

Grasping some of the prophetic dimensions of Israel calling to be the chosen nation. A Messianic-Jewish perspective

The temptation to accuse God of partiality or even discrimination by choosing one nation over another is the result of a profound misunderstanding of God's purpose for and choice of Israel and at the same time a misunderstanding who Yeshua/Jesus the Messiah is. It is very important to understand the role of the Messiah Jesus / Yeshua and the purpose of Israel's calling, why the Messiah had to come as a Jew in order to restore the essence of Biblical Judaism and through Israel restore humanity as a whole.

The magnitude of sin that led to the need of restoring a fallen humanity required **a plan that involved God's personal intervention**. In order that He could intervene in His own person, he chose Abraham so that through Abraham ALL the nations should be blessed, not just the Jews, but the Jews AND the Non-Jews (Arabs included in spite of their present enmity with the Jews). And this is how God unfolded this his strategy:

He chose Abraham who through his descendants was to become a model nation to make the nations envious and to be attracted to the God of Israel. **Israel was to be the envy of the nations**. God chose Abraham's descendants, the nation of Israel to be "his first born son," the model for those to come after him. He called that nation out of Egypt and led it through the wilderness to transform it into the nation that God had wanted it to be, a holy nation who would live by His standards and a kingdom of priests that would serve him as the King.

In order to demonstrate how man should live in accordance with the purpose of creation it was obviously not enough to simply decree God's standard to all mankind. **God chose the approach of a model nation for all the rest of the world to see**. - By way of analogy it may be stated that teaching the essence of marriage relationship required a model approach as well. There is a peculiar absence of any biblical decree that monogamy is God's requirement for all and everyone in all the nations (just as there is no commandment that slavery is forbidden). **Certain things require models rather than stone carved commandments since they cannot be legislated in a general way**. God chose to teach relational concepts through the model of his own relationship to His chosen people whom he calls his bride or wife in a figurative sense, a people to be free from slavery and sin. Israel's failure to keep the alliance or marriage contract that God made with Abraham and the nation of Israel is consequently referred to as harlotry or prostitution in no uncertain terms. The concept of 'one man - one wife' had to be demonstrated by the creator's own example as no legislation could have

transformed nations and cultures in the way they handle the problem of marital relationship as God intended it.

Israel because of disobedience failed in fulfilling God's calling. The good news is that the Messiah Yeshua /Jesus came to fulfill Israel's calling. He fulfilled that calling in his own personal life by walking out Israel's history. (See the table below). **He lives out every critical aspect of Israel's life in his own personal life but where Israel failed, he succeeded so that through him all Israel should succeed.** Yet Israel after an initial success failed once more

And this is important to note: It was God's purpose to use one specific nation (singular) through Abraham and his descendants the Jews, to bless the nations (plural) so that the Messiah had to come to the chosen nation, the Jews and be born as a Jew to get them right with God and to fulfill their calling. As the Jewish Messiah he would fulfill his purposes and then **become not only the Messiah of the Jews but the Savior of the world.**

Because Yeshua/Jesus in spite of his divinity is a descendant of Abraham, he is the Jewish Messiah. **He identifies himself with his people. Salvation for this reason is from the Jews, in Yeshua/Jesus and whoever tries to divest him from his Jewishness no longer has the same God.** Yeshua/Jesus becomes the means not only for Israel to fulfill her destiny but for all the nations to go through Israel to get right with God. He represents the Jews in getting right with God. He is the priest of the priests so that all the nations of the world can be saved and know the living God.

Israel's calling was to make the nations jealous so that through her example they should come to know the God of Israel. This calling began to be fulfilled with Jesus/Yeshua's disciples, Israel's believing remnant, the early church and her witness to the nations. **Those who came out of the nations and were joined to the messianic-Jewish church are called to be one with the Jewish remnant "so that the world might believe that the Father has sent the Son."** In addition, just as Israel was called to make the nations jealous, the church is now called to make the Jews jealous so that they will come to be saved and know the living God. God shows no partiality. **The privilege and the burden of the calling to be a model for others lies both on Jews and Non-Jews** so that there should be equality before a God who shows no partiality and does not discriminate.

In other words, the Messiah in **his identification with His people Israel** as God's servant and as the light of the world came to fulfill Israel's calling to be a model to the nations. God planned this fulfillment to be

through the church and **her identification with the Messiah**. Part of **the church's calling is to make the Jews jealous in order that "all Israel will be saved"** as it is God's intention that both Jews and Non-Jews should be one in Jesus / Yeshua the Messiah.

Yeshua/Jesus lives out every critical aspect of Israel's history in his own personal life – where Israel failed, Yeshua / Jesus succeeded, fulfilling Israel's calling Typological parallels in chronological order	
ISRAEL'S HISTORY	YESHUA'S/JESUS' LIFE
Miraculous birth of Isaac, the promised child	Miraculous Birth
Pharaoh's killing of the first born (Moses)	Herod's killing of the first born (at Bethlehem)
"Out of Egypt have I called my son" Hosea 11:1	Flight to Egypt Matt 2:14
Crossing the Red Sea, from slavery to new nation	The carpenter's son – Jordan – God's Son
Forty years in the wilderness, one year for every day the spies war inside Israel's land	Forty days in the wilderness
Joshua brings them into the promised land (Yehoshua = God is the salvation)	Yeshua = Salvation
Joshua cleans out demonized Canaanite tribes but does not succeed completely God had waited for 400 years before his judgment	Yeshua drives out demons that were left since Joshua's time
	Yeshua's three main activities: HEALING / CASTING OUT DEMONS / TEACHING
God wanted Israel to be a holy nation	Yeshua cleansed Israel from demons to make his people holy
"none of these diseases" if commandments were kept	Yeshua heals the sick as there is no sickness in the kingdom
Moses went up the mountain to get the Torah	Yeshua teaches Israel the Halachah correctly not as the Pharisees: Matt 5:17 The Sermon on the Mount He gives the law its deeper and full meaning
Israel dies under the old Covenant and was sent into exile because it broke the Covenant	Yeshua/Jesus dies at Passover, he inaugurates the New Covenant
Israel is going to be resurrected under the New Covenant (Jer 31 –	Yeshua is resurrected on the Harvest Feast of the First Fruits

the promise is to Israel in the first place; by application to the church later on) as the new nation	
Moses had told them they were to be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, Exodus 19	Acts 1:4 The promise of the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses – a kingdom of priests
Israel learned about God’s holiness when the law was given, the New Covenant promised in Jer 31	Acts 2, Feast of Weeks, Shavuot (Pentecost) The Holy Spirit will transfer the Torah into their hearts The new covenant is fulfilled
3000 Jews get killed (Exodus 32) because of the golden calf at Mt Sinai	3000 Jews get saved on the Temple Mount
Abraham though his descendants, Israel, was called to be a blessing for all nations	The 3000 Jewish representatives from all the nations returned to bless their nations in fulfillment of the promise to Abraham.

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