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Isaiah 56:5 — In Every Place, Part 1

Acts 26:18 — “. . . I’m sending you off to present my offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in me” (contemporary version). Acts 20:32 — This is our inheritance. Eph 2:12,19 — A place to belong, our own possession, where eternal life is commanded (Ps 133:3) — a place among our brothers and sisters (New International Version), among those who are worthy of Him.

The fruit of apostleship is faith, for without faith no one can be saved. But it is by the grace of apostleship that anyone can come to the obedience of the faith. Only by obedience to the faith can one come to know Him, and only by coming to know Him is there hope of the resurrection from among the dead. Without obedience the faith one professes is dead (Rom 10:17 and 1:5; Phil 3:10; James 2:14; Heb 5:9; Acts 5:32; John 3:36; Rom 10:16).

The faith one receives from apostles generates the hope of Eph 2:12 and results in Acts 26:7 — a whole nation as Acts 4:32-35. Only apostleship can espouse one to Messiah, betrothed as a pure bride. This bride in 2 Cor 11:2 is not one individual but a whole nation made up of 12 tribes. Rev 21:2,9,12. It is the commonwealth of Israel, restored and in full glory radiating the Son. It is made up of disciples from every nation as Rev 5:9,10 says.

Paul started to build but ran out of materials, although he did see the 12 tribes as he expressed to King Agrippa in Acts 26:7. Paul said it was because of his hope in the promises given to Abraham and his seed that he was before the King. It was for the fulfillment of this promise that the 12 tribes earnestly served God night and day. It was because of that hope that he was accused by the Jews of the apostate nation or religion which had forfeited their inheritance — Mt 21:43. This is as the parable in Mt 21:33-45 illustrates — speaking of the present day Jewish nation which was persecuting Paul, Acts 26:2,3. Since it was the Jews who had the Messiah sent to them crucified, Paul was not then speaking of the Jewish nation which was presently serving God night and day, as Mal 3:3,18 says. For God does not accept any offerings or service in hypocrisy. He will once again distinguish between hypocrisy and true worship, Heb 13:15. During the last portion of the first century these 12 tribes were in decline as James 1:1 mentions as being scattered abroad. They were soon to turn into or become the religion which is now called or known as Christianity to the world. Christianity has no resemblance at all to a nation described by Paul, James, or Peter — 1 Pet 2:9,10. It is certainly not as John recorded and wrote in Rev 1:6; “made us into a Kingdom of priests.”

This is what Heb 13:15 assumes — they are His very own people as Ex 19:5,6 says. Rev 1:6 is the word. He has made us into — the word in Greek, made, means (in the context of such verses as Rev 5:10) made us (4160 *made* and 2248 *us*). Made — to bring forth, to band together us or our — as in Acts 26:6,7 — our 12 tribes. We, a people, 1 Pet 2:9,10, are made into a people or a nation, for a purpose — 1 Pet 2:5. We are being built up into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are well-pleasing (Mal 3:3).

*Made* — (From the verb to make): Produced by shaping or forming. Produced or created (since not found naturally formed or already created) into this Holy Nation of 12 tribes, Is 49:5,6. *Made* means designed, contrived, devised with ingenuity. This does not just come about, no more than man in the beginning for God made man (man didn’t evolve). God said, “Let us make man in our image and likeness” (Gen 1:26). 6213 in Hebrew — is to accomplish, complete. To make man was an accomplishment, as is the making of the new man, the corporate man — the Body of Messiah, the 12 tribes of Israel.

6213 — To make is to complete, finish entirely, to execute, to gain, to obtain what He wanted by successful exertions. It means to accomplish for a purpose as in 1 Pet 2:9; to fulfill, to bring to pass, to furnish with qualities which serve to render the 12 tribes complete — as the wife of the Lamb who is suitable and compatible. 1 Pet 2:9 — We are made into this for a purpose, which is so that His virtues may be declared. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for a purpose — that you may declare the (perfections) virtues, of Him who loved you — Mt 21:43; 24:14.

The grace of apostleship, as Rom 12:3 — Rom 1:5, demands or commands the obedience of the faith (Rom 1:17; 10:16,17; Eph 4:2-4). By the grace given to Paul he could command obedience as Gen 18:19 and 1 Tim 3:4,5, which is how all who are chosen are — the seed of Abraham. The body is as Eph 4:16 says it is or it is not the Body. How do your “Christian friends” even imagine that they could possibly be in the Body of Christ? Can they even imagine Eph 4:16 building up the Body as 1 Cor 12:12,13 says, for as a human body is, so is the body of Messiah? Ask them, “Were you baptized by one Spirit into this one body?”

1 Tim 2:8 — So this condemns all Christian churches in one location or place; in every place as Dt 12:5,11 says. Mt 24:10-12. Only Abraham’s seed will endure, verse 13, to the end. Those who can’t do 1 Tim 2:8 are not the sons of Abraham. They and their children, except for a miracle, will not endure, Pr 22:6.