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### SHIC'ZUR O T'CHIYA? – RESTORATION OR REVIVAL?

Yahveh is very clear when he speaks to Moshe, confirming His identity as the same God who appeared to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov as El Shaddai or God Almighty a description of What He is, as well as Who He is. To Moshe he introduces himself by name Yud Heh Vav Heh or Yahveh, often mistranslated as 'I am who I am' (Greek Tetragrammaton), the actual Hebrew translation (No not Aramaic, Yeshua's native tongue was Hebrew) is 'I was, I am, I will be' then he restates and re-confirms his covenants and promises to restore their inheritance, the land of Cana 'an, to rescue them from oppression, and redeem them personally, to establish a personal relationship between them and himself forever. They were simply looking for revival, a sudden burst of renewed energy to cope with everyday life as they knew it, an spiritual adrenaline fix, a virtual reality to escape to, in the midst of grinding oppression, human control, and poverty. Yet what they really needed was not a flashy quick fix that feels good but doesn't last, but a total restoration, a Yovel (Jubilee) that wipes the slate clean and gives them absolute freedom, as they reclaim their original rightful inheritance as Yahvehs own nation of Y'israel.

Many people today are praying fervently for 'revival' a term that generally refers to business as usual with a quick fix burst of energy, a specific period of increased spiritual interest or renewal in the life of a church congregation or a particular church denomination, either regionally or globally. Revival is a process of bringing something back to life that is near death with a jolt from a set of spiritual electric paddles, a process repeated many many times due to poor health of the 'patient' a condition brought on by excess punishment of the body, chronic disease and severe malnutrition. In the year 325 a breach birth took place in Nicaea of a counterfeit lifeless body called Christendom, its father was Constantine 1<sup>st</sup> and its mother was a variety of Pagan Goddesses, neither where Jewish, and all Jews where banned from attending the birth. It was used then and still is today to try and kill off and replace the messianic Body restored by Yeshua ha Mashiach about 290 years earlier, a body with both spiritual and physical genetic links stretching back to the beginning of time. The good news of course is that just like Moshe we survived and thrived and today we are continuing to be fully restored as his true body that ironically includes the gentiles who have worked so hard to wipe us out.

So do I want revival? No! Am I praying for it? No! Why on Earth would I want this present day Frankenstein like monster of cobbled together religious body parts revived even once, let alone over and over again in a regurgitated politically correct multitude of new identities and disguises? What I

want, what I really really want is complete Restoration a 'Back to the Future' scenario that strips back the multiple layers of blatant lies, religious propaganda and age old superstitions and finally reveal the actual, one true, real live, Body of Yeshua Ha Mashiach complete and undivided with him as its head uniting both halves Jew and Gentile grafted together as one into his Olive Tree, a tree that produces genuine 'good fruit' both in season and out of season, a tree that enables us love one another and forgive one another unconditionally. Many will say "That's impossible" but I say a miracle is making the impossible possible, making a way where there is no way. The body began life with both halves and will only function properly both halves are restored as one, as we go forward together in unity. Will the tentacle like multinational religious organizations step aside, finally repent and admit the truth? Sadly probably not, No! Why? Because their very existence hinges on their existing power bases, and depends on denying the truth by continuing to live the lie. But just like Goliath they will fall, taken down by the small smooth stones of truth delivered by an army of seemingly insignificant 'David's' who understand that it's not by power, nor by might but by Yahvehs spirit, the spirit of truth, led by the Spirit of Truth the Ruach ha Kodesh that will defeat the enemy and remove its head.

So finally what's the difference for us personally between Revival and Restoration? Aren't they just the same thing? Absolutely Not! Revival is merely a temporary fix, an adrenaline shot, a respite from the inevitable, it's like putting a band aid on the hull of the Titanic, or slapping yet another coat of paint on to a crumbling decaying house, you are only covering the decay and delaying the inevitable. Restoration on the other hand is the act of bringing something back to its original condition, like an ancient building stripped back to its original framework and foundations and then fully rebuilt following the exact original blueprints, until it is duplicated and completely renewed and ready to carry out and fulfill its original purpose.

So we have an inheritance, we are not 'slaves' we simply need to reclaim our original rightful deed of covenant whose terms of the inheritance are outlined and made very clear. Our responsibilities to carry out and administer our side of it are equally clear. Please spend time studying and re- reading your copy, then start fulfilling its terms and conditions as you put them into practice. Torah (Both halves) are a living covenant that is just as relevant today as the day it was written, but you have to translate it into action on a daily basis, no one else can or will do it for you, no one else can claim your inheritance or fulfill your responsibilities. Ask the Ruach to give you an ear (spiritual) to hear what he is telling you and then follow the 'Makers Instructions' his directions, after all he has promised to lead you into all truth hasn't he? As it says in 1Corinthians 2:19 "As the Tanakh says, "no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no one's heart has imagined all the things that Yahveh has prepared for those who love him." And we love Him right? But remember it is a spiritual inheritance we seek, anything physical 'Enough' is an added bonus designed to keep us functioning on a daily needs basis. So Trust and remember pray for Restoration not revival (we are already alive and kicking), and for Redemption not conversion, redemption rescues me from slavery and restores me to my rightful place in Abbas family, conversion just tries to turn me into something I'm not, like converting money, Dollars to Euros or Lire or transforming me from Jew to Gentile or 'Christian')

So be bold, claim your full inheritance Abbas way, we think that just because eternal life is a gift, we have no obligations at all. But the word Yarash is an active verb, not a passive acceptance. It means "to *take* possession of, to drive out, to dispossess" the enemy. The gift is there, thanks only to Yahveh, but we have to go into battle to possess it. We have to displace the enemy who occupies our territory. We have to drive out those who would prevent our full enjoyment of Abbas goodness. We have to make the gift our own. The land will remain dormant, until we His people arrive and take control of our inheritance. It will not be given to others; it will wait until we step up and fulfil what He asks of us when he says. "Go into the inheritance I have given you and occupy it." All of it. So trust, be bold, be strong, be obedient, today.

Shalom Yarash – Take Possession Shalom