

## Lesson No. 93 – What Is The Foundation of the Church of ELOHIM?

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There are 9 and 11 weeks respectively to the new year and YESHUA's Passover. This past year I have been disappointed to know that there are many who make the proclamation to be members of the Church of ELOHIM that have settled for various teachings that are not contained in ELOHIM's WORD. To be honest this continues to vex me. You see, I believe that the following verses, which we will once again read in a greater context at the Appointed Time soon to come, should be more profoundly understood and followed by every member of the Church.

- Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

For the New Covenant Church of ELOHIM, these verses present a fundamental and vital part of its mission; to be sanctified through the truth and become as one. In fact, for those who have been opened to the glorious truth of the New Covenant Passover, YEHSUA's Passover, this soon coming Appointed Time is probably the one time when the Church is more at one than at any other time during the year. Why? It is because on this one night its members are totally focused on its Passover, YESHUA HAMASHIAC, and their fellow members in a most humble manner. For instance, note the following verses:

- Act 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. Act 7:36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. Act 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. Act 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

We all are potentially influenced by various groups teaching different foundations about ELOHIM's WORD. For sure, the Nation of Yisrael was the Church in the Wilderness. Not only that, but the Apostle Paul teaches us this.

- 1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 1Co 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

When the Children of Yisrael (COY) came through the sea, they were one as a nation of people, relying on YAHWEH. Those who were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and the sea that drank of that spiritual Rock that was CHRIST, are also the same people made up the church in the wilderness, led by Moses. As a result, many teach that the New Covenant Church is none other than the COY. So then, is Yisrael as a nation the foundation of the New Covenant Church of ELOHIM? At the same time, many Brethren fellowship in modernity with groups that are predominantly Euro-Gentile believing that they, the Euro-Gentiles, are the descendants of the COY.

Such groups actually appear to believe that they also are fulfilling Yisrael's mission through YESHUA's Apostles to take the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world. What is amazing is that there are two predominant groupings that teach that they are representative of the New Covenant Church of ELOHIM, primarily based upon the foundation of race. Both tend to accept the weekly Sabbath as their foundation. Both keep a form of what they call the Feasts of the LORD. For one, the Black descendants of the transatlantic slave trade are also descendants of the COY. The other teaches that descendants of certain European nations are also the descendants of the COY. Obviously, both of these cannot be true.

Well, we have studied these issues over the years and have decided to allow the authoritative guidance to be our guide on these matters. On the issue of who are the descendants of the COY, one thing is absolutely clear, it cannot be Euro-Gentiles. Yet, does that make the Biblical issues some of them teach false? No, I don't believe so. Tonight, I want to address what we all want to be a part of from a foundational perspective. And what we may find out are things we are already aware of. However, it should be our goal to grow stronger in what we know as well as continue to grow on whatever, ELOHIM continues to open our minds to receive. With that background, our topic for tonight is Lesson No. 93 – What Is The Foundation of the Church of ELOHIM?

When one reads throughout the words of the Old Covenant, foundations are generally spoken of in this manner.

- 1Ki 5:16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which *were* over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. 1Ki 5:17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. 1Ki 5:18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

These verses obviously refer to the foundation of the house that Solomon built. Other scriptures make the reference to this particular house plainer.

- Hag 2:18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month, even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider *it*.

Most of the instances of the word foundation in the Old Covenant scriptures talk about this house which is YAHWEH's temple. There are also references to the following.

- Isa 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. Isa 48:13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together.

Naturally this particular foundation needs no additional comments for our understanding. As one reads through all of the various instances of the word foundation in the Old Covenant, there is very little that refers to the “foundation of the Church in the Wilderness”. What we do find however is the following.

- Exo 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, Exo 20:2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

- Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Now, while it is not explicitly stated as such, I believe we all agree that with these words, YAHWEH is establishing that the true foundation of the Church in the Wilderness is YAHWEH HIMSELF. With these words HE explicitly expresses HIS absolute authority in terms of who the Church in the Wilderness must worship and serve. To me, this establishes that HE is the foundation of this church. Immediately after these words we read the following.

- Exo 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

This was the covenant the COY made with YAHWEH. We know the words of the laws given to this church. We also know that these laws were supplemented by the sacrificial laws and the law of physical circumcision.

- Lev 7:37 This *is* the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings; Lev 7:38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

These were the laws commanded of the COY that supplemented what we read in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus known as the ten commandments. These laws became the Old Covenant protocols for the Church in the Wilderness. We know that in the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Leviticus YAHWEH then officially commanded ELOHIM's appointed times, which HE had established during the fourth day of creation week, which under Old Covenant times were supplemented by these sacrificial protocols. We are fast approaching the Appointed Time that Biblical evidence establishes as probably the most important of all of ELOHIM's Appointed Times. And with it came another important protocol under Old Covenant times.

- Jos 5:2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. Jos 5:3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. Jos 5:4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Jos 5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised. Jos 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. Jos 5:7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. Jos 5:8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. Jos 5:9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

- Jos 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

These verses teach us how that the law of physical circumcision became the key protocol of YAHWEH's Passover. We have previously studied how that the Old Covenant Passover was commanded in each father's dwellings and that as long as the father was physically circumcised, all who inhabited those dwellings were eligible to partake in YAHWEH's Passover. All that we have read tonight summarizes the chief foundations of the Church in the Wilderness. This is why those of the Hebrew Yisraelite teaching allow children and unbaptized women to partake of the bread and wine at Passover. What we of the New Covenant era must clearly understand is what is the foundation of the Church of ELOHIM. Is there a difference?

Our first indication of this foundation is very similar to the basic foundation of the Church in the Wilderness, yet with a major foundational upgrade that must never be ignored.

- Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

This is the first instance of the name of the New Covenant church, the Church of ELOHIM. At the time these words are spoken, YESHUA had ascended back unto HIS former glory as one of the two members of the family of ELOHIM, and as such, HE is ELOHIM the SON. This is why we are taught that this church was purchased with the blood of ELOHIM. We need to understand this. We know that YESHUA had presented HIMSELF as YAHWEH to the Church in the Wilderness.

And this is also key to our understanding. Although HE was the rock that the COY followed, it was based on HIS presentation of HIMSELF as YAHWEH. What did we learn last week?

We learned also that it was also based on HIS presentation to the COY as the Holy One of Yisrael. Notice how that YAHWEH began to prophecy of a change to come in how HE would be presented in the future.

- Isa 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem. Isa 28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

These verses are a prophecy of how YAHWEH will present HIMSELF; “in Zion for a foundation as a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner, a sure foundation”. The problem for the COY is that the Apostle Paul’s words, that CHRIST was the rock that they followed, was not clearly understood by the COY during Old Covenant times. Did they understand that the Prophet Isaiah was writing of a future time when YAHWEH would present HIMSELF differently? Probably not. Let’s go now and look at that future foundation.

- Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

We see the consistency of ELOHIM’s WORD. The Church in the Wilderness was under a separate covenant. It was not “made nigh by the blood of CHRIST”. Yet, this Church of ELOHIM is purchased by the blood “of ELOHIM, and “made nigh by the blood of YESHUA” ELOHIM.

- Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;



- Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

Many in modernity get confused by the Apostle's writings because they do not study based on ELOHIM's WORD, the "whole armor of ELOHIM". The Apostle writes that YESHUA has abolished "the law of commandments in ordinances". This should be easily recognized as a reference to the Old Covenant protocols of blood sacrifices and physical circumcision, abolished by the purchase made with the blood of ELOHIM HIMSELF.

- Eph 2:16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Many of the Euro-Gentile led groups have somehow been taught that Satan plays a part in the atonement of the Church of ELOHIM. They haven't learned that the Atonement is but a reconciliation, which is only made possible by the blood and resurrection of YESHUA ELOHIM the MESSIAH. We will read of this a little later.

This is the result of HIS blood purchase. Now hold your place here and let's read the second instance of the reference to the Church of ELOHIM.

- 1Co 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

This is the second instance of the name of the New Covenant church, the Church of ELOHIM. Here we learn that the members of this Church are sanctified, made holy, in CHRIST, and "called saints". The words "holy" and "saints" both come from the root Greek word "hagios" which means to be, or to be made ceremoniously sanctified/consecrated or holy.

- Eph 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

The essence of this discourse by the Apostle Paul is that all who have been preached peace by YESHUA through ELOHIM's WORD have access unto the FATHER. They are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the Church of ELOHIM, the Household of ELOHIM. It does not matter what nation one was born to. Being made nigh by the purchase of ELOHIM's blood is what is required of every person from every nation, including the COY.

- Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Now we get to that corner stone that YAHWEH informed the COY through the Prophet Isaiah that HE would present HIMSELF as in a future time. All that the Church in the Wilderness had were the prophets. The Church of ELOHIM is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with YESHUA the MESSIAH being the chief corner, not YAHWEH.

But some might say wait a minute! They are both one and the same, and this is true. However, HE warned through the Prophet Isaiah that HE would "lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste". ELOHIM's WORD is all about presentations and metaphors and protocols. We learned so much about this last week, if we had eyes to see. HIS presentation to the COY under the Old Covenant as the Holy One of Yisrael was not based on HIS being tried. Notice the following.

- Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

- Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me. Joh 12:33 This he said, signifying what death he should die. Joh 12:34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

We remember that when HE came unto HIS own in the flesh, HE presented HIMSELF as the Son of Man. Here we learn that HIS being lifted up is referring to HIS death, through which all may be drawn unto HIM. We all know that there is a process to our being drawn to CHRIST. We studied this in Lessons No. 5 & 6, The Called-Out Ones, Parts 1 & 2. It begins as follows:

- Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

The process begins with FATHER ELOHIM drawing us, the Greek word “helkuo” which means to be dragged to or towards. The COY were not taught of the FATHER. The FATHER’s drawing continues with a calling. Yisrael was “called-out” as a nation. All who came through the sea and into the wilderness were automatically members of “the Church in the Wilderness”. Not so for the Church of ELOHIM. Each member must be drawn and called-out.

- Mat 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

We know that this calling is an invitation, the Greek word “kletos”. And then we have the chosen, the “eklektos”, who are the selected. The very first men drawn, called and selected under the New Covenant were the Apostles of CHRIST.

As disciples, they were given an opportunity to take the Church from the Church in the Wilderness to something new and far greater. And what is the purpose for which all are given this opportunity? Let's go back to Ephesians 2 and reread verses 19 & 20 to fully answer this question.

- Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

These disciples, who became apostles, were drawn to YESHUA by FATHER ELOHIM and then invited to train with YESHUA to grow in an understanding of the prophets that YESHUA says few have been given. They endured and were selected to stand on the foundation of the prophets to create a new foundation, the Church of ELOHIM, with YESHUA MESSIAH, not YAHWEH, the Holy One of Yisrael, being the chief corner. Why?

- Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

This foundation was established to create a new building, “fitly framed” to grow “into a holy temple” in YESHUA; built together to be inhabited by ELOHIM through the Spirit. Isn't this marvelous. We know that the Spirit here is the Spirit of Truth.

So, we have the Apostles and the prophets. We have the Spirit of Truth. We have YESHUA. And, we have FATHER ELOHIM. This is the sum total of the Foundation of the Church of ELOHIM, which is being built to be inhabited by ELOHIM through HIS Spirit. So, the Church of ELOHIM has as a commission to grow into a holy temple in YESHUA towards becoming a place where ELOHIM will dwell through the Spirit of ELOHIM. And yet, here is where members of this great church have a problem.

Earlier I mentioned the two groups, both teaching as a fundamental foundation a claim to being the church bearing the physical identity of Yisrael, which for both groups represents two entirely different cultures and races. Is this what we have been reading about this evening? No, it isn't. Yet, no matter how hard we try this impacts us spiritually in different ways. And sadly, there remains a certain amount of deception by both groups that has blinded its members to the "whole armor of ELOHIM". Obviously, this is not what ELOHIM was establishing. Yet, we must read the entire story. The Apostle Paul wrote the following.

- Rom 11:1 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. Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. Rom 11:4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of* Baal. Rom 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

We know that the design of the original vineyard was changed because of disobedience. Yet we also know that the New Covenant had to begin with both houses, Yehudah and Yisrael, which necessitated a remnant for YAHWEH to come to. This remnant was chosen not due to its own righteousness, but through ELOHIM's grace to fulfill all things.

- Rom 11:6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. Rom 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

- Rom 11:8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. Rom 11:9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompence unto them: Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. Rom 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Now, everything has a starting point. The Church's starting point in terms of mankind was Yisrael, the remnant we are reading about. The Gentiles who receive salvation includes all nations, yet, it began with the nations taught by the Apostle Peter and Paul, primarily Euro-Gentiles. The Apostle Paul is teaching us that Yisrael's fall was foreseen and part of the plan so that the other nations might be grafted in, and thus provoking Yisrael to jealousy.

- Rom 11:12 Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? Rom 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: Rom 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are* my flesh, and might save some of them. Rom 11:15 For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead?

Here is why we know that when the Apostle is speaking of the Gentiles in this discourse, he is speaking of all the nations. In verse 15 he says in Yisrael's being cast away resulted in the reconciliation of the world, not simply the European nations. Yet, Yisrael will be received again. The prophets spoke of this.

- Rom 11:16 For if the first fruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

Who and what is this first fruit and root that is holy? Let's remind ourselves.

- 1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the first fruits of them that slept.

CHRIST is the First Fruits. The members of the Church of ELOHIM who are also holy branches as long as they “endure until the end”, when they too will become first fruits. But for now, only CHRIST has obtained this honor. Remember, HE is also the Tree of Life.

- Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Rom 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Rom 11:19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: Rom 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.

We know that ELOHIM uses metaphors that the Church must study and humble itself to understand. Also remember, the Church is established on the foundation of both the apostles and the prophets. Here is what the prophets say about the olive tree and the COY. Hold your place here.

- Hos 14:1 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Hos 14:2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

- Hos 14:3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. Hos 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. Hos 14:5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. Hos 14:6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

YAHWEH has presented HIMSELF as a root with branches that shall spread as the beauty of an olive tree, a good olive tree. The COY were established as branches to the olive tree, the Tree of Life. They were the natural branches. Yet they were broken off.

- Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. Rom 11:23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. Rom 11:24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

This good olive tree and the natural branches olive tree that they will be grafted back into are one and the same. This olive tree is CHRIST.

- Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Now, amongst the various groups, these verses are differently taught.



Some teach that “the fulness of the Gentiles” represents a time when the Euro-Gentile nations relinquish the military power and wealth that they have obtained. I sought of flowed with this. But as I read it based on continued study, what am I seeing? Verse 25 says “blindness in part is happened to Yisrael”. We know that this occurred because of unbelief. It then says this is happened “until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in”. The word fulness is the Greek word “pleroma” which means to be filled, or to put in to be filled. Furthermore, it says “be come in”. What is it that the Gentiles are to come into?

Is it not the good olive tree, YESHUA, that they will come into? And isn't this talking about peoples from all nations, not just the Euro-Gentile nations? Those that teach that this is referring to Euro-Gentiles only believe this is when the military power of the European nations has been fulfilled by destruction when CHRIST returns. In truth, this will happen. Yet, ELOHIM's WORD says “until the fulness of the gentiles be come in”, not destroyed or ended.

- Rom 11:27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. Rom 11:28 As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes. Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

We remember how in Malachi we read the following. Hold your place here.

- Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

We studied how that they are not consumed “for HIS names sake”. This is also the gifts and calling that are without repentance or change. We also know that when the Apostle says “all Yisrael shall be saved” is about all those who come out of the blindness, along with those the Gentile nations who come into the good olive tree.

After having explained how the nations of the world, including the COY, have been given this grace, the opportunity to become a part of the root of the tree, he provides foundational guidance to the Church of ELOHIM.

- Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: Rom 12:5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

As members of the Church of ELOHIM, we have become branches of the same trunk, CHRIST, one body, yet with different offices of administration.

- Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; Rom 12:7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Rom 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Rom 12:9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Rom 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

These instructions by the Apostle Paul to both the Gentile nations and the COY who are not blinded are foundational instructions to the Church of ELOHIM.

In all that we do within the Church, it is for the edification of the Church. Our actions should be kind towards one another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another. This means respecting each other's callings. Unfortunately, each group establishes its own doctrines that its members become so full of at times that respect for those of other groups is lost. And all too often, each group's authoritative voices introduce thoughts that are not founded based on ELOHIM's WORD. CHRIST HIMSELF provided the soundest advice on how the members of the Church should establish their Church roots.

- Luk 6:47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: Luk 6:48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. Luk 6:49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Now hear these words very carefully. Some of you are aware that one of the reasons I no longer fellowship with one of the groups I spoke of earlier is that groups teaching that rejects YESHUA's commandments to HIS disciples as HE implemented the New Covenant Passover, YEHSUA's Passover. In verse 47 YESHUA basically states, "Let ME show you what you what the person that comes to ME, hears MY sayings, and does them is like". In verse 48, HE states that such a person is like "the man who built a house with a deep foundation on a rock, which when the floods came that beat against this house could not shake it". Why not? YESHUA said "because this house was founded upon a rock". What rock is it founded upon? We have already read that this rock is YESHUA. HE is the rock upon which the Church of ELOHIM is built, founded upon the apostles and the prophets. Yisrael was established to be a prototype of the Church. However, Yisrael is not the rock nor the foundation.

It is sad for other groups as well. I spent a considerable time this week disputing with a Brother who has been taught that his congregation, a Euro-Gentile founded group, is the church. The dispute was about the two goats we read of in the Appointed Time of Atonement commanded to the COY. This Euro-Gentile led congregation teaches that the second goat is Satan. Furthermore, through this teaching this group teaches that Satan is responsible for man's sin.

Now, here is where I believe that when we lose sight of the rock and the foundation of the Church of ELOHIM, we can allow ourselves to be shaken by falsehoods. We just read that YESHUA cautions the members of HIS Church to look only to HIM and HIS sayings, to do them, so that their house would not be shaken by the floods.

Well, after a somewhat tumultuous discussion with my Brother in which he stressed the fact that Satan deceived Eve and was punished, and has been a sinner for a long time (something ELOHIM's WORD fully discloses), I quoted several scriptures to show that man is responsible for his own sins (this included Ezekiel's prophecies which stated "the soul that sinneth shall die). This wasn't successful. However, ELOHIM's spirit eventually put the following thought in my mind. I ask this question. Since we are now under the New Covenant, unlike the COY, we no longer include blood sacrifices in our Appointed Times. Yet, the Appointed Time of Atonement remains the same purpose for us as it was for the COY. It is a reconciliation. So, I asked, where in our New Covenant service of Atonement does Satan factor?

You see, this same group taught me early on in my calling that all of the Appointed Times are about CHRIST. As I continue to hear this group teach that Satan has something to do with our reconciliation to ELOHIM, I realize that a focus has been lost. The true foundation has been substituted for what appears to be the Church of ELOHIM. These are uneasy times because so many groups have something to offer.

However, the Church of ELOHIM conceptually consists of those who are humble enough and yet strong enough to stand on ELOHIM's WORD in spite of opposition from those who seek to be part of a group just for the sake of being part of the group.

At the Appointed Time of Tabernacles, Gary and I shared the following scriptures with our Brethren who are members of this congregation.

- Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

This belief is fundamental to the members of the Church of ELOHIM. The love of ELOHIM towards the members of HIS Church is manifested by YESHUA dying for it. The Apostle Paul then makes it plain what this means to those who hear YESHUA's words and do them. He presents the two parts of the reconciliation to ELOHIM.

- Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

The Church of ELOHIM is justified by the blood of ELOHIM. There is no disagreement with the presentation of the first goat of the Atonement, which was killed. However, the Apostle also informs all who have ears to hear a second part of this reconciliation; we must be saved.

- Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

The Atonement literally means “the Reconciliation”. Part one of this humbling Appointed Time is that we are reconciled to ELOHIM by YESHUA’s death. However, “much more” we are “being reconciled” we shall be saved by HIS life”. This is the obvious presentation of the second goat. Why?

- Rom 5:11 And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

It is by the actions of YESHUA MESSIAH, and HIM alone, that “we have now received the atonement”.

Many Brothers and Sisters whom I know love and try to be obedient to ELOHIM’s WORD have allowed themselves to be mistaught on this Appointed Time. To the walk of the “called-out one”, Atonement falls second in its importance only to the Passover. Sadly, these Brethren have failed to look into the “whole armor of ELOHIM” to understand the significance of YESHUA’s return to life after HIS death to our salvation, the ultimate reconciliation to FATHER ELOHIM. The Apostle Paul also taught the following.

- Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, Rom 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

We just read of the atonement in the Apostle Paul’s epistle to the “called-out ones” at Rome. This is what the overall purpose of this epistle was all about. It was “concerning” ELOHIM’s SON YESHUA MESSIAH. Yet, it is the next verse that should grab attention of the Church of ELOHIM.

- Rom 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

After the death of YESHUA, represented by the slain goat in the Atonement ceremony, HE was “declared the SON of ELOHIM with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”, which is represented by the live goat in the Atonement ceremony. And as a result, ELOHIM’s Church can now receive the following.

- Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Rom 1:6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

Even in these words we continue to find something significant.

The Apostle states that he has received “grace and apostleship to the faith among all nations”, not simply the Euro-Gentile nations.

Now, if you are wondering why I am continually focusing on these various groups, it is because as we continue to learn how to bear fruit, it is important that our foundations are adequately built. YESHUA said dig deep into the rock. The deeper we dig, the sounder we stand. I told my Brother I was disputing with that his congregation, by name, is not the Church.

This Brother asked me what Church did I belong to. I responded, the Church of ELOHIM. This Brothers and Sisters is the only Church of the New Covenant.

Now, this Church is made up of individuals who have a common purpose and goal. According to YESHUA’s own words, the common purpose must be to hear all of HIS sayings and do them. The common goal must be to obtain the Atonement, to be reconciled to FATHER ELOHIM by our endurance until the end. There is no excuse for “called-out ones” not to structure their entire spiritual walks strictly based upon ELOHIM’s WORD. It is when we don’t do this that we open ourselves to the possibility of Satan’s deceit. None of us are exempt from Satan’s attempts. We know he presents himself as an angel of light. The word church is “a body of called out individuals”. To what are we called out?

- 1Co 1:20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1Co 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

One of my disputes with Brethren is their acceptance of so-called scholars who know not CHRIST as a basis for Biblical interpretation.

- 1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 1Co 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: 1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 1Co 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1Co 1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Brothers and Sisters, if you only believe in what ELOHIM's WORD teaches, you are going to be foolish to others. It truly seems that man loves to be led by other men. Men love to lead others. One of my favorite pastors recently taught his congregation that the end-times began when the Jews returned home in 1948. This pastor is of Black heritage and obviously has accepted that Euro-Gentiles are the descendants of the COY. Obviously, he does not realize HE is not teaching the fulness of CHRIST.



Why? Over and over in ELOHIM's WORD we are taught that the COY will not return to their land until HE, whom we just read we should glory in has returned.

The question for each of us as we count down to another Passover season is this, what church do we belong to? What is our foundation? Is it on a man or is it on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets? Let us conclude with the voice of he who was given a precious key.

- 1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. 1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: 1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; 1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

- 1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 1Pe 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. 1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently: 1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1Pe 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

To the Brethren who don't accept CHRIST as both goats in the Atonement, I urge them to look only to the words of HIS Apostles for their guidance towards their understanding of the reconciliation process. To the Brethren who don't accept YESHUA's WORDS to HIS Apostles during HIS final Passover as commandments, I urge them to look to YESHUA's own words regarding those who are not only part of the foundation of the church, but who were also given the authority to seal the law and bind the testimony, the Apostles of YESHUA.

It really isn't so difficult. We simply have to become as YESHUA commanded the Church of ELOHIM to become.

- Luk 18:16 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Luk 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Stay humble, stay prayerful, stay bold, grow in faith, love your fellow Brethren, and as a Euro-Gentile elder once said to me, follow the trunk until the end.

That trunk is CHRIST, and CHRIST alone. HE is the ultimate foundation of the Church of ELOHIM. Follow the trunk Brethren. Allow HIM to be the rock upon which you build your house.

Shalom!