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The Secret Sauce

Greater Riches, Romans 11:11-12

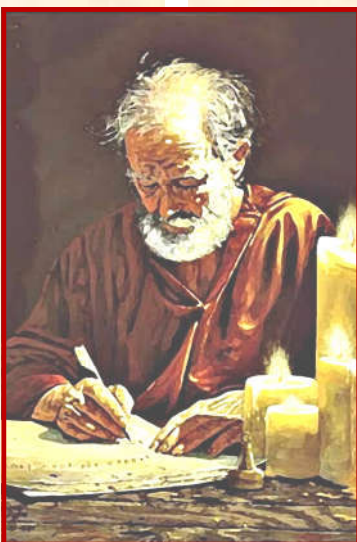
In Romans 11:11-12, Paul writes that if the failure of the Jewish people to accept the Messiah Yeshua/Jesus at His first coming, ***“brought riches to the Gentiles; how much greater will their fullness be?”*** Greater what? Greater riches! What greater riches could there be other than the benefits of the cross and the resurrection, the Bible, the forgiveness of sin, the gift of eternal life, and a relationship with God Himself? Clearly there are greater riches to be had according to God's Word. Paul wrote to the Gentiles in Ephesians 2:11-12, ***“Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh... remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the Commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*** First of all, I believe that world revival depends on “greater riches”. Furthermore, I believe that The Great End-Time Revival will once again depend on Jews and Gentiles, being unified together: one in the Messiah! This is the Secret Sauce for revival.

Yeshua/Jesus said that ***“Jerusalem would be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled, Luke 21:24.*** In Romans 11:25, Paul wrote that, ***“A Partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in,” Romans 11:25.*** By reason of logic, we know that if there is a “time of the Gentiles”, then there must also be a “time of the Jews”. Therefore, if the “time of the Gentiles” is to come to an end (fullness), then it would make sense that “fullness of the Gentiles” indicates that the church age itself will come to an end. Were both Yeshua and Paul alerting us to an end of church-age?

Fullness of the Gentiles, Fullness of the Jews:

Most versions of the Bible use the language of the

“fullness of the Gentiles” or the “times of the Gentiles” as being fulfilled (*Romans 11:25, Luke 21:24*). *Romans 11:12* has the same vernacular referring to the “fullness or acceptance” of the Jews (regarding Jesus as Messiah). The Greek words “fullness” (pleroo) and fulfilled (pleroma) both come from the root word (pletho or pleo) meaning to fill, to fulfil, to supply or to accomplish, complete. Other Bible versions may speak of the acceptance of the Jews; meaning our acceptance of Jesus as Messiah. The bottom line is that there is to be a last “Jewish person” and a last “non-Jewish person” who will accept Yeshua as the Messiah. Only God knows who they are or when this will occur, but the best translation of these verses using fullness or fulfillment, is a completion.



Why is this important? It is important because it helps us understand that throughout history there have been several “times of the Gentiles” and “times of the Jews”. Every time the Jews possessed or controlled the land of Israel (formerly Canaan), it was a “time of the Jews”. For example, you might say that when Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land it began an early “time of the Jews”. However, every time Jews were expelled it began a “time of the Gentiles”. Before Christ, the “times of the Gentiles” were not about salvation, but they were shadows of the time known as the church age. Some examples are the Assyrian Exile of 722 B.C., The Babylonian Exile in 586 B.C., and the Roman Exile of 70 and 135 A.D which followed the Resurrection of Yeshua. The most prominent “time of the Gentiles” began in Acts 2 on the day of Shavuot/Pentecost. The revival that began on that day not only led to the salvation of 3,000 as the Bible tells us, but it spread around the world from there as those 3,000 returned to their native countries, reaching exponential numbers of people with the Gospel! The revival of Acts 2, where Jews and Gentiles worshipped together in the Temple of the Jews, sparked a revival that led not just to 3,000 people being added that day, but resulted in billions of Gentiles being born again throughout history!

The Secret Sauce:

Although the times of the Jews and the times of the Gentiles have changed periodically throughout history, one cannot separate the two groups, for it was the Jew who first brought the Gospel to the Gentiles in Acts 2 (for this purpose we were chosen). Jesus said, **“Salvation is from the Jews,” John 4:22.** It was Jewish Apostles who spread the Gospel around the world such as Paul, Peter, Thomas, and John. In the same way, it has always been the job of the Gentile to bring the Jew back into the fold. Paul wrote, **“Salvation has come to the Gentiles to make them (the Jews) jealous,” Romans 11:11;** Also Isaiah wrote, **“Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the Lord your God and for the Holy one of Israel because He has glorified you. Foreigners will build up your walls, and their kings will minister to you; For in my wrath I struck you and in My favor I have had compassion on you... For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, and the nations will be utterly ruined.” Isaiah 60:9-10, 12.**

Long ago, in the days of Noah after the Ark had found dry land, Noah planted a vineyard: **“He drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father’s nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him. So he said, “Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants He shall be to his brothers. He also said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant.” Gen 9:21-27.**

Ham and his son Canaan populated the land of Canaan and all of Africa from Egypt to Morocco and from Morocco to South Africa. Japheth populated Europe, the Baltic region, the Russian and Slavic peoples, and Asia. The largest group of early Christians were the descendants of Japheth. By far they outnumbered the descendants of Shem who would become the Semitic peoples, the descendants of Abraham through both Isaac (the line of promise) and Ishmael (the line of the Muslims and Arabs). Amazingly we see a fulfillment of this prophecy on the day of Shavuot/Pentecost in Acts Chapter 2 when Gentiles (descendants of both Japheth and Ham) dwelled together in the Temple at Jerusalem with their Jewish

brothers: worshipping the God of Israel.

What is Shavuot? If you read Leviticus 23, beginning in verse 15, it speaks of a feast 3 months after Passover, or more specifically, seven Sabbaths and a day, (fifty days) from the first weekly Sabbath after Passover. A week is a “Shavua” in Hebrew, so Shavuot means **The Feast of Weeks.** Pentecost in Acts was that same ancient feast of Moses. We see in Acts that Phrygians, Pamphylans, Egyptians, Libyans, Cyrenians, **“visitors from Rome, both Jews and Proselytes, Cretans and Arabs.” Acts 2:10-11** had gathered in the largest “tent of Shem” (Messianic Synagogue) ever built...worshipping in the Temple of the believing Jews in Jerusalem; and together both Jews the Gentiles celebrated Shavuot, the feast Christians would later call Pentecost. Pentecoste is Greek for 50th, as in 50 days (seven Sabbaths plus one day).

Sometimes the Bible says some incredibly powerful things in just a few words that few may pick up on for hundreds of years. Take Isaiah 53 for example. Had the disciples known about that magnificent description of Yeshua’s appearance, and the story of His crucifixion and judgment while He was yet innocent, then they would have probably recognized Him



much sooner. When He was buried, they still didn’t understand what He had done. After they saw the empty tomb, He then appeared to them several times and had to explain what had happened. In the same way, the presence of Gentiles, who are descendants of Japheth and Ham, and the Jews (who are descendants of Shem) gathered in the great Temple of the God of Abraham worshipping the Feast of the Lord, sparked the greatest revival the world has ever seen! Friend, this is the Secret Sauce of world revival and the Secret Sauce of end time revival. It is a pattern established by God Himself. We can pray and gather in stadiums all we want, but until we follow this pattern of the Gentile (non-Jew) worshipping the God of Israel and His Son Yeshua the Messiah **together with Jews (See Eph 2:19-22)** in synagogues and eventually in Jerusalem (See **Isaiah 2:2-4, Zechariah 14:16-19, Isaiah 56**) and again in large numbers, we shall not see the great end time revival so many are looking for.

I do not expect droves of people to flee their churches and join Messianic Jewish synagogues. I do, however, see a remnant from among the Gentiles who will join **together** with the Messianic Jews in “tents of Shem” (Messianic Jewish Synagogues) in worshipping God’s Feasts and His Shabbat (Sabbath). This is the pattern God laid out for building His Temple, where we are the living stones of a Spiritual Temple being built together. Sadly most of us have not been built together... **into a Holy Temple of God... or built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit,” Eph 2:21—22.** I have

laid out the Secret Sauce of God's pattern for end-time revival as best as I can. All the attempts of men to put together prayer meetings and bring churches together without Messianic Jewish leaders in their communities are futile, and they have never succeeded in bringing about the revival these people so desperately seek. Prayer is always good, but life from the dead, now that's revival! The Church of the city must join together with authentic Messianic Jewish Rabbis in their specific region, not just for Passover, but year round for feasts, Sabbaths, prayer, and fellowship. They must sojourn together, (Numbers 15:14-17, Ezekiel 47:21).

The Pattern:

I believe that you can recognize "the times of the Jews" throughout history and in the Bible by who possesses Israel and more specifically who possesses Jerusalem. Without a doubt the Jewish people have the power in both Israel and in all of Jerusalem; however they have allowed Arabs to live alongside them and today there are over a million Israeli Arabs who have citizenship in Israel! Those who judge Israel harshly or who call Israel an apartheid state have likely never been there, or experienced the rocket attacks as my wife and I did when we were traveling by tour bus to Gaza to visit some friends. The rocket landed about 150 yards away and almost tipped over our bus! To those who judge Israel I say go to the Israeli side of Gaza for a week or two and see what it's like to have rockets fired at you for no reason other than hate. I am confident that if the USA were barraged with 4,000 rockets, we would strike back very hard.

You might be asking the question: "If the Jewish people control Israel today and Jerusalem is no longer trampled underfoot by Gentiles (meaning Roman Chariots and Arab armies), then how come the church is still around and even new churches spring up in various places?" My answer is that the change in "times" does **not happen in a day**. **Temple Judaism (complete with sacrifices and the Levitical priesthood)** continued for some 37 years after the resurrection of Yeshua until 70 A.D. when the Temple was destroyed and the Jewish people were mostly expelled from the land. The time of the Gentiles had probably begun 37 years earlier at Pentecost, but it took many years for the times of the Jews to cease. In the same way God says He will again choose Jacob and settle them (the Jewish people in their own land). Isaiah 14:1 says, "*When the Lord will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob*". Again in Ezekiel 39:25 God says, "*Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob (code for the Jewish people) and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My Holy name...When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be sanctified in the sight of many nations... and I will leave none of them there any longer,*" *Ezekiel 39:25-29*. I believe that the times they are a changin' as Bob Dylan sang; the "times of the Gentiles" are changing back to the "times of the Jews" once again.

This should not be a threat to Christians, but a sign of the greater riches God promises to the world and to the Church in Romans 11:11-12. The fullness of the Jews will bring tremendous blessings to the world and to Christians. Please do not resent the return of the Jewish people to the Lord, for it is God's word being fulfilled!

Conclusion:

To summarize, it was always God's plan to use the Jewish people to bring His Gospel, His laws, and His ways to the nations (Gentiles). That is why we Jews are the chosen people, the only nation on earth that breathes, speaks, and exudes the culture of God. No other nation brought God, the Bible, or the Savior to the world...only the Jews. This is not a boast, it's a fact and it's a heavy burden for the priestly nation of Israel. In fact most of us failed in the mission. Fortunately, thousands of us fulfilled the calling and brought salvation to the nations (see Isaiah 49:6 the Calling of the Jewish people to be a light to the Gentiles). By the same token, the Gentiles have a job to do as well; Paul said they are to provoke the Jew to jealousy (not bitterness, shame or destruction). The Gentiles (descendants of Japheth and Ham) dwelling in the tents of Shem (the Jews) is a picture of the modern Messianic Jewish congregation. Acts 2 portrays it the best; we see Jew and Gentile worshipping the God of Israel on one of His feasts (see Leviticus 23:15) and it brings about the revival that spread around the world! This is the Secret Sauce; this is the pattern. Friend, we cannot make it happen our own way. We must follow God's pattern (Hebrews 8:5, Exodus 25:8-9, 40). God says, "*Let them construct a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell among them. According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it,*" *Ex 25:8-9*. Ephesians 2 says we are being built together into a Holy Temple of God and built together into a dwelling of the Spirit. However the truth is that we have not been together and still are not. Churches and pastors may accept the Messianic Rabbi who has come to their towns over the past forty years, but very few are following the pattern and finding out what "**being built together**" really means. For too long we have been building separately, apart from one another. One Passover a year is not what God is after beloved, (Read Numbers 15:14-17, Ezekiel 47:21); ask yourself if we are really following this pattern? I believe it is the "Secret Sauce" to world Revival.

What can you do? To begin with, start visiting your local authentic Messianic Jewish congregation -- preferably affiliated with the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (the original). Alternatively there is the Union of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues. If you want to connect with a true Messianic organization, it will be part of one or both of these. Second, meet and have coffee with your local Messianic rabbi, discuss the word, ask questions, learn about Messianic Judaism from the source! Lastly, pray, pray, and pray about what God would require of you concerning your local Messianic Jewish synagogue and how you can work together. I believe that those of us who follow the pattern and build God's Temple made of living

stones, according to the pattern, will see this verse come true and even be part of it! *“The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former glory, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.”*

In Yeshua’s love,
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