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Comparative Religions and Hermeneutics

Outline

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Comparative Religions

I. Audio Lesson One

- A. 1 Pet 3:15 Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you
- B. Other religions believe something else about Jesus Christ
- C. Cults have false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ
- D. Cults meet needs: love, to be needed, have sense of direction, identity, emotional problems, basic desire to know God
- E. Characteristics of Cults: they change the Bible

II. Audio Lesson Two

- A. In 1820 Joseph Smith Jr. had his first vision
- B. The Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ in this dispensation) had the first meeting on April 6th 1830 in Fayette, Seneca County, New York
- C. Brigham Young led the group of Latter-day Saints to the Salt Lake Valley/City
- D. Young introduced the Adam-God theory
- E. Jesus Christ is the offspring of Adam-God and does not really redeem

V. Audio Lesson Three

- A. Jehovah's Witnesses are the "Watchtower Bible and Tract Society"
- B. They do not believe the Trinity
- C. They believe, that Jesus Christ is "a god "
- D. Hell to them is not real
- E. They do not see themselves as "earthly citizens" of anyone state

VI. Audio Lesson Four

- A. Christian Science is a religion founded by Mary Baker Eddy
- B. Her book Science and Health with key to the Scriptures is almost a copy of another book by Phineas Parkhurst Quimby
- C. She taught: god is "the universe", "all in all", "spirit", "is good", and "good is mind"
- D. Jesus for her were "divine thoughts"
- E. She also taught, that sickness is "error"

V. Audio Lesson Five

- A. Muhammad was born in 570 and founded Islam, which means submission
- B. When Muhammad was 25 he married a 40 year old wife. When she died, he had 12 wives

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- C. His book is the Quran, which means "recite"
- D. When he died, there were two dominant sects: the Sunnites and the Shiites
- E. Two more groups were the Sufis and the Ahmadians

VI. Audio Lesson Six

- A. Theology is the faith of Islam and Sharia the deeds of Islam
- B. There are five articles of faith: Allah, angels, Scripture, prophets, last days (and "fate" (Kismet))
- C. There are five pillars of faith, Allah, prayer, alms, Ramadan, pilgrimage (and Jihad)
- D. They may have 4 wives and many concubines
- E. The Trinity to them is God, Mary and Jesus and they never are sure if they are saved

VII: Audio Lesson Seven

- A. Hinduism is an opinion with many contrary opinions
- B. Hindu Scriptures are Shruti, the theological and Smriti, the practical scriptures
- C. Brahman is the basics of Hinduism, a principle, a universal soul
- D. Gods are Brahma, Shiva, Rama, Krishna, Vishnu and Krishna etc.
- E. To reach nirvana you have to have a good karma

VIII. Audio Lesson Eight

- A. Buddha lived from 560 B.C. to 470 B.D.
- B. He first was Sidartha but he left home and became the "savior of the world"
- C. In his journey he came to be known as the "four passing sites"
- D. Buddha started with Hinduism but he changed a lot
- E. There are two main streams of Buddhism: A. Theravada and B. Mahayanaⁱ

Hermeneutics

I. Audio Lesson One

- A. John 6:53 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing
- B. No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God
- C. We understand Scripture by faith
- D. Sometimes references may come out of two different scriptures
- E. Revelation belongs to infants in faith

II. Audio Lesson Two

- A. The "world" has three meanings: 1. material universe, 2. Inhabitants, 3. Worldly affairs
- B. The kingdom of the world is not the Kingdom of God

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- C. We must be born again (have asked Jesus into our lives), to understand the things of God
- D. The Kingdom of god is not a place, but a state of being
- E. 2 Cor 3:6 the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life

III. Audio Lesson Three

- A. God is spiritual, God is Spirit
- B. Our teacher must be the Holy Spirit
- C. The Holy Spirit leads us into all truth
- D. The Holy Spirit enlightens us
- E. We have three lights, the Bible, Jesus Christ and we as Christians

IV. Audio Lesson Four

- A. Obeying the truth must precede knowing the truth
- B. A workman must get approved 'dokimos', tested
- C. You must make an experience of the truth
- D. know, obey and be changed by the truth
- E. as Christians we must live a spiritual instead of a carnal life

V. Audio Lesson Five

- A. The Bible tells us about the thoughts of God
- B. But the Law and the Prophets was the guide to Jesus
- C. And the Bible is telling us about Jesus but the word from a brother or sister may lead us
- D. We must not make the Bible into 'the healing serpent'
- E. Jesus is our 'serpent'

VI. Audio Lesson Six

- A. When we comprehend the words, understand the thoughts and perceive the intention then we have the interpretation
- B. We must ask "what"-questions into words, thought and interpretations
- C. We must see words in its context, grammatically and historically
- D. The same with have to do with thoughts and interpretations
- E. We must always compare Scripture with Scripture

VII. Audio Lesson Seven

- A. When two passages appear to be contradictory, then wait, until they resolve into a unity
- B. Compare words in different contexts
- C. Some promises are fulfilled on conditions
- D. Thoughts express an intention
- E. The promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith

VIII. Audio Eight

- A. Each Christian has the responsibility to investigate the Word of God for himself
- B. Our knowledge must be firsthand and not secondhand
- C. We have to make a decision to study the word of God
- D. We need a commitment and faithfulness
- E. We need time, an organized plan and money to buy books and listen to teachers

ⁱ https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/68/Buddhist_sects.png

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Essay

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First, 1 Pet 3:15 says: „Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always being ready to make a defense** to everyone who asks you.” We should witness to people of other faiths and religions. Other people or religions believe something else about Jesus Christ. They do not believe, that Jesus is God or LORD. They believe, that Jesus is a holy man, or just ignore him. Sects or Cults have false teachings and false leaders. They are sometimes called Apostles, Prophets, Masters, etc. Sects and cults meet needs: love, to be needed, have sense of direction, identity, emotional problems, basic desire to know God. Characteristics of Cults: they change the Bible, or the do not believe, that the Bible is the word of God.

Second, **the Mormons**. In 1820 Joseph Smith Jr. had his first vision. The “Church of Jesus Christ in this dispensation” had the first meeting on April 6th 1830 in Fayette, Seneca County, New York. Brigham Young led the group of Latter-day Saints to the Salt Lake Valley/City. Young introduced the Adam-God theory. Jesus Christ is the offspring of Adam-God and does not really redeem. Smith and Young were the two leaders, who wrote most of the scriptures of the Mormons. They have splintered also in different groups. Many still practice polygamy. Polygamy was even Joseph Smith “secret”. Mormons baptize and marry for the dead. They have many gods, and Jesus is just one god. They say, they believe in the Trinity, but do not. They teach: “man is a person, who has been there before his birth”. So, man is not a creation. Mormons do lots of good works. They think that will bring them to heaven, where they all meet.

Third, **Jehovah's Witnesses** are the "Watchtower Bible and Tract Society". They do not believe in the Trinity. They believe that Jesus Christ is "a god". They do not see themselves

as "earthly citizens" of anyone state. JW's have prophesied several times, that Jesus would return. In the end, they said, that 1914 was Jesus' return. They do not believe, that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus to them is only the ^{angel} "Michael". God made "Jesus" before he had Jesus to make the "universe/world". Charles Taze Russell founded them in 1870 and led them until 1916. The sect was taken over by Russell's lawyer, Joseph Franklin Rutherford who guided them until 1942. They distribute the „Watchtower” and visit homes. The society moved from Brooklyn, NY to Warwick. They have different centers around the world. In 1931 they change the name to Jehovah's Witnesses. They believe, that, if every man believes in Jehovah, that these people will live in the Kingdom of God. At first, Russell believed that this kingdom would be in heaven. But now they believed that it will be on earth. To them, every man dies and does not exist anymore. When Jesus rises the dead all people will be raised again and judged. Only some of the witnesses will reach the kingdom of Jehovah.

Fourth, **Christian Science** is a religion founded by Mary Baker Eddy. Eddy married three times: George Washington Glover (m. 1843–1844), Daniel Patterson (m. 1853–1873), Asa Gibert Eddy. Her book Science and Health with key to the Scriptures is almost a copy of another book by Phineas Parkhurst Quimby. At times she also mixed in Hindu philosophy, but then stopped it again. She taught: god is "the universe", "all in all", "spirit", "is good", and "good is mind". Jesus for here were 'divine thoughts'. She also taught that sickness is "error". So, God for her is not real. Also life is not real. All is an illusion. She believes in the Bible, but thinks, it is just another book of history. She had a son with her first husband, who died, while she was pregnant. So, she lost the real contact to her boy. The second husband did not take the care, she hoped, he would. So, since he was in custody with another couple, that couple moved away and her son did not get ^{real} real education. Around 1890 she had about 200,000 followers. She constantly rewrote her book, which she had "stolen" from Quimby, and made money with those new books. She grew pretty old. She died with 89 years of age.

Fifth, **Islam** started in 622. It is derived from the Arabic root "Salema": peace, purity, submission. The founder is Muhammad who was born in 570. It is the world's second-largest religion with over 1.9 billion followers and is found in 50 countries. When Muhammad was 25 he married a 40 year old wife. Because now his wife looked after him, Muhammad began to pray alone in a cave named Hira on Mount Jabal al-Nour, near Mecca for several weeks every year. In in the year 610 the angel Gabriel appeared to him. Then he started to write his Surahs. He first lived in Meccan and then moved to Medina, where he became the city leader. From there he conquered Mecca and turned the direction of prayer from Jerusalem to Mecca. „When she died, he had 12 wives. His book is the Quran, which means "recite". The Quran has 114 Surahs. Islam has only one God: Allah. They believe in Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus and the Muhammad is their last prophet. They circumcise and do not eat pork nor drink wine. They believe that they must reach the whole world. "Jihad" is their warlike mission.

Sixth, theology is the **faith of Islam** and Sharia the deeds of Islam. There are five articles of faith: Allah as the one and only God, angels, holy books, Prophets, the day of judgement and predestination "fate" (Kismet). Islam has five pillars of faith, 1. One God, Allah and Muhammad, his prophet, 2. Payer five times a day, 3. Alms, 4. Fasting during Ramadan, 5. Pilgrimage to Mecca. They may have 4 wives and many concubines. The Trinityⁱ to them is God, Mary and Jesus. Muslims are never sure if they are saved. When Muhammad died, there were two dominant sects: the Sunnites and the Shiites. The Shiites believe in an Ayatollah (Iran) and the Sunnites, who make up 90% of all Muslims, who have a Calif. Two more groups were the Sufis (who dance and believe that one can experience God) and the Ahmadiyyans (a theological sect). The Muslims believe they were influenced by the Jews and Christians. But since those did not believe in Muhammad, he turned against them and then

they prayed only to Mecca. The Quran says that Jews and Christians should be fought against, if they do not turn to Islam. Sura 9:29

Seventh, **Hinduism** is an Indian religion, a dharma, or way of life. It is also found in parts of Southeast Asia. It has developed in many different religions. It has many contrary opinions. Hindu Scriptures are Shruti, the theological and Smriti, the practical scriptures. Brahman is the basics of Hinduism, a principle, a universal soul. Gods are Brahma, Shiva, Rama, Krishna, Vishnu and Krishna etc. To reach nirvana you have to have a good karma. Hindus also accept Christianity. They have idols of Mary and Jesus (who they only see as gods). Hinduism is mainly found in India and the north of Sri Lanka. When I was a refugee worker, the Salvation Army asked me to build a Hindu Temple for them in their home. I said: No! I am not Hindu!

Eight, **Buddhism**: Buddha lived from 560 B.C. to 480 B.C. He first was Siddhartha but left home and became the "savior of the world". In his journey he came to be known as the "four passing sites". Leaving home was the "great renunciation". 1. He saw an old man at some day everyone would become old. 2. He met a sick man. All people are liable to be sick. 3. He saw Funerals, which means, all would die. 4. And he saw a monk begging for food. Buddha started with Hinduism but he changed a lot. In Buddhism there is no heaven. One is to attain Nirvana. Nirvana means to "extinguish" the evil desires in an individual. Behind Nirvana there is nothing anymore. There are three Buddhist Sects 1. Therwada, 2. Mahayana, 3. Vajrayana.ⁱⁱ They are like three religions. 1. Therwada teaches, that man is an individual, that Buddha was a saint, there is no heaven, no god, no hell, has no rituals. It is simply meditation and concentration, found largely in India and is an atheistic system. 2. Mahayana man is not alone. One is "saved by grace". Buddhism is relevant to everyday life, that Buddha was a savior, they believe in heaven and hell and deities. It has many rituals. It can be petitionary to a god. It is spread to China, Tibet, Japan and Korea and other countries as well. This opened up Buddhism to the layman. It is polytheistic and idolatrous. 3. Vajrayana was

founded by medieval Indian Mahasiddha. It subscribes to the literature known as the Buddhist Tantras. He taught the four noble truths: First: the existence of suffering, Second: the causes of suffering, Third: the ending of craving, no passion, no passion remain, Fourth: the ending of all pain by the eightfold path.

Hermeneutics

First, the way of study the **Bible must come from God's Spirit**. One has to be a believer in Jesus and be born again. "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing". John 6,53. "No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." 2 Pet 2:21 Prophecy speaks of the "mind and council of God". Prophecy is a declaration of things that can't be known by natural means. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness." 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is "God inspired" = (theopneustos). We must believe in 1. The authority of Scripture, 2. The inspiration of the Scripture, 3. The infallibility of the Scripture. If we do not believe in the Bible, it is very difficult to understand it. 999 of 1,000 words are exactly the same as in the original manuscript. Jesus Christ said: "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished." Matt 5:18 Jesus believed in the fulfillment of the Scriptures, but also that they are accurate. „He is not the God of the dead but of the living.” Matt 22:32 So, Jesus believed in the resurrection, not like the Sadducees. Also Daniel 12 and Ezechiel 37 speak about the resurrection. By faith we understand. Jesus says in John 10:35 „If he called them ‘gods,’ to whom the word of God came - and the scripture cannot "be broken"..." So, Jesus says, that the Scriptures cannot be broken. One particular translation cannot be the Word of God (like the King James Version). The Septuagint (LXX) is a Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible and not always accurate. But the Jesus and the Apostles used it. So, the spirit makes the Bible alive and not the letter. Paul says: „the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” 2 Cor 3:6b The LXX may have two different texts! An Example Matt 21:16 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected "**praise**" (ainon). Psalm 8:2 Out of the

mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained "**strength**" (aoz). Sometimes references may come out of two different scriptures. If the Bible says, the sun rises and the sun sets, the Bible is not inaccurate, since we all say the sun rises and the sun sets. Revelation belongs to infants in faith.

„Unless you become like little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Matt 18:3

Second, **the world in Greek is “cosmos”**. It can be separated into three categories. 1. The material universe 2. The people in the world who do not know God, 3. Worldly affairs. The kingdom of the world is not the kingdom of God. One has to be born again, to understand God and his word. The natural mind does not understand God. Even as Christians we can be naturally minded (a carnal mind). We will profit nothing, if we are. 1 Cor 3,13 “Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.” God exceeds man natural abilities. We either touch life or death with our spirit. Example: "truth". It is the reality lying at the basis of an appearance. Truth then is reality. Sample: A man who had been born death. We teach him music. He hears the different instruments, but will not appreciate Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus'. Learning with our minds alone is death. Learning with our spirit is the man being born again. He has asked Jesus to come into his life and he has a new life.

Third, **God is spiritual**. God is Spirit. So, all related to God is Spirit. The Spirit of reality is taught by the Holy Spirit. It is expressed in words. It is expressed in books. It transcends matter. 2 Cor 3:6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. The teacher is the Spirit. He is the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter (paracletos). He leads us into all truth. John 16:13 But when He, the "Spirit of truth", comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. Truth is “the reality, lying at the basis of an appearance”. The Old Testament “tabernacle was a ‘physical reality’”. Hebr 8:1 We do have such a high priest, who serves in the sanctuary, the **true tabernacle** set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. This tabernacle is in heaven. The Holy Spirit can give us a revelation. Eph 1:17: That the God

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. Eph 3:9: And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. We must pray of a Spirit of wisdom and revelation for an enlightenment. Life is the 'Soul' for which Jesus shed his blood. 1 Cor 6:17: But he who joined with the Lord is in the Spirit (regenerated). There are three lights that enlighten: the Bible, Jesus and we as Christians.

Fourth, **Willingness to obey** precedes learning. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." John 7:17 "Be diligent to present (dokimos) yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling (study KJV - Strongs: 'hopos': as, how, that) the word of truth." 2 Tim 2:15 Knowledge can be deceiving. The experiencing far improves the knowing it. God is less concerned with our circumstances, than with our character. All the Scriptures teach authority. "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." James 3:13 Know the truth, obey the truth, be changed by the truth. The word of God comes like a sword. It cuts us into the right position.

Fifth **we must use the Scriptures properly**. They refer to Jesus our Salvation. Jesus is our salvation and not a bronze serpent in the desert. Jesus referred to the Law of Moses and the prophets in Luke 24 as to who he himself is. Jesus "is". Therefore he said: "I am" (I will be) Exodus 3:24. Jesus met with Moses and Elijah on the mountain. God spoke: "Listen to him!" Matt 17:5 Jesus is the God-Man. 'God-Man' means that Jesus is fully God and fully Man. Christians do not worship the Bible, but Jesus. The real 'word' is always Jesus and not the Bible. But without the Bible, we do not find Jesus. "He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life." 1 John 5:12.

Sixth, about **rules and interpretations of Scripture**. The Bible consists of words, which are the building blocks of thoughts, which express an intention to cause an application to our lives. To arrive

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at an interpretation, we must understand the words, thoughts, intentions and application. We must have lots of “what’s” in our mind to investigate. How did a particular writer use a word? We need to come to the context and the meaning of a word. A word, like maiden, may have a different meaning in Hebrew than in Greek. In Greek, it means “virgin” in Hebrew: “maiden”. Elohim may mean God or angel. So, Hebrews 2:7 means, that “elohim” means angel in Psalm 8:5. A phrase: What is the phrase here for? What does the Holy Spirit mean by this? What does God mean by it? John 2:4 “And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”” Jesus also said this to his mother on the cross: "Woman". It is a term of honor. A statement can also be figurative. When an inanimate object is described to explain something living, it can be a figure. Like Jesus is the light, the word, bread, the vine, etc.

Seventh, **interpreting thoughts**: if there are passages, which contradict, then there is a wonderful truth. Wait, until the data is in. We have to compare Scripture with Scripture, passage with passage and word with word. “flesh” in one instance may mean something else in another instance. God is seeking something higher than our little perception about "Baptists" and "Pentecostals" (being eternally saved or ‘getting lost’, and about ‘speaking in tongues’). Thoughts express an intention. 1. For what purpose was it given? 2. What prompted it? 3. Toward what circumstance was it directed? 4. What was the intended goal to accomplish? The next rule about 'intention': 1. Scripture must be understood in its historical context. 2. To whom was the passage given? 3. Circumstances, 4. What is the background? In 1 John 1:1-2 John writes about what he experienced with Jesus Christ. Faith is the basis for our actions. But Experience will add to it. There are two elements: 1. knowing the Scriptures, 2. the power of God. Promises of the Bible may be general but also individual. We can take guidelines for ourselves. We can pray for them, believe in them, fulfill the conditions and let the promises be fulfilled.

Eights: **Methods of Bible Studies**. Each Christian has the responsibility to investigate the Word of God for himself. John 8:31 "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine. And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ richly

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dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." 2 Tim 2:15 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." Our knowledge must be firsthand and not secondhand. We need to commit ourselves to the word, be faithful to it, take time with it, have an organized plan and spend money to get further equipped. My aim in my life is to preach Jesus on facebook and in YouTube. This year I go thought the Bible with a Bible reading plan:

http://buchererpianos.ch/One_Year_Bible_Reading_Plan.html Each contribution has at least one picture. Today on the 16th of April it is:

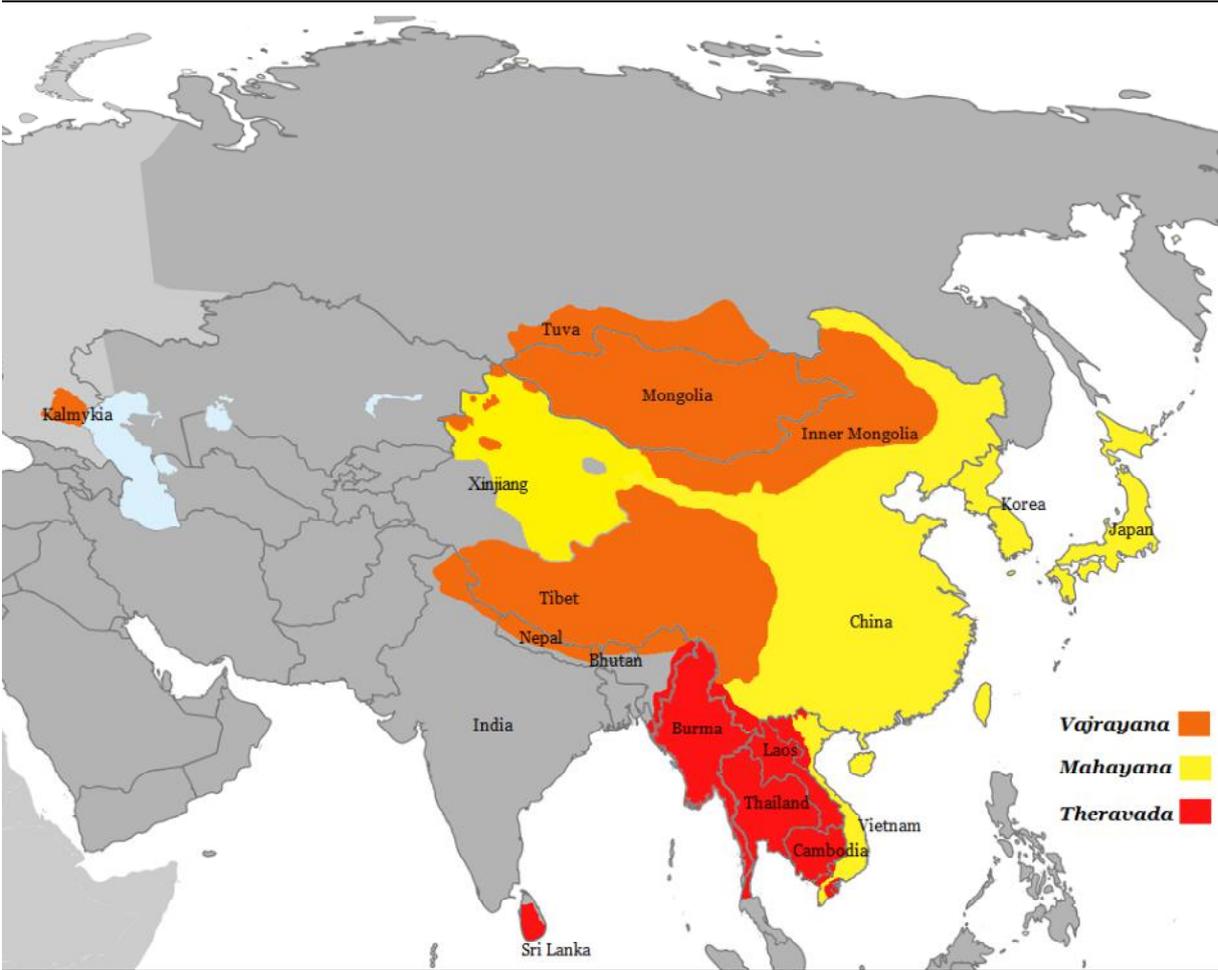
<https://www.facebook.com/chbucherer/posts/10215688231258950>. Every contribution is in at least two languages: English and German. Before I post it, I read it and see, that the words are, as I want them to be.

ⁱ http://buchererpianos.ch/Trinity_Mary.jpg



ⁱⁱ https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/68/Buddhist_sects.png

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Book Report

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Introduction

~~The book~~ ^{by} Alignment of Asher Intrater is a book about lining out the Jewish and Christian Jerusalem. Asher Intrater believes that Jews and Christians have different views about Jerusalem. He believes that Jews look of an earthly Jerusalem whereas Christians would look out for a heavenly Jerusalem. Since he was born a Jew and became a Christian in his twenties, he has kept some Jewish expressions about Jesus being Yeshua haMashiach (ישוע המשיח) and Yehovah being YHVH (יהוה). But he says normally Yehovah (יהוה) and not Yahweh. So, in his English book the name of God appears to him only in consonants. There is a video about the book:

<https://youtu.be/BozOsyxnh5U>

1. The Focus of the Book

Section One: Alignment

Section Two: The Abrahamic Family

Section Three: Restoration of All Things

Section Four: The Glorification of Jerusalem

Section Five: Synergy

Summary

The author uses Hebrew and Greek words. So, for Jesus and LORD he uses Yeshua and YHVH for LORD and for the Church, he sometimes uses "ecclesia". One of the important points of the book, is, that he quotes Revelation 21:1a "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth" but not 21:1b "for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea."! So, since he does not emphasize very much the eternity of God's kingdom, but makes it very earthly, it means, that he is drawing Christians away from their "heavenly kingdom"! So, when Jesus talks about 'kingdom', the kingdom to him becomes mainly an earthly kingdom. One sample is, when I tried to write to the author, only his secretary replied and did not want me to get an answer from

the author, despite the fact, that my second daughter translated "Alignment" into German! In German now she has translated JHVH for HERR and Jeschua for Jesus, which is totally incorrect. In German we use the Hebrew transliterations of "Yehovah" and "Yeshua HaMashiach". But what bothered me most, was an answer, that she said, that the prince in Ezechiel 46:16 is Jesus!: "...If the prince give a gift to any of his sons..."! **Jesus has no sons!** And Jesus will not have any sons when the temple of Ezechiel will be built. And the temple of Ezechiel is not necessarily the temple of the millennium! But since Asher Intrater, the author, has not studied theology, he just believes, that the Ezechiel temple is from the millennium. So, his secretary believes that the prince will be Jesus (when in fact the price will have sons!).

2. What did I learn from the book?

I learned from the book, that Jewish Christians sometimes have a lot of trouble, to understand, that as Christians we only wait for the "heavenly Jerusalem". Paul writes in Galatians 4:26 "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." When we will rise, when Jesus Christ comes back, we will be in the heavenly Jerusalem. Even now, when we die, we are with Christ. So, the earthly Jerusalem has had a past expericance, but the future of Jerusalem has been taken to heaven, when Jesus rose to heaven. Jesus said to his disciples: "In my Father's house are many mansions." John 14:2a.

Since Asher Intrater believes, that he and his companions are the mayor part of the Jewish Christians in Israel, I must say, that this is not true! I was seven times in Israel and my mother was an Israeli, and my second stepfather was a Jew. My mother was a Christian and I was in several Christian meetings in Israel, on Shabbat and on Sunday. My mother knew a Jew, who lived in Israel. He was from Ukraine, but spoke German and English. So, his movement was 'Die Judenchristliche Gemeinde' of Abram Poljak¹. Polijak said, if people in Israel do not pray to Jesus, he will not have them in his movement. There are many churches today, where people do not pray to Jesus. The Bible teaches us, to pray to the "Lord Jesus" in Acts 7:59 and Revelation 22:20. In 1 Cor 1:2c Paul writes: "with all that in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our

Lord". Since Jesus is Yehovah, and since this is not taught in "Alingment", I consider this book to be a cultic book, since it drives away the people from Jesus and his Jerusalem in heaven.

Everything the Author is saying is all very interesting, but it is not a book to the point, where people start to just only trust in "Jesus". I do not care if he says: Yeshua. But in the book, I was having as a pdf file I changed Yeshua into Jesus over 300 times in his book. Because of Asher Intrater, I do not start to speak to Yeshua, when in my language, German, it is Jesus. In English, it is also Jesus. So, my daughter, who has translated the book, she only talks to Yeshua. And since where she lives, nobody prays to Yeshua, she does not go into a community, where people pray to Jesus! In Berne, we have a church, where the pastor (and his father, of is a professor of theology), pray to the Lord Jesus! So, when churches open again, after the Corona crisis, I will go to his church. The church in Berne, where I have been before, that pastor only prays to the Father. I explained 1. Cor 1,2c to him. But he still only prays to the Father. In the prayer assembly, I sometimes found people, who pray to Jesus. But now, I will swap the church. I do not believe, that Jesus is any lower than his father. And since Jesus says: "I and the father are one." John 10:30, I pray mostly to Jesus, since he represents the father. As Christians, we do not have two gods in heaven! We have no "Father" and then a "Son" in heaven! In heaven, we only have "God and the Lamb". Rev 14:4. Since God has revealed himself as Jesus, therefore I pray to him as Jesus. Since many people, especially Christians, do not believe that, then I do not have communion with such people, who do not believe, that Jesus is the LORD/YEHOVAH!

3. What are the key points of the book?

Introduction: Remnant and Ecclesia p. 9

Our identity as a family goes back to Abraham's family. The Abrahamic family has to do particularly with reconciliation between Arabs and Jews through faith in Yeshua. Then we have a special, new, fourth section about the Glorification of the City of Jerusalem. According to Is 60, there will be an unprecedented physical manifestation of the glory of God in and on the city of Jerusalem during the period of the tribulation before the Second Coming.

Section One: Alignment

Chapter 1: May They All Be One!

The author writes: "We are part dirt and part the spirit of God. Jesus is the answer to that paradox. May they all be one, even as you Father are in Me and I in You, may they also be in Us, in order that the world may believe that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory which You have given Me, in order that they will be one even as We are one. I in them and You in Me so that they will be made perfect by being one, in order that the world may know that You have sent Me and that You love them as You love Me. (John 17:21) This prayer is the pinnacle of God's will for us. (John 17) Jesus is submitted to the Father. At the same time, the Father has given all authority to Jesus; anyone who wants to honor the Father must honor the Son (John 5:23)" Alignment is an order that allows for everyone to have his or her own place. A good-hearted person will seek to be aligned with the purposes of the group and its leadership. Yeshua said He would be baptized by John in "order to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt 3:15). He submitted to God's right order. When the other religious leaders refused to submit to John through baptism, they rejected that alignment, that righteous order (Luk 7:29) and, in fact, showed themselves to be unworthy of God's plan for their own lives (Luk 7:30)." Why You Need to Have a Cooperative Heart: "Repentance is the first step of alignment; the second step is faith. The Lordship of Jesus is the cornerstone of our personal alignment with God's plans and purposes. Spiritual alignment is moral alignment. The conscience is a central part of the heart and tells us what is right and wrong. It is the lack of moral discernment which makes many of us "charismatics" seem flaky."

Chapter 2: Moral and Natural Law 23

"The Holy Spirit is more "moral" than "mystical." Moral correction is also part of the healing process. While there is no direct commandment against cigarette smoking, it is obvious that taking smoke into the delicate pink tissues of lungs can only do damage." He writes against "sex-change": "Every cell of a man's body has an X and Y chromosome; every cell of a woman's is XX. A so-called "sex change operation" would have to change every cell of the body."

Chapter 3: Historical Background of the Original Apostolic Community 33

"1. Covenant Family of Abraham 1. Covenant Family of Abraham 3. Israelite Kingdom under David 4. Messianic Vision of the Prophets 5. Galilean Followers of Jesus. Jesus formed a community (Ecclesia) made up of those who followed Him (Matt 16:18). He chose leaders among them (Luk 6:13). He gave those leaders authority. There was authority over demons (Luk 9:1; Matt 10:1), authority within the community of faith (Matt 16:19; 18:15-19) and, to a certain extent, to the whole world (John 20:23). We see them as the continuation of the covenant family of Abraham, the priestly people of Moses, the kingdom nation of David, and the Messianic expectations of the Israelite Prophets."

Chapter 4: Completing the Original Apostolic Commission 41

"Here is the commission of the apostles: "It is not for you to know the times and the seasons set by the Father in His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses of Me in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8). They were expecting: Israel (totally), then the nations." Jesus did not know, when he would return: "In Matt 24:36, Jesus said that even He did not know the times set by the Father. In Acts 1:7, He said that only His disciples are not to know." and "The background to the mission of Acts 1:8 to the "ends of the earth" is the vision of Isaiah and the other Israelite prophets. "I have made You as a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations" (Isaiah 42:6). The mission of the apostles IS the vision of the prophets."

Chapter 5: May Your Kingdom Come!

Transferring the Kingdom from Heaven to Earth 51

""Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt 6:10). 1. Origin: Heaven 2. Direction: Heaven to Earth 3. Destination: Earth (The Kingdom will be in heaven again!)" My comment: "Daniel 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." ""The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess the kingdom forever..."

(Daniel 7:18)." "Evil forces dominate the world. A small minority of good-hearted people have received spiritual authority to rule the world. In the meantime, the evil forces attack them, make war against them, and even overcome them." I disagree: Rev 19:11 says, that Jesus will come: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he does judge and make war." So, there will be no good-hearted people, to change the world!

Chapter 6: Preparing for the Second Coming 59

In Rev 19:11-19 we find the clearest description of Jesus descending from heaven at the Second Coming. There it is stated that He comes as a warrior general, with fire and anger, to destroy the forces of the anti-Christ. His eyes are flames of fire; He is riding a white horse, leading an army of warrior angels. The "Olive Tree" of Rom 11 that form the true alignment. Let us build that partnership. It is the essential bond of faith between Israel and the Church that leads to the coming of Jesus's kingdom on the earth. The best word for alignment in Hebrew is alignment is 'he'arkhut'. "The kings of the earth have taken their stand; and the princes have taken counsel together, against the Lord and against His Christ." Psalm 2:2 Jesus is the king. Jerusalem will be the capital of His kingdom.

Chapter 7: Prerequisites for the Second Coming 67

1. This gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world.
 2. Jesus said He would not return until the people of Jerusalem welcome Him back with cries of "Barukh Haba" - "Blessed is He who comes". (Revival in Israel)
 3. The bride needs to be ready. (Fullness of Church)
- "I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery lest you be wise in your own eyes: hardness of heart has happened in part to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in" Rom 11:25
- No nation, including Israel, can save itself. Israel's salvation can only come from those who already have salvation. Israel cannot pray for itself. It is the Gentile Church that must pray for Israel.

Chapter 8: Global Alignment 75

Over the past year, we have had five different groups from South Pacific islands come to Israel and say: "We have come from the farthest ends of the earth. God is bringing the gospel back to Jerusalem in order to get ready for the Second Coming of Jesus. We have come here because we want to be in the correct order of the covenant. We want to be rightly aligned with you, our Messianic brothers and sisters in Israel." "Behold the Lord was standing on a wall set by a plumb line and in His hand was a plumb line. And the Lord said to me, 'What do you see, Amos?' and I said, 'a plumb line.' And the Lord said, 'Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel'" (Amos 7:7-8). A plumb line is a builder's tool to ensure a wall is built straight and upright. The book of Ruth states: "Your people will be my people, and Your God will be my God." Ruth 1:16 "We treated you with largeness of heart. Your place in our hearts is not narrow; but in your hearts the place is narrow. Widen the place in your heart toward us." 2 Cor 6:11-12; 7:2 Quote: "The issue is not one of organizational control but of right direction to be serving the Lord in these end times. - Biblical prophecy says in the clearest terms that Yeshua will return physically to the Mount of Olives and then reign in a real government on earth from Mount Zion." Isaiah 49:6 "And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth." Compare Acts 1:8 "So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun." Isaiah 59:19

Chapter 9: Prerequisites for Second Pentecost 85

"This is what was spoken of by Joel the prophet: In the last days... I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophecy; your young men will see visions; and your old men will dream dreams. And upon My servants and My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days and they will prophesy... before the coming of the great and terrible day of YEHOVAH. All those who call on the name of YEHOVAH will escape" (Acts 2:16-19, 21).

1. Restoration of Israel, 2. Restoration of the Messianic remnant within Israel, 3. Restoration of

apostolic-prophet ministry within the Israeli remnant, 4. Right relationship between Messianic Jews and the international Church, 5. Understanding of the End Times, 6. Understanding of the Feasts of Israel, 7. United prayer. E.g. Restoring the 12th Apostle Within the Messianic remnant, there must also be a restoration of apostles and prophets. Just as there is a restoration of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in every nation (Eph 4:11), so must there also be in the Messianic remnant as well. In Hebrew, there is no difference between the name, Judas or a Jew. Judas was not only the betrayer of Jesus but also an apostle. Messianic Jews seek to nullify and reverse that curse of 'Judas' the betrayer. 'Judas' means 'praised'. Since Acts 2:17 promises a future and greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the feast of Shavuot has a symbolic purpose in reminding us to pray for outpouring.

Chapter 10: Time and Geography 95

There is a time to worship in Jerusalem; there is a time not to worship in Jerusalem. To worship in spirit and truth, no geography or time is needed. Jesus gave a basic strategy to His disciples in Acts 1:5-8. They must stay in Jerusalem. They must wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Then they must leave Jerusalem. Jeremiah to determine when the time was appointed to rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:2). The mystery of time and non-time, of geography and non-geography, is part of the mystery of Israel and the Church, of Jew and Gentile. In Acts 8:1 they were forced out by persecution. Some have said that if you don't choose Acts 1:8, you get Acts 8:1.

Acts 1:8: "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria (are regions, where Jerusalem is a located, the capital of Judea and in the future, the world), unto the ends of the earth..." Acts 9:31 "So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase." The Ottoman Empire: The Ottomans conquered the Middle East, including Jerusalem, in the year 1517. They controlled it until 1917 when they were driven out by the British under General Allenby.

Jerusalem was conquered again in 1967, when the charismatic revival began. US President Donald Trump visited Israel, becoming the first US President in history to pray at the Temple Wall while in office.

In any case, it is fascinating to notice this passage of time:

- 1517: Ottoman Empire conquers Jerusalem
- 1517: Beginning of Luther's Protestant Reformation
- 1917: British Protestants conquer Jerusalem
- 1967: Jewish nation conquers Jerusalem
- 1967: Charismatic Renewal
- 2017: Global alignment and Muslim evangelism

Let's summarize these years:

- 1517 was 500 years ago or 10 jubilees
- 1917 was 100 years ago or 2 jubilees
- 1967 was 50 years ago or 1 jubilee

The year 2018 is a 70-year completion for the State of Israel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdH7aYkS5V8> (May 14th!)

The gospel was preached mainly westward and came back by the east.

Abraham as the son of Noah coming back from the East toward the land of Canaan.

Chapter 11: The Jerusalem Council 105

It is known as "the Acts 15 council" or "the Jerusalem council." Acts 15. Galatians 2:1-2 makes it likely, that this council was held 20 years after Pentecost. Galatians 2 describes the confrontation between Peter and Paul at Antioch (verse 11) and even the initial disagreement with Barnabas (verse 13). After 20 years Paul's vision about the growth of the international Church and the role of the Gentiles was still quite controversial. His authority here was influential more than positional. The very existence of the Jerusalem council demonstrates that the congregations of faith around the whole world recognized the spiritual authority of senior leaders called "apostles and elders" (Acts 15:2), or "apostles and prophets" (Eph 2:20), or "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers" (Eph 4:11). Paul wrote to Titus, who by this time had become his assistant apostle: "I left you in Crete to set in order what still needs to be set in order, and to appoint elders in every city, as I have commanded you." Titus 1:5 Because of the connection through the

apostles, there was no Gentile congregation in the New Covenant period that did not see itself as part of Israel. The pressure of some of the Jerusalemite believers to make the Gentiles become Jews and observe Jewish religious traditions was becoming oppressive. This was the issue that caused the Jerusalem council to be convened. There seemed to be five key leaders involved who had the most influence: Peter, John, Jacob (James, the brother of Jesus), Paul, and Barnabas. There is no doubt that James played a key role. He was the leader of the Jerusalem congregation. The decision was made through prayer and listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit for the new law for the gentiles. Acts 15:29 "that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell." There was a 1. Sphere of apostolic authority, 2. Jew and Gentile relationships, 3. Balance of Law and Grace.

Chapter 12: Ladder of Law and Grace 115

Here is the Five-Step Ladder of Law and Grace:

1. Salvation by Grace
2. Absolute Moral Law
3. Lighter Moral Law
4. Biblical Symbolism
5. Cultural Tradition

Jesus said that there are "weightier" parts of the Law and "lesser" parts of the Law. Matt 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

Jesus clearly defines the five weightiest sins (in order of gravity):

1. Murder
2. Adultery
3. Theft
4. Lying

5. Dishonoring parents

These are the five master, moral absolutes. They are in a category above others. They have a level of punishment above others. Murder is worse than adultery. Adultery is worse than theft. Theft is worse than lying. Lying is worse than dishonoring parents. These are the five master, moral absolutes. How much the witness of Jesus is damaged when believers gossip, use pornography, cheat, exaggerate, or complain about those in authority! The restoration of the absolute moral standards of the Ten Commandments is one of our basic mandates of these end times. (Malachi 4:4) Marital relations during the woman's menstrual period is not mentioned in the New Testament. (it is a lesser law) One is not more righteous for keeping a certain ritual, nor is he less righteous for not observing it. When we begin to think that we are better than others because of our cultural expressions, we have crossed a dangerous line of religious hypocrisy and ethnic pride.

Chapter 13: The Israelite Encampment 125

The Israelite encampment in the wilderness. It is the most detailed example of alignment in the whole Bible. The description is found in Numbers, chapters 1 through 10. The total population of the Israelites must have been about 3,000,000. The first camp facing east was led by Judah (2:3); the second camp on the south was led by Reuben (2:10); the third camp in the west was led by Ephraim (2:18); the northern camp was led by Dan. 2:25 The encampmentⁱⁱ of the Levites around the tabernacle was also divided into four according to the four directions. 1. Cohen to the east, 2. Kohath to the south, 3. Gershon to the west, 4. Merari to the north. “The Cohens carried only the sacraments, apparently hand held. It is awe-inspiring to think that if this YEHOVAHS Angel was actually Jesus in His pre-birth form, then essentially Jesus accompanied the 3,000,000 member "church" of the wilderness in person, every day, 24-7, for all those years. When Moses came into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the atonement cover on the ark of the testimony between the two cherubim. Numbers 7:89. Moses was most likely passing on verbal instructions to the leaders from the strategies he had discussed with the Cloud Angel.”

Chapter 14: Sign of the Cross 133

The focal point on a gun sight is a cross. So it was also with the Israel Encampment. It was laid out like a cross or a medieval church. It is on that tree we eat of the fruit of eternal life. It is by being "crucified" with Jesus that we will bear much fruit in our own lives. John 15:2:5 The cross is the price of unity. We must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Jesus.

Section Two: The Abrahamic Family

Chapter 15: The Heart of the Father for His Family 143

Of all the words to describe God, the one that stands out the most is "Father" (Matt 6:9; John 17:21). What a father wants is a family. The people of God are supposed to be the family of God. "I bend my knee before the Father who has called by name the whole family in heaven and on earth." Eph 3:14-15 Had God wanted only a heavenly identity, Jesus would not have been born on the earth through a human womb. We are the international heavenly Ecclesia, and we are also the extended tribal family of Abraham. Today we have Christians in the Far East, Arab Christians in the Middle East, and Messianic Jews in Israel. It is said of Abraham that he is: "father to all who believe, among those who are not circumcised... and the father of those who are circumcised... who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that Abraham our father had while he was not yet circumcised" (Rom 4:11-12). The circumcised children of Abraham include Jews AND Arabs! The presence of Arab and Jewish believers in the Middle East is allowing the circumcised part of the Abrahamic family to be revealed for the first time in history.

1. Genesis 12:3 – "in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."
2. Genesis 15:5 – "your descendants will be as the stars in heaven."
3. Genesis 17:4 – "I have made you the father of many nations."
4. Genesis 22:18 – "in your seed all of the nations of the earth will be blessed."
5. Genesis 26:4 – To Isaac: "all the nations of the earth will be blessed in your seed."
6. Genesis 27:29 – Isaac to Jacob: "the peoples will serve you and the nations will bow down to you."

7. Genesis 28:3 – Isaac to Jacob: "you will become an assembly of nations."
8. Genesis 28:14 – to Jacob: "in you all the families of the land will be blessed."
9. Genesis 48:19 – to Ephraim: "your seed will become the fullness of the Gentiles."
10. Genesis 49:10 – to Judah: "to Shiloh will be the obedience of the nations."

God allowed Abraham to wait decades without having a physical son. Then God showed to Abraham His Father's heart for all the nations. God added the letter "H" heh ? to both of their names. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah. The letter heh is seen to represent the name YEHOVAH in Hebrew, as if God added His own name to their name, His identity to their identity.

Chapter 16: Sarah and Hagar 153

Sarah and Hagar are two types of people which are descendants of Abraham. Jewish and Arab Christians meet now newly in Israel. They worship together in certain places. Many Muslims turn to faith in Jesus, since the Intifada, ISIS and internet. Ismael was Jacobs protective older brother. Ismael and Jacob buried Abraham. Isaiah 19:23-25 speaks of a highway back and forth from Assyria to Egypt through Israel and of peace and partnership between these three nations. Out of Egypt I called my son. Hosea 11:1. Jesus is prophesied: Out of Egypt will come the spirit of revival of Jesus the Son into Israel. There was something that God had destined in Abraham's trip from Iran to Iraq through Israel, going down into Egypt, and then coming back into Israel. Jews and Arabs on the basis of the historical events that started in the time of Abraham. The full meaning of those prophecies is just now being revealed in our generation. The issue is not whether Isaac is better than Ishmael. The issue is God's faithfulness to covenant. Ishmael was blessed with twelve princes in a parallel way to Isaac. Genesis 17:20 Abraham brought Ishmael and Isaac into a covenant. There are three types of commands: The first is "to love God with all your heart" (Deuteronomy 6:5). The second is "to love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). The third "love" is only in Jesus: "to love your enemies" (Matt 5:44).

Chapter 17: Rachel and Leah 165

Since the family has many people/tribes in it, the family must have order so that every person will have his or her place. The most precious part of love is intimacy. Ishmael was painfully rejected, and Esau was viciously deceived. Therefore, they deserve a special place of honor in the family of God and, indeed, receive a special blessing. They serve as a model for all the blessings of God, all the mistakes of men, and all the attacks of the devil. heavenly Jerusalem, the gates of the city are named after the sons of Jacob. The sons of Jacob? We read in the Bible of their sins of murder, rape, jealousy, betrayal, prostitution, lying, and deceiving. Yet somehow, as if by their very fingernails, they held onto their faith. The spiritual blessing went from Jacob through Rachel to Joseph and then to the nations. From Joseph's son Ephraim it went down to Ephraim's great-grandson, Joshua, who conquered the land of Canaan. There is also somewhat of a parable or parallel that can be seen in the lives of Leah and Rachel as compared to the history of Israel and the Church. Judah became an example of Christ's atoning love by taking the penalty of his brothers' sin upon himself. Jewish believers in Jesus must be set in position as the 'elder brother' of the Church family. Exodus 4:22 Three tribes are represented in: Jesus, the son of Judah; John the Baptist, the son of Levy; and the apostle Paul, the son of Benjamin.

Section Three: Restoration of All Things

Chapter 18: The New Apostolic Age 177

The year 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and the 50th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem. The year 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. For decades, we have looked to the book "Acts of the Apostles" as the pattern for ministry. Now new ministries in Jerusalem start up. The "end of the age" that Paul wrote (Jesus talked about) of was the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. There was a previous "end of the age" at the destruction of the first Temple in 586 BC and a previous "end of age" in Noah's time. 2 Peter 3:5-10 There will be another "end of the age" at the Second Coming, and yet another at the end of the millennial kingdom. Revelation 20 In other words, the great revival of the end times is necessarily connected to the tribulation of the end times, which is necessarily connected to the events leading up to the Second Coming. The nations will attack Israel led by the anti-Christ. Revival will take

place first and people will turn to the Lord in repentance and prayer. Then Jesus will intervene as the Angel of the LORD (as the Word) and save the nation. Revelation 19; Zechariah 14

Chapter 19: Rom 11 Revisited 185

Romans 11 uses the olive tree: The picture of the Olive Tree is perhaps the best example in all Scripture of the global alignment that we have been speaking about. The Fig Tree is national Israel (Matt 24); the Grape Vine is the Ecclesia (John 15); the Olive Tree is the Messianic remnant (Rom 11) (...which I do not believe. I believe that the olive tree is the basis on which Jews and Gentiles grow together in Christ). The author writes: "The destiny of Israel is to serve and bless the Gentile nations." Genesis 12:3 (I do not agree. I believe, that plan of God is to use Israel as a model for the gentile nations. But God created every man, so, one particular tribe, the 'Jews' are not the 'Salvation' of the world. As Christians, we are Jews: Romans 2:28-29 "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God." The Gentile Church is supposed to "make them (Israel) jealous" (verse 11). (I disagree: there is no Gentile Church) Romans 11:11 "I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles." **That salvation has come to the gentiles, does not make a "gentile church"**. The gentiles having become Christians are now "Jews"! So, Israel as a nation has to accept all Christians into fellowship. But Israel is not a godly nation, it is secular. This is why, they do not want Christian missionaries in Israel. And you cannot send the Jews back, who have become Christians, in 'our stead'! The author writes: "Jews and Gentiles will learn to serve one another (verses 17-22)." (no Gentiles, who have become **Christians, are not gentiles anymore!** The author does not check this to my understanding!)

Chapter 20: The Restoration of All Things 193

The author writes: "Neither the Church nor Israel can bring the kingdom of God; just as neither a man nor a woman can have a child alone. The marriage of man and woman brings a child; the

partnership of Israel and the Church brings the kingdom of God." No, I disagree: Jesus Christ brings the kingdom of God: Rev 11:15 "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" It is God who lets the angle sound. God is Jesus Christ. It is therefore Christ who brings the kingdom of God. The author writes: "Since Jesus is both king of Israel and head of the Church, they both need to invite Him to return." Yes, but the LORD will come anyway, weather uninvited or disinvited! The author writes: "The resurrection of human bodies and the restoration of nature are part of the same release of transforming power." Rom 8:21 The author writes: "The plan of God involves fixing, repairing, healing, and restoring." Elijah will indeed come and restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah already came... Then His disciples realized that He was speaking about John the Baptist" (Matt 17:11-13)." So, my comment: restauration comes. The author quotes: "Repent therefore so that your sins may be wiped away in order that there might come days of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and He will send Messiah Yeshua, who was appointed to you from times past, whom the heavens must receive until the time of the restoration of all things..." (Acts 3:19-21). **Correct.**

Chapter 21: Turning the Hearts of the Fathers 201

"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YEHOVAH. 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Malachi 4:4-6 This is the last prophecy of the Old Covenant prophets. The darkness in the end times will be intense. There will be sexual perversion as in the days of Lot; there will be violence and murder as in the time of Noah; anti-Semitism as in the time of Haman; a demonic government as in the time of Moses; and so on. The author writes: "I remember one of my children asking whether Isaac had been traumatized by the fact that his dad almost killed him." And: "There is an essential role reversal or transition as the parents and children grow older. ... Many leaders do not train others to replace themselves and do not stay on to serve them afterwards. The Father is

greater than Jesus (John 14:28), yet the Father has delegated to Jesus all authority (John 5:22-23, 26-27)... 1. Restoring all in the Ecclesia happens right before the millennial kingdom; 2. Restoring all in the nations happens afterwards, during the millennial kingdom."

Section Four: The Glorification of Jerusalem

Chapter 22: The Future Glorification of Jerusalem 211

The final two chapters of Revelation (21-22) describe a gloriously transformation of Jerusalem, which descends from heaven (Rev 21:2). I disagree, that the Jerusalem descends on this earth! Asher Intrater, the author, does not quote Rev 21:1b! "...for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea." He writes: you have to put together "Revelation with the last chapters of Isaiah. When these chapters come into harmony in our thoughts, we will better understand the idea of Zion glorified." Then he writes: "The line goes from heavenly Jerusalem to earthly Jerusalem. It has a specific timing: when the Gentile armies attack Jerusalem." He then writes: "The Church has preserved the kingship of Jesus; Israel has preserved Jerusalem as the capital." I disagree, since God does all these things and not we humans! He then writes: Revelation 21 describes the glory of heavenly Jerusalem; Isaiah 60 describes the glory of earthly Jerusalem. The merger of the two is the final restoration." I say, this is not possible, since God knows, how he will unite Jerusalem and not the author of the book. He writes: "Revelation 22 speaks of Eden restored and glorified." Yes, but this is only until Revelation 22:5! The Temple in Ezechiel 40-48 will not be on this earth! The Temple in Ezechiel 40-48 is also not the Temple from the millennium! Again he writes: "Four times in this section are Eden and Jerusalem described as being one and the same: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth... I saw the holy city, heavenly Jerusalem, coming down from heaven..." (Rev 21:1-2)" Asher Intrater forgets to say, that it will be a **new earth!**

Chapter 23: Present Day Glorification of Jerusalem 219

He writes: "At the very heart of the plan of God is the glorification of the city of Jerusalem. The glorification will take place in three general time periods: 1. Far Future, 2. Future, 3. Near Future.

The far future glorification of the city of Jerusalem takes place in the New Heavens and the New Earth at the end of the thousand-year millennial kingdom. It is described in Revelation 21 and 22. This is the ultimate renewal and glorification of all things, with heaven and earth united, and paradise restored." Finally he recognizes, what I am saying the whole time. The New Jerusalem will be in the new heaven and on the new earth. He writes: "There will also be a glorification of the city of Jerusalem at this present time, in the very near future. This glorification takes place in this "pre- millennial" age and will reach its height during the tribulation period, right before the Second Coming." Yes, we can see that in Ezechieel 34:25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am YEHOVAH, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. 28 And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid. 29 I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. 30 Thus they shall know that I, YEHOVAH their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people," says YEHOVAH God. 31 "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God," says YEHOVAH God. The battle of Gog from Magog in chapters 38-39 comes later. So, these passages are not for the new earth. Where the temple in Ezechieel 40-48 will be built, I do not know. I find it wrong, if we make concepts, where we say, that the millennium is the temple period of Ezechieel 40-48! We just do not know what the conditions in the millennium will be!

Chapter 24: The Glorified Bride 229

The author writes: "The Bride is the group of people living in heaven in a glorified form. They come down to meet the bridegroom. The Bride is the population of the city of heavenly

Jerusalem. The wedding takes place at the joining of the heavenly city with the earthly city. This is the time to consummate the marriage and become one in spirit and body... This mystery is about the multi-racial relationships within the community of faith. There is a second mystery about the relationship between the community of faith and our Christ savior. The first is like a family; the second is like a marriage. That second mystery, found in Ephesian 5:27,32 is the marriage of the Church to Christ. "So that He may present her to Himself a glorious Church with no spot or blemish. This is a great mystery, but I speak of Christ and the Church."

Section Five: Synergy

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He joins the kingdoms of Judah and Israel (Ezechiel 37:16-18). After they become one, something else happens. First there is the unity, then the kingdom. The unity results in a restoration of the Messianic kingdom (verse 22-26). Like Ezechiel, we have to pray to bring together, unify and heal the community of faith and the kingdom of God (Luk 11:17). The pattern remains the same: **alignment leads to synergy.**" "When the three of us (we) work together ... there is a synergy... The "team" itself has a value and beauty to it." Eph 3:9 "and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places."

Afterword

2040 AD and the Jerusalem Syndrome 251

The author writes: "The radical Shiites in Iran took this as a literal prophecy and have begun celebrating the annihilation of Israel in 2040." and also: "As we do walk in the knowledge of Scriptures, the power of the Holy Spirit and God's end times' revival, let us remember to stay humble and honest."

4. What did I take away from the book?

I took away from the book, that as a "Jewish Christian", you may try to be a Christian today, but you have a hard time, to understand the spiritual reality of the Bible, since Jewish Christians are so much tied up in their Jewishness, that they forget the main parts of the Bible, and concentrate on things, which is of no concern to us today. The author made a video yesterday (4.6.2020) about "Good Friday" to be on Thursday, instead of Friday, since he takes Matt 12:40 literally and wants to prove, that Jesus lay in the grave for three nights. His secretary believes, that the Prince in the Ezechiel Temple period is Jesus, when in fact **the prince** in Ezechiel 46 **has children!** 16 "... If the prince give a gift to any of **his sons**, the inheritance thereof shall be **his sons**..."

5. How did the book you chose relate to the course from the degree program?

This book relates to the "cults" and "religions". It has a very small "spiritual area. The author once was encouraged to be carried in Jerusalem on top of some other people, to make him "represent the king" (as Jesus)!

6. Conclusion

I read the book with great interest. I see that Jews take a little different approach. I see also, that they come to an evangelical belief that we are all saved by grace and walk by faith. Revelation 3:21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."

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