



Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Romans 11:1-15
- I Kings 17-19; Isaiah 29:1-16
- Psalms 69:1-21; Eph. 2:11-18

Title:

ONE NEW MAN

- Not Done Yet
- The Stupor
- The Reunion

SEED:

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FRUIT:

“For He Himself is our peace, **who has made both one**, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, **so as to create in Himself one new man from the two**, thus making peace, and that He might **reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you **who were afar off and to those who were near**. For through Him we **both have access by one Spirit to the Father**.” Ephesians 2:14-18 NKJV

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S MESSAGE:

The Father has been in the business of separating things from the beginning. He separated light from darkness; water in the firmament above from water below; and then water on the earth from the land. When creation was finished, He separated the six days of creation from the seventh; then He rested and blessed the seventh day and sanctified it—called it holy.

Paul has been emphasizing this doctrine of separation in what should now be obvious. Chiefly we know this; there are two Israels with two different inheritances, both good, but only one is holy; that’s the separation. There is also a third people group whose inheritance is not good, and again we see a separation, this time the bad from the two that are good. So, we count three eternal people groups.

Might we use the crosses of Calvary to depict the three? To help, create a picture in your mind—see them atop Golgotha. There is a man in the middle and a criminal on each side. The imagery is striking; there

are three crosses on Calvary: the redeemed man, the perfect man, and the rebellious man. One will be a citizen into eternity, one a ruler, and the last a rebel. So, again we count three eternal people groups.

Allegorically, these three crosses require two gospels, the gospel of salvation and the gospel of the kingdom. The gospel of salvation moves a man from the cross of rebellion to the cross of redemption; the gospel of the kingdom moves a man from the cross of redemption to the cross of perfection. One man will believe that only his salvation matters and, as such, the gospel of salvation is all that is important. One man will recognize his role in bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth, and thus he will also include the gospel of the kingdom in his repertoire. One man will remain rebellious and believe neither. Which one represents you; which is your ultimate inheritance? Once more we count three eternal people groups.

Paul has already made a distinction between the citizens and the rulers; between Israel and Israel, and allegorically between redemption and perfection. One will inherit the earth, the other heaven. And those who inherit neither will inherit eternal flames. Let's disregard that third group here because they just don't care about this topic. They need not come to any civil agreements with the two groups that are good; it is really between the good and the holy that we might feel contention.

The Father has been in the business of separating things from the beginning and everyone has a role to play. But here, Paul is about to set the record straight once and for all. God has a plan to bring some of the natural branches of Israel together with the heavenly branches of Israel as one new man, and He is showing us what that will look like. Who ultimately plays on which team will not be completed until the very end. "If the fall of natural Israel is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!" What does it all mean and how can you file away these confusing thoughts in such a way that you understand who you are to God and what role you will play in God's eternal plan? Let's find out!

NOT DONE YET

1. Has God cast away His people?

A. Has God cast away His people?

(1) God has an elaborate plan...

(a) Is God done with natural Israel?

1. "I say then, **has God cast away His people?** Certainly not! For **I also am an Israelite**, of the **seed of Abraham**, of the **tribe of Benjamin**." Romans 11:1 NKJV
2. "But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." [Isaiah 65:1] But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people. [Isaiah 65:2] "" Romans 10:20-21 NKJV
3. ""I was **sought by** those who did not ask for Me; I was **found by** those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' To a nation that was not called by My name." Isaiah 65:1 NKJV

4. "I have stretched out My hands **all day long to a rebellious people**, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts;" Isaiah 65:2 NKJV
5. "A **people who provoke Me to anger** continually to My face; **Who sacrifice in gardens**, And **burn incense on altars of brick**; Who **sit among the graves**, And **spend the night in the tombs**; Who **eat swine's flesh**, And the broth of abominable things is in their vessels; Who say, '**Keep to yourself, Do not come near me, For I am holier than you!**' These are smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day." Isaiah 65:3-5 NKJV
6. **The seed of Abraham:** "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they **the seed of Abraham?** So am I." II Corinthians 11:22 NKJV
7. **The tribe of Benjamin:** "...If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, **of the tribe of Benjamin**, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;" Philippians 3:4-5 NKJV
8. Reminder: "...**For they are not all Israel who are of Israel**," Romans 9:6 NKJV
9. "But you are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" I Peter 2:9 NKJV
10. "So also Christ did not glorify **Himself to become High Priest**, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "**You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek**";" Hebrews 5:5-6 NKJV
11. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which **enters the Presence behind the veil**, where the forerunner has entered for us, **even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**" Hebrews 6:19-20 NKJV
12. "For every high priest taken from among men [**from the tribe of Levi**] is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. **He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.** Because of this he is required as for the people, **so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.** And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was." Hebrews 5:1-4 NKJV
13. **[The entirety of Hebrews 7]** "For **this Melchizedek**, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "**king of righteousness**," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, **but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.** Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. **And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi,**

who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; **but he whose genealogy is not derived** from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. **Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak**, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, **if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?** For the **priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law [no more enmity]**. For He of whom these things are spoken **belongs to another tribe [Judah]**, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For **it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses [Levi] spoke nothing concerning priesthood**. And it is yet far more evident if, **in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life [by grace through faith]**. For He testifies: **“You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”** For **on the one hand there is an annulling of the [enmity of the] former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope [by grace through faith], through which we draw near to God**. And inasmuch as He was not made **priest without an oath** (for they have become priests without an oath, but **He with an oath** by Him who said to Him: **“The Lord has sworn And will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek’ ”**), by so much more **Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant**. Also there were **many priests**, because they were **prevented by death from continuing**. But He, because **He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood**. Therefore He is also **able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him [by grace through faith]**, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this **He did once for all when He offered up Himself**. For **the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness**, but the word of **the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.**” Hebrews 7:1-28 NKJV

(2) God has an elaborate plan...

(a) There is a reason for natural Israel’s temporary separation.

1. “Therefore remember that you, **once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ, being **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel** and **strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. But **now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ**. For He Himself is our peace, **who has made both one**, and has **broken down the middle wall of separation**, having **abolished** in His flesh the **enmity**, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so **as to create in Himself one new man from the two**, thus making peace, and that **He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace **to you who were afar off and to those who were near**. For **through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father**.” Ephesians 2:11-18 NKJV

(3) How did it happen?

(a) Both Natural Israel and the Gentiles were Children of wrath.

1. “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, **and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others**. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**, and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift of God**, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:1-10 NKJV

(4) Paul, like Y’shua, builds his theology on the law and the prophets, in this case to teach us God’s heart about natural Israel.

(a) An Elijah Story

1. “God has not cast away His people whom **He foreknew**. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, **how he pleads with God against Israel**, saying, “Lord, **they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars**, and I alone am left, and **they seek my life**?”” Romans 11:2-3 NKJV
2. “**Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets**. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.” Matthew 5:17 NKJV

3. *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for **he wrote about Me.**"* John 5:46 NKJV
4. *"Jesus answered them and said, **"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me."*** John 7:16 NKJV
5. *"So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for **the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets** with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; **and after the fire a still small voice.** So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, **"What are you doing here, Elijah?"** And he said, **"I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."**"* 1 Kings 19:10-14 NKJV

(5) How does God respond to Elijah's request, and how too should you be thinking about natural Israel?

(a) God reminds Elijah that He is not done with Israel.

1. *"But what does **the divine response** say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men **who have not bowed the knee to Baal.**"* Romans 11:4 NKJV
2. *"Yet **I have reserved** seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to **Baal**, and every mouth that has not kissed him."* 1 Kings 19:18 NKJV
3. *"**"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name** by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers **forgot My name for Baal.**"* Jeremiah 23:25-27 NKJV
4. *"**"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.**"* Exodus 20:7 NKJV

(6) Grace and Works

(a) The present time to which Paul refers is that in which he is living.

1. *"Even so then, **at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.** And **if by grace, then it is no longer of works;** otherwise **grace is no longer grace.** But **if it is of works, it is no longer grace;** otherwise **work is no longer work.**"* Romans 11:5-6 NKJV

THE STUPOR

2. Blinded

A. Israel and the Elect

(1) One side is being blinded...

(a) Human Effort vs. Faith

1. "What then? **Israel has not obtained what it seeks**; but **the elect have** obtained it, and **the rest were blinded.**" Romans 11:7 NKJV
2. Here again you can see the two Israels.

(2) Blind Eyes and Deaf Ears

(a) How can anyone understand these twenty-five words by simply reading them and casually moving to the next verse.

1. "Just as it is written: "God **has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes** that they should **not see** And **ears** that they should **not hear**, To this very day.'" Romans 11:8 NKJV
2. "*Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!***" II Corinthians 11:1-4 NKJV
3. "*“Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add year to year; Let feasts come around. Yet I will distress Ariel; There shall be heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be to Me as Ariel. I will encamp against you all around, **I will lay siege against you with a mound, And I will raise siegeworks against you. You shall be brought down,** You shall speak out of the ground; Your speech shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice shall be like a medium’s, out of the ground; And your speech shall whisper out of the dust. “Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust, And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an **instant, suddenly. You will be punished by the Lord of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise, With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.** The multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, Even all who fight against her and her fortress, And distress her, Shall **be as a dream of a night vision. It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, And look—he eats; But he awakes, and his soul is still empty; Or as when a thirsty man dreams, And look—he drinks; But he awakes, and indeed he is faint, And his soul still craves:** So the multitude of all the nations shall be, Who fight against Mount Zion.”” Isaiah 29:1-8 NKJV*

4. *“Pause and wonder! **Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink.** {10} For **the Lord has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers.**”* Isaiah 29:9-10 NKJV
 5. *“He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”* Mark 7:6-7 NKJV
 6. *“**The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book** that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, “Read this, please.” And he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” **Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, “Read this, please.” And he says, “I am not literate.**” Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch ***as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,** Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; **For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.**” Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?” **Surely you have things turned around! **Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me”? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?**”* Isaiah 29:11-16 NKJV
 7. *“These are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, **besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.** Now Moses called all Israel and said to them: “**You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land—the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders.** {4} **Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.** {5} **And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet. You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or similar drink, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.**”*
Deuteronomy 29:1-6 NKJV
- (3) Paul shifts gears now and depends on the words of King David to cement his theology.
- (a) From Psalms 69:22-23
 1. *“And David says: “**Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense** to them. Let their **eyes be darkened,** so that they do not see, And **bow down** their back always.””* Romans 11:9-10 NKJV

2. *“And beginning at **Moses and all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. {32} And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and **while He opened the Scriptures to us?**” {44} Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled **which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**”” Luke 24:27, 32, 44 NKJV*
3. *“**Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; And make their loins shake continually.**” Psalms 69:22-23 NKJV*
4. *“**Pour out Your indignation upon them,** And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their dwelling place be desolate; **Let no one live in their tents.** For they persecute the ones You have struck, And talk of the grief of those You have wounded. Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let them not come into Your righteousness. **Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.** But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves. The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live. For the Lord hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion And build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it. Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, And those who love His name shall dwell in it.” Psalms 69:24-36 NKJV*

THE REUNION

3. The Reason for the Fall

A. The Reason for Natural Israel's Unbelief

(1) Has God cast away His people?

(a) The question is again on the table and the answer is clear...

1. “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.** Now **if their fall is riches for the world,** and their failure riches for the Gentiles, **how much more their fullness!**” Romans 11:11-12 NKJV
2. “Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as **for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good,** in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.” Genesis 50:19-21 NKJV

3. *“For He Himself is our peace, **who has made both one**, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, **so as to create in Himself one new man from the two**, thus making peace, and that He might **reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you **who were afar off and to those who were near**. For through Him we **both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**”*

(2) A Minister to the Gentiles

(a) How did that happen?

1. *“For **I speak to you Gentiles**; inasmuch as **I am an apostle to the Gentiles**, I magnify my ministry, if by any means **I may provoke to jealousy** those who are my flesh and **save some of them**. For **if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?**” Romans 11:13-15 NKJV*
2. *“On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, **“It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.’**”* Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.”Acts 13:44-48 NKJV
3. *“When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, **“Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”**”* Acts 18:5-6 NKJV
4. **Paul’s Prayer:** *“I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. **For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren**, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”* Romans 9:1-5 NKJV

(b) Answers

1. *“**if their fall is riches for the world**, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, **how much more their fullness!**”* Romans 11:12

2. *“For **if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but **life from the dead?**”** Romans 11:15*
3. *“that **He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”** Ephesians 2:16-18 NKJV*