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# His Way Newsletter

## The Real Jew Will Arise

By Rabbi Doug Cook

Throughout Christendom these days there is a move of God that seems to be drawing gentile believers to their Jewish roots. On the opposite end of the spectrum, God is beginning to lift the veil spoken of in 2 Corinthians 3 that has kept the blood Jews “blinded unto this day in the reading of the old testament” to turn their hearts toward the New Covenant Messiah. There are a lot of “gentile” pastors that currently teach on the Jewish festivals, the tallit prayer shawls, and other Jewish traditions, but I have yet to hear a pastor or rabbi preach on what God is trying to accomplish with this realignment of our hearts. Does anyone really understand Gods motivation for this move He seems to be making?

Allow me to quote a passage where Rabbi Paul the apostle is speaking to the gentiles that may give us a hint of what God is trying to accomplish (words in parenthesis are mine). “Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel (blood Jews),

*and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off (gentiles) are made nigh (Jews) by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one (Jews and Gentiles), and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity (hostility, pride, hatred), even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity (hostility, pride, hatred) thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off (gentiles), and to them that were nigh (Jews). For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;” Ephesians 2:11-19.*

If we are genuinely honest with ourselves and each other, have we ever seen these verses come to fruition at any point in our lifetimes? I know I have never witnessed all born again Jews and Gentiles legitimately come together as one body of believers in Christ.

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I was visiting with an elder “gentile” sister in Christ (not blood related) that is a very close friend of mine before the worship service began one Sunday and the topic of the gentiles and the Jews being one man emerged. She was struggling with my suggestion that God sees Jews and gentile believers as one, not two separate blood families. Unable to reconcile the thought in that moment, she said she would have to study her bible more on that topic, so we departed with a big hug, agreeing to disagree. Unlike other “Christians” that display anger and then divide and separate from you because their doctrine doesn’t fit what you’re saying, my elder sister and I always walk in love and maintain our mature relationship in Christ, as all people calling themselves Christians should do.

Within a week of my conversation with my elder sister, my wife and I visited the services of a local messianic congregation. Before going, I read about their vision on their website. I would like to quote a statement extracted from that vision, “*We are extremely grateful for the non-Jewish people who have joined with us to help shoulder the burden for Israel's restoration and salvation. Though the Bible clearly makes a physical distinction between being Jewish and Gentile, it does not limit spiritual responsibility on the basis of that distinction. We will remain one in the Spirit; for there is no spiritual difference between the Jew and the Gentile.*” Sure enough, after worshipping with them it was clear the blood Jews do not understand the one new body the apostle Paul was talking about either. They were

practicing the same thing my elder sister in Christ was practicing and that was a “distinct difference” between a Christian Jew and a Christian gentile.

I understand their passion to reach their own blood Jewish people, it’s no different than a mother’s desire to see her blood children saved, the problem is that most Messianic Jews and gentile Christians do not comprehend the New Covenant, one new man concept because they are still thinking in Old Covenant “letter”

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Romans 2:28-29

terms. We are in a New “spiritual” Covenant and the Old Covenant of the flesh is no longer valid. And as 1Corinthians 15:50 says, “...*flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.*”

I need to highlight a few other verses to help explain what it means to be one new man. Romans 2:28-29 “*For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*” So who is Paul calling a

Jew? Anyone who is circumcised in the heart, which means any Christian, not just a saved blood Jew. Romans 9:6-8 “... *For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh (blood Jews), these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.*” Paul is saying just because you are a blood Jew does not make you a descendant of Abraham, but only children of the promise which is Christ — any and all Christians. Galatians 3:28-29 “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*” Who is Paul calling the true seed of Abraham? Anyone who is in Christ--Christians--not just blood descendants. Galatians 3:16 “*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ.*” Paul stresses here that there are not different descendants (plural) of Abraham’s bloodline but only one seed and that is anyone who is in Christ. And one more verse, Romans 11:17, “*And if some of the branches be broken off (Jews), and thou, being a wild olive tree (gentile), wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;*” The Jews were cut off of the olive tree, and the gentile Christians were grafted into their olive tree. Gentiles believers get their sustenance from the Jews olive tree roots which makes them Jews by nature.

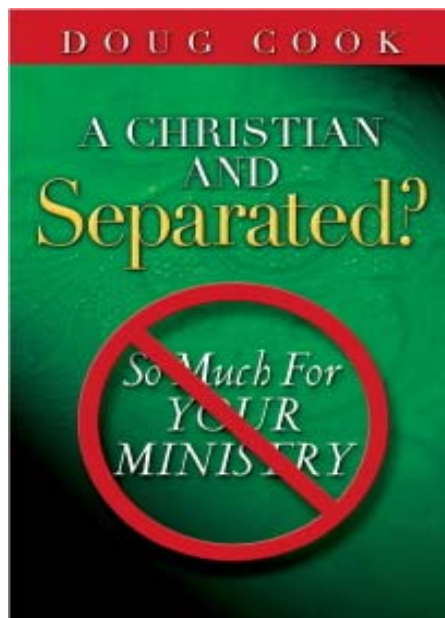
When you really grasp what Paul was saying in these verses, it’s no wonder he created such a ruckus when

he preached to the religious Jews. In Acts 21 there were blood Jews that became Christians but remained “zealous” for the Old Covenant law so much so that James and all the other elders in town asked Paul to act a little more “Jewish” to keep the strife down. Even though he complied with their request, other Jews ended up throwing him out of the temple anyway. Paul later said in Romans 10 *“they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness...”* Even Peter had struggles with accepting the revelation Paul received about who really is a Jew in the New Covenant saying in 2 Peter 3:16 *“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest (pervert), as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.”*

I will agree with the vision statement of the messianic congregation that the bible “clearly distinguishes the physical Jew from the gentile,” but it also **clearly** distinguishes the New Covenant Jew from the Old Covenant Jew and the New Covenant Jew is anyone who is in Christ. For their vision statement to refer to other gentile believers, helping them to reach blood Jews, as “Non-Jewish” is the same as calling them Non-Christians according to our New Covenant. It shows they are **clearly** still operating in an Old Covenant letter-of-the-law mindset, just like most of the “gentile” Christians are doing nowadays. We desperately need to understand God *“Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but*

*the spirit giveth life.”* 2 Corinthians 3:6.

What God is doing with this current move of drawing the hearts of the gentiles towards their Jewish roots and bringing the blood Jews to their Messiah is accomplishing what the church has failed to accomplish in 2000 years, and that is to finally make His one new man and eliminate the wall of separation in His church, and this would include other denominational walls as well. Understand, the Jews



know the Old Testament fairly well and the Gentiles are better versed in the New Testament. God is trying to bring them together to make a whole bible and do away with the space between Malachi and Matthew. This means the blood Jews need to spend more time understanding the New Covenant and the gentile believers need to grow more familiar with Old Covenant roots so we both get a true comprehension of all 66 books in the bible, not just the first five or the last 27. What we don't need to do is divide, separate and go back to old traditions for the sake

of practicing traditions because we make *“...the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.”* Mark 7:13.

Anyone who does not have a thorough understanding of the New Covenant Jew, will also have a very difficult time understanding the book of Revelation. For example, most of us have heard a lot of interpretations about the 3<sup>rd</sup> physical temple being built in the end times and how the antichrist will set up his office in the “most holy place” and proclaim himself God, which will make it desolate. Yet the New Testament says that along with being Jews, Christians are the New Covenant temple and God will never inhabit a temple made with hands again. The most holy place is now within us, so how can a room in a rebuilt physical temple be made desolate, as so many prophecy “experts” teach, if God will never dwell in that room again? Letter interpretations *“killeth; the spirit giveth life.”*

I am not saying there will not be a physical temple built, nor am I subscribing to replacement theology that says the church has forever replaced the blood Jews, which is not true. The bible says God will once again reach out to a remnant of blood Jews to bring them to restoration with their Messiah in the end times, but those blood Jews that receive salvation will be restored to New Covenant Israel, which is the church—everyone who is in Christ.

Believer, we must eliminate pride, begin thinking spiritually, and see ourselves as one new man—God's chosen Jews—not two different bloodlines of Christians.

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# Forche`s Forte`

## Gomer: From Harlotry To Purity! God's Awesome Love Lesson

By Carolyn Forche`

When God's ways have you scratching your head about His doings in our lives, know this: He always has a reason, based upon His unfathomable love for everything He does and allows in our lives. But when we consider that God *commanded* the prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute, whose name was Gomer, it could easily have one asking, "Why in the world would God have Hosea marry a woman who was not only was a prostitute, but was bringing children of adultery she bore into the house of her husband?" Not only did Hosea tolerate his wife's whoredoms (though it grieved him mightily), but he continued loving her ... unconditionally!" Hosea 1-3.

The story of Hosea and Gomer is one of those awesome "types" and a "foreshadowing" of the love of God for His spiritual wife, Israel. Hosea was found fit by God for this difficult "ministry" because he knew God's loving heart toward the sinful condition of his rebellious countrymen and yet he also knew of God's abiding love for Israel, in spite of her blatant unfaithfulness toward God. So God found in Hosea a perfect man to show Israel how God looked upon their adulterous worship, while continuing to demonstrate His love for them as His chosen people.

**Gomer was a harlot, but her name means "Completed."** That's a real clue of what God had in mind. He knows our end from our beginning. Secondly, the name Hosea means "Salvation or Deliverance" – which would come to "Complete" Gomer.



God was going to use this marriage between a prophet of God and a prostitute, to demonstrate His love for Israel who had, as the bible records, "gone a whoring" by bringing idol worship into the presence of God. Even though Gomer did despicable things and humiliated her husband with unmentionable indignities, **God gave her the prophetic name "Completed" because when He saw Gomer, He saw her restored!** God also saw us in our former sinful state; yet because of His divine foreknowledge He saw us blood washed, blood bought, redeemed, and filled with His Spirit, even while we were *YET* sinners. Gomer eventually received salvation and restoration. God's desire for everyone.

What a tremendous object lesson of God's love!  
Read the entire account of His awesome wooing to  
"Complete" Gomer (symbol of Israel), in Hos. 2:14-23.

### God is saying, "I want you back!"

God enters into marriage with His people, recites vows that promise eternal love, tenderness, mercy and a continuing unveiling of who He is and who we are in Him. We are His Bride – Spiritual Israel. And we too, like Gomer, "are complete in Him." Let this year, 2007 -- the year of completion -- bring you into the complete fullness of God's awesome love for you. Embrace His tender Hand that is drawing you to become closer to Him. There's no greater love to know, and no other way to go, to spend eternity with the One who created you to be loved unconditionally. Ask Gomer, as you read her story.