

YAIY NEWS



Is YAIY New Covenant Israel?

People who have become associated with Yahweh's Assembly In Yahshua probably know what the Bible says about Yahweh's covenant with Israel. Since they have separated from Christian churches they can no longer refer to themselves as Christians. Are they now New Covenant Israelites? They are not necessarily bloodline descendants of Jacob whose name was changed to Israel. They are positively Gentile converts to Yahshua Messiah and through baptism in Yahshua's Name they become children of Israel by adoption, Eph. 1:5.

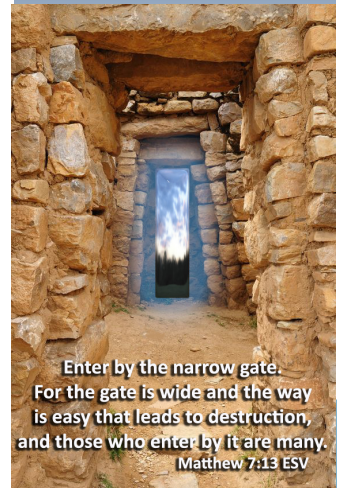


A present day messianic Jew named David H. Stern, author of "Jewish New Testament Commentary," calls Jewish and Gentile converts messianic Jews and messianic Gentiles and refers to their assemblies as messianic communities. In his Jewish New Testament Commentary, Mr. Stern says: "Jews by birth and Gentile proselytes to Judaism were a sizeable component of the Jewish people in Y[ah]shua's day," looking into what the Bible calls Gentile proselytes we find that different versions refer to them with different terminologies. Acts 13:43 KJV calls them "religious" proselytes; the NIV calls them devout converts and in the NASB they are called "[Elohim]-fearing" proselytes. These Gentile proselytes converted to Judaism in Old Testament times. They are the people about whom Yahshua rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for turning into sons of hell, Matt. 23:15.

Many people, it seems many theologians also, believe Yahweh's covenant with Israel was opened to Gentiles for the first time when the apostle Peter baptized Cornelius and his household, Acts 10:44-48. This idea is simply not true. The NASB version of Exodus 12:48 reads: "*But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to [Yahweh], let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.*" These uncircumcised strangers were Gentiles from the nations. If they accepted circumcision, lived among the Israelites and obeyed covenant law they were proselytes. In other words, these Gentiles con-

For he is not a Jew who is so outwardly, neither is circumcision that which is outward in flesh; but a Jew is he who is so inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart, in spirit, not in letter, of which the praise is not of men, but of Elohim.

Romans 2:28 YLT



Enter by the narrow gate.
For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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verted from pagan religions into Judaism. Yahshua's statement in Matthew 23:15 more than merely implies Old Covenant Israel made concerted efforts to convert Gentiles.

New Covenant circumcision is of the heart. It was the controversy over circumcision between Paul and Jewish converts who did not understand the change in New Covenant law, Heb. 7:12, that led to the conference with the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, Acts 15. The decision of the apostles and elders was that circumcision of the flesh required of Gentiles under the law of Moses was not required of Gentile converts to Yahshua under New Covenant law. Acts 15:20 mentions a few restrictions New Covenant Gentiles converts are to abide by, but sojourning with New Covenant Jewish converts is not one of them. Why? Was it because Yahweh knew New Covenant Israelites would not be living together after the Romans destroyed the temple and drove the Jews from the land of Israel?



First century Gentile converts to Yahshua united with Jewish converts and attended synagogues on the Sabbath. When the Roman army invaded Judea the Jewish converts and probably some Gentile converts fled into the mountains, Luke 21:21. Most of the Gentile converts, however, lived in pagan Gentile countries and did not flee to the mountains. They began calling the name of the messiah Jesus Christ, rejecting Jewish understanding and interpretation of Old Testament scriptures and incorporating many pagan beliefs and practices into their understanding of the New Covenant writings of the apostles. They became less and less Jewish and finally separated from the Gentile and Jewish converts who remained faithful to the teachings of the scriptures. By the time the paganized Gentile converts were called Christians, Acts 11:26, the separation must have been close to complete.

Old Covenant Israel, composed of Jews and Gentile proselytes, lived together in Israel. Since there is only one body of believers in Yahshua Messiah, Romans 12:5, Jewish and Gentile converts, who worship Yahweh and His Messiah in Spirit and in truth, John 4:24, will eventually be reunited. There is only one New Covenant Israel and it hasn't existed since faithful messianic Gentile converts became separated from messianic Jewish converts. The reunion may not occur until Yahshua returns and true worshipers meet Him in the clouds, 1 Thess. 4:17.

True worshipers, both Jews and Gentiles, are called out to be witnesses to the way of the Spirit and of the truth in this life. Each individual in an assembly is a witness to the uncalled. One's life must be an example of right living in addition to talking about Yahweh and His Messiah. An individual's relationship with Yahshua is personal and whether or not the individual rises up to meet Him does not depend upon the assembly, but upon answering the call to come out from among them (the world), 2 Cor. 6:17, and living righteously thereafter. YAIY is not New Covenant Israel! Baptized members of the assembly become New Covenant Israelites and remain in the covenant as long as they obey Him, Heb. 5:9. The assembly (YAIY) is merely an organization of brethren in the faith.

New John Deere Zero-Turn

Out of sheer necessity we've acquired a new commercial grade John Deere zero-turn mower. We found ourselves unable to keep up with the monthly mowing bills for the assembly grounds (about 2 acres).

This year has been a wet one with consistent rain each week. A sure way to guarantee the grass growing out of hand unless mowed every week.

The YAIY Directors, after having a teleconference call, decided on buying a new mower through a personal 0% loan. It is much better for the assembly maintenance costs to do such, rather than to spend nearly \$500 a month on a mowing crew to come out five or six months out of the year.



Still Making Improvements

Brother Dale Pedrick volunteered his time and services fixing drywall cracks and painting all bathrooms, kitchen and eating areas. It was no small task.

Because we had to keep up with other activities in the offices, he was basically on his own in doing it.

While all the basics are done, Sister Liz Fisher is now volunteering her time and talent to create some wall art which incorporates Scripture. We'll send out a picture when all is finished.

We're very grateful and praise Yahweh for providing for our needs, inspiring individuals to help make things better for everyone to enjoy.



Feast of Tabernacles 2014

"All things are ready, come to the Feast!" We invite you to this year's Feast of Tabernacles to be held at Camp Cedar Crest, just 30-40 miles north of the assembly location in Kingdom City, Mo.

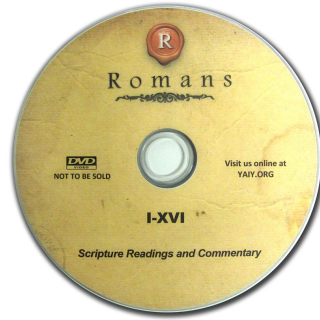
To the right is an overview of a portion of the 108 acre retreat. Enclosed with the hardcopies of this month's YAIY News, please find your Feast Registration form and other pertinent information. We also have all of this online at our website.

May Yahweh grant you shalom and an abundance of love and joy this year, as we come to rejoice before the Creator of the Universe and to consider His Word in our lives.



Book of Romans

We are continuing with our Scripture readings and commentary on videos posted online and also sent out via DVDs. This time we are also providing an audio set as well on the full 16 chapters found in this letter to Rome, by the Apostle Paul. This is considered by many scholars to be his masterpiece of writings and is often misunderstood in certain areas. Areas, such as chapters 9-10 which addresses the subject matter of Israel and what Yahweh is doing, even today, to keep His promises made to Abraham so long ago. Order your free DVDs or CDs today.



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How did Kingdom City get it's name?

During the Civil War, Missouri found itself in the middle of North and South and the Mason Dixon Line ran through the middle of Missouri about where Hwy 70 is currently seen today. Northern General Henderson was moving his troops further South. He was about to enter the area of the Mason Dixon Line and march through this area. A man by the name of David, we are told, was in this area where presently Kingdom City is now. He sent a letter to General Henderson saying that if General Henderson would not harm the crops or livestock and would not incite the population, then David would disband his army and allow General Henderson to pass through without any problem. General Henderson agreed to this and marched through the land.

What is rather strange about this is that David had a rag-tag army of squirrel guns and farmers who had perhaps muzzle loading rifles and so on — hardly an army. After the war it was questioned whether or not this man had authority to sign an agreement with General Henderson. It soon got around that this man was starting his own "Kingdom." The small settlement of people in the area known as McReady was named Kingdom City when the Inter State Hwy 70 came through the area. The city of Fulton (which is the county seat of Callaway County) still celebrates what is known as "Kingdom Days." It is a local affair in which the citizens of Callaway County remember the Civil War and the part their ancestors had to play in that event. David had taken the opportunity to make an agreement with General Henderson and therefore set up his own "Kingdom." Thus we have the name Kingdom City, Missouri.

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Dolores Parker, Maxine Conrad, Terrell Frasure, Lois McDonald, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Paul Oliver, Dan & Geri O'leary, Karen van Schalkwyk, Frances Rodgers and Family, Diana Abbot, Stella and Sean Rogers, Loretta Reyes and Family, Robert Creech, Jill Smith and Family, Trellis Naples, Ellen Marnhohz, Cindy Gustke, Elder George J. Baptiste, Kelly Miller, Johnny Seymour, Byron Bolan, Patrick Roether, Earl Braxton III, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Harry Sharod James, Danny O'Connor and Family, Deborah Grouwstra, Rina van der Merwe, Charmaine Potgieter, Maria Barnard, Jaco van der Merwe, Julian Aguero, Michael Potgieter, Jordan Vira and Family, Marilyn Taylor and Family, Ezmae Monroe, Lola Reedy, Lance Bullock and Family, Carroll Isdell and Family, Ivenia Wayland and Family, Juan Castaneda and Family, Diana Murphy, Bennie Hollingshead, Agnes McKitrick, Rina van Schalkwyk, Annari van der Merwe, Michael Johnson, Rhonda Gunther, Kyle Jones, Steve Easley, Tammy Hendrix, *Revealing The Truth* broadcast, Jerusalem and all of Israel.