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*A Prophetic Call For Unity*

## **THE LEGACY OF AZUSA STREET**

The 20th Century Shavu'ot

*“Then YAHUWAH answered me and said, ‘Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not tarry.’”*

- Habakkuk 2:2-3

In the late winter of 1906, in the tiny ‘colored’ section of Los Angeles, California, a devout Christian woman made a history-changing recommendation to her fledgling congregation; a group of families just broken away from the local Second Baptist Church and in search of a new pastor.

Sister Neely Terry recommended William J. Seymour, an itinerant holiness preacher whose sermon had impressed her while visiting Houston, Texas the previous year. Brother Seymour’s message centered on her own congregation’s newly held belief in the ‘second work of grace’ teaching of the Holiness Movement of the late 1800’s.

At the invitation of the group’s leader, Julia Hutchinson, brother Seymour boarded a train in Houston, arriving at Los Angeles in February of 1906. The events that took place over the following three years forever changed the landscape of organized religion among “African Americans” – Hebrew Yisraelites – as well as in America at large, and around the world. This humble servant of Christ, a son of former slaves, was used by Abba YAH in a mighty and miraculous way to restore the baptism of the Holy Spirit to the lost Kingdoms of Yahudah and

Yisrael – which as a whole, had been held in religious bondage under the ritual-oriented European tradition.

Amazingly, every Christian denomination in the world that preaches the Full Gospel; the restoration of the “five-fold” ministry and gifts of the Spirit, traces its roots back to 312 Azusa Street; the stable-turned-meetinghouse of Pastor Seymour and his Apostolic Faith Mission. And yet ironically, although multiplied millions of professing believers from around the world profess to be Spirit-filled or Pentecostal, the teachings of Pastor Seymour himself have been all but abandoned by the very revivals and denominations they spawned.

And given the fact that his mission’s large-scale mailing lists were stolen by envious Euro-Gentile “supporters,” it is no surprise that brother Seymour left a final request in writing that his successor be “a man of color.” But this key historical footnote has been completely ignored by most Yisraelite-unaware Pentecostals, ‘blacks’ and ‘whites’ alike, who in their cultural confusion, follow the leadership and doctrine of their Euro-Gentile “word of faith brethren.”

Likewise, in their cultural pride, many among the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware have overreacted to sell-out Pentecostal preachers by ignoring the monumental spiritual legacy of Pastor Seymour and the Azusa Street Revival altogether, *without so much as a casual study of the matter...*

**In fact, history reveals that the greatest teachers of our true identity as Hebrew Yisraelites emerged from the Holiness Movement – the shared legacy of Pastor Seymour and the Azusa Street Mission; and ultimately, the Pentecostal-Shavu’ot and Hebrew Yisraelite Movements worldwide. Most notably, through the anointed leadership of Pastor Seymour’s chief disciple, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, Founder of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC); and the great Prince Shaleakh Ben Yehuda – formerly Prophet L.A. Bryant of COGIC – Founder of the School of the Prophets, for the Village of Peace, at Dimona, Israel. ‘May They Rest in Eternal Shal’m.’**

Ironically, Pastor Seymour clearly taught that *speaking in tongues is not the ‘initial evidence’ of being filled with the Spirit.* But this basic doctrine has been abandoned by the “word of faith” community, with its abuse of the gift of tongues – and its anti-Gospel obsession with material prosperity. And the same holds true for the Hebrew Yisraelite Movement, with its overreaction to Pentecostal excesses, and its dismissal of the key points of New Covenant doctrine we all share.

Common roots.

So – how has this great legacy, which began as a genuine move of the Spirit among the true children of Yisrael, degenerated into rampant spiritualism, materialism, denominationalism and theological chaos? In short, through America’s religious and social culture of “white supremacy.”

Nevertheless, the amazing legacy of Apostle William J. Seymour is destined to be fulfilled by its true inheritors; by those in whom Abba YAH has placed the revelation of the identity and destiny of Hebrew Yisraelites in Christ. And clearly, this is YAH’s end-time strategy for bringing an authentic racial and doctrinal unity to the body of Christ – to the faithful remnant of the Kingdom Commonwealth of Yisrael.

Although brother Seymour learned through hard experience that his true successor must be “a man of color,” he never fully recognized the true destiny and purpose of the “colored” community as Hebrew Yisraelites in Christ. And therefore, he was without the necessary understanding to establish international order within the Shavu'ot-Pentecostal Movement.

All too often, brethren, we perceive those from among our Yisraelite-unaware Spirit-filled brethren as “sell-outs,” “house niggas” and “holy rollers.” But the truth is, right from the outset, the Pentecostal-Apostolic Faith Movement, like the Hebrew Yisraelite Movement, was mercilessly ridiculed by the ‘white’ establishment as well. And sadly, in the same manner that many carnal brethren among the Yisraelite-aware express their condescending attitudes toward our Greco-Romanized brethren today.

For example, the Los Angeles Times reported at the time, that “...*a bizarre new religious sect*” had begun, with *people “...breathing strange utterances and mouthing a creed which it would seem no sane mortal could understand.”* They went on to say, “*Devotees of the weird doctrine practice the most fanatical rites, preach the wildest theories, and work themselves into a state of mad excitement.*”

They further described the congregation thusly: “*Colored people and a sprinkling of whites compose the congregation, and night is made hideous in the neighborhood by the howlings of the worshippers who spend hours swaying forth and back in a nerve-racking attitude of prayer and supplication... To top it all off, they claimed to have received the ‘gift of tongues,’ and what’s more, ‘comprehend the babel.’*”

Sound familiar, Hebrews?

Surely, the hour has come for the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware at large to move beyond the smug superiority we often display toward Yisraelite-unaware Spirit-filled Christians. If we as Yisraelites would simply move beyond racial and cultural pride, we would see for example, that the African Methodist Episcopal church (AME) believes ‘Jesus’ is a so-called black man, and that the ancient Yisraelites were ‘black’ as well.

Now, it is no mere coincidence that it was the Methodist-influenced Holiness Movement out of which brother Seymour emerged. And that the “tumble-down shack” he used as a meeting place (as the L.A. Times called it) was the former home of an AME church! Is this denomination not fertile ground for spreading our true identity and destiny?

In fact, there are many Christians from all factions who know that Christ is a ‘black’ man. And there are many who manifest the fruit of the Spirit even without this revelation. And of course, there is the Seventh Day Adventist denomination which keeps the Shabbat.

*Behold: just like Yoséf-Joseph, the favorite son of his father, rescued his brothers before they knew his true identity; so Yahushua, the favorite son of His Father, often rescues His brothers before they know His true identity as well...*

The truth is, there are many among the Yisraelite-aware who came to Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit *before* they discovered their true identity as Hebrew Yisraelites. And like the late great Prince Shaleakh Ben Yehuda, are they not spiritual sons of the Azusa Street legacy?

For example, when I for one, was “far from the peaceful shore,” I called on Christ with the Greek “transliteration” of Yahushua – Jesus. But rather than being concerned with how I pronounced His Name, He chose to rescue His drowning kinsman first; then make me aware of His true name only after I was safely ashore – and fully recovered from the shock and trauma from my distress. Sélah.

Finally, brethren, the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware in Christ of today are like unto the Judean followers of Christ in the first century, who were chosen of YAH to take the Gospel to the Hellenized Hebrew Yisraelites scattered abroad. And the Spirit-filled Yisraelite-unaware are like unto those Greek Hebrews in reverse – in Christ, but without their *cultural* connection to the Covenants.

In this final phase of our captivity, Abba YAH is raising up chosen vessels from among the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware in Christ, to reach out in fellowship to our Hebrew unaware brethren.

And just as it was in the first century, when the apostles of Yahudah confirmed and established the Hellenized Yisraelite tribes scattered among the nations; the Hebrew Yisraelite-aware shaleakhim-apostles will confirm and establish our Greco-Romanized Spirit-filled brethren scattered among the *denomi*-nations.

## **A HOLY CALL TO ARMS**

Hear, O Yisrael: YAHUWAH our Father is moving among His Yisraelite-unaware Christian sons in a mighty way! And truly, as it is written, “The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.” Arise now, you Hebrews, and be reconciled to your fellow countrymen, the sons of the Azusa Street legacy, and beyond, who remain stripped of their true heritage, but are yet clothed in the Ruakh; that the House of Abba YAH might be filled...

And that the High Priestly Prayer of Yahushua Ha Mashiakh might finally be fulfilled in our midst – that we all become one, even as He and the Father are One. Even so, Ahmen.

YAH Khai v’HalleluYAH! – YAH lives, and Praise YAH!

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