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By What Authority?

In light of the words and the commissioning of Yahshua, commanding His apostles whom He personally trained and commanded as His apprentices, why is there no such modern commissioning of any modern apostles whom He has personally trained and commanded? Although His commandments are recorded in the New Testament or New Covenant Scriptures, and are believed to be *scripture*, Mk 16:16-18 seems to be not the case now days, nor Mt 28:18-20 or Lk 24:47. Acts 13:46-48 was Paul's own commissioning, in addition to the original eleven plus one, in the final words Messiah spoke to His own in this world.

Where does anyone almost 2000 years later get his authority to *go and make disciples*, and to perform *greater miracles (or works) than I*, whatever He meant by that (Jn 14:12)? Who has the authority by commission and delegation to *go make disciples* when this obviously means imparting eternal life to the adherents to their words, and commanding them to observe all that Messiah commanded them to do (Mt 28:19), baptizing them into the name or reality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? This is the greatest miracle of all — nothing can be compared with it — since through their word people would come to believe (Eph 1:13) and receive the Holy Spirit. This takes a Jn 7:18 kind of disciple who is sent, and even as Messiah Himself was, so are they in this world (Jn 7:17).

So after 2000 years of abeyance something must come forth out of the dust that will eventually startle the world, flourishing even at the mere scent of water (Isa 52:13 - 53:3,10,11). *Abeyance* means intermission — waiting for the restoration of the twelve tribes of Israel (Jms 1:1), which is erroneously called the church (Mk 9:11; Mt 17:11), the covenant renewal, since the first church broke the covenant in the first century (Rom 11:22) and the church was abolished on earth since it became abhorrent to God, that is, disgusting, full of loathsome, repulsive practices (Rev 18:2), hateful birds, as a cuckoo bird. Hateful birds means repulsive birds. So the church was not the proper place for the Holy Spirit, but only for unclean Spirits, the fallen booth of David (Acts 15:16-18).

If there were a restoration and a recommissioning of Lk 24:47, where would it start (in Jerusalem?), since there is no beginning place there or any place where there is no dissension or strife (1 Tim 2:8), where the men in that place and those places could, without pretense, lift up their hands? So where would it begin today? Luke 24:47; 1 Cor 1:2,10 — These places are to be as it was in the Judean (churches) communities (1 Thes 2:14), as a model for all or every place where He has caused His name to dwell, to fulfill the prophets (Mal 1:11; Mt 5:17).

The phrase *beginning in Jerusalem* (Acts 2:42-47;4:32-35) is the only pattern to be imitated, based on the commandments which, if obeyed, will cause persecution (Mt 28:19; Mk 10:29-30; Lk 14:26-35). If not, the salt will be made flat and useless, tolerating anything as you will see in the churches today. Mal 3:1 speaks of a covenant. Mal 2:4-7 is a covenant of life and peace, which is to keep ones mind on the Spirit (Rom 8:6). So the Spirit must be communicated by a messenger to bring about Mal 3:2-3, in order to bring about Mal 3:4-18; 4:5-6.

Mal 3:18 — You shall return to raise up a standard by which righteousness and wickedness are judged (Dan 12:10). *You shall return* speaks of Mal 4:5 — Elijah shall return before the great and terrible day of Yahweh. Mal 4:5 says I will send you (a commission) to bring the covenant (Mal 3:1) and communicate the Spirit once more to earth, to people who dwell on earth, to bring about judgment (Mal 4:1-3. Mal 3:1,4,5). The day that is coming (Mal 4:1. 3:18) — you shall return. What will it be like in that day, Mal 4:1?

You is Elijah (Mt 17:11; Mk 9:11), who brings the absolute standard of the covenant, judgment between those who keep it and those who don't, the wise and the wicked (Mal 3:3), burning like an oven (Mal 4:1-2), remembering the law of Moses (Mal 4:4). Remember Moses, but Elijah will come to *you*. *You* is Israel. To restore the fallen booth of David, the twelve tribes of Israel (Dan 12:1), just before the end of the age (Dan 12:4,9,10), which will be by the great tribulation (Mt 24:34,14) before the end of the age to bring about the fruit of Mt 21:43; Mal 3:16; Dan 12:1-4. Mal 2:3 — Yahweh rebukes your seed if you have not spent the time with them to tell them who they are (like Christians and the Israel of old). They grow up not knowing who they are and what they are living for. Of course they would rather lust after the trite things of the world, besides that they have not even known, therefore Pr 21:27; Mal 1:14; Jer 31:24.

Apostolic Authority

Prophets in Paul's day are not the sources of new truth — only the apostles (1 Cor 14:37,30); prophets expound truth.

When Elijah comes, even in John the Baptist (Lk 1:17; Mal 4:6), it concerns parents in their dealings with their children. Apostolic authority is delegated authority from Messiah to found, build up, and regulate His twelve tribes (2 Cor 10:8; 13:10; Gal 2:7), giving orders, prescribing discipline in Messiah's name, as His spokesman, with His authority (1 Cor 5:4; 2 Thes 3:6). They appointed elders and deacons. They presented their teachings as Messiah's truth, Spirit-given (1 Cor 2:9-13; 1 Thes 2:13; 2 Thes 2:15; Gal 1:8; 2 Thes 3:4,6,14) and expected their rulings to be received as the commandments of Yahshua Himself (1 Cor 14:37), because their authority was Messiah's personal commission, bearing the fruit of the Kingdom (Mt 7:19-20) and raising up the twelve tribes (Acts 13:47; 26:7) fulfills the prophecy of Isa 49:6. Whoever apostles appointed as apostolic workers were to be received as themselves, and as Messiah (Jn 13:20) to test the people's submission to the Spirit they received through them (1 Cor 4:7).

But who commissions today? Who has the fruit? This is the wisdom of Messiah in restoration (Mt 24:5). Many will come in His name with the right doctrine, saying that "I am the Messiah," but will mislead many (Mt 24:11; 7:15-20; Acts 20:28-30). 2 Cor 11:3,4,13-15 will always be. But who is it that is the *you* to whom Messiah referred in Mt 7:20? You shall know them (verses 16-20). What are the fruits that false and true prophets are known by? If you are the *you* Messiah speaks of, then you will surely know (Jn 7:17-18; Rom 10:13-17; Mt 10:41; Lk 10:16; Jn 13:20). Just as the O.T. prophets stood in a subordinate relation to Moses, who provided the doctrinal norm of sound teaching, so the N.T. prophets stood toward the apostles (Eph 4:14) and were bound to submit all to the test of that which they declared as the word of God. 1 Cor 14:1 urges the Edah to prophecy, not to desire the notoriety of doctrinal innovators, but to contend earnestly for the truth once for all delivered to the saints (Acts 2:18). All can prophecy (1 Cor 14:1,3; Acts 19:6; 21:9; 1 Cor 11:4,5), but there is a special group, as Eph 4:11, that is set apart from the others who could prophesy, and they were set apart for the ministry of prophets for prophecy, just as the apostles, evangelists, elders, and teachers (1 Cor 12:20,29; Eph 4:11). Acts 13:1 — The two senior grades of ministry under the apostles. Mt 5:17 is waiting for its fulfillment, like Isa 49:6, or Rev 7:5-8. Prophets are prophets because they are prophets, set apart for the ministry of prophecy (1 Cor 12:28-29; Eph 4:11).

The prophets tell of Revelation, when and how it will be fulfilled, as it is revealed to them. They tell what must happen in the very end so preparation can be made in advance, as Rev 19:7-8; 12:1; etc., telling the world of Rev 20:12; 21:8, and us of Rev 21:9,12. We'll see Rev 7:5-8 fulfilled before our very own eyes, being a part of it. 1 Jn 2:28 — It is impossible to prepare for this except in response to every word spoken by the prophet — Acts 3:23.

True prophets do not go around causing chaos and confusion. They work and minister in accord with the tribal heads. All are in submission to headship, lest we be like Babylon the Great (Rev 18:2), Christianity today, everyone doing what is right in his own eyes, and prophesying according to every spirit in her.

Jn 17:23 is the tribal unity of Isa 49:6, or a light and revelation (Lk 1:78-79), peace, the peace of Messiah, His peace, but in Messiah (Jn 16:33; 14:27). Jn 16:8 (Darby) — He will bring demonstration to the world, but through the people He is among (Mt 1:23; Jn 14:26-27).

The Holy Spirit is peace. If we then have received Him, we are at peace with one another (Eph 4:1-3; 1:13). If we have been sealed with the Spirit, we have peace with one another who live by the Spirit, and not by the flesh.

Demonstration — show by proof, make exhibition of, support, affirmation, confirmation, display, producing the evidence before all. This is the fruit (Mt 21:43; 24:11,14). Unless this happens, you are not the *you* in Mt 7:20. You have been deceived. This demonstration will be Jer 17:23; Mt 21:43; Isa 49:6; Rev 7:5-8. False prophets cannot produce the fruit of Mt 24:14. All groups who are not Dan 2:44 are false. All groups and people who are not part of Rev 7:5-8 and Isa 49:6 are false. All groups who are not part of Mal 1:11 are false.