ISRAEL, PART II THE CHOSEN PEOPLE!

In Part one, I was discussing how all of Israel has chosen to go into captivity. They were sent into captivity because they rejected the instructions of their Creator and broke His covenant and lost His protection from the enemy.

Towards the end I was discussing how Hosea was comparing Judah to Jacob. He was given a prophesy of how Judah would not hold on to the truth and used Jacob’s determination to not let go, as a measuring rod.

This prophesy is about Judah not holding on to the correct timing of the Sabbath and other statutes that they were commanded to hold fast to. At the time when Yehshua came, it was only Benjamin and Judah who were left, of the tribes of Israel who still held onto the appointed times and had their identity as Israel.

These two tribes had perverted many of the statutes. Yehshua exposed this when He came, but they still had the appointed times correct, which included the weekly Sabbaths.

They rejected their Messiah and they were shut off completely from the protection that they still had a measure of. And they began to lose that which they still retained. 40 years later the second temple was destroyed by the Romans and soon all truth was lost. These two tribes drifted into captivity as well, shut off from their Creator’s protection.

When the correct timing of the Sabbath day was finally made desolate in 356 A.D., a second 1,656 year countdown to the return of our Messiah began, just as it was 1,656 years before the flood.

Yet, even thru these years that Israel has been in captivity, our Creator has continued to call out and fashion His first fruits. He has been calling individuals out of the captivity and many have been given different truths to call them out of it.

Yehshua said;

Matt 22:14

14 **Because many are called , but few are chosen.**

Most of these who were called either could not let go of what they thought was true and keep coming to the call, or they became lifted up with what they were given to see and built a religion around this truth or that. Maybe even around a couple of truths that they were given.

The most powerful anchor that held them back was pride. They either did not want to admit they were wrong about everything, or they wanted to figure things out instead of waiting on their Elohiym to guide them.

What does Yehshua give for a reason that so few are chosen?

He uses the Greek word “anomia” which means **LAWLESSNESS**  four times in the book a Matthew. I want to briefly touch on those passages before getting back into who Israel is and who the chosen of Israel are.

Matt 7:20-23

20 **Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.**

21 **Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

22 **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out devils? And in your name done many wonderful works?**

23 **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that practice LAWLESSNESS.**

The reason that most read right over this is many translations have this word lawlessness translated as iniquity and people feel pretty good about themselves not being that bad so they think this is not referring to them. They do not measure themselves according to the narrow path that they were given to walk.

They have no fear of losing out on their Creator’s gift of being in His family, so they accept the hollow teachings of men and do not hunger for His righteousness.

Next verse;

Matt 13:41-42

41 **The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that snare, and them which practice LAWLESSNESS;**

42 **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

What law is He referring to? Maybe it was the law that He supposedly did away with even though He said plainly that He did not come to get rid of one crossing of the “t” or dotting of an “I” within the law?

Matt 23:28

28 **Even so you outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and LAWLESSNESS.**

And in Matthew 24;

Matt 24:11-13

11 **And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

12 **And because LAWLESSNESS shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

13 **But he that shall ENDURE to the end, IT IS HE THAT SHALL BE SAVED.**

What is this word **endure**? We should want to know because Yehshua says this is the group that will be saved.

It is Strong’s #5278

**hupomeno (hoop-om-en'-o); from NT:5259 and NT:3306; to stay under (behind), i.e. REMAIN; figuratively, to undergo, i.e. bear (trials), HAVE FORTITUDE, PERSEVERE:**

Is a nation of people who changed their Creator’s holy and perfect calendar that He gave them to determine His appointed times with, enduring or remaining until the end?

Are those who call themselves Christians enduring or remaining to the end if they cannot even give His commands lip service?

Is making up your own religion and rejecting His word enduring to the end?

Back to Israel of old; the ten nations were sent into captivity and lost their identity because they rejected their Creator’s appointed times, which also included His Seventh Year Sabbaths.

In some instances, they did NOT get rid of them, they just changed their timing. An example of this is Jeroboam changing the Feast of the seventh Month to the eighth month.

Satan was allowed to lead them away from the truth because they had rebellious hearts and did not fear going against their Creator. They remain in captivity because they reject the truth that would set them free. They gave up the name Israel.

Do you think that a different set of rules applied to Judah? Let’s look at Hosea again and see the comparison;

Hos 12:2-6

2 **YEHWEH also has a controversy or strife with Judah, and will charge him according to Jacob according to his ways; according to his path will he recompense him (Judah).**

3 **Jacob took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength HE HAD POWER WITH ELOHIYM:**

4 **Yes, he ruled among the angels and overcame: he wept, and Elohiym showed mercy to him: He appeared to him in Bethel, and there He spoke with us;**

This is powerful to understand. Jacob persevered because He would not let go, He had an attitude of overcoming. At the end of part one I mentioned Yehshua speaking of this kind of attitude that those who press into the Kingdom have;

Matt 11:12

12 **Moreover, before the days of John the Baptist and continuing this day the kingdom of heaven is pressed into or seized, and the forceful or those who fight for it seize it.**

The kingdom of Elohiym is not given to rebellious people who do not want to take on their Creator’s character.

The history of Israel is full of rebellion and full of not trusting their Creator.

Why didn’t the generation that YEHWEH brought out of Egypt get to enter into the Promised Land?

Deut 1:25-27

25 **And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, it is a good land which YEHWEH our Elohiym gives us.**

26 **Notwithstanding you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of YEHWEH your Elohiym:**

27 **And you murmured in your tents**

They did not trust their Elohiym after all He had done for them. How about today, do you live trusting Him? I use the simple example of healing because it is so basic. Do you trust in doctors and medicines or do you trust in your Elohiym for all things including healing?

Has Elohiym changed? Moses goes on to tell them;

Deut 1:30-38

30 **YEHWEH your Elohiym goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes;**

31 **And in the wilderness, where you have seen how that YEHWEH your Elohiym bare you, as a man does bear his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place.**

32 **Yet in this thing you did not believe YEHWEH your Elohiym,**

34 **And YEHWEH heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and promised, saying,**

35 **Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I promised to give unto your fathers**, **(they broke their part of the covenant to trust Him and obey Him)**

36 **Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his children, BECAUSE HE HAS WHOLLY FOLLOWED YEHWEH.**

37 **Also YEHWEH was angry with me for your sakes, saying, you also shall not go in to the land.**

38 **But Joshua the son of Nun, which stands before you, he shall go in to the land:**

Joshua and Caleb are examples of the types of hearts that YEHWEH is looking to empower and adopt into His family and to give His name to.

When told to go back into the desert, Israel said, “Wait, we will go up and fight.” But YEHWEH told Moses to tell them not to go because He would not be with them.

They went anyway and were driven back like bees and many were destroyed.

The other day I did a segment on getting in the boat. I would not wait until the boat is pulling away from the dock to cry out, it will be too late. In other words, if you want to be a fence setter, good luck.

If you want to know where Israel is in captivity, physically, look to the nations that are very blessed on a that plain. They do not know that they are Israel and they do not know that they are in bondage; no one does, just as no one knows that they are deceived.

**Even after the nations of Israel were scattered they continued receiving His blessings on a physical plain and they kept rejecting Him, rejecting the truth that He continued to try to give them that would set them free.**

**He sent His son with a clear message and the scattered nations perverted the truth that He brought and perverted His blood.**

**All but a few, the small flock that heard His voice and came out of Babylon but the majority continued to live perversions and lies.**

How can you tell if you are deceived? Let the word of Elohiym be your measuring stick, after all, it will be what judges you according to Yehshua.

If you are letting a different system than His moon to determine your worship times, you do not believe His word, therefore you are deceived.

If you are believing the teachings of the self-proclaiming apostle paul about your Creator’s laws being nailed to the cross, you are not believing His Son and you are calling His Son a liar and you are deceived.

If you are not worshipping Him on the New Moon days, not keeping His annual feasts in His predetermined timing, you are deceived.

If His word is not your guide into all things, you are deceived. If you are deceived, YOU ARE IN CAPTIVITY.

LET THE TRUTH SET YOU FREE!

How do you know if you are Israel? The answer is, if His LOGOS is your source for everything, you are bearing His name and are being engrafted into His family.

His inheritance is His people, His people are His chosen. Israel is His chosen. Jacob was given this name because He would not let go of the promises, He hungered for the blessing promises.

Rev 2:7

7 **He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones; To him that OVERCOMES will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohiym.**

Rev 2:11

11 **He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones; He that OVERCOMES shall not be hurt of the second death.**

Rev 2:17

17 **He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones; To him that OVERCOMES will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows saving he that receives it.**

Rev 2:25-26

25 **But that which you already have HOLD FAST TO till I come.**

26 **And he that OVERCOMES , AND KEEPS my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.**

Rev 3:5

5 **He that OVERCOMES, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.**

Rev 3:12

12 **Him that OVERCOMES will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohiym, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohiym, and the name of the city of my Elohiym, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my Elohiym: and I will write upon him my new name. (THE WORD OF ELOHIYM)**

Rev 3:21-22

21 **To him that OVERCOMES will I grant to sit with me in my throne, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME, and am set down with my Father in His throne.**

22 **He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones.**

Rev 21:7-8

7 **He that OVERCOMES shall inherit all things; and I will be his Elohiym, and he shall be my son.**

8 **But those who lack faith, and those who do not believe, and those who stink because of their idolatry, and murderers, and the fornicators, and those who use spell giving potions or drugs, and false worshippers, and all that is false shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

How do we overcome?

Rev 12:11

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word (THE LOGOS) of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

This is who Israel is, those who hold fast to the Logos and are cleansed by the blood of the lamb.