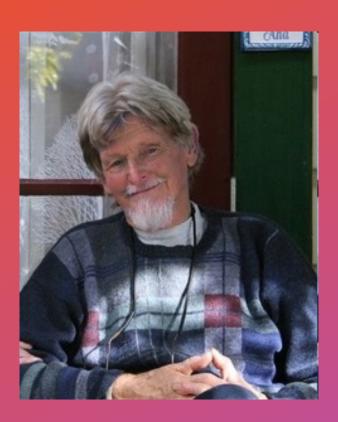
My Discovery of British Israel



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My Discovery Of Biblical Israel A Testimony By Arnold Kennedy

As Pastor Larry so aptly put it, Does it matter more WHAT we believe or WHY we believe it? I believe a true virtue of a modern Christian would be to first Tolerate and then evaluate someone else's belief system before passing judgement if you pass judgement at all. For as I found out in my first exposure to this message, I was the one in error.

- **2 Cor 11:3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- **2** Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

For about forty years I went faithfully to church and tried to regularly read the Word of God every day. My beliefs were rather orthodox, that is, they were based upon the notes in the Schoefield Bible. What I did not then realise was that everything I read in the Bible was conditioned by these notes, and I now see how these have come to be traditional but wrong beliefs. Today I feel ashamed at the quality of my reading in that period, but that was largely due to how the notes had pre-conditioned me to believe something that was not valid.

One day this all changed. For some reason I looked at the early pages of each Gospel, and Matthew 1:21 caught my eye. This said, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins." What this said to me was that the persons being addressed were God's people before they were saved. Strange I thought, I had always believed that people "got saved" and became God's people (Schoefield style). So through these Gospels I went on to find many verses that backed up what I was seeing for the first time. These were simple statements that could not be bent, and statements that are foundational doctrinal points that will stand up to any scrutiny. All of these verses said something vastly different to what I had been led to believe since they concerned only one people, here termed "Israel".

Luke 1:77 (as below) of course confirmed Matthew 1:21, and obviously all these verses concerned a one particular people only.

Matthew 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins."

Luke 1:16; "And many of the Children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God...

Luke 1: 55; "He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to His seed forever".

Luke 1:68-9 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for He hath visited and redeemed His people. And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the House of His servant David —as He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets—to perform the mercy promised to our fathers.....

Luke 1:77; To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins".

Luke 2: 34; "Behold, this Child is set for the rising again of many in Israel.

John 1:31; "But that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptising in water".

Every church I had attended presented the idea that people of any race who "got saved" became what they called "spiritual Israelites", but as the order was back to front, I realised that this could never be right. Oh yes, I had heard the phrase, "The Chosen People", but what this said to me was obviously that every other race must literally be "un-chosen".

I went on to find many similar Scriptures which I will list. I have come to regard these as "foundational" verses, by which we can test doctrines. I will make some comments on what "we "know" from them.

Acts 5:30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus......to be a Prince and a Saviour......to give repentance to Israel".

Thus we know that repentance concerns none but Israel. The Gospel writers agree with the limitation Isaiah 53, "for the transgression of "my people" was He stricken", and again with Jesus when He said, "I was not sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel".

Romans 9:10-11. "When Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

So we know then that election is not a matter of behaviour. This is about offspring being elected by God, BEFORE having done good or evil. This shows the choosing was done before birth.

Romans 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

We know that the Potter makes different peoples for differing ends, thus they are not all the same in God's purposes.

We know they had not done good or evil when the Potter made them. The Potter makes vessels that are [a] "Fitted for destruction" and [b] "Afore prepared for glory". After clay is fired, it cannot be changed into another vessel.

John 8:42-43. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

We know here that God is not the "Father" of all peoples. So the "Brotherhood of Man" doctrine is false.

We know that there are those who cannot "hear" Jesus' words because of their origin, not their belief. Jesus says that those begotten "from above" (from conception, or the time of begettal) can hear, and that those "from below" cannot hear His words. Jesus says, "Let him that hath ears, let him hear". Obviously there are those who do not have ears that can "hear".

Matthew 13: 37 He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

- (a) We know that people, as wheat, are sown by God and tares are sown by the 'enemy'. According to God's Law each reproduces "after his kind", so one cannot change into another.
- **(b)** We know that tares cannot turn into wheat by belief. They grow together and are separated unchanged at the harvest time. Goats cannot turn into sheep likewise.
- (c) We know that the unrighteous are gathered first and separated from amongst the righteous (v 49). This is the reverse of the Schoefield "Rapture" doctrine most churches follow.
- Jude 19; These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.
- **Rom. 8:16;** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

We know there are religious persons in the assemblies, "Not having the Spirit".

We know there also are those whose spirit can witness with God's Spirit that they are children of God. The natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God. This goes back to Genesis 1 and 2 where we find, "The seed of the Serpent" (the natural man) and "The Seed of the woman", as two streams of mankind.

John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

We know then that Jesus was not sent to other than those the Father gave to Him, and that He did not pray for other than Israelites who would come to believe.

Jesus prayed about "as many as Thou hast given Me" and then He prayed for those who would believe amongst those to whom the twelve were sent. The twelve were sent, "to the lost sheep of the House of Israel"-[Matt. 10:6], the same ones to whom Jesus says that He was sent to, i.e."I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel".-[Matt. 15:24].

Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles [peoples] heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

We know from this that everyone is not ordained to eternal life.

16. Matt 13:11 Jesus answered, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given".

We know that there are those to whom knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven is not given.

John 6:65 Jesus says, "No man commeth unto Me, except it be given unto him of My Father".

We know that all mankind cannot come to Jesus. [Note that "be given" is in the perfect tense, that it is was completed in the past].

- 1 John 2:27 "But the anointing which you have received abideth in you..".
- **1 John 3:9** "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, because his seed remaineth in him".

1 John 5:18 "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not".

We know that there is an anointed race of people, and that not every race (seed) is born of God. The Apostle John is right in agreeing with Paul in, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. [2 Cor. 1:21].

19. Rom. 9:13 "Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated".

We know by statement and by tense that the Old Testament position is maintained in the New Testament..[See Mal. 1:1-4]. God hates the descendants of Esau "for all generations". If God hated just one set of people, they could not be part of that 'world' God 'so-loved'. There is no direct statement about God loving other than Israel.

1 Cor. 10:1-2 "Moreover Brethren, I would not have you ignorant, how that all OUR FATHERS were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea [i.e. the Red Sea], and were baptised unto Moses".

We know that these "Gentile" Corinthians [as other 'Gentiles"] were Israelites. It is not commonly admitted that these could not possibly be other than Israelites.

Rom. 8 "Who are Israelites to whom pertaineth the adoption".

So we know that the adoption or the placing of sons [huios] out of the Children [teknon] of Israel does not pertain to other than Israel. The popular concept about foreigners becoming Israelites by adoption is nonsense as "adoption" only pertains to Israelites.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

We know then that some people are born of the flesh, and others are born of the spirit. Jesus went on to say, "Ye must be born again" where "again" = anothen = from 'above' or an origin in a past starting point. It was Nicodemus who used the word "again", not Jesus. Making anothen mean "again" is false translating. To try to lump all men together by a "born again" belief doctrine cannot be valid

Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

We know the Kingdom of Heaven applies to none but Israel. "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" -Matthew 4;17- is the real "Great Commission" that churches refuse to acknowledge.

Acts 13:32-33 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again.

We know from this that the glad tidings are not made to anyone else than the children (genetic lineage) of the fathers (of Israel).

What this all said to me was that there are racial differences between "men" and "men, as far as God is concerned. Men did not change their type on a belief basis. But this presented another problem. What about the so-called "Great Commission"? It was the simplicity of the answer that surprised me. I found that it is simply this; in both Hebrew and Greek usage, the words, "all", "every", "whosoever" refers to "all" of each context, not all of everything else. A member

of the NIV and NKJV translation committee confirmed this to me, but when I said "why not apply this to the third chapter of John", he looked shocked and said he had never thought about it. The "world" is "that world of each context", not the whole globe. So, if the context is Israel, "all the world" carries the meaning of "all the world of Israel". If we were to take the phrase, "God so loved the world" is would have the right meaning if we took it as, "God so loved that world" (of Israel).

Likewise the answer to the "The Jew and the Gentile" problem was easily solved. We can see the answer in #20 above. "The Jew" carried the meaning of "Judean", that is it referred to Israelites within that nation, whereas in the plural it referred to the Edomite leadership of that nation. Churches never teach that there are two words with different applications in Greek that are translated as "Jews". The "Gentiles" referred to the House of Israel. How could it mean anything else when Jesus told His disciples not to go to others than He was sent to? (Please see Matthew 10:6 and 15:24). Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"-[John 29:21]. Please compare the first seven points above.

What I found was that both Testaments ceased to conflict. So-called Bible contradictions disappeared. In the New Testament the "God of Israel" (Matt. 15:31 and Luke 1:68) was unchanged. Indeed we were told this would never change long ago:

Exodus 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name [shem] for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Whilst it was just marvellous to see this great light, I felt upset that I had been cleverly lied to. It was like having been robbed. The modern-day churches have made what applied solely to Israel to apply to every race. There was no way their doctrine could contain the Revelation chapter 21 reference to only Israelites being within the City of God, with all other races being outside. Wherever I looked, I found false applications that stemmed from the Schoefield Bible. Today I see these have flowed into Life Application Bibles and many Bible footnotes, and also are written in to many modern versions (which are not translations).

- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- **Rev 21:11** Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
- Rev 21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
- Rev 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
- **Rev 21:14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

But even then, who is this Israel? Schoefield, associates and successors say it is "The Jews". Jesus said in John chapter 8 that the Devil was the father, or originator of the Jews, so Schoefield disagreed with Jesus here too. To point to the answer, I will quote from a paper I later wrote:

"There is a weight of traditional belief that mitigates against knowledge of the identity of Biblical Israel today. We are told in prophecy that Israel as a people as a whole would lose knowledge of their identity, and that they would be known by another name. So 'Israel' cannot mean the State of Israel. And while it may contain some Israelite Jews, it does not mean "The Jews" who are multi-racial. The churches wrongly teach that "the Jews" and "Israel" are synonyms.

Three quotes from Jewish sources may personally help those who have been led to believe that the word "Jews" always relates to Israelites, and who might be wondering where they could fit in.

1. From Alfred M. Lilienthal's book "What Price Israel".

"Here's a paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians have more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than their Jewish neighbours".

- 2. The Israeli-resident author Yair Davidy in his book "The Tribes-Israelite Origins of Western peoples" [Foreword by Rabbi A. Field] tells in much detail that the Saxon folks are Israel.
- **3.** Jewish author Harry Golden wrote in 1967, "Isaiah the prophet wrote that the remnant of Yahweh's people would be found in the Islands of the sea".

These Islands can be shown as being be North and West of Palestine, i.e. the United Kingdom as the throne location. The reader will probably be Caucasian, Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, or Nordic, who can be shown to be Israelites, apart from the white Japhethic, Ishmaelite and Edomic content-[Genesis 9:27 and 16:12], and the obvious foreigners, who have moved in amongst them.

In the Divine foreknowledge, true Israelite posterity possess the inherent 'spirit' characteristics with which God purposed should be used to bring peace to the world under the righteous rule of Jesus Christ".



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