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# Grafted Branches: The Identity of the Redeemed

There's a truth that's been buried, ignored, and denied for centuries—and it's time to proclaim it with fire! It's time to declare it from the rooftops, to shout it in the streets, and to etch it upon our hearts. And that truth is this:

If you are in Messiah Yeshua, YOU are an Israelite. That's right. Not by bloodline, not by birth certificate, not by your last name or DNA. You're an Israelite because you've been grafted into the covenant people—joined to the olive tree that Yahweh planted long ago. The tree isn't Baptist, Methodist, or Catholic—it's the tree of Israel, and in Messiah, that's who you are.

Let me make one thing clear: God didn't replace the nation of Israel—he expanded it. He didn't tear down the house; he opened the doors. He didn't break the covenant; he extended the invitation. In Messiah, the family got bigger. The branches grew. The tree flourished. The same tree, the same root, the same promises—now bearing fruit in every nation, tribe, and tongue. The way God always intended.

You may have been born in America, Nigeria, Japan or Brazil—but if you're in Messiah, your citizenship is in Zion. Your identity is not found in a flag or a passport—it's found in the Name that is above every name!

Romans 11 makes it plain: those from the nations who trust in Messiah have been grafted in. But what have they been grafted into? Not a new tree. Not a hybrid. Not a denomination. They've been grafted into the tree—the cultivated olive tree—the one rooted in the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The one nourished by the promises at Sinai. The one born in covenant. And now, if you are in Messiah, you're not just standing nearby… you're a branch on that same tree.

But Paul gives a warning too. He says:

"Do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you." (Romans 11:18, ESV)

Why does that matter? Because Christianity for too long has told you that you are part of something *new*—a church disconnected from Israel, from Torah, from covenant.

But that's a lie. There is no such thing as a "Gentile church" and a "Jewish church." There is only *one body*, one flock, one Shepherd. There's no life outside the root. And the root is Israel.

Yeshua didn't die to create a second religion—he died to restore what was broken. To bring back the lost sheep of the house of Israel and to graft in the nations who would join themselves to Yahweh through the covenant of faith and obedience.

Galatians 3:29 says:

"And if you are Messiah's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

That's your identity. Not according to the flesh, but according to the promise. Not because you were born into Israel, but because you were *born again* into Israel—a spiritual rebirth into a physical covenant people.

This is why the enemy works overtime to confuse your identity. Because if you forget who you are, you'll forget what you're called to. If you think you're just a visitor in Yahweh's house, you won't act like a son or daughter. You'll act like a guest. You'll walk on eggshells. You'll think the commandments are only for Abraham's physical descendants and not for you too.

The commandments are for all Abraham's children, whether by birth or by adoption.

In Numbers 15:15-16, Yahweh said to Israel:

"For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever... You and the sojourner shall be alike before Yahweh. One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

Did you catch that? *One law. One people. One standard.*
Whether native-born or grafted in—if you are part of the covenant, through Messiah Yeshua, then the Torah is for you.

Let me ask you, church—do you believe Yahweh changes? Do you believe his standard shifts with the times? Of course not! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So if you are in Messiah, if you have been born again, if you have confessed him as Lord and walk in obedience to his commands—then you are no longer a stranger or an outsider. You are a citizen of Israel. You are part of the household of God (Ephesians 2:19).

This isn't just theology. This is identity. This is destiny. This is purpose. You're not just saved *from* sin—you're saved *into* something. Into a people. Into a nation. Into a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).

This is why the enemy hates you. This is why the world doesn't understand you. Because you've been set apart. Called out. Made holy. You don't belong to the world anymore. You belong to the Kingdom of Yahweh.

So let me ask you:
Do you see yourself as a Hebrew?
Do you live like a son or daughter of the covenant?
Or have you settled for an identity that is less than what the Word proclaims over you?

It's time to reclaim who you are. Not based on tradition. Not based on denominational lines. But based on the Word of the Living God.

Now that we understand who we are—now that we know we are grafted into Israel, children of Abraham, heirs according to the promise—we must answer the call placed upon us.

We are not just called to believe—we are called to *be the remnant*.

Let's go to the book of Revelation—chapter 12, verse 17:

"Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua." (ESV)

Did you catch that? That's not just a vague group of people. That's not all believers. That's not Sunday-morning-only Christians. That's not cultural Christianity.

That is a specific group. A remnant. A people who are clinging to the commandments *and* the Messiah. Not one or the other—both.

Some try to say, "Well, the commandments are for the Jews, and faith is for the Christians." Nonsense! That's the voice of confusion. The remnant is not divided. The remnant walks like Yeshua walked. And Yeshua walked in Torah!

He kept the Sabbath. He kept the Feasts. He wore tassels. He obeyed His Father perfectly—and He called us to *follow Him.*

Not to *admire* Him.
Not to *believe in* Him only.
But to *walk as he walked.*

Why does the dragon hate this group? Because the remnant is dangerous. The remnant is obedient. The remnant *testifies* to the truth of Scripture with their words and with their lives. And the enemy can't stand it.

Do you want to know why the world is increasingly hostile to believers like you? It's not because you're weird. It's not because you're extreme. It's because you're shining a light in the darkness. You are a living rebuke to a lawless world. You are a thorn in the side of Babylon.

That's why you face pressure. That's why friends walk away. That's why family members scoff. Because you're not just another voice blending in with culture—you're a voice crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of Yahweh!"

Let me ask you, church—*are you living like the remnant?*
Are you walking in obedience *when it costs you something*?

Anyone can wear tassels when it's trendy.
Anyone can talk about Torah when it's comfortable.
But who will stand when the pressure comes?

Who will still honor the Sabbath when their job is on the line?
Who will still keep the Feasts when it means losing community and comfort?
Who will still cling to the commandments *and* the name of Yeshua when persecution rises?

That's the remnant.

And hear me—Yahweh has always worked through a remnant.

He preserved Noah and seven others.
He called Abraham out of a pagan land.
He kept Elijah when the prophets of Baal ran rampant.
And he's keeping a remnant in our day—those who have not bowed to the systems of man, those who will not exchange the truth for a lie.

You don't have to be famous. You don't have to have a platform. You just have to be faithful.

So I ask you again, are you the remnant? Have you come out of Babylon? Or are you still sipping from its cup?

Do you hunger for righteousness? Or are you feeding on compromise?

Because let me be real with you, friend—it's going to get harder. The days ahead are not for the faint of heart. But Yahweh never called us to ease. He called us to *faithfulness*.

And he gave us His Spirit to *empower us*—not to do away with the law, but to write it on our hearts! That's the New Covenant! That's the promise of Jeremiah 31!

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)

Halleluyah!

We are the people of the covenant. We are the ones written about in prophecy. We are the ones who will endure to the end—not because of our own strength, but because of His Spirit dwelling in us.

The story does *not* end with struggle. It does not end with exile. It does not end with persecution or with pressure.

For the faithful remnant—it ends in glory.

There is a promise that has not yet been fulfilled. A land that has not yet been fully possessed. A Kingdom that has not yet been fully revealed. And *you*—yes, you—are part of it.

From the beginning, Yahweh promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit a specific land. Genesis 15:18:

"To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates…"

Not just the sliver of land we see on the modern map—but *Greater Israel.* A territory never fully inhabited even in the days of David or Solomon.

But the prophets tell us—*it's coming.*

When Messiah Yeshua returns, he will establish His Kingdom. And for 1,000 years, the Torah will go forth from Zion. The nations will come up to Jerusalem to learn His ways. And the land will be divided among the twelve tribes, as Ezekiel prophesied. It's going to be greater than any Kingdom this world has ever seen.

And those who are in Messiah? Those who are in covenant? Those who are part of His remnant?

You will dwell there.

Micah 4:1-2 paints the picture:

"It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established as the highest of the mountains… and many nations shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh… that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem."

Do you hear that? *The law will go forth.* Not grace alone. Not just sermons and songs. The Torah will be the *foundation* of that coming government.

If the Torah is bondage… then why will it be the law of the land in the age to come?

Because it's not bondage—it's blessing.

Ezekiel 47 and 48 tell us that the land will be divided among the twelve tribes of Israel—including an inheritance for *the sojourners who dwell among them*. That's you. That's me.

Ezekiel 47:22 says:

"You shall allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the sojourners who reside among you… and they shall be to you as native-born children of Israel. With you they shall be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel."

Glory to Yah! That's the grafted-in ones! That's the wild branches! That's the remnant from every nation, tribe, and tongue who have clung to the covenant!

So let me ask you—*do you think Yahweh breaks His promises?*
Do you think he made all these declarations through the prophets just to tear them up when Yeshua rose from the dead?

No! His promises are sure. His word is eternal. The same Yahweh who scattered Israel for her disobedience will regather her in faithfulness—and he will include all who have been grafted in through Messiah.

And not only will we dwell in the land—we will reign with Yeshua.

Revelation 20:6 says:

"Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Messiah, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years."

Did you hear that? *Priests and kings.*
*You*—yes, you—will reign with Messiah. Not in heaven on a cloud, but *on this earth*—in the restored Kingdom, from Jerusalem to the Euphrates, from Dan to Beersheba.

But who gets to reign? The faithful. The obedient. The ones who walk in the commandments and hold to the testimony of Yeshua.

You're not saved *by* obedience—but you are saved for obedience. And those who prove faithful now will be entrusted with authority then.

So what do we do with all this?

We live now as citizens of that Kingdom. We walk now as children of promise. We obey now, not to be seen, not to be praised, but because we love Him. Because he is our King now, not just later.

Let the world mock. Let religion accuse. Let friends walk away.
You are not living for their approval. You are living for *the inheritance of Israel.*
You are not living for man. You are living for the return of the King.

So rise up, remnant.
Rise up, grafted-in ones.
Rise up, children of Abraham by faith.

The land is coming. The Kingdom is near. The promises are sure.
And the question is—will you endure?

Stay faithful. Stay obedient. Hold fast to the name of Yeshua. Walk in the whole Word of God.

You are an Israelite. You are the remnant. You are the inheritor of the promise.

**John 15:5**

> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Shalom.

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