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Why Do We Live in Community?

Through no choice of our own, and certainly not an "intentional community" mentality, do we live in community. Since we had no intention to ever make such a drastic turn in our lifestyle. Ps 68:5,6 — We were lonely, "I guess." But we would never have admitted it. We were in need of forgiveness — we had a guilty conscience. We were hurting inside — hardly would we admit that either.

Many people are drawn to a lifestyle of communal life together. But it does not last long.

Selfishness cannot be eradicated. Nothing can take the place of "self" in us — we are what we are and cannot make ourselves into anything else.

So, why DO people live in community? Do they live in community for selfish reasons? Can it be possible to choose communal life for one's own purpose?

Did the first community in Jerusalem begin when 3,000 people suddenly decided to live together (intentionally)? Was the event in Acts 2 & 4 an intentional decision? Surely this must have been the last thing on their minds! But what can a person do when they are without options or alternatives? When one is baptized into a new life, a new state of existence begins. Those people were all baptized into the Body of Messiah. The Body of Messiah is a community "Edah" Matt 16:18. This is vividly illustrated in Acts 2:38-47 and in Acts 4:37-39. It makes no "bones" about it. Clearly, this is the ONLY WAY the Body of Messiah on earth can possibly be.

For God Himself took up residence on the earth, not in a stone building, but in flesh and blood "people" — bringing about an earthshaking event.... the COMMUNITY IN JERUSALEM 33 A.D. !

IT HAPPENED IN JERUSALEM IN 33 A.D. ...in a day (Isa 66:7-11). This was the birth of the nation which developed in Acts 26:7 into the nation which Messiah spoke of in Matt 21:43. The rebirth or restoration of these 12 tribes which were spoken of which are extinct today on earth, you can see very clearly in James 1:1. Through the whole letter you can also see that by the second century this nation was on the demise (decline or decay).

Rev 7:5-8 explicitly indicates that these 12 tribes prophesied in Is 49:6 will be born again — in the restoration (Mark 9:11,12). Since there is no original foundation or pattern on earth, then this foundation was to rebuild. That is, Yahshua in the Spirit has had to be "re-incarnated" with human flesh (once again). As happened on the day of Pentecost — to once again as Eph 2:22 says, to become the dwelling place of God in the Spirit (the Community of Israel) — Eph 2:12,19-22.

This incarnation is the seed that was preserved from the first century as we see clearly. Today's society spells it out loud and clear, that this is the DAY OF RESTORATION. Rom 9:29 Sodomy is rampant and on the rampage in angry destructive behavior, behaving violently, destroying the whole earth. Only a remnant will be saved from its ravishing claws. If it were not for a "seed" we would all have become like Sodom and Gomorah — destroyed by fire and brimstone by an angry God. He is angry at this most detestable behavior that ever could be expressed by a man created in His own Image, totally destroying His likeness.

Rom 9:27 is a small but significant number who will become the very Body of the Son of God — the Messiah, bringing life and immortality to light through the good news. This remnant will grow and develop into the the full-orbed Body of Messiah on the earth (a 12 tribed nation), as the light of salvation to the whole world.

For the World is in jeopardy, an ENDANGERED PLANET, Isa 24:5,6, at the brink of extinction. Matt24:22 — The elect nation of 12 tribes — this community of the redeemed of the Messiah will return upon the face of the earth for its final saving light before the end of this age comes, Matt 24:14, or can come.

Matt 24:22 — actually means that the distress coming upon the whole earth will be of such intensity that, if allowed to continue, it will push the earth off the edge — destroying every one living on it. The Elect -the chosen ones- who will once again be named by the name of Jacob — as the new sons of Jacob — will arise and take their designated role in the end of days, bringing about the end of the age and the beginning of the new age. (Heb 10:13 Rev 11:15,20:1,2) Yes, Rev 11:15 is the year of Jubilee for not only the land promised to Abraham (Gen 15:18) but also for the whole world, bequeathed to Satan when Adam and Eve gave up their designated commission.

Gen 1:26-28 (even as Matt 28:20 was bequeathed from the first community — that is YHWH gave it over to the Enemy, for discipline for the First Edah, as He did ancient Israel Matt 21:43, to a nation who was to bear the fruit of it.)

Too many communities are made up with lonely people who were looking for a place to belong. Only God can make community for His Elect People, leaving the rebellious to live in a dry, parched land.

Our Master said, "I will build my Community". It is He who is building it — this is His intentions, not ours. He INTENDED to build it. It is only our response to His commandments which forms us into HIS INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY.