



That They May Be One in Us

The Lord has shown me how very important it is to know exactly what we are standing for in the Bible lands! We are not standing merely for an idea, for a political, economic or military victory, but for what the Lord has ordained from the foundations of the earth in calling both Jews and Greeks/Gentiles to His purposes, especially in this region. The role that Greece plays is important.

The Bible lands, the Highway of the Apostle Paul, needs to be strong. We need to pray into this because an evil axis (*with Turkey trying to lead*) is lining up in these end times in this region against Israel and the West. We need to pray that the highway of the Apostle Paul is once again rooted in God's strong purposes. Therefore, I want to remind you that what we are standing for goes way back and is recorded in *Genesis 9 and 10* when God spoke about the relationship between Shem and Japheth, the sons of Noah. The sons of Shem are the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah. This is important because God says the fulness of the redemption of the whole world will come out of this line.

God declared through Noah that Japheth, the brother of Shem, will live in the tents of Shem. Beloved, when I first read this years ago, I almost fell off my chair seeing that it was the prophetic foreshadowing of *Ephesians 2 and 3*, the One New Man. There's a divine movement of restoration toward this oneness, the nations becoming grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel and becoming one habitation of God. The son of Japheth is "Yavan" in Hebrew, which is Greece, and there are other European nations, like Germany and France in this line, even America who came out of Europe. For this reason, there has been abundant grace from the United States towards Israel, because they are Japheth, the brother of Shem. Although many may not connect this biblically, God's plan is nevertheless unfolding even as He declared it!

Replacement Theology teaches that God is finished with Israel and that the Church has replaced Israel. We know from the full counsel of God's word that that's a lie! People believe a similar lie regarding the Greek people and the One New Man connection, saying that the word Greek doesn't mean the literal Greek, but only Gentile. I want to clarify that there are two different words for Greek and Gentile in the New Covenant. When it is written, "*to the Jew first and to the Greek,*" the word "Ἕλην/Elin is used which means the Greek and not the word, ethnos which means Gentile nation.

In Hebrew, we call Greece, Yavan. Why do we call her Yavan? Because that's the original Biblical word for Greece, not the Hebrew word, goy (*nation*) which in Greek is ethnos. If you don't know this, you won't understand the Greek role in the New Covenant where it is written, "*the gospel is to the Jew first and to the Greek.*" You'll think that Greek only means Gentile! However, if you go back to *Genesis 9 and 10*, the Hebrew word for Greece is clearly, Yavan. In the Greek Septuagint, it's the word, Ἴωνας/Ionas, the Ionians (*Greeks*) who were in Asia Minor (*present day Turkey*) for thousands of years!

God wants to restore this Shem-Japheth relationship, Beloved. In *Romans 11*, God talks about the danger of pride in Gentiles who think that He is finished with the Jews (*Replacement Theology*). God clearly says:

"God has not cast away his people whom he foreknew." *Romans 11:2*

(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calls;) Romans 9:11

God knew and called the Jews before there was even a world. He uses a similar word for the Gentiles in *Ephesians*, indicating that He has also chosen and predestined the Gentile nations.

According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, Ephesians 1:4-5

So, what does this mean, Beloved? It reveals that God made a sovereign choice in eternity for Israel to be His redemptive nation. It does not mean that God prefers and loves Israel more than He loves the Gentiles. It simply means that God elects according to purpose.

In whom we have also obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to his will. Ephesians 1:11

All this pre-planning was for His glorious universal redemptive purpose. He foreknew Israel. He predestined the Gentiles. Each has their purpose and God says in the dispensation of the fulness of the times, He desires to bring the two together in Him!

He parallels the relationship between the Jew and the Greek to the relationship between the male and female. Why? Because it takes one to know the other. God said that He created Adam in the beginning, male and female. He remembers when He created Adam and Eve as one before they were two. God reveals His hatred for divorce by creating the male and female in one body before He separated them for His purpose and calling. In the marriage covenant, the two become one (*again*). It's a holy act. Why does God desire the male and female to be one (*again*)? To show the world a picture of the Godhead, that the Godhead is One. It is a picture of the image of God. It's the same thing for the Jew and the Greek/Gentile. By displaying His holy act of creating male and female in one body, God says to us all, "I desire you all to be one as We are One."

Paul says in *Acts 17:26*, "*Out of one blood he created us all.*" That means that before He separated Israel and the Gentiles for His purpose, we were one blood in Adam. So, when Jesus says in *John 17:21*, "*that they may be one even as you, Father, and I are one, that they may be one in us,*" He remembers. He remembers when He created Adam before He separated the male and female so that His plan of redemption would come to pass. He remembers when He created us all, Jew and Gentile out of one blood. He's bringing us all together again, Jew and Greek/Gentile, male and female. It's a holy act so that His image will be recreated and the whole world will know that He came. Beloved, it's important to get this into your foundation because this is the reason why we are praying for unity. This is why we are praying for Israel. This is why we are praying for the Gentiles. This is why we are praying to be one: for the recreation of the image of God in one holy body so that God who is One may be glorified.

This is the restoration we are fighting for in the Bible lands and we want to cooperate. It is written, *“when the fullness of the Gentiles comes in, all Israel will be saved.”* In Greek fulness/πλήρωμα/pleroma is not a number (αριθμός/*arithmo*) that has to be fulfilled. It means that we are going to become full, filled with the fullness of God in Christ. God's purpose is for the full being and character of Yeshua to be formed in us. There's a fullness of the Jews. There's a fullness of the Gentiles. There's a fullness of Christ. All these fullnesses will synergize and there will be a holy explosion of resurrection life in the likeness of the Last Adam and the world is going to know who He is.

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