



Restoring The Jewish Roots Of The Church

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For as long as I can remember, I have heard in the Church about the God of Israel, and about how Israel sometimes obeyed, and sometimes disobeyed, the commandments of their God, and that we needed to learn from their mistakes. But somehow the connection between Israel and the Church seemed no longer relevant to modern believers in Jesus.

Recently, however, the Lord has given me an increased understanding, and a deeper revelation, of the importance of reconnecting with the Jewish roots of the Church, and with the land of Israel.

Throughout the years the Church has, no doubt, been paganized, which has, in turn, led to not only a separation between Israel and the Church and much persecution of the Jews, but also to mistranslations of scripture, and a loss of blessings to the Church. The mistranslations have given birth to false doctrines that have been taught in the Church as the Word of God, doctrines that have hindered the believers from receiving and walking in the fullness of God's plan and purpose for their lives.

How could this happen? Let's look a little bit at Church history. Before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD there were about one million Jewish believers in Yeshua, according to the Jewish historian August Neander. After the destruction of Jerusalem those who were not killed, were scattered all over the world.

Justin Martyr who lived in the first century (100-165 AD) comes along and writes that you could not be both a Jew and a believer, although everybody in the early Church were Jewish believers in Yeshua, also known as the Jewish Rabbi from Nazareth, and the firstborn Son of the living God of Israel.

About the year 325 AD some other Church leaders (the first council of Nicaea) decided that the Jewish influence in the early Church was no longer relevant or needed.

They stated: **"All the brethren in the East who have hitherto followed the Jewish practices will henceforth observe the custom of the Romans."**

These men thought that God had rejected the Jews and the nation of Israel because of their disobedience, and He had now moved His blessing over to the Catholic Church.

However, if we look at the writings of Paul the Apostle in Romans 11:1 we find that this is not true.

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. (Romans 11:1)

And God said to Abraham in Genesis 17:19 : "Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an **everlasting covenant** for his descendants after him."

Some contemporary Jewish descendants might have rejected God because of the Holocaust, but God has never rejected them, and neither should the Jesus-believing Body of Christ.

When the Hebraic roots are restored in the Church, we will see a greater outpouring of the Blessing and Anointing of God, not only on Israel, but on all the nations of the World. (A Prophetic Word for the Body of Christ May 12, 2015)

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