

The Root of the Church

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The “Root of the church” is Christ a Jew and an Israelite

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, **for the Jew first** and also for the Greek.

Excerpt from an article “SOME REGARD ‘PASSION’ FILM AS USEFUL TOOL”

By Pedro Ruz Gutierrez, Sentinel Staff Writer. Orlando Sentinel. February 8, 2004

Ahead of Mel Gibson’s controversial new film *The Passion of The Christ*, Christian activists across Central Florida are gearing up to reach out to fellow worshippers and non-Christians alike.....“I believe that God will use this film to bring each of us back to the **root of the church**, to witness the price that Jesus Christ paid for the sins of the world and our redemption,” said Peter Dettman of Celebration Community Church in the Disney-themed community of Celebration.

I believe that what first looked like a miss quote inserting the “root of the church” into this quotation was actually a prophetic word from God for the Christian church. Based on the global audience for the Hebrew and Aramaic movie *The Passion of The Christ*, I also believe that this is a message for the global church.

This “Return to the ‘root of the church” word was confirmed again in prayer after 21 days of prayer and “Daniel” fasting on Sunday August 22, 2004. This was the day of the Celebration Community Church land dedication at 555 Celebration Place in Celebration, Florida.

The word was confirmed and expanded again in prayer after 21 days of prayer and “Daniel” fasting on Sabbath October 23, 2004. The word I was given was: “Build the church on the foundation, the cornerstone Jesus, The Messiah, Yeshua.

God made a covenant to bless the world through Abraham’s seed Israel.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

God then made a covenant to establish the throne of David forever.

2 Samuel 7:8,11-13

Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ¹¹since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. ¹²"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the **throne of his kingdom forever.**

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God then gave the throne of David to Jesus

Luke 1:31-32

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the **Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.**

Revelation 5:5

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the **Root of David,** has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Jesus, a Jew became the foundation stone of the church in Israel

Psalms 118:22

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Daniel 2:34-35

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44

And in the days of these kings the **God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed;** and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and **it shall stand forever.**

Matthew 15:24

But He answered and said, "**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**"

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church,** and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:19

And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Luke 20:17

Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: **'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone?'**

Ephesians 2:20-22

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,** in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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The root of Israel supports the gentiles who are grafted into the church.

Romans 11:11-29

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. ¹²Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! ¹³For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. ²²Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? ²⁵For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." ²⁸Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable

God shows His mercy by extending His gift of grace and salvation to all.

Romans 11:30-32

For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. -For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

Psalms 106:1

Praise the LORD!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Acts 2:46-47

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

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The gentiles were made fellow heirs with Israel in the body of Christ and kingdom of God

Ephesians 3:6

that **the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body**, and partakers of His promise **in Christ through the gospel**,

Enlarge the 'tent,' for your children will inherit the nations

Isaiah 54:2,3,5

"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. ³For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And **your descendants will inherit the nations**, and make the desolate cities inhabited. ⁵For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And **your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.**

All members of the church are to be joined into one spirit as Jesus was with the Father. These include both the Jews and the Gentiles, called by God, and rooted in Israel.

John 17:20-21

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You**; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

The church of the nations, the bride of Christ, will join together with the Jewish root of Israel and return to worship God, the King of kings in His Holy city Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:16

"Therefore thus says the LORD: **"I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My house shall be built in it,"** says the LORD of hosts, "And a surveyor's line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem."

Zechariah 8:22-23

Yes, **many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.**' "Thus says the LORD of hosts: **"In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."**"

Benjamin Disraeli, Prime Minister of England – 1868

Benjamin Disraeli, a Jewish believer, became Britain's prime minister. Disraeli, both the Conservative Party leader and the author of many popular books, emphasizes Christianity's dependence on Judaism:

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"In all church discussions we are apt to forget the second Testament is avowedly only a supplement. Jesus came to complete the 'law and the prophets.' Christianity is completed Judaism, or it is nothing. Christianity is incomprehensible without Judaism, as Judaism is incomplete without Christianity." He hopes that Jews "will accept the whole of their religion instead of only the half of it, as they gradually grow more familiar with the true history and character of the New Testament."

Throughout his career in Parliament he very publicly attacks those with anti-Semitic views, often with biting wit, and shows himself to be a proud Zionist. In a statement to Queen Victoria, he said:

"Your Majesty, I am the blank page between the Old Testament and the New".