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“Awakening in Exile: The Return of Israel from the Nations”

A restorationist, Tanakh only message for every soul feeling the pull of Yahweh and His Torah in their bones. (The Jews, the southern Kingdom of Judah returned to the land after the Babylonian Captivity)

To the House of Israel who were prophesied to go into Exile:

***Yahweh will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other.” —
Deuteronomy 28:64***

***“I will scatter them among the nations... because they have forsaken My Torah.” — Jeremiah
9:13–16***

***“I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the countries.” — Ezekiel
22:15***

“I will sift the House of Israel among all nations...” — Amos 9:9

Introduction: The Strange Path That Feels Like Home

There are people all over the world who know that something is happening — quietly, personally, deeply. People are waking up.— scattered, hidden, unnoticed — who feel something stirring inside them. Something ancient. Something they can't explain. Something that pulls them away from the religions they inherited and toward the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This awakening, this pull, this tug is like a homing beacon drawing a person like a magnet to steel and the closer one gets to the reality from which the pull originates the stronger the pull becomes. Presently the pull is strong and is increasing in strength as we draw closer to the time in which Yahweh will physically regather the House of Israel with the House of Judah and they shall once again be one in the land.

Some are still in Christianity, but they are uneasy, they feel the contradictions. They feel conflict. They sense that something is off, and they can't silence it anymore. They read the New Testament and whisper to themselves, *"This doesn't match the Tanakh."* (*erroneously calling it the Old Testament*) They feel pulled toward Torah (what they call the law), toward the Hebrew Scriptures, toward the Elohim (whom they call God) of Israel.

Some have moved into Hebrew Roots. They've put one foot on the path of Torah, but the other foot is still stuck or caught in the church doorway. They know they're not done yet. They feel the call to come all the way out but unsure or uneasy doing so.

Some are Messianic — often Jewish — who were convinced by missionaries that Jesus is the Messiah. They accepted the New Testament but kept Torah. Now, something inside them says, *"This isn't my heritage. I need to come home."* They love Israel. They love Torah. But there is an internal whisper, "This isn't the end of the journey. There's more. Come home."

And some — maybe like you, like me — have come to a Tanakh-only faith. Not because we wanted to be different. Not because we wanted to rebel. But because the Most High Elohim of Israel is pulling us out of the nations and said, "Come back to Me." Maybe you, like myself was once a Christian with all of her traditions and doctrines but began seeing problems with mainstream orthodox Christianity and maybe we were moved into a Shabbath keeping group, maybe began keeping the Feasts and ate clean but there was still a pull to come further.

Maybe you like myself moved more into what has come to be known as Hebrew Roots, wherein we engaged the Torah instructions of Yahweh on a whole other level and yet we still maintained a relationship with New Testament Christianity and doctrines and her Messiah, but we claimed his Hebrew name and began using more Hebraic language in our speech and worship. And now being pulled further toward Yahweh, we are now Tankah only, very similar to Judaism. This pull and this tugging at our hearts keeps moving us along closer and closer to Yahweh and yet farther and farther away from the religious traditions of man of which we speak primarily of Christianity, as an awakening is taking place among many people across the world. This awakening cannot be denied, it is happening.

And the Tanakh speaks directly to this awakening. This teaching is for every one of those people. This path feels strange. But it feels like home. It feels like something that has to take place, is taking place.

The Awakening the Tanakh Actually Describes

The Tanakh speaks of a great ingathering — a day when Yahweh gathers the House of Israel from the four corners of the earth. That day is coming. It will be sudden, visible, national, physical, and unmistakable.

But before that day, the Tanakh describes something quieter. Something slower. Something deeply personal.

A spiritual awakening.

A stirring in the hearts of people who thought they were Gentiles. A longing in people who thought they were Christians. A fire in people who felt they were outsiders. A return in people who didn't even know they were exiled.

The Awakening the Prophets Saw

The Tanakh describes a **final, physical ingathering** — but before that day, it describes a **spiritual awakening** that begins in exile. The House of Israel as prophesied was sifted thru the nations, they adopted the elohim of the nations, the traditions of the nations, that began eating the heathen diet of the nations, worshipped on the days that the nations worship. Israel became as the Goy, the Gentiles. They lost their identity; they lost the knowledge of their Israelite heritage and primarily because they rejected Torah and especially the Shabbath of which identifies them as Yahweh's people and He as their Elohim.

“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Shabbaths you shall keep, for it is a *sign* between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am Yahweh who sets you apart.’ — *Exodus 31:13*

“Set apart My Shabbaths, and they shall be a *sign* between Me and you, that you may know that I am Yahweh your Elohim.” — *Ezekiel 20:20*

And thus, the House of Israel went into exile, being scattered throughout the world. But they were prophesied to one day be awakened from their exile.

This is the spiritual awakening happening right now. People are waking up, coming out of their spiritual sleep and blindness to who they are.

The prophets saw this.

Jeremiah saw in 16:19 nations saying, *“Our fathers inherited lies.”* This is exactly what Christians, Hebrew Roots seekers, Messianics, and Tanakh-only returners are saying today: *“We inherited lies or We have been lied to our entire lives.”* They are awakening to the lies they have inherited by previous generations.

Hosea saw Israel in 3:4-5 wandering “many days” without king or sacrifice, then returning. Many days. Centuries. Lost identity. Then... awakening. Was Hosea seeing what is beginning in our day, culminating with the full ingathering back to the promised land with the final anointed one ruling as the king over a reunited Israel and Judah?

Isaiah saw individuals in 44:5 saying, *“I am Yahweh’s.”* Individuals — scattered, unknown — begin claiming to identify with Yahweh, claiming His conventual and memorial name associated with these people when before they did not. By claiming to belong to Yahweh is to claim you are one of His people.

Ezekiel saw dry bones in 37:14 waking up **before** they stood on their feet. Before the final ingathering. Before the return to the land. *This text may be speaking about a real resurrection from the dead, but many believe it is speaking of the awakening of the House of Israel from their spiritual blindness, from the point of exile.*

This awakening is not the final ingathering. But it is the beginning of it.

It is the first breath of restoration. A people who were essentially a bunch of dried bones with no real and true spiritual life in them, waking up and coming alive unto Torah, Tanakh and the ways of Yahweh the Most High Elohim.

For Those Still in Christianity

Jeremiah 16:19 also describes you perfectly: *“Our fathers inherited lies.”*

You are not alone. You are part of the awakening the prophets saw. If you are still in Christianity but you feel the contradictions pressing on your heart... If you read the New Testament and something inside you whispers, “This doesn’t match the Hebrew Scriptures”... If you feel the pull toward Torah but you’re afraid to take the step... You’ve been told your entire life that the “law” has been done away with, nailed to the cross, no longer needed....but then you see that it is sin when we disobey. The contradictions cannot be overlooked and your heart is telling you something isn’t right here.....

You are not rebelling. You are awakening!

You are not losing faith. You are returning to the Elohim who never left you.

The discomfort you feel is not doubt — it is Yahweh calling you out of the nations.

You are not alone. There are thousands like you. Tens of thousands. Hundreds of thousands.

This could be the beginning of the ingathering, a spiritual awakening.

For Those in Hebrew Roots

You are walking Hosea's path: *"Afterward they shall return..."* (Hosea 3:5)

If you have embraced Torah but still cling to much Christian doctrine... If you keep Shabbath but still hold onto the NT... If you feel torn between two worlds...

You are on the path. You are walking a path of coming out of the nations. But....you are hearing the voice of Yahweh saying, "Come closer."

It is okay to admit that your journey is not finished. It is okay to move that stubborn foot out of Christianity. It is okay to come the rest of the way home. So come now, come out of the halfway house, with one foot in Christianity and one foot in Torah. Come completely out of Christianity, you know you can feel the tug on your heart, you know the pull is strong and getting stronger.

You are not betraying anything. You are returning to the covenant. Yahweh longs for you to return fully unto Him, to be a part of this first wave of ingathering prior to coming into the land. Don't fight his wooing, give in. you know that He is calling you out, you are already part way out or you wouldn't identify as Hebrew Roots. You know that there is so much that is lacking in Christianity, so much idolatry, so much paganism, so much resistance to and rejection of Torah and the ways of Yahweh. You have turned away from the heathen days of worship already. You have already turned away from the heathen diet. You are already keeping the true Scriptural Set Apart days. You are already being called out, just come fully out and come into Tanakh only. You are most likely an exiled Israelite who is being called back to Yahweh, but you may be a Gentile who desires to keep covenant with the Great Elohim of the Hebrew Scriptures and are considered in his sight as one who is home born.

For the Jewish Messianics

If you are Jewish and were convinced by missionaries that Jesus is the Messiah... If you accepted the NT but kept Torah... If you feel torn between your heritage and your beliefs...

You are not alone. You are not trapped. You are not beyond teshuvah.

Isaiah 44:5 speaks to you: *"Another shall call himself by the name of Jacob."*

Your Jewish identity is not lost. Your heritage is not gone. Your covenant is not broken. You can come home. Teshuvah is always open.

You love Israel... you love Torah... but if you feel the pull back toward a deeper, older faith... If you sense that the NT is actually holding you back...you desire to return to your Jewish heritage but don't know how to come back since you have been told you will die in your sins if you reject Yeshua. Think brethren! There is no such Text in your Hebrew Scriptures that makes these claims. I know it is scary, for you have become comfortable in your faith. But you might be right now feeling the pull back to your Jewish and Israelitish heritage, the faith of your fathers, the ways of Yahweh that have been hijacked by a new religion, not the religion of your ancestors.

You are not wrong. You are not crazy. You are not alone.

You are experiencing teshuvah — the return. You are rediscovering your heritage. You are hearing the call of Yahweh to come home.

Mistakes are part of the journey. Detours are part of the story, my story, your story, our story. Teshuvah is always open.

You are not leaving your heritage. You are reclaiming it.

For the Gentiles Who Are Being wakened

If you were raised in Christianity or another of the many religions... or possibly no upbringing at all concerning biblical or spiritual matters. If you feel a deep desire to know the Elohim of Israel... If Torah and the Hebrew Scriptures speaks to you in a way nothing else ever has... If you feel drawn to Yahweh with a fire you can't explain...If you have a deep, sincere and loving desire to know and understand the ways of the Jews.....

You are not an outsider. You are not a second-class believer. You are not “just a Gentile not just a Goy or a stranger.”

The Torah says:

“The stranger who joins himself to Yahweh... I will bring them to My set apart mountain.” — **Isaiah 56:6–7**

“The stranger shall be as the native among you.” — **Leviticus 19:34**

“One Torah shall be for you and for the stranger.” — **Numbers 15:16**

“The strangers who join you shall receive inheritance among the tribes of Israel.” — **Ezekiel 47:22**

Covenant-keeping Gentiles are **Israel** in Yahweh's eyes. Not symbolically. Not metaphorically. Legally. Covenantally complete.

So, if such a desire cannot be denied within you, then do not turn away from it, for Yahweh may very well be waking you up that you might be among His people. Maybe He sees something in you that you do not even see yourself yet. Maybe He knows you even if you do not yet know Him. Repent, do Teshuvah, come into a covenant relationship with your Creator, keep His Torah instructions for therein is life and the way of righteousness.

The Veil Over the Nations Is Lifting

Isaiah said:

“He will destroy the veil that is spread over all nations.” — **Isaiah 25:7**

The veil was not over Judah, no matter what a letter from a man name Paul might say. The veil was over **the nations** — including the exiled House of Israel sifted among them.

That veil is lifting. It cannot be denied. If you personally cannot see it, then I’m sorry to say you are still asleep, still dead dry bones, still in need of being awakened.

But there are truly people who are waking up. People are returning. People are rediscovering Torah. People are rejecting idolatry. People are feeling the fire of covenant burning in their hearts. Dear reader, this is real. The New Testament and Christianity seem so distant, unconnected and so unimportant the closer you come to Yahweh and His covenant.

This is not imagination. This is prophecy.

For centuries, the House of Israel was sifted through the nations. They lost their identity. They thought they were Gentiles. They thought they were Christians. They thought the Jews were blind.

But the Tanakh says the veil was over **the nations** — not over Judah. But the house of Israel is presently among the nations but being called home. Many feel that calling is strong and becoming stronger, difficult to resist and eventually the pull is so strong you no longer want or even desire to resist.

And now that veil is lifting.

This is not imagination. This is not coincidence. This is not rebellion.

This is prophecy.

This is the awakening of the exiles. This is the beginning of the ingathering. This is the first stage of that restoration.

The Final Ingathering — Where This All Leads

The awakening is **Stage 1**. The final ingathering is **Stage 2**.

Elijah will come:

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet...” — **Malachi 4:5**

An anointed one (A Messiah) The Davidic King, a human being will reign:

“My servant David shall be king over them.” — **Ezekiel 37:24**

Israel will be one nation again:

“I will make them one nation in the land.” — **Ezekiel 37:22**

The nations will come to worship Yahweh:

“All nations shall flow to it.” — **Isaiah 2:2**

“From one new moon to another... all flesh shall come to worship before Me.” — **Isaiah 66:23**

Torah will go forth from Zion:

“For out of Zion shall go forth Torah...” — **Isaiah 2:3**

The restored House of Israel which includes the Jews will lead the nations in teshuvah:

“In those days ten men from the nations shall take hold of the garment of a Jew, saying, *‘We will go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you.’*” — **Zechariah 8:23**

The awakening you feel now is the beginning of this future.

You are part of something ancient. Something prophetic. Something truly set apart unto Yahweh.

Conclusion: You Are Part of Something Ancient, a part of the Return

IF you feel the pull toward Torah... **IF** you feel the call of Yahweh... **IF** you feel the desire to return to covenant... **IF** you feel the longing to be one with Judah... **IF** you feel the fire to reject idolatry and false doctrine...

You are not alone. You are not strange. You are not lost.

You are awakening.

You are part of the quiet return the prophets saw. You are part of the dry bones coming to life. Those bones are beginning to rattle and many can feel it, see it, know that they know it. You are part of the House of Israel rising in exile. You are being called out of the nations joining yourselves to Yahweh. You are part of the stick of Judah and the stick of Joseph becoming one.

The journey you are on is real. It is Scriptural. It is ancient. It is to be set apart, you will be different and strange to those who are not among the awakening. They will say you have fallen away from the faith, but there are many faiths. Faint not my brothers and sisters, for far from falling away from the faith, you are coming into The Faith which is not the same faith that you are being pulled out of and rescued from.

And it is only the beginning.

This writer may or may not be a native member of the House of Israel in exile, but even if I may be a Goy, a Gentile, I have attached myself to Yahweh and His covenant to the best of my understanding and yet I'm still learning so much, showing how little I really know. But whether native or declared, I offer up the following confession to my brothers, the Jews.

A word from the House of Israel, spoken when the two sticks finally become one. That day is coming.....

To Judah, our brother:

We were sifted through the nations until we forgot who we were. We thought we were Gentiles. We thought we were Christians. We believed the nations when they accused you of rejecting their messiah — a figure foreign to our covenant, foreign to our Scriptures, and foreign to our identity.

We judged you while we ourselves were lost. We spoke against you while we were the ones in exile. We carried the doctrines of the nations and used them against our own family.

For this, Judah, we ask forgiveness.

We did not know our own identity. We did not know our own history. We did not know our own covenant.

But the veil is lifting. The exile is ending. The awakening has begun.

And Elijah is doing his work as ordained by Yahweh — turning the hearts of the children toward their fathers, and the hearts of the fathers toward their children — softening us, humbling us, preparing us to return to you without pride, without accusation, without the doctrines of the nations.

And now, with humility and trembling, we return — not as strangers, not as accusers, not as rivals — but as brothers.

We come home to you, Judah.

May Yahweh heal what was broken between us. May He make us one in His hand. May He restore the House of Israel and the House of Judah as He promised.

And may all nations find teshuvah through the unity He creates between us.

A Summary of this teaching in outline:

To the House of Israel who were prophesied to one day be rescued from where they were exiled.

“The Two-Stage Ingathering: Israel’s Awakening and the Covenant-Joining of the Nations”

WHAT THE TANAKH CALLS “INGATHERING”

The Tanakh speaks of **two movements**:

Stage 1 — Spiritual Awakening (long, gradual)

- Individuals return to Yahweh
- People reject inherited lies
- People rediscover Torah
- People begin calling themselves “Yahweh’s”
- Dry bones awaken before they stand
- This happens **before** Elijah and Messiah

Stage 2 — National Ingathering (sudden, visible)

- Elijah appears
- Messiah reigns
- All tribes gathered
- Israel and Judah combined restored as a nation
- Covenant renewed publicly
- Land inheritance restored

This two-stage pattern is textual, not theological.

STAGE 1 — THE LONG, QUIET AWAKENING OF ISRAEL

Key Texts

- **Jeremiah 16:16** — Yah sends “fishers and hunters” to find Israel.
- **Jeremiah 16:19** — Nations say, “Our fathers inherited lies.”
- **Jeremiah 31:21** — “Set up road markers... return, O virgin Israel.”
- **Hosea 3:4–5** — Israel is “many days” without king or sacrifice, then returns.
- **Hosea 6:1–3** — “Come, let us return to Yahweh.”
- **Isaiah 44:5** — Individuals begin saying, “I am Yahweh’s.”
- **Ezekiel 36:26–27** — New heart and spirit precede physical return.
- **Ezekiel 37:1–14** — Dry bones awaken before they are brought to the land.

Characteristics of the long and gradual return of the exiles

- Gradual
- Individual or small groups
- Spiritual return before physical return
- People rediscover Torah
- People reject false religion
- People seek covenant identity
- Happens over centuries
- Intensifies before the final ingathering

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STAGE 2 — THE SUDDEN, NATIONAL and COMPLETE INGATHERING OF ISRAEL

Key Texts

- **Isaiah 11:11–12** — Yahweh gathers His people from the four corners.
- **Jeremiah 31:8–10** — A great company returns.
- **Ezekiel 37:21–22** — One nation under one king.
- **Ezekiel 20:34–38** — Yahweh brings Israel out “with a mighty hand.”
- **Ezekiel 39:25–29** — National repentance → national return.
- **Malachi 4:5–6** — Elijah comes before the great day.

Characteristics

- Sudden
- Visible
- National
- Physical return to the land
- After Elijah
- During Messiah’s reign
- All tribes involved
- No longer hidden or scattered

This has not yet happened.

4. WHAT ABOUT GENTILES?

This is the part most people misunderstand

Torah and Tanakh teach:

A Gentile who joins Yahweh’s covenant is **legally Israel**.

Key Texts

- **Exodus 12:48–49** — One Torah for native and stranger; circumcised stranger is “as the native.”
- **Leviticus 19:34** — “The stranger who dwells with you shall be as the native among you.”
- **Numbers 15:15–16** — “One statute... both you and the stranger.”
- **Isaiah 56:3–7** — Foreigners who keep covenant are gathered to YHWH’s people.
- **Ezekiel 47:22–23** — Strangers who join Israel receive land inheritance **in the tribes**.

Conclusion:

A covenant-keeping Gentile is **not second-class**, not “symbolic Israel,” not “spiritual Israel.”

They are **Israel by covenant**, and they **inherit with Israel** in the final ingathering.

This is not theology. This is Torah law.

SO WHO IS AWAKENING TODAY?

Two groups:

A. Exiled Israelites (House of Israel)

- Scattered among nations
- Lost identity
- Awakening to Torah
- Returning to Yahweh
- Rediscovering covenant
- Dry bones coming to life

B. Covenant-Joining Gentiles

- Rejecting inherited lies
- Leaving Christianity and other religions
- Embracing Torah
- Calling themselves Yahweh’s
- Becoming Israel by covenant
- Joining the stick of Judah spiritually now, physically later

Both groups belong in **Stage 1**. Both groups will be gathered in **Stage 2**.

THE TWO STICKS (EZEKIEL 37) — HOW IT FITS

Ezekiel’s vision is **national**, not symbolic.

But the **awakening** of the House of Israel begins **before** the physical joining.

Gentiles who join the covenant are also part of the stick of Israel.

When the final ingathering happens:

- Israelite returners
- Covenant Gentiles
- Judah
- House of Israel

All become **one nation** under one anointed king.