversions it is stated: "This raises the question of conversion to Judaism. Scripture clearly provides a model for those outside of the Jewish people, and sets a precedent for a ritual of conversion through circumcision. Whether or not we develop such a ritual in our own circles, [circumcision that is] we must recognize its validity [conversions to Judaism] in the larger Jewish world. If we seek to be part of the Jewish people, we [Messianic Judaism] must accept the broad norms of conversions prevalent within the Jewish community. Thus like all forms of Judaism, we see a convert whether from a Reform, Conservative or Orthodox context as a Jew and their offspring normally as Jews".

Again we see the total irony of those who are not accepted by traditional rabbinical Judaism, accepting these traditional Jewish converts, converted by the traditional Jews themselves, while the Messianic Jewish leaders themselves remain fully and disdainfully rejected within those same traditional circles. Herein we see the magnification of the most basic root problem with ALL MANDMADE CONVERSIONS. That being that often times "the rejected", sit in judgment of others coming from within a system that has previously rejected the self appointed judges. Only someone ignorant or willfully disobedient would desire to play Abba Yahuwah in place of Yahuwah, [certainly a manifestation of the spirit of lawlessness working in the children of disobedience] by granting or withholding Israelite recognition to anyone. That's one area that we are all well advised to stay clear of, all the while making sure that we who know the two-house truth, continue to promote and spread Yahshua's "One Israel" message to bring egalitarianism to all of Israel's scattered seed. All who would arbitrarily decide who is, and who is not a Jew or an Ephraimite or any other part of "companion Israel", have shockingly set themselves up as Elohim, in the very Temple of Elohim, [His body] of whom Yahuwah warns us is the very spirit of the anti-Messiah or the lawless man of perdition, soon to be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). That is the selfsame spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience.

MORE ALARMING

Perhaps even more alarming than Messianic Judaism's increased desire to convert Ephraimites (who they still call Gentiles) in their midst, is this shocking statement:

“Gentiles are certainly welcome within Messianic Jewish congregations and often essential to the task of building these congregations, BUT THE CONGREGATIONS REMAIN JEWISH, [as in for Jews only] and NOT EXPRESSIONS OF THE ONE NEW MAN, THAT IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK.” <http://www.umjc.org/aboutmj/faq.htm> [Upper case emphasis mine]

This desire to somehow account for or explain away the low percentages of Jews in Messianic Jewish congregations, is leading Messianic Judaism down a slippery slope of apostasy, from which there is no return. For while HaAdon Yahshua came to rebuild all of Israel by placing them under one roof called neither 'Jewish Roofing' nor 'Greek Roofing', but 'One New Man Roofing' a.k.a. Israel Restored (for no man is nameless). Messianic Judaism has chosen not to pursue that noble calling. Rather they have brazenly put forth “new ideas”, and propositions, to keep their assemblies racially pure by conversion makeovers, designed to increase Jewish participation, amidst an embarrassing, yet noticeable declining Jewish membership.

As stated by Rabbi Russell Resnick, speaking as spokesperson on behalf of the board of the UMJC, the goal is not to rebuild all 12 tribes of Israel [both visible and non-visible] but a form of Messianic Judaism cleverly restructured, who's goal is to be legitimized among the other three traditional branches of Judaism. One senses the vibrant irony of a day, and hour, where Messianic Jews are recognizing conversions done by unbelieving Jewish governing boards, in order to inflate their numbers of “legitimate Jews” in their midst. Another startling irony is that proportionally speaking, it seems clear that there are significantly more Jews by birth in Messianic Nazarene Yisraelite two-house congregations, than there are in Messianic Jewish congregations, where non-Jews always far outnumber Jews. Is that possibly because Yahuwah honors truth above all, so that where the truth is taught He invariably allows both chosen families of Israel to be assembled while flourishing in unity (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 33:24/ Tehellim/Psalms 133:1)?

Another well-known Messianic leader adds: “From time to time God [sic] calls a non-Jew in a Messianic Jewish congregation to establish a lifelong tie to Israel by becoming a proselyte [Ger]. The most natural situation where this occurs is when a non-Jew marries a Jew, and the couple recognizes that their becoming 'one flesh' requires an equal commitment to, and membership in, the House of Israel.” (www.umjc.org FAQ; David Rudolph).

We see here again, that non-Jews are always considered proselytes, and never full citizens. On the other hand, scripture is clear that through HaAdon Yahshua, all

such designations have been done away with, as the new man named Israel emerges as the overcomer.

The illuminated Ephraimite must be aware of this trap. Messianic Judaism is ready to accept you as a “real Jew” as, long as you get your traditional rabbinical conversion sealed by circumcision and mikvah/ritual cleansing bath, as that route remains an option for you. There will be a strong pull on you and your family to have your cake and eat it to. After all, by following this perverted unscriptural logic, you can be converted to a form of anti-Yahshua unbelieving Judaism, and then merely show up at the front door with your Lubavitcher papers from 777 Eastern Parkway, and have the Messianic Jewish leadership of the “one house heresy”, hug you along with your newfound “real” Jewishness. You will no doubt become a perceived answer to their prayers for more Jews and less “Gentiles”. Does anyone see the sad irony of a “spirit-filled” movement that is willing to accept Gentiles as Jews, if they undergo an unbelieving conversion process? But they cannot or worse yet WILL NOT, welcome the believing Torah keeping remnant of the House of Joseph back from spiritual and physical exile! Religious shame knows no boundaries!

BE WARNED

Let the student be warned, let the returning Israelite be warned, along with those who love egalitarian fraternity, and hold an unending love for the truth. Messianic Judaism sadly pursues a heretical “one house” system of Messianic belief, which is in itself unscriptural, and then acquiesces to the diverse manmade forms of acceptable rabbinic Jewishness. Then when it comes to discipleship, these Messianic Jewish converts settle within a system that does not believe in nor practice building Yahudah, Ephraim, and their companions, into the “one new man” called Israel. This compromised practice is folly at best, and outright disobedience at worst. For Yahshua said that those who knew their Master's will, and did not do or perform it, will be chastised with many more stripes than those who were merely caught unaware.

SIMPLE SOLUTION

The solution is simple. The solution is the one new man, who answers to the Name of Israel. It is a solution that neither the institutional church nor the increasingly unscriptural Messianic Jewish movement can offer. Standing against the age-old trends of apostasy is the loving Shepherd of Israel, who beckons all Israel through all 12 gates of the New Yahrushalayim/Jerusalem, soon to descend from heaven to earth. For in that great eternal eighth day, there will be found no manmade conversions, in Yahuwah's entire set-apart mountain. Rather only the 12 gates for all believers to enter in will be acknowledged, and the New Jerusalem void of any

entry point for Gentiles, (Rev. 21:12) will at long last be seen. In that day, all believers will be aware of their pedigree, and in that longed for day, there will most assuredly be one Yahuwah, [not three] and His Name shall be one, (Zacharyah/Zechariah 14:9) and His people shall be one, in His loving nail scarred hands. In that day, He will deliver the kingdom fully fulfilled, and filled with all of the redeemed remnant flock of Yisrael to His Elohim and Father. In that day, He who is the Door for all Israel will be among us as He dwells among all Yisrael.

Selah.