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Ekklesia and the Birthright Inheritance

The confusion in the Evangelical Church: Who has received the Birthright Inheritance from Abraham and Jacob: The Church or National Israel. Who will heal the nations and bless all the people of the earth?

Last week I gave you a historical background from an ancient document The book of Jasher while not being inspired scripture, it gives us an interesting story believed by the ancients about the generational struggle for the Adamic Birthright Inheritance.

I want to bring that generational struggle up to date as a modern theological issue now prevalent in the church also known as 'Replacement Theology'. Has the church replaced Israel? I gave the background in scriptural history last week because the modern debate leaves out the very important context of what exactly is the "Birthright Inheritance" that was so fought and killed over by Cain, Ham, Nimrod, Esau, Jacob?

And more importantly what does it have to do with regards to the church and Israel and prophecy and "end times" theology?

By way of background I thought you might be interested in a little further history about a young Abram from the book of Jasher chapter 9. According to this story Abram was born during Nimrod's reign and there was a prophecy in Nimrod's court about the birth of Abram that indicated death to Nimrod and his reign. So Abram's mother hid the child in a cave and then took him to live with Noah and Shem. I quote:

"And when Abram came out of the cave he went to Noah and his son Shem and he remained with them to learn the instruction of the Lord and his ways....and Abram served Noah and Shem his son for a long time. And Abram was in Noah's house 39 years and Abram knew the Lord from 3 years old and he went in the ways of the Lord till the day of his death as Noah and his son Shem had taught him."

Scripture indicates a direct teaching line of Adam teaches Methuselah and Methuselah teaches Noah and Shem...and they teach Abraham. So Abraham knows the plan of God, knows what happened to the garment of Adam and he would have shared with his children and grandchildren (Isaac, Jacob, Esau) the family history and the importance of their birthright inheritance. By the way Jasher also says that Shem was the king of Salem, or Melchizedek to whom Abraham paid tithes. Because he knew Shem very well.

And so it would have been natural for Esau to make a military move on Nimrod to recover the fabled magical garment of Adam to restore to the Abraham family their rightful Birthright Inheritance....they not Nimrod must rule the nations, so he thought.

Except that right of blessing had nothing to do with an outward garment of the High Priest office. It had to do with the heart and the ways of the Lord and the obedience to the ways of the Lord. There was no magic in the garment. It had to come with God's blessing

And what was the promised Birthright Inheritance? We can see how awesome this anointing was from the promises God made to Abraham and repeated to Jacob after him: (Genesis 12 and 17)

- The Lord would make him the father of a multitude of seed who would be like the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea.
- He would be the father of many nations
- The Lord would bless all nations through his seed.
- The Lord would give his seed a land inheritance.

What we do know from both of them they had to go through a process of testing resulting in a name change from Abram to Abraham and from Jacob to Israel. The Birthright Inheritance was not based on genetics, otherwise Ishmael and Esau would have been the rightful heirs. It was conditioned and confirmed on obedience to the Lord and His ways.

Which brings us to Israel. They too had to go through a testing period to transform from Hebrews to Israel. To be Israel meant to be "my people". God told them He wanted to make them "my people". The people who are to inherit the Birthright Blessing from Abraham called to be "God's people" who multiply to fill the earth, become a multitude of nations and bless all the nations of the earth. The test was....learn the ways of the Lord as Abram and Jacob had to and then be obedient to the ways of the Lord.

The basic error that Christian Zionists make is the basic error that the Jews/Israelites made through all the centuries. To be "His people" was conditional not on genetics but on obedience to the Lord and His ways. So that they can teach the nations the ways of the Lord and bring blessings to all the people of the earth.

This is what the Lord told Israel.....In Exodus 19:5 we read,

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession [or "peculiar treasure," KJV] among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine.

This makes their position as "*My own possession*" (i.e., God's people) conditional upon their obedience—specifically, upon their ability to keep their promise to obey His law. If being God's own possession had been based on their genealogy from Abraham, then the only condition would have been that they have the right set of parents.

During their 40 years in the wilderness, they failed virtually every test of faith and obedience. So at the end of 40 years, God made a second covenant with them in the

plains of Moab. So Moses gathered the people to hear the terms of this covenant, as we read in Deuteronomy 29:12, 13,

“that you may enter into the covenant with the Lord your God, and into His oath which the Lord your God is making with you today, in order that He may establish you today as His people and that He may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It seems that even after 40 years, those Israelites were not yet His people, nor was Yahweh their God. They continued their rebellion against the Lord for hundreds of years while in their “promised land”. Until the Lord said enough!

Not My People

The Israelites occupied the land of Canaan for more than six centuries before the exile to Assyria and Babylon. Hosea was a prophet to the northern House of Israel, who spoke of the Israelites being cast off. God spoke of them as being “*not My people*” (Hosea 1:9). The context shows that God was about to divorce Israel (**Hosea 2:2**), which was a change of legal status from being “*My people*” (*Ammi*) to “*not My people*” (*Lo-ammi*).”

After divorcing Northern Israel and sending them into exile to Assyria it was not Judah’s turn to be expelled from being “my people”. God spoke through Jeremiah to the rebellious Israelites left in Judah. Jeremiah 7:15 says,

I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the offspring of Ephraim.

Again, the prophet says in Jeremiah 7:23, 24,

But this is what I commanded them, saying, “Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people, and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.” Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

The New Israel – God’s New People: The Remnant of Grace

From Romans 9-11 Paul explains why the Jews were no longer “His people” but that there were some like him a Jew now his people but not because of his genealogy. He makes this plain in Romans 9:6 “**Not all Israel is Israel**”. But there is still a remnant.

Paul goes on to explain the meaning of “*His people*.” He brings up the fact that there were 7,000 men in Israel during the days of Elijah, who were God’s people, “chosen” people (Romans 11:7). He then says, “*the rest were hardened,*” or “*blinded*” (KJV). There were well over a million blinded Israelites who were NOT chosen—in spite of their genealogy.

In Romans 11:5 he says

In the same way, then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.

No doubt Paul considered himself a part of that “*remnant*” in his day. Though he was “*a descendant of Abraham of the tribe of Benjamin,*” he did not consider Himself to be “*chosen*” on account of his genealogy but on account of his Abrahamic faith.

The bottom line is that God has chosen a new Israel ***“from every tribe and tongue and people and nation”*** and has ***“made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth”*** (Revelation 5:9, 10). It will be their job as leaders to bring the rest of humanity to the place of faith where they may all be *“My people.”* God calls the few to bless the many.

These are the new Birthright Inheritors. They wear the righteous robes of Christ and the “whole armor of God”. And we are sent to teach the nations the ‘ways of the Lord’ so they all can become the new tribes of Israel, a great company of nations, inheritors of Abraham’s blessing

Paul says on Romans 4:13 the new Promised Land is all the earth!
”For not through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they that are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect:

The Evangelical-Charismatic Church has sold it’s Birthright Blessing!

In the Old Testament story of Isaac blessing Jacob, Isaac is blind and Jacob disguises himself as Esau to fool his blind father to bless him with the Birthright.

Today the evangelical church is blind to the meaning of the Birthright Blessing and who are “My people” who are to bless all the nations of the world by teaching them the ways of the Lord. They are mistaking Esau for Jacob/Israel. Esau is impersonating Jacob.

Dispensational Theology is the blindness that says the Birthright Blessing to bless the world belongs to the Jewish state, Israel are “God’s people”. The church must be taken out of the world in the rapture because God has chosen genealogical Israel to bring in the Kingdom of God in the earth, they are the chosen of God, the Birthright Inheritors.

But as the war in Gaza unfolds in the world media it is apparent to all that Israel is intent not on teaching the world the ways of the Lord but of bombing, killing and starving people in order to inherit the “blessings of Abraham” their promised land.

And with every bomb dropped and every Palestinian starved and children and families killed it becomes more apparent this is not Jacob/Israel doing the word of the Lord but violent Esau reclaiming his lost birthright inheritance by force of arms rather than by the blessing of the Lord and obedience to the ways of the Lord. As the prophecy over Esau says...

Mal 1:4 Whereas Edom(Esau) saith, We are beaten down, but we will return (in 1948) and build the waste places; thus saith Jehovah of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and men shall call them The border of wickedness, and The people against whom Jehovah hath indignation for ever.

The evangelical church has sold its birthright blessing of healing the nations for the “mess of potage” of escape and retreat in the rapture so the Antichrist can take over the world and the Jews bring in the Kingdom of God.

This deception will soon end. But not without a great falling away from many whose faith in “prophets” and their interpretations of prophecy will have fulfilled Jesus prophecy “Many shall come in my name saying I am the Messiah (of Israel) and shall deceive many”

It is Time to Possess Our Inheritance

It is time for the Ekklesia to assert...”We are God’s people not by genetic birth but by spiritual rebirth”! We are heirs of God our Father and co-heirs with Jesus Christ of the Birthright Inheritance.

Our inheritance is not a piece of real estate in the Middle East but the whole earth.

The new seed of Abraham that will number more than the stars of heaven are nations of people who come to repentance and are born again as spiritual seed of Abraham.

We do not kill Canaanites (or Palestinians) to possess our inheritance....we raise the dead by burying them in the waters of baptism so that they can rise new creations in Christ.

We do not cede this planet earth to Satan or some Antichrist, we trample him and his demons underfoot because he gates of hell will not prevail against us.

Therefore I will not allow genetic Jews of Israel to be my replacement as God’s Kingdom warriors. If they want part of the Abraham Inheritance Blessing they are most welcome to join the family of God through faith in Jesus Christ. We welcome them!

For the remnant that remain and must carry the gospel of the Kingdom forward....we have a great work ahead of us especially after next week’s elections here in South Africa when it will be very obvious that we are going to have to rebuild the waste places. There is a time of spreading darkness not just here but all over the world. In the midst of that be of good cheer the Lord is in control and you are part of His solution....

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee.

Isa 60:2 For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Isa 60:3 And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isa 60:4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be carried in the arms.

Isa 60:5 Then thou shalt see and be radiant, and thy heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.