

ISRAEL—THE ORTHODOX JEWS FROM THE HOUSE OF JUDAH MUST HEAR THE GOSPEL AND RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR LORD AND SAVIOR IN ORDER TO BE SAVED

The apostle Paul addresses the need for Israel, which includes the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah, to hear the gospel in Romans Chapter 10. The Orthodox Jews must submit to the “righteousness” of God which Christ is the end (the goal) of the law for “righteousness” to EVERYONE who believes (in Yeshua—Jesus). In Romans 10:1–13, the apostle Paul says to us, the following:

“Brethren, my HEART’S DESIRE and PRAYER to God for ISRAEL is that they may be SAVED. For I BEAR THEM WITNESS that THEY HAVE A ZEAL FOR GOD, but NOT ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE. For they BEING IGNORANT OF GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS, and SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, have NOT SUBMITTED TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD. For CHRIST is the END [the goal] of THE LAW for RIGHTEOUSNESS to EVERYONE [including the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah] who believes [in Jesus—Yeshua].” (Rom. 10:1–4, NKJV) (emphasis added)

“For MOSES WRITES about the RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF THE LAW, ‘The man who does those things shall live by them.’ But the RIGHTEOUSNESS of FAITH speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the WORD OF FAITH WHICH WE PREACH): that IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THE LORD JESUS and BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, you WILL BE SAVED. For with THE HEART ONE BELIEVES UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS, and WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION. For the Scripture says, “WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.” For there is NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN JEW AND GREEK, for the SAME LORD OVER ALL is rich to ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM. For “WHOEVER CALLS on the NAME OF THE LORD shall BE SAVED.” (Rom. 10:5–13, NKJV) (emphasis added)

Do not dismiss the significance the apostle Paul is saying in Romans 10:5–13 there is NO DISTINCTION between Jew or Gentile—all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. They must call upon our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Yeshua) in order to be saved.

In fact, Jesus addresses the fact that the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah search the Scriptures (the Torah) thinking that in them (the Scriptures) they have eternal life, BUT they are not willing to come to Him so they may have life. Jesus says to us in John 5:38–40, the following:

“But you DO not HAVE HIS WORD ABIDING IN YOU, because WHOM HE SENT, HIM YOU DO NOT BELIEVE. You SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, for in THEM [the Scriptures—the Torah] you THINK you HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; and these are they which TESTIFY of Me. But you are NOT WILLING TO COME TO ME that you MAY HAVE LIFE.” (John 5:38–40, NKJV) (emphasis added).

The Orthodox Jews study the Torah, and they do what it says, BUT if they do not “know” on a personal, intimate basis Jesus Christ, whom the Father sent, it will not matter. Because we are told in John 17:3, *“And THIS is ETERNAL LIFE, that they may KNOW You, the ONLY TRUE GOD, and JESUS CHRIST whom You have sent.”* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

There are some in the body of Christ, particularly the Messianic congregations, who are of the “opinion” that the Jews from the House of Judah do not need to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior to be saved and the only thing we need to do is show them the love of Christ. This is not biblical for this reason: Jesus says to us in John 14:6, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. NO ONE [including the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah] COMES to the Father EXCEPT THROUGH Me.”* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Do we realize we can “love” people right into hell by not sharing the truth with them? This is why we are commanded to make “disciples” of all nations teaching them to observe all things that Jesus has commanded us to do (Matthew 28:18–20).

If we do not carry out the Great Commission and “disciple” all nations (ethnos: a race or tribe) which includes the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah, we are not doing what Jesus commanded us to.

In fact, Jesus addresses this in Matthew 23:15 when He says, *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to WIN ONE PROSELYTE [G4339: proselutos: an arriver from a*

foreign region, that is, (specifically) an *acceder* (*convert*) to Judaism], and *WHEN HE IS WON, you make him TWICE AS MUCH A SON OF HELL as YOURSELVES.*” (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Do not dismiss the significance of the Greek meaning of the word “proselyte” which is referring to an evangelist from a foreign region, an “acceder” (to give consent, approval, adherence, agree or assent) convert to Judaism.

Meanwhile, Christians, for the most part, who do not “walk” in a “covenant” relationship with God and are worshiping Him in vain are desperately trying to convert the Jews from the House of Judah from Judaism to Christianity. The truth is this: All they (the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah) need to do to “become” saved is to acknowledge Jesus Christ is their Messiah who has already come and receive Him as their personal Lord and Savior. This is why we *must* share the “good news” of the gospel concerning Jesus Christ with them.

Also, this is one of the reasons why the apostle Paul tells those of us who were formerly Gentiles that have now been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel in Romans 11:18, “...do *not* **BOAST AGAINST the branches. But if you do boast, REMEMBER that YOU DO *not* SUPPORT THE ROOT, but THE ROOT SUPPORTS YOU.**” (NKJV) (emphasis added).

In other words, we would have no New Covenant if it was not for the Jews from the House of Judah who practices Judaism. They are Israelites, to whom pertain the *adoption*, the *glory*, the *covenants*, the *giving of the law*, the *service of God*, and the promises of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came (Romans 9:3–5).

Thus, when we lay aside the commandments of God in lieu of holding onto the “traditions,” “customs,” “commandments,” and “doctrines” of men this is exactly what it means to use God’s name in vain. This is based on Exodus 20:7, which says, “*You shall not take THE NAME of the LORD YOUR GOD in VAIN, for the Lord will not HOLD him GUILTLESS who takes HIS NAME in VAIN.*” (NKJV) (emphasis added).

According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* #H7723, the word “vain” is the Hebrew word “shâv’” (pronounced “shäv”), which means the following: In the sense of *desolating*; evil (as *destructive*), literally (*ruin*) or morally (especially *guile*); figuratively *idolatry* (as false, subjectively), *uselessness* (as deceptive, objectively; also adverbially in *vain*): false (-ly), lie, lying, vain, vanity.

Therefore, many believers in the body of Christ “profess” they are disciples of Jesus Christ. However, they are deceived because of the lies of the enemy which is leading them to practice evil abominations in the sight of the Lord.

And, as such, many believers in the body of Christ are really worshiping their false idols and their false gods which are based on the “traditions,” “customs,” “commandments,” and “doctrines” of men rather than based on the commandments of the one and only true God. Our heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is looking for those who will worship our heavenly Father in Spirit according to His truth. His truth is based on the full volume of Moses and the gospel which is the doctrine of Christ (John 7:16 and 2 John 1:9).

Now let’s refocus our attention on the need for the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah to hear the “good news” of the gospel concerning Jesus Christ (Yeshua) preached. The Orthodox Jews must not only be preached the gospel, they must also be “discipled” for this reason: Until the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they have the “Spirit of Antichrist” because they deny Jesus is the Son of God and that He has come in the flesh (1 John 4:1–3, 2 John 1:7, and 1 John 2:22). I covered this fact in-depth in Chapter 32 of Book 2 subtitled, *The Root*.

I have heard there are some Messianic believers who have signed an agreement not to proselytize the Jews and share the gospel unless they are asked when they go to Israel. This is absurd and not biblical for this reason: Jesus commands us in Mark 16:15 to go into the entire world and preach the gospel to *every* creature.

Every creature includes the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah who must receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in order to be saved just like anyone else. They must be “born again” spiritually speaking. This is based on what Jesus says to us in John 3:3 when He says, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, UNLESS ONE is BORN AGAIN, he cannot SEE the KINGDOM of GOD.*” (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Thus, before Jesus will come back the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah who lives in Jerusalem must repent for their unbelief in their Jewish Messiah and for crucifying Him—the One they pierced when the chief priests, the officers, and the multitude, cried aloud and said, “Crucify *Him*, crucify Him!” This is substantiated in Mark 15:13; Mark 15:14; Luke 23:21; John 19:6, and John 19:15.

This must happen before Jesus will return because He specifically says we will see Him no more until they (the Jews from the House of Judah who are the inhabitants of Jerusalem) say, “Baruch Haba B’Shem Adonai—blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

This is based on the following Scriptures.

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“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but YOU WERE NOT WILLING! See! Your HOUSE IS LEFT TO YOU DESOLATE; for I say to you, YOU SHALL SEE ME NO MORE TILL YOU SAY, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD [Adonai]!’” (Matt. 23:37–39, NKJV) (emphasis added).

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 118:26, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Then it shall come to pass, in that day, the sound of mourning from the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, when God will pour out the Spirit of Grace and supplication. Then the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah shall mourn for Jesus as one mourns for an only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. This is based on the following Scriptures:

“And there shall be on that day,” says the LORD, “The sound of a MOURNFUL CRY from the FISH GATE, A WAILING from the SECOND QUARTER, And a LOUD CRASHING from the hills.” (Zephaniah 1:10, NKJV) (emphasis added).

“In that day there shall be a GREAT MOURNING in JERUSALEM, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.” (Zech. 12:11, NKJV) (emphasis added).

[Mourning for the Pierced One] *“And I will POUR ON the HOUSE of DAVID and on the INHABITANTS of JERUSALEM the SPIRIT of GRACE and SUPPLICATION; then they will LOOK ON ME WHOM THEY PIERCED. Yes, they will MOURN for HIM as ONE MOURNS FOR HIS ONLYSON, and GRIEVE FOR HIM AS ONE GRIEVES FOR A FIRSTBORN.”* (Zech. 12:10, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Therefore, until this happens, those of us who are former Gentiles from the House of Israel *must* share the gospel with the Jews from the House of Judah, and we *must* provoke them to jealousy (Romans 11:11 and Romans 11:14). We will “provoke” them to jealousy when they see those of us who were former Gentiles from the House of Israel that have been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel keeping the commandments of God instead of following the “traditions,” “customs,” and “doctrines” of men.

The commandments of God include the *seventh* (7th) day Sabbath, and His holy convocations which are all *everlasting* ordinances that are detailed in Leviticus Chapter 23—these are the Lord “appointed” times and seasons.

Concerning Israel's rejection of Christ and God's "eternal" purpose in offering salvation to the Gentiles so they can be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not all Israel are of Israel—only the "sons of the Promise" are counted as Israel. The apostle Paul substantiates this truth in Romans 9:1–13 when he says the following:

"I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have GREAT SORROW and CONTINUAL GRIEF IN MY HEART. For I could wish that I MYSELF WERE ACCURSED FROM CHRIST FOR MY BRETHREN, my COUNTRYMEN ACCORDING to the FLESH [Paul tells us in Romans 11:1 that Israel's rejection is in part because God has not cast away the Jewish people who are Israelites for this reason: Paul is a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin in the flesh], WHO ARE ISRAELITES, to WHOM PERTAIN the ADOPTION, the GLORY, the COVENANTS, the GIVING OF THE LAW, the SERVICE OF GOD, and the PROMISES; of WHOM ARE THE FATHERS and from WHOM, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, CHRIST CAME, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen." (Rom. 9:1–5, NKJV) (emphasis added).

"But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For THEY ARE NOT ALL ISRAEL WHO are of ISRAEL, NOR are THEY ALL CHILDREN because they ARE THE SEED OF ABRAHAM; but, 'IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED.' That is, THOSE WHO are the CHILDREN of the FLESH, THESE ARE NOT THE CHILDREN OF GOD; but THE CHILDREN of the PROMISE are COUNTED as the SEED. For this is the word of promise: 'AT THIS TIME I WILL COME AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON.'" (Rom. 9:6–9, NKJV) (emphasis added).

"And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the PURPOSE OF GOD ACCORDING TO ELECTION might STAND, not of WORKS but of Him who calls), it was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.' As it is written, 'Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.'" (Rom. 9:10–13, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Therefore, based on Romans 9:10–13, contrary to what is taught, God does not "love" everyone—for Esau He has hated for this reason: Esau "despised" and "forfeited" his birthright as a firstborn son. And, as the apostle Paul emphatically states in Romans 9:6–9, not all Israel who are of Israel are the children of Abraham because they were born Jews in the flesh. Only the "sons of the Promise" are "counted" as

the “seed” of Abraham. No one can dispute this fact: All Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. Many are called, but few are “chosen” to be “sons of the Promise” and heirs of God’s “covenant” promises because they are “counted” as the “seed” of Abraham.

In fact, the apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 3:14 that the “blessing” of Abraham *might* come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, so we *may* receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. So how do we receive the Spirit through faith? We believe in and receive Jesus Christ as our Lord by grace through faith, and we will receive the baptismal of the Holy Spirit with fire that He poured out during the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot* or *Pentecost*).

Also, the apostle Paul tells us from God’s perspective who a true Jew is. Listen to what the apostle Paul says to us in Romans 2:28–29 below, of who a true Jew is in God’s sight.

“For you are not a TRUE Jew just because you were BORN of JEWISH PARENTS or because you have gone through the CEREMONY of CIRCUMCISION. No, a TRUE Jew is ONE whose HEART is RIGHT with God. And true CIRCUMCISION is not MERELY OBEYING the LETTER of the LAW; rather, it is a CHANGE of HEART PRODUCED by the SPIRIT. And a PERSON with a CHANGED HEART seeks PRAISE from God, not from PEOPLE.” (Rom. 2:28–29, NLT) (emphasis added).

Therefore, based on Romans 2:28–29, from God’s perspective, a true Jew has the following attributes:

1. One whose heart is right with God.
2. One whose heart has been “circumcised” by God’s Spirit, rather than by obeying “the letter of His law,” which God has now put in our mind, and written on our hearts because His Holy Spirit lives in us. Therefore, a true Jew is one whose heart is made right, which is evidenced by a “transformed” life because of the *sanctification* process of the Holy Spirit achieved by our total submission and obedience to God’s Voice and His Word.
3. One who seeks praise from God, rather than from men.

Therefore, like the apostle Paul says to us in Second Corinthians 11:22, *“Are they HEBREWS? So am I. Are they ISRAELITES? So am I. Are they the SEED of ABRAHAM? So am I.”* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Hence, this also applies to those of us who are true disciples of Jesus Christ who is our Jewish Messiah.

As such, doesn't that make us a Jew, *spiritually* speaking, in God's sight, especially since the meaning of a true Jew from God's perspective, has already been defined by the apostle Paul in Romans 2:28–29?

In conclusion, not only do we need to share the gospel concerning Jesus Christ (Yeshua) with the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah, they must also receive the baptismal of the Holy Spirit with fire by having faith in Jesus Christ.

In addition, we must also pray for God to remove their "spiritual" blindness so they will receive the revelation Jesus (Yeshua) is their Messiah they have been waiting for all this time. For Zion's sake we must not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake, we must not rest until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a lamp that burns so the Gentiles shall see His righteousness and all the kings His glory (Isaiah 62). Read all of Isaiah Chapter 62, and you will see this must happen so Jesus can come for His bride.

Thus, the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah must receive Jesus Christ (Yeshua) as their Lord and Savior because the fullness of the Gentiles is at hand. And, Jesus Christ will not return until a "remnant" of all Israel is saved which includes both the Jews from the House of Judah and those of us who were former Gentiles from the House of Israel. In these final hours, both the Jews and former Gentiles *must* become the One New Man in the "physical" earthly realm before Jesus returns for His bride. Both Jew and former Gentiles becoming the One New Man in the earthly "physical" realm are the two witnesses we read about in the Book of Revelation, spiritually speaking.

Saints, we must make it our top priority to share the gospel with the Orthodox Jews from the House of Judah so a "remnant" of Israel shall be saved. Jesus whom heaven must receive will not return until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began (Acts 3:21). In this hour, God is orchestrating the total restoration of all things, especially concerning all Israel.

We must answer the cry of God's heart spoken by the prophet Isaiah, who says the following:

"Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that YOU should be My SERVANT To RAISE UP the TRIBES of JACOB, And to RESTORE the PRESERVED ONES of ISRAEL; I will ALSO GIVE YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, That YOU should be MYSALVATION to the ENDS of the EARTH.'" (Isaiah 49:6, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Are you willing to do the will of your heavenly Father and carry out the Great Commission as Jesus commanded us to do? Time is short, and the fields are ripe for harvesting, but the labors are few. Thus,
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we must get busy and be about our Father's business so He will restore and bring salvation to the preserved ones of Israel, and the Gentiles as well for this reason: So that countless souls will not perish in the *lake of fire* because we were too busy being caught up in the cares of this world which shall shortly pass away. The fullness of the Gentiles is at hand and the set time to favor Zion has come. What are we waiting for?