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What God Intended

If God never intended for the church to turn out this way, then what did He intend, and how can it be restored? Acts 26:7. What did God intend?

He intended for the church to be like it was in the first century, but not what it became in the second century. Rev 2 and 3 tell the story. Acts 4:32-35 tells the story of what God intended. He intended for His Holy people to be a community (Acts 28:20; 2:37-45), obviously to serve Him night and day, every day of the week, in community, not the way it became — a political system, like Babylon the Great (Rev 18:2-5).

If the church is restored it will once again be as it once was — a 12-tribed nation, ISRAEL (Gal 6:16; James 1:1; Eph 2:12; 1 Pet 2:9), a kingdom, a nation (Mt 21:43; Rev 1:6; 5:9). Paul testified before King Agrippa (Acts 26:7) that the holy nation with which he took full identity was a 12-tribed nation, the new Israel that he was a part of, and had himself established (Acts 13:41). Paul could not have been speaking about the Jews who were persecuting and prosecuting him. They had not been part of a 12-tribed nation for over 700 years.

Paul said, "our 12 tribes." If the church is not a 12-tribed commonwealth of Israel, then it is a hoax, a fraud. A hoax is a practical joke, a deceptive trick that has deceived the whole world (Rev 18:23; 19:2-3) by her sorcery, a dwelling place of deceptive spirits, holding God's people in captivity today (Rev 18:4). A fraud is a swindle, impostor, an artifice of the evil one, a cheat, chicanery, held together by craft, deceit, deception, and guile. All its preachers, pastors, priests, and cardinals are hucksters, sham, swindlers.

Paul said in Acts 26:7, "This is the promise our 12 tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night." This was a present serving or worshipping, not anything that could be associated with the church today, but as the church was described in Acts 4:32. The word *church* is not associated with the word which the 12-tribed nation was called in the first century. It was called the *community* or *Edah* in Hebrew (Jer 30:20; 31:1). Jer 31:1 is the

prophecy concerning the first community, consisting of clans and tribes in association with one another like a body, and all its parts are one.

Satan played a vicious trick on the first Edah (2 Cor 11:2-4) by his own cunning and deception (2 Cor 11:13-15). 1 Pt 2:9 speaks of a tribal people, a race, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people. But this description in no way describes the way the church is today. It is beyond recognition, that is, beyond knowing again as it was in the first century. Therefore we cannot treat the church as valid, but only as a fraud, from which we must draw back in horror, or recoil from. We simply cannot recognize it from the description in Acts 4:32-35; Acts 26:7. We see only a *community* in the Word (Jer 30:20 NIV;NEV).

The church today cannot be just reconditioned or even forgiven — only destroyed, smashed down, as a potter smashes a bad work (Jer 51:45). There is no recovery. She is beyond redemption (Jer 51:8,9,45; Rev 18:6-9; Jer 50:26; Rev 18:4,5). The church today cannot be reconciled to God. Paul appealed in his letter to the Corinthians who went apostate very early (1 Cor 5:20). Verse 15 is the only way the true church can be, but they were not that way even then.

Paul implored the Corinthians to be reconciled to God (2 Cor 6:1). "We urge you not to receive the grace of god in vain" (1 Cor 16:22; 2 Cor 13:5). We see that they were on the verge of apostasy very early (2 Cor 6:13). They were closing their hearts to the apostle and father of their faith. They were being yoked to unbelievers (verse 14). They failed to trust (2 Cor 13:5).

I visited Corinth, and looked for the community there. I found nothing resembling the way Paul said that he established all the churches (1 Ths 2:14). The church in Judea was the pattern (Acts 4:32).

Paul implored the Corinthians on bended knee, pleading with them to be reconciled, as Rev 3:20 depicts our Master doing to His own dwelling place. He was imploring them to be reconciled back to Him, back in sweet communion (Phil 2:1). Reconciled in 2 Cor 5:20 means brought back into friendship with God. Paul was Messiah's ambassador, but Messiah was making His appeal for reconciliation through Paul. He was Messiah's ambassador, not only to and for the world, but also for the church who had forfeited or were about to forfeit their inheritance (Eph

5:5; 1 Cor 16:22; Rom 8:17-18; Gal 5:21). Like Rev 3:4,20 the Corinthians were not receptive to His voice. They thought Paul was the problem (2 Cor 13:5). They were putting him to the test.

Acts 26:7 is the evidence of the 12 tribes in the first century, even James 1:1. Rev 7:4-8 is the evidence of the 12-tribes in the last century of this age. The prophet Isaiah is of the centuries BC — Isa 49:6. The Prophet Yahshua in the first century AD said that Acts 26:7 would be in need of restoration (Mk 9:11; Mt 17:11) before He could return (Acts 3:21), and all who refuse to believe and obey that prophet will be cut off from His people (Acts 3:23).

Nothing can come about from prophecy recorded in the Bible without a prophet to prophesy that it is time — build up, build up (Isa 57:14-15; 62:10-12).

Rev 18:2 — *Became* indicates a transition (Jn 1:14), existing before in another form. She *became* a harlot, a dwelling place for demons instead of His Spirit, the Spirit of the apostles. She became a dwelling place for the spirit of false apostles (2 Cor 11:2-4,13-15). Transition, alteration, change over, transmutation.