



## THE PRINCIPLE OF ADOPTION

Shaleakh Yashah Ben Y'shua

My beloved brethren - with all of our intense dialogue concerning our identity as Hebrews, as 'strangers', and as Yisraelites known as Gentiles, somehow, for the most part, we've bypassed the foundational principle of adoption.

Whether at the house level, the extended family level or the tribal level, this basic principle is essential in nation building and establishing Kingdom order.

And as always, in seeking a clear understanding on *any* issue concerning the sons of men, we must look to *the* Son of Man -- Ha Mashiach Himself. And when it comes to national heritage and pedigree, the two lineages of Yah'shua recorded in the Gospels give us a logical starting point...

To begin with, Yah'shua was born the king of all Yisrael. To this, we all agree. And yet, His birth Father - YAH - is not a Hebrew Israelite! Sélah.

Let's briefly examine brethren, how this profound principle is set forth in the Messianic genealogies:

MattitYahu (Matthew) 1

15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Ya'aqob;  
16 And Ya'aqob begat *Yosef (Joseph) the husband of Miriam (Mary), of whom was born Yahushua*, who is called Mashiach.

Notice that unlike verse 15, and all the other genealogical passages, verse 16 doesn't say that Yosef *begat* Yahushua. But instead he says "...Yosef the husband of *Miriam*, of whom was born Yahushua, who is called Mashiach..."

Why? Why didn't MattitYahu just simply record "Yosef begat Yahushua" just like he did with all the other generations? Why did he find it necessary to refer to Yosef as the husband of Miriam?

In the Ruakh, the answer is clear – simply because Yosef is the *adoptive* father of Ha Mashiach; and it was "...*Miriam*, of whom was born the Messiah..." Therefore, Ha Mashiach Himself is the very Lion of the tribe of Yahudah by adoption! Sélah.

Let there be no doubt. This truth undeniably reveals that determining true heritage by patriarchal lineage *alone* is incorrect. Selah.

Luke 3:23 reads:

And Yah'shua himself began to be about (as if he were) thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of *Yosef, which was the son of EliYah/Heli*,

According to Luke's genealogy, EliYah, being the father of Miriam and the father (in-law) of Yosef, is the grandfather of Yah'shua. So, then Mashiach is the son of His maternal grandfather EliYah, who is the seed of Abraham, and therefore, so is Ha Mashiach.

Again, according to the genealogies, it's the lineage of Yahushua's father-in-law that allows Him to avoid the curse of Solomon's line, and still qualify as a direct descendant of Dawid; and still possess the legal right, through His *adoptive* father, to Solomon's throne.

This ends Solomon's curse, and thus, grants Yahushua the legal right by adoption to inherit the very throne of Dawid.

In Acts 17, Luke records the apostle Paul on this wise:

24 YAHUWAH Elohim that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Master of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He gives to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And has made of *one blood* all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation..."

The truth is, a man's nationality is not a matter of *blood*. So then in a real sense, all men are in fact blood brothers... And it's a biological fact that a man's blood comes exclusively from his father.

Surely this is why Ha Mashiach had to bypass the bloodline of men. If He were a blood relative of Adahm like the rest of us, He would've been a partaker of the original sin, and thus unqualified to redeem us from the curse.

And so a true understanding of lineage according to the scriptures gives us the correct means of determining national identity. Paul also bears witness to this in the Ruakh -

Romans 9:

1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, *my kinsmen according to the flesh*:

(Not according to the *bloodline*. Where in the Torah does the Most High establish bloodline as a factor in lineage?)

4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertains the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of YAH, and the promises; 5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Mashiach came, who is over all, YAH blessed forever. Ahmein.

(Perhaps most importantly, the principle of adoption is the key to finally *understanding* and implementing as a Nation the profound truth revealed through Paul concerning faith in defining a true Israelite...)

6 Not as though the word of YAH has taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are *of* Yisrael: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Yitzhaq/Isaac shall your seed be called.

8 That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of YAH: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

As these scriptures reveal, if a man is an Yisraelite according to the flesh only, he is *not* Yisrael. But if a man is a Yisraelite according to the *Spirit*, whether a Hebrew or a convert, he is an Yisraelite indeed. Selah.

At this point, this much is clear: those who are Yisrael according to the flesh are *Hebrew* Israelites - those whose life experience is according to that which was spoken by the prophets, as sojourners among *all* nations, *and* all their progeny through intermarriage with the indigenous peoples of the lands of their sojourning.

Now if a man is a Yisraelite according to the flesh *and* the Spirit, he is a legal and rightful primary heir of the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of YAH, and the promises.

So then, what is the conclusion of the matter, brethren? Apart from the order of sons and servants in the house, in the final analysis, beyond ones' pedigree, a man's true nationality will be determined not by blood or by flesh, but by *faith*.

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