

NO SEAL OF APPROVAL



Ecclesiastical Seal

Jesus Would Never have Accepted Today's Church Separation from Israel

(The Seal of King Messiah)

“In searching for truth today it is neither tradition, nor denominations that should be foremost in our lives as followers of Yeshua (Jesus) but is what the King of Kings says about a matter that should be priority. We are looking at some historical church practices-universal ground rules set down by Christendom which began with religious hierarchy who today are called our forefathers. I speak here not of the apostolic Jerusalem Council or the Apostles but others who are listed in the archives of historical information who took a pos-turing and built a giant religious establishment that ended up severing itself from the our true forefathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob). The Scriptures tell us that **“It is the...honor of kings to search out a mat-ter” (Proverbs 25:2)**. I believe this major subject is a matter of seriousness to God. It is my sincere prayer that no one reads this as condemnation in any way, but a man or woman of God will determine if a matter lines up with Scripture. Everything written from our CFI ministry offices is written with the utmost respect

***“Truth is available
only to those who
have the courage
to question whatever
they have been
taught.”
(Anonymous)***

and deep love for every brother or sister in Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

It is of extreme importance and a glory to God to look at the truth. For gaining understanding we turn out attention, and review to the Torah scrolls from which the prophets of Israel learned and from which Yeshua taught. On this matter of “No Seal of Approval” the Word of God clearly speaks: **“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people...” (Isaiah 56:3)**.

In other words, the gentile who is not of the Jewish people, but belongs to the God and King of Israel, should ever even think, let alone say, God has in all respects, disconnected them from His People: Israel! When one does this, it puts the person in direct contrast to the Word of the Lord as given in **Romans 11:24**. We who follow Jesus, are “grafted into” and uprooted (from pagan ways) and implanted into another Body,



“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all... who suppress the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18).

an operation on our hearts was done, we embraced the God of Israel through Jesus and we have been allowed to join the Commonwealth of Israel without becoming Jewish (**Ephesians 4:12**) all because of what Jesus has done for us. If we can accept such a thing, it appears that the powers that were took it upon themselves to forever separate the “Church” from Israel without any royal seal of approval from our King.”

To divide Israel and the Church opposes God’s Will as He is a God of unity and not division. In what ways did the neglecting of Israel ever enter their hearts? By believing in Replacement Theology, Supersessionism and Dominionism which is not absolute truth. The blessing of God would have never been on such a decision which has caused the greatest breach of brotherhood ever seen by mankind. The mark of the Lord’s Approval is missing. This means that centuries of Christians down through time went to their graves without the understanding of the role that the Jewish people will play in world redemption in the latter days. Many missed opportunities to rejoice with God’s People (**Romans 15:10**). Our generation of eyes have been blessed to behold the return of the Jewish people to their homeland--the prophetic word has been jumping off the pages of the Bible every day of the year in Israel. He has brought His Chosen People home for a

purpose and that purpose is being revealed in the universe at this moment. The greatest miracle of all is to come when the rise of Israel to be a true *“light to the nations”* (**Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 52:10; 60:3; John 8:12**) comes about. Our prayers can help here for God’s Word will be fulfilled!

Ruth the Moabite was a great example of embracing and then holding on to something. When one cleaves, they adhere firmly and closely with loyalty and unwavering hope. Even as in marriage, *“...what God has joined together, let no man separate”* (**Mark 10:9**). It is clear God brought followers of Jesus during His days into a greater understanding of not rabbinic, but God’s Words in the Torah and early believer records show that they never left Israel. They never thought of separation from Israel.

Many are standing up today and believing that the Church needs a reformation from centuries of wrong teachings. The Bible tells us that there will come a time when the gentile nations will say we have inherited, in succession from our predecessors, dishonest teachings. *“...the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies...”* (**Jeremiah 16:10**).

Seal of Approval

A seal is an endorsement or approval of something. Without it, all is meaningless. God the Father placed His seal of approval on His only begotten Son (**John 6:27**). Aren't we glad that we have that assurance from God?

Perhaps the subject of seals may not seem to be of great importance, but in truth and actuality, nothing in heaven or on earth takes place without God's permission. Everything requires God's approval. God is the beginning and ending of everything. He is the final Authority. As a matter of fact, all things are held together by His power (**John 1:3-4**). After God decrees and seals a matter, it stands forever. No one can change the King's decree after it has been established.

In the Book of Esther, King Xerxes gave a ruling against Haman because of his attack on the Jews. Haman's estate was given to Esther, and a new decree was written and sealed with the King's signet ring (**Esther 8:7-10**). In the Book of Revelation, the Seven Seals of God



Hebrew Seal

are the seven symbolic seals that secure the scroll that John on Patmos saw in an apocalyptic vision.

Ecclesiastical Seals

"The use of a seal by men was quite common before the Christian era and functionaries of the Church adopted the habit. ...In one of St. Augustine's letters he used a seal. Later ecclesiastical synods required that letters under the bishop's seal should be given to priests...the custom of bishops possessing seals may be assumed to have been pretty general. We thank God that the seal of the Holy Spirit is an identifying factor of our possession of salvation. He could not be the seal of our salvation if He is not received at the moment of salvation. He is our guaranteed seal." (Jeanie Shephard)

Church authorities and often power-structured government leaders through the centuries adopted their own

doctrines, dogmas and beliefs. Some constitutions were mutually agreed upon principles and structures that governed the affairs of the churches. Bylaws were subordinate rules adopted by churches to augment a constitution. The question that lies directly in front of us is where do we obtain a record of the Lord giving His Stamp of Approval (His Seal of Consent and Blessing) for all who follow Him to separate ourselves and totally disconnect from the Nation and People from which Jesus was born? The Bible says God desires we never separate or even speak about it. ***"Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying the LORD hath utterly separated me from His People..."*** (Isaiah 56:3).

That would mean the Church today operates outside the Will of God in relation to His Chosen People, Israel. How much clearer can it be? My heart is full of love for every brother and sister in the nation and I feel this burden to share truth, without condemnation, but to make us think about God's desires and not our own. Accountability will eventually fall to shepherds who will have to give an explanation. Who will respond from ecclesiastical groups who made themselves "heads of the Church?" How will they answer "why did you separate from My People?" A separate religion altogether developed over the centuries completely unlinked from its mother roots and foundation set down by the Jewish apostles. "If you had told Peter, Paul or any of the early Christians that they had switched religion, they would have looked at you as if you were crazy. They were Jewish; they stayed Jewish; they believed in the Messiah of Israel, and they taught gentiles about the Holy Scriptures of the Jews. If that is not Jewish, then what is? However as the centuries passed by, there was a gradual process which separated the Jews who followed the Pharisee version of Judaism and the Jews and gentiles who followed the Nazarene or Christian version of Judaism...the groups of people who believed in Jesus...were just another couple of branches...." (Tuvia Pollack)

It appears that the Church has been operating for centuries under a rule of law in regard to Israel set down by others beside Our King Jesus. They dropped their own roots instead of staying attached to the Hebraic ones. Our King clearly stated ***"Salvation is of the Jews"*** (**John 4:22**). When God declares a thing, He establishes it (**Job 22:28**). If the Lord Jesus establishes His Father's Doctrine in John 4:22, then it is true! But the present separation ends up being a denial of God's intended purposes for mankind before He sets up His Kingdom on earth. Look at Ruth as an example. As a gentile, she joined the House of Israel and the community of Israel and came under the wings of the God



Peter's signet ring

of Israel as we have done through Jesus. She not only joined the community, but stated ***"I will worship your God, I will live where you live, I will go where you go and your people will be my people"*** (Ruth 1:4). She included in her declaration the Jewish people!

God would have had to have approved any separation before it could be valid. Plans were approved to separate without God's approval. Consequently, the Church built the Church without Israel. It doesn't make sense to take an ax to our roots! It doesn't matter if all the world is called "the Church," if God did not approve something, it is not approved. The opposite of approve is disapprove. In the matter of Israel – there is no record of His Changing His Mind about staying attached to His Chosen People. Is God's intended purposes for the Church being denied by the apostate Church and history? Questions need to be answered! Was the separation deliberate? We do not know so there is no condemnation but only questions. If the Church is the "Bride" of Christ, then what Bride gets married without the groom's family being present and their consent and approval to share in the joy? How can you be betrothed to someone and not know their background, culture, homeland, family and relatives and embrace them? It would be hard to begin a marriage with a rift between the Bride and the Bride Groom's relatives!

I believe we live in times when we have to ask ourselves these questions. I kindly ask that no one see this as rebuking anyone or condemnation but of pure love—truth has a right to surface and ask where is the seal of Our King Jesus on the attitude that God is finished with the Jews and they are no longer a Chosen People? Will the King sanction a marriage if the Bride is anti-Semitic or prideful and arrogant towards her Groom's family? Will someone ask who gave the green-light and permission to do this? I natu-

rally believe a true Bride will be connected with the Groom's family.

Reasoning against the Law

I totally understand our reasons and argument and agree, that the religious leaders of Jesus' day were wrong in condemning Jesus; on the other hand, Jesus rebuked Peter for wanting to stop His Crucifixion. Someone had to do it and only the High Priest and religious of Israel were allowed to say this about the sacrificial lamb. Jesus was very popular among the common people of Israel, they loved Him. How could they not? He healed, delivered, saved, taught and made people whole again. If the Jewish people would have crowned Jesus King back then, where would the nonJews be today? He had to die for all of us. The Pharisees said to one another, ***"...look the whole world has gone after Him!"*** (John 12:19) What world? The Jewish world. They were looking all around them in Jerusalem. If that would have happened, many names would have been left out of the Book of Life. It had to happen. He conquered death! When Jesus walked in the Temple courtyard, a nonJew could not enter the Temple as there was a sign outside that said "NonJews now welcome on pain of death." That would have left all gentiles out of the Kingdom; however, **because God so loved the world, He wrapped Himself in flesh and came to live among us and to die for us. (John 3:16). This gave equality and justice for the nonJew/gentiles on earth.**

It is true Israel does not yet see Him. But we need to let God be God and in His Timing He will come to reveal Himself. Justice and holiness demands God have a plan for the Jewish people. They are they ***"apple of His Eye"*** (Zechariah 2:8). We all have to make choices in this life. Our aim must be to please God and not man even if we are unpopular (Isaiah 56:4). He was clearly labeled "King of the Jews" on His Cross. He has been building an "ecclesia," an "assembly" of his called out ones – followers who would never separate from His Nation, Israel (Isaiah 56:3). By the way, Israel was allowed by God to separate from the pagan nations (Leviticus 19:34) but nonJews were never to separate from Israel. (Ezra 6:21; 9:11). (Ex. 29:33; Gal 1:15; Neh. 9:2; Gen 12:3; Mt. 19:6, Ephesians 2:14; Numbers. 15:14-16, Leviticus. 20:26, Isaiah. 56:13, 2 Samuel 20:1).

His seal of approval to separate is still missing. Let us love one another and work together in unity to search the Scriptures to at least look at, and allow Scripture to guide us, just as our former brothers, the Beareans.

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