



The Real One New Man

I have been in Israel for 2 months now (30/08/2022). A few weeks ago, I was in a guesthouse in Ein Kerem, Israel and I only had a week to stay there. I didn't know what to do. So, I said to the Lord, "I am leaving, I am going back to Greece unless YOU open up a door and I don't have to push for it and it just comes to me. I have to know it's supernatural." So, I went to the congregation on Shabbat and at the end we went into the garden for fellowship and I went over to a friend of mine who said, "How are you doing? How long are you staying?" I answered him, "I think I'm leaving this week, unless the Lord supernaturally opens up a place for me to stay."

He immediately said, "I have a place for you!" Right away, he took me in his car to a wonderful place, a 5 -10 min. walk from the old city of Jerusalem on a great street in an Anglican Church building. The church hasn't been used for a while but there are guesthouses under it. It's like a prayer cave and yet it's an apartment. It's got a fully equipped kitchen, four bedrooms with enough beds in them for teams to come. It's so quiet and set apart, you can raise your voice and pray. You don't bother anybody. It's in a Jewish-Orthodox neighborhood where the ultra-Orthodox are gathered together in one Ghetto-like area. I've been praying for them for years! I had a vision of them going to hell in 2005 and now, here I am right next door to their neighborhood praying for them! I shop in their stores, walk on their streets and I'm getting to know the Orthodox owner of the little market on the corner. He loves Greece and when I gave him a Greek worship song about the Lord, he put it on in his shop on loud speaker! God knows what He's doing.

Here's another great testimony: Last week I got to the congregation in the old city early and I went into the cafeteria and I saw two Greek Orthodox Priests ordering coffee and cake. I thought to myself: Greek Priests in Christ Church?! I have never seen a Greek Orthodox Priest in this place! Moreover, not only have I been praying for the Jewish Orthodox for many years and the Lord now puts me right next to them, but I've also been praying for the Greek Orthodox Church to have a revival, particularly in Jerusalem, and that they would connect with the Jewish believers. And there they are in Christ Church where there is a Messianic Hebrew-speaking congregation! It's amazing, I've never seen Greek Orthodox priests there in all my years living in the land!

I walked up to them and I said in Greek, "Are you Greeks?" And they answered, "Yes, yes!" They were smiling. There was light on their faces. I walked with them to the table where they were having coffee and cake and I talked to them for a while. One of them is a monk from the Holy Mountain in Greece where there are only monks and monasteries and the other one is called, father Serafim which means fiery ones in Hebrew and I tell you, his face was full of light! He has been in Jerusalem for five years, but he has been a priest for about thirty years ever since he was a young man. He lives at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, the main Headquarters for the Greek Orthodox Church who own half of Jerusalem.

At the end of our conversation, he gave me his phone number. So, I prayed all week saying, "Lord, give me Your timing. I don't want to go and have this guy beat me over the head with Greek Orthodox ideology. I don't want him to tell me I am in the wrong faith and the wrong Church." So, I prayed all week and called him on Thursday and he said, "I am in a service, but call me tomorrow morning. I will be free tomorrow and we can get together at Christ Church!" So, I called him in the morning and we met at 1 o'clock. My friend Eyal – a Jewish believer – happened to be sitting there and I introduced Serafim to Eyal. The Jewish-Greek Bridge is getting stronger.

Serafim is so sweet! He is full of the love of God!! A little bit later Shoshana, another Jewish believer, passed by. I introduced him to her as well, and he said, "Everybody here is shining, everybody has so much love in this place and you have so much love!" I have been praying for years for God to raise up some Greek Orthodox Priests that are open, that are going to bring revival to the Greek Orthodox Church! I talked to him about Israel, about the Jewish believers and the move of the Holy Spirit in saving Jews in these last years and he exclaimed, "Yes, yes, you're right!" NO RESISTANCE!

I thought, there is another generation that has grown up in the Greek Orthodox Church and they are absolutely different! We've got to pray. We've got to pray for brother Serafim. We've got to pray for the next generation. This is To the Jew first and to the Greek! I've always felt that the Greek people have a debt to the Jews because they were idolaters going to hell before the Jewish Apostle Paul came with the gospel and turned Greece upside down (rightside up) and Greece became a Messianic nation!

Beloved, God put a message and a strategy in my heart: I said, "Lord, how am I going to approach the Jewish Orthodox? They don't want to talk about Yeshua. How am I going to approach the Greek Orthodox Church? They don't want to talk about salvation in Christ alone." So, God dropped this strategy in me while I was still in Thessaloniki. I met a Jewish Orthodox couple walking down the streets of Thessaloniki. And the Lord had me walk over to them and say, "Do you know that we Greeks were idolaters and the Lord sent a Jewish Apostle to us to give us the gospel of your Messiah?!" They were awestruck. I said, "Thank you for bringing the Messiah to us." The Orthodox woman was in shock and nodded in acknowledgment. I can tell you without a doubt that they will never forget it! They'll never forget it!

Just the other day, I was on Jaffa Road and there was a group of Orthodox Jews singing and there were some other Orthodox Jews watching them and I went over to one of them and I told him the same story. Here was the strategy again! I said, "You know what, I am from Greece. And we were idolaters and God sent a Jewish Apostle to preach the gospel and all the idols fell to the ground. Now we are a Messianic nation. We have the Messiah! We have Him and you don't!" I said, "There is something wrong with that. Would you like to read the New Covenant?" He grabbed it! I am telling you, he GRABBED it and he didn't let anybody else see him and stop him. He went over to the side, put it in his bag and said in a low voice, "Thank you so much." It was incredible!

I tell you, you can preach the same thing to the Greek Orthodox! This is the message of Paul: the One-New-Man! But it is real. It's not just theology we hear at a service. We go to our Ekklesia and we hear a sermon about the ONE-NEW-MAN! No, it's real! It's the love of God in my heart and gratitude as a Greek background believer whenever I see a Jewish person. It's the love of God in my heart when I go to the Greek Orthodox. It's real. It's NOT a sermon! I talked about Paul's message to the Greek Orthodox Priest and he said, "Yes!" The Greeks have a debt because you know how many millions of Greeks would be in hell today if the Apostle Paul didn't come to Greece to preach the gospel? We are a Messianic nation! After Israel received the gospel, it came to Greece, Asia Minor, Cyprus and so on.

This is the message and this is the Truth. It is not theology, beloved. It's love, it's gratitude in your heart, it's a sense of thanksgiving. It's a sense of You gave me the Messiah and now I need to give Him back to you! I desire to flow the power of God and the love of God back to you! To YOU because you gave it to me. It's a synergy. It's a love relationship.

Around 2005, I was in a Prayer Ministry and I had a vision of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem in full-blown revival. And I said to the Lord, "I want to be part of this!" The Greek Orthodox Church in Israel, in Jerusalem, has a debt to GIVE BACK to the Jewish people what they received. This is the city where it all happened! We all need to have the same love of God, that Paul the Jewish Apostle had for the Greeks! Now, it needs to flow back! Not theology. I am not going to hit you over the head to tell you that you believe the wrong things. I didn't even talk about theology with father Serafim. We just loved each other at that table. I kept sharing my testimony with him. I told him about my sister who died when I was a young girl and he told me about his sister who was eight years old when she was killed in a fire. It joined us together. You know, these things join you together. I said to him, "Why don't you come to the congregation on one of these Shabbats and meet some of the Jewish believers!" He said, "I would love to! I just have to find some free time." Praise God, I am going to arrange a meeting so that these two people groups can come together. Hallelujah! This is to the Jew first and to the Greek. Glory be to God!

Beloved, don't make it theology when you minister to somebody. Find a way to connect with that person! Find something so that your heart will burn for them! So, you will love them the way God loves them. And you'll preach the gospel in a way that they will know this is real! This is not theology, religion. This is divine connection! Serafim felt the presence of God. Do you know that I sat with him for 2.5 hours?! 2.5 hours we shared our lives. That's what we did.

It's time to connect, to bridge the gap – between Jew and Greek/Gentile. John 4:22 says that salvation comes OUT FROM the Jews. That's what it says literally in the Greek: εκ των Ιουδαίων/ ek ton Ioudaion. It doesn't say just OF the Jews, like something distant or general. It comes OUT FROM them. Organic and personal, like a baby being born out from a womb. But in Romans 11:25-26, it is written:

For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles comes in. And IN THIS WAY, all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

When the fulness of the Gentiles comes, in the Greek it says, in this way or manner, all Israel will be saved. Can you hear this? There is no other way, but this way. It's relational and connected.

I believe I am starting to walk in the fulness of the Gentiles. What does that fulness mean? It's not a number. A certain number of Gentiles get saved and then Israel is going to get saved. It has nothing to do with that! Fulness is the word, πλήρωμα/ pleroma and it has nothing to do with numbers. It has to do with the fulness of maturity. When the Ekklesia begins to radiate the character of the Messiah, the love of God, in that way – all Israel will be saved. So, you see, it comes OUT from Israel but then the Gentiles in their fulness, flow it back. It's synergy. It's beautiful because God said, He wants us to be ONE as He and the Father are ONE. I want to encourage you to go out and love on people and the power of God will flow. It will flow, and you will touch people's lives. This is what we were made for. This is the design.

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