

## REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY...WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The word "church" actually comes from word "kirch", of Celtic pagan origin. The actual word "church" comes from the pagan "circular ritual conducted by the Celts".



Replacement theology that has been around for hundreds of years, is the cause of the misconception of the word "church", frequently used in the Christian world today. The mislead Christian forefathers are the ones responsible for millions of people being deceived and mislead over the centuries in regards to many things, including the word church. These Roman heathens convinced the early Believers that Rome was the new Israel, the new ecclesiastical organization called the church. The early forefathers convinced ignorant people that Adonai had rejected Israel and the Jews forever, and that Rome took Israel's place as the "New Israel". Many ignorant people are convinced that Rome became the head of the church, or the head of the New Israel.

Replacement theology meant that the Jews are no different then any other group of people, and that their chosen (apple of my eye) oracle status, was self determined and had ceased when their European non

Jewish Jesus went to the cross. Any Bible student can point out the truth about the special status of the oracles of Yah. **Rom. 3:1-2** *"Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of Yah."*

**Rom. 11:15** *“For if their rejection be the reconciliation of the world, what will {their} acceptance be but life from the dead?”* Replacement theology contends that the Jews received all the curses of Deut. 28-33, while receiving none of the blessings. By using this false teaching, the church is proclaimed to be the “chosen people,” and the rightful owner of the land of Israel, since the land was a blessing, and not a curse.

The Pope has always had his eyes on the Holy land and would like nothing more than to have his headquarters in Jerusalem. This would fit in well with the replacement theology which is pursued by the Roman Catholic church.

Most people don't realize that when Yah uses the term Jerusalem, He is referring to a literal city. He has a specific place in mind. When Yahveh refers to the nation of Israel, He is referring to the 12 tribes of Israel. When He is referring to the Jews, it is one of the twelve tribes of Israel the Jews He has in mind. When He refers to “Zion,” it is the land and Mt. Moriah He has in mind. For any organization to teach that Adonai was not talking about literal places and people of Israel when He used these words, is simply foolish. These places are not synonymous terms used by the Christian church.

The common teaching that the “church” is the Renewed Covenant bride of Yahveh is completely false. The bride of Yahveh is Israel, and only Israel. Yah is coming back for a spotless bride, not two brides. If as in Matt. 19:3-8, the church is a separate entity from Israel, then our Yah is a spiritual adulterer with two brides, called, the church, and the Jews. There is only one flock as stated in John 11:52, and 10:16. The renewed covenant believers that Paul talks about in Gal. 6:16 includes both Jewish and non Jewish followers of Yeshua, all those who have been redeemed by the blood of Yeshua (Eph. 2:12-19). Yeshua said in **Matt. 15:24** *“But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* He didn't say He came for Jews or Gentiles, but for the ‘lost sheep’. We are all lost sheep until we are born again, then we come the Sons of Israel. Likewise in James 1:1 James addresses the body of Yeshua (12 tribes), not two different groups of the Renewed Covenant. All the Renewed Covenant writers wrote about, “a flock of sheep”, not two separate, “flocks of sheep”. The devil doesn't really give a hoot if you call one entity (“the church”), spiritual Israel, and the Jews, physical Israel. As long as you don't recognize the BODY of YESHUA as a single entity, that is simultaneously both physical, and spiritual Israel, in one blood bought, and precious body of redeemed people called Israel.

In the scriptures the word “church” is mis-transliterated throughout. The Greek word “ekklessia” was incorrectly transliterated by the monks and papists as “church,” rather than, “the ones called out,” or, “called out assembly”, which is its proper meaning. **They used this word to make themselves “the called out” ones of the church, therefore distancing themselves from the Jews, like Constantine and other heathen so-called Believers wanted them to.** They made the church separate from the Jews. They separated themselves from the Renewed Covenant community of Messianic faith, known interchangeably as Israel, the Nazarenes Of Israel, or the People Of The Way Of Israel. They managed to create a separate “entity” called the church from words not describing an entity at all. The adherents to this entity were then called “Christians,” as in Acts 12:26. Adonai never called “born again” Believers “Christian” at any time. It was man who invented the word Christian to represent the church, which in fact never existed. Yah

created “the assembly of people,” not an entity called the “church,” and certainly not followers called “Christians”. This division created by man was there only to separate the Jews from all other followers of Yeshua. Anti-Semitism is what it’s all about.

The churches today have replaced the Holy One of Israel with their own doctrine and dogma. They want the power rather than allowing Yah to be the Almighty. That is real replacement theology.

Leaving for a moment the historical development of this tragic division of the cultivated olive tree into two seemingly separate peoples of Yah, let us examine the extended metaphor of the olive tree with a view to understanding its implications for theology. There is only one cultivated tree, and that means that there is only one Israel, not two. The wild branches (Gentiles) have been grafted in through faith in Messiah, “brought near in the blood of Yeshua” so that they are now included in the commonwealth of Israel. But they are not, as Replacement theology would have it, a New Israel, since the cut-off branches too are still identifiable as Israel even though they do not have the living sap of the tree flowing through them. Yah is miraculously preserving them, so that instead of drying out, as detached branches normally do, they are able to be grafted back in by faith. Thus, unsaved Jews (cut-off natural branches), saved Jews (natural branches attached to the tree), and Gentile Believers (grafted in wild branches) each have their own kind of ongoing participation in the one Israel; and this fact needs to be taken into account in any correct theology of Israel and the Church.

Not a word is said in the “olive tree” passage or anywhere else in Scripture about splitting the promises into earthly ones for the Jews and heavenly ones for the Church. In regards to the promises which relate to individual salvation, there is neither Jew nor Gentile (Gal. 3:28), no distinction between them (Rom. 10:12), no dividing wall of hostility (Eph. 2:14-19). On the other hand there remain promises to national Israel, and the people Israel, in which Gentile nations corporately and Gentile Believers individually have no direct share.

The present situation with commonwealth Israel is that Gentiles from many nations recognize the Jewish Messiah, yet the majority of national Israel do not. Suppose citizens of Canada, India, Nigeria, Australia, and others members of the British Commonwealth of Nations recognized Elizabeth as their Queen, but most individual Englishmen, as well as the British Government, did not. In this circumstance it would be wrong to say that Great Britain was no longer a member of the Commonwealth, when in fact it would still be the central member among equals. It would also be incorrect to agree with the English that Queen Elizabeth is not the Queen. Rather, one could only try to convince them them (both individual Englishmen and their governmental establishment) to honor Elizabeth, who is in fact the Queen.

The 70 Rabbi’s who translated the original Hebrew words “Kehilah”, “Kehelat,” or “Adat,” translated these words into the Greek word “ekklessia”, which was later translated into the English word church. Every time these words were used in the Bible, they were referring to Adonai’s single covenant people, Israel. It never refers to anything other than a single flock of Believers that hear their shepherds voice and obey His commands (Rev. 22:14 KJV).

If you look closely you will see where Yeshua’s words were mis transliterated when

He said “ekklessia” to Peter in **Matt. 16:18** *“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.”* In Acts 7:38 it talks about Stephen being the first “ekklessia” martyr. Long before the so-called church even existed, he talks about Moses receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai with the “ekklessia”. **Either Moses went to church at Mt. Sinai, or the word means Moses was with the “assembly of people” at Sinai.**

There simply is no separate entity called the church, whether it be Gentile or Jewish. There is only one bride that Adonai is coming back for. It is up to us as individuals to get away from the pagan saturated, compromising, man-made system that many call the church today, and remain the “assembly of the people,” as Yah intended.

The only proper solution to the replacement theology taught in the seminaries, the physical versus spiritual Israel theology, and separate entity theology, is the restoration of both houses of Israel. As stated in Acts 1:1-8, the gospel is designed to bring all nations into a single entity called the Renewed Covenant Israel, otherwise stated as the ekklessia of Yeshua.

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