"Why the body of Christ Must Stand with Israel and the Jewish People!"

God's people need to know that any Christian who does NOT stand with our Jewish sisters and brothers and the nation of Israel is going against Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) and His one and only *begotten* Son Jesus Christ! And, if this is the case, then you are choosing to reject and go against the very God you profess to serve—the Holy One of Israel!

Why? Because of the EVERLASTING covenant that our heavenly Father, Yahweh, made with Abraham and his descendants which is still in effect and will be forevermore! The essence of the Abrahamic Covenant is as follows:

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you <u>all</u> the families of the earth shall be blessed." ~ Genesis 12:2-3 (NKJV)

Moreover, Yahweh our heavenly Father swore by Himself to protect, uphold, and defend this **EVERLASTING** covenant He established with Abraham and his descendants FOREVER!

What was God's promise to Abraham that He has sworn by Himself to keep, defend, and uphold FOREVER? It is spelled out for us in Genesis 22:15-17 below.

Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "BY MYSELF <u>I</u> HAVE SWORN, says the LORD, because <u>you</u> (Abraham) have <u>done</u> this thing, and have <u>not</u> withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying <u>I</u> will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and <u>your</u> descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies." ~ Genesis 22:15-17 (NKJV)

This promise was based on Abraham's FAITH and OBEDIENCE for NOT withholding his son Isaac, the son of the promise, when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac as detailed in Genesis 22:1-19. This was a prophetic shadow picture of great things to come when Abraham prophetically enacted what God would later do for all of us with His one and only *begotten* Son—Jesus Christ for the redemption of all mankind's sins and to restore us back into a covenant relationship with our heavenly Father Yahweh!

Therefore, this EVERLASTING covenant that God established with Abraham would result in the Old Covenant being established through God's servant Moses with the giving of the Torah during Pentecost at the base of Mount Sinai for ALL the children of Israel, even those who were

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NOT there that day based on Deuteronomy 29:14 (NKJV) which says, "I make <u>this</u> COVENANT and <u>this</u> OATH, NOT with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him WHO IS NOT HERE WITH US TODAY."

The Torah which is the first five books of OUR Bible contains God's written instructions for ALL His people to live by while we are on the earth, and some of His instructions are reiterated in the New Testament which did NOT exist yet when Jesus, the early disciples, including the Apostle Paul preached the *gospel of the kingdom* over two thousand years ago! Moreover, God's instructions found in the Torah are the terms and conditions of being in a covenant relationship with Him that under the New Covenant He has now put His laws on our minds and written them on our hearts rather than on two tablets of stone! And, it is for this very reason, that the blood of Jesus Christ not only ratified (confirmed) the Old Covenant He also fulfilled it by being the living Torah!

Now let's refocus our attention on the promise that God gave to Abraham based on Genesis 22:15-17. How would Yahweh bring this promise to pass that He gave to Abraham—the *Father of Many Nations*? Based on Hebrews 6:13-20 below, the answer is in and through Yahweh's one and only *begotten* Son—Jesus Christ, who is the Holy One of Israel!

FOR <u>WHEN</u> GOD MADE A PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, BECAUSE HE COULD SWEAR BY NO ONE GREATER, HE SWORE BY HIMSELF, (Yahweh pledged His own throne!) saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he (Abraham) <u>had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.</u> For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly [this is exactly what Jesus says in John 10:10] to the heirs of promise the immutability [unchangeable] of His counsel, confirmed it <u>by an oath</u>, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have <u>as an anchor of the soul</u>, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." ~ Hebrews 6:13-20 (NKJV)

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is THE FATHER OF US ALL based on Romans 4:16 (NKJV) which says, "Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to ALL the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL."

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Again, why did our heavenly Father Yahweh do this for ALL His chosen people, the Hebrew people, the elect, the Israelites, His royal priesthood, His holy nation, His chosen people—the body of Christ which includes the Jews from the *House of Judah* and those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) that have accepted Jesus Christ?

Psalm 105:42 tells us the answer, *"For He remembered His holy promise, And Abraham His servant."*

Therefore, since those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) that have been grafted into the common wealth of Israel by our faith in Jesus Christ, are Israel by our faith in Jesus Christ who is the Holy One of Israel, then we MUST stand in the gap and pray for our sisters and brothers—the Jews from the *House of Judah* and the physical nation of Israel too!

Moreover, we are also commanded to provide financially for the state of Israel and the Jewish people as well. Why? We owe it to them because we, who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim), would <u>not</u> have the New Covenant which was established by Jesus Christ's precious blood and be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel, if it were not for the Jews from the *House of Judah*! Following are all the reasons why we owe the Jewish people from the *House of Judah* our gratitude and unwavering support based on Romans 9:3-5 below.

"For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen [the Jews from the House of Judah] according to the flesh, [not spiritually speaking] 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." ~ Romans 9:3-5 (NKJV)

What the Apostle Paul is saying to us in Romans 9:3-5 above is this. The Jews from the *House of Judah*, who are Israelites in the flesh, are the very reason that those us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) were offered...

- 1. Adoption into the commonwealth of Israel
- 2. The glory of God.
- 3. We are included as Yahweh's covenant people.

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- 4. We were given the law (Torah) which are Yahweh's instructions for all His people to live by which was delivered through His servant Moses.
- 5. We were brought into the service of God.
- 6. We were given the opportunity to inherit the covenant promises of our fathers—the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) by our faith in Jesus Christ. The Lord our God remembers His covenant FOREVER, the word which he commanded for a thousand generations, based on the covenant He made with Abraham, His oath to Isaac, and He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, for **ALL** the children of Israel for an **EVERLASTING** covenant based on 1 Chronicles 16:14-17 below.

"He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant..." ~ 1 Chronicles 16:14-17 (NKJV)

7. All this resulted in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Jewish Messiah, our Redeemer, and our Lord and Savior whom is a direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) and King David from the tribe of Judah. And, it is for this very reason, that Jesus Christ's genealogy specifically says, in Matthew 1:1 (NKJV), "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, [the Jews from the tribe of Judah] the Son of Abraham..."

Therefore, if you want to be blessed by the Lord, instead of cursed by Him for <u>not</u> standing with the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, not only should we as the body of Christ pray unceasingly for Zion's salvation, it is our duty to provide materially for them as well based on the following Scriptures.

"For Zion's sake I will **NOT** hold **My peace**, And for **Jerusalem's sake** I will not rest, **Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness**, And **her salvation as a lamp that burns.** The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God." ~ Isaiah 62:1-3 (NKJV)

"It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their DUTY IS ALSO TO MINISTER TO THEM IN MATERIAL THINGS." ~ Romans 15:27 (NKJV)

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Therefore, following are some ministries that are located in Israel that need our help. As with anything, be led by the Holy Spirit.

International Fellowship of Christians and Jews has the following worthwhile programs which can be found on the donate page at the following URL: <u>www.ifcj.org</u>

Wings of Eagles: assists needy Jews in making <u>aliyah</u> (immigrating to Israel). They come from all over the world—<u>Russia, Argentina, India, Muslim countries and elsewhere</u>—to escape anti-Semitism and extreme poverty, and to realize the dream of living in their biblical homeland.

Guardians of Israel: delivers food, medical care, and other essentials to more needy people than ever, while our bomb shelter renovation project ensures that more Israelis will be safe in case of war or terrorist attack.

Isaiah 58: provides food, medical care, housing and other basic assistance to poor Jews in the former Soviet Union, and finances a network of safe children's homes throughout the area.

Here are some other ministries located in Israel you can research as well...

Barzilai Medical Center <u>www.barzilaimc.org.il/eng</u>

Bet Elazraki Children's Home www.emunah.org/bet_elazraki.php

Jerusalem Institute of Justice www.jij.org.il

Save a Child's Heart www.saveachildsheart.org

Hatikva Project www.hatikvaproject.org

Moreover, God's Word has established that both the Jews and the Gentiles would become one new man. In other words, both the Jews from the *House of Judah* and those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) that have become disciples of Jesus Christ comprise the body of Christ. Why? Because we have been reconciled back into a covenant relationship to Yahweh, our heavenly Father, by the blood of Jesus Christ as proclaimed by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:11-22 below.

"Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth

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of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." ~ Ephesians 2:11-13 (NKJV)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both [houses] one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh THE ENMITY, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create IN Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." ~ Ephesians 2:14-18 (NKJV)

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." ~ Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)

Notice in Ephesians 2:14-18 above, the Apostle Paul says that Jesus, the *Prince of Peace* is our peace! Therefore, we can only have His peace by keeping our focus on Him and abiding in His presence despite our circumstances and what is going on in the world!

Furthermore, do we realize that when we pray for the peace of Jersusalem, like we are commanded to do, we are actually praying for ourselves?

Yes, Jerusalem located in Israel is the city of Yahweh, however, *"spiritual"* Jerusalem resides in the hearts of ALL disciples of our Jewish Messiah—Yeshua (Jesus Christ). Listen to Psalm 122:6-9 below which proclaims this truth.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you." "Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good." ~ Psalm 122:6-9 (NKJV)

The truth is physical Jersusalem will never have total peace while we are still on the earth! Until Jesus returns the second time His people will only have peace by the *Prince of Peace* residing within our hearts. This is what this verse is referring to when it states "*Peace be <u>within</u> <u>YOUR</u>* Page 6 "*Why the body of Christ Must Stand with Israel and the Jewish People!*" by Donna M. Rogers, Founder of Angel of Love and Light Ministries <u>www.angeloffaith777.com</u>

walls. "Since our bodies are the temple of God this is talking about peace *within* our hearts. This peace within our hearts can only be received by our abiding in His presence and submitting to His total Lordship in our minds, hearts, and lives by obeying Yahweh's commandments!

Also, notice this verse in Psalm 122:7 says, "...*Prosperity within your palaces.*" This is talking about prosperity within our homes! This goes right in line with the blessed state of the righteous as substantiated in Psalm 112:1-3 below.

"Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever." ~ Psalm 112:1-3 (NKJV)

Also, Psalm 122 states, "*May they prosper <u>who love you</u>*." Jesus said to us in John 14:15, "<u>If</u> *you love me*, <u>obey my commandments</u>."

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