MARCHING ORDERS!

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In these last days of this age, as we approach the *atid lavoh* or the age to come (millennium), let us all make sure that our marching orders are scriptural and that we all have a like mind in the methodology that Almighty Yahuwah has ordained to be used in our nation's restoration. Here are some scriptural guidelines from Ezekiel 37 that we all should use to keep us on track in our activities for Him, in these last of the last days of this age.

1) We must always offer solutions to both houses of Israel according to Ezekiel 37:17. All that we do must be done with equal weights and measures. The prophet was told that he would be an example or a case study for the Spirit-led end time believer. As Messianic Nazarene Yisraelites, we must be determined to lift the blinders off our brethren in both houses, offering salvation to Judah and Torah identity to Israel. We can show the world just how balanced and effective a ministry with a two-stick vision can be. Let us forsake the terminology of the past like Jewish and Gentile ministry, that only divides peoples into diverse camps. Let us cease and desist from supporting ministries attempting to reconcile the so-called “church” and the Jews. That kind of reconciliation is impossible, since according to Scripture there is one assembly not two! Rather let our hearts,
lives and good works beat as one with Ezekiel, who was told to be a living epistle to the children of Israel when it came to a divine two house burden and commission.

2) According to Ezekiel 37:21, Yahuwah will bring our people back from all the nations and thus we must go to all the nations with the Gospel message. Once an individual responds to the Gospel, that is a clear-cut manifestation of Israelite heritage through either house, or through the engrafting of the non-Israelites who then become part of Israel and Israel’s Olive tree. This is a key point. If we are to send Israelites from all nations back to the land of our fathers, we are going to have to impart a discipleship to these new believers that instills in them a love for Zion and a hunger and understanding of their divine call to return to their land. Almighty Yahuwah is calling you today if you hear His voice, to make sure that you disciple these new converts as Israelites in Zion by Zion and for Zion. He will not hold guiltless those who send lost Israelite sheep to Roman style churches for syncretized (merger of truth and error) pagan mentoring!

3) According to verse 2 of Ezekiel 37 our message MUST be one of healing and national reconciliation. Our message must not just lead the individual to Yahuwah by Yahshua's precious blood. Our message must also contain the healing of a divided people, both calling on the same Father of Israel, to transform them back into one nation. We must share with believers everywhere that while being a royal priesthood and a peculiar people is part of divine revelation, we are also a SET APART NATION AS WELL, according to Shimon Keefa (1st Peter 2:9).
4) Our call in these last days must include a call for both houses to immediately forsake all known forms of idolatry and pagan practices, that have crept into Messianic faith according to Ezekiel 37 verse 23. This ranges from the obvious to the sublime. The calling of well-documented pagan titles (HaShem, God, LORD) for the true names of the Heavenly Father and His Heavenly Son, is one such obvious area. The naming of the months on the Jewish calendar after false Babylonian deities is a less obvious abomination but is just as revolting to Yahuwah Almighty! Setting aside the weight of pagan sins in both houses (Heb.12: 1) such as the false celebrations created by Jeroboam and perpetuated by Popery’s replacement feasts and holidays, as well as first day “Sabbath” convocations, must all come to an end in our divine vision. We are being called to go several steps further than our Messianic Jewish brethren have been willing to go, forsaking all unscriptural religious practices no matter how familiar or comfortable they may be, so that we can inherit the approval from Father Yahuwah.

This area, while being the most difficult and perhaps the most controversial is the most necessary. The Father has ordained that when the fullness of time arrives for the two houses of Israel to finally re-unite in love and acceptance, all idolatry, filthiness, defilements and all disgusting spiritual and carnal behaviors will have to be laid at the foot of Calvary for immediate cleansing.

If the message to seek and destroy all pagan idols in both houses causes you to lose friends and family, so be it! It is on this point (Ezekiel 37:23) where most of us if
we are not cautious will ultimately compromise and thus be rendered ineffective in bearing and carrying Yahuwah’s purifying torch in the ultimate last days vision for a fully repentant and cleansed nation. As the two houses seek and ask for teshuvah for these past behaviors that were adopted from the nations in our galut (Diaspora), He will grant cleansing. Remember, we cannot focus in on the paganism of Ephraim, without doing likewise to Judah. We must use equal weights and measures (Proverbs 20:10) in our calling, or we will have to give an account to the Father of Lights, for practicing the very type of abomination that He wants forsaken! He will restore our nation through yielded vessels willing to bear His purifying fire (Malachi 3:2-4).

5) Our clarion call is to proclaim Yahshua as King of the Jews and Messiah over all Israel. Thus in our call to be instruments of birthing our restored nation of Israel, we must keep all things in focus, lifting up Yahshua or the "Greater David" as Messiah and Master over all Israel. According to verse 25 of Ezekiel 37, both houses shall have the same King. This affirmation is also found in Hosea 1:11, where the children of both houses prophetically appoint the same King to be King over both houses. We must keep in mind just how exciting and just how revolutionary this concept really is. There has not been one king reigning over all 12 tribes since the days of Solomon 2,900 years ago. There is much evidence that even during the days of Solomon and David, there were periods of disharmony, disunity and even times during David’s reign where Ephraim would retreat to their tents thinking that they had no hope of equality and fair treatment under the son of Jesse.
Thus our call is most different and therefore most radical. We are challenging Jewish and non-Jewish Israel, to unite around the Son of David, Messiah Yahshua and declare Him Master Shepherd over our lives. We certainly have our work cut out for us. Judah by and large still refuses to crown Yahshua as the Good Shepherd of Israel who died and gave His life for the sheep, all while the House of Israel worships him looking through a glass darkly. They see Him as a stranger who came to save believers from Judah, rather than reunite them with Judah. The Heavenly Father is relying upon you and I to straighten out a 2,900 year old problem, as He empowers us unto obedience to His marching orders in Ezekiel 37:24. Let us teach, instruct, and even command both houses to appoint the biblical Yahshua and His reign in Zion, all the while rejecting J-e-s-u-s and his reign via the Council of Nicea’s leavened offspring.

6) Torah is the instruction manual for a redeemed people of Israel. As such, in verse 24 of Ezekiel 37, Yahuwah teaches us that restored and repentant Israel will be characterized by Torah based unity and obedience. The Torah will be the key instrument used by Yahuwah to preserve that unity forever, as all Israel makes teshuvah and becomes steadfast in their new-found determination to walk in the right rulings of Torah, while paying special attention to guarding His commandments. Ultimately, our repentant attitude to Torah breaking and lawlessness will determine just how fast this latter day two-house restoration can unfold. The Father has determined to have Ephraim see Torah as life and not as a strange thing. Ephraim is destined to see Torah as his
citizenship papers in the kingdom and not as a ball and chain. The Father has also determined that Judah forsake all the unscriptural traditions of Oral Torah that blur and dilute the true written eternal Torah. Thus the rapidity of this restoration is absolutely dependent upon both houses developing a new love for Torah so as to perform it in Spirit and in Truth. Without Torah serving as the final instruction manual on just how we are to walk and stay in the Ruach, our movement is destined to fail. We would then be in danger of being bypassed as His chosen forerunners, waiting for the next generation while we die out in a spiritual wilderness. It must not be that way, since Yahuwah Himself has decreed His desire that all latter day New Covenant Israelites, will once again drink from the wonderful protective care of Torah. It is in this area of love for Torah, that the battle that this generation has collectively been entrusted with will either be won or lost. One house has been studying Oral man-made Torah for 2000 years. The other has been diluting and polluting it. Let those days end quickly, even in our lifetime!

7) As we go with Torah and with the Ruach, we must call all Israel to the everlasting covenant of peace given to all Israel via our Messiah. Messiah must be at the center of all we say and all we do. It is He who bled and suffered for our sins and not the Torah. According to verse 26 of Ezekiel 37, we must not be slack to pay all homage and to swear all allegiance to the One who bought us with a price and THEN gave us a love for Torah. If we keep Yahshua as the central focus to all we say and do, then we will use Torah properly and not illegally (First Timothy 1:8). We were biological Jews and Ephraimites
long before Yahshua came into our hearts, yet we weren’t acceptable to the creator until Yahshua came! A united people living in harmony and unison, must never forget the One who did the purchasing of their temples and must swear total allegiance to Him and Him alone and His glorious everlasting covenant of peace. Selah!