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LOST LEGACY OF EPHRAIM - THE MYSTERY
PART 4 OF 7

Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that you are no longer Gentiles if you accept Yeshua as your Messiah.

Ephesians 2:12-13 ¹² That at that time ye 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: ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

In addition,

Galatians 3:16, 29 ¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. ²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

There is a great mystery that is revealed in being Abraham's descendants. Surely, we must have faith to subscribe to a certain race background we have never proclaimed as our own, but we are one with the Saints in the kingdom of God. This is brought by Yeshua and through the promise as spoken to Ephraim. We are the race of the "children of promise" through Abraham's blessing. Paul speaks of this mystery on different occasions. Note:

Hebrew: Melo ha' goyim (H4393 and H1471) multitude of the nations

And its Greek equivalent: Pleroma ho ethnos (G4138 and G1484) fullness of the Gentiles

Ephraim, and by default the tribes, were given a blessing by Jacob to become Gentiles.

Genesis 48:19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

Remember that "multitude of nations" means the same as "fullness of the Gentiles." In the book of Romans, Paul explains this as a mystery:

Romans 11:25-26 ²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the **fulness of the Gentiles be come in.** ²⁶ And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer (Yeshua Son of David), and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

The mystery is spoken of in the context of the fullness of the Gentiles (melo ha' goyim), the same wording that the blessing of Ephraim was given. The Gentiles fully come into Israel and then all Israel is saved, and ungodliness is turned away from Jacob (entity of 12 tribes). Together we are all of Israel. This mystery was hidden and now is revealed. The word mystery "mysterion, G3466" is only used twice in Romans. Paul uses the word for a second time in his doxology to

the Romans which gives us even more insight to the understanding of the mystery and connects it to the prior use and other biblical verses as well.

Romans 16:25-26 ²⁵ Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, ²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations (gentiles) for the obedience of faith:

The revelation of the mystery is explained by Paul in Romans as the fullness of the Gentiles coming into Israel. It was kept secret that we are all of Israel, but now it is made manifest. Paul explicitly states the same mystery and manifestation in Ephesians.

Ephesians 3:2-6 ² If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) ⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶ **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

The manifestation is now known to the Gentiles, who are now part of the same body. This is the good news Paul was in charge of giving to the Gentiles. His ministry is to make all men see the mystery which is the uniting of the Saints in fellowship. We continue in the same passage.

Ephesians 3:7-9 ⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

The book of Ephesians and Romans use mystery in the same context to explain the inclusion of Gentiles into Israel. Paul repeats much information in Ephesians 6:19, 1 Corinthians 2:7,8, and Colossians 1:25-27. Romans 11:25;16:25,26 has the same mystery in context of Ephraim's blessing allowing us to view the inclusion of those who once recognized themselves as the northern tribes of Ephraim to once again recognize themselves as such.

As spoken in the previous study, the good news (gospel) is the kingdom of God at hand, that is given to the Saints. The gospel is predetermined in the blessing of Ephraim and Abraham. We must repent and believe in the gospel and we as Saints will possess this kingdom forever that is at hand. The mystery denotes that we are partakers of this promise (Abraham lineage through Ephraim) in Yeshua with the Saints. It was not known before and has been revealed as part of the gospel. The age of the Gentiles to realize this is now. Paul specifically states his ministry was to reveal this.

Here is proof of the present age of the Gentiles in the context of Ephraim's blessing and in context of the word G4138- pleroma in its verb form G4137- pleroo.

Luke 21:20-24 ²⁰ And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ²¹ Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. ²² For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, *until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

Again, here we have a direct correlation to the Melo ha' goyim (H4393 and H1471) meaning multitude of the nations and pleroma ho ethnos (G4138 and G1484) meaning fullness of the Gentiles. Most theologians and people agree this is speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem which came to be in 70 A.D. However, there is typological indications in the phrase "days of vengeance." Paul and Luke were prophesying of the time that has come and is coming. We are in this age of waiting for the Gentiles to be brought into the covenant of Abraham: the age of fulfillment into the Saints of Israel. The time is now when the Gentiles must stop thinking of themselves as Gentiles and fully come into the realization of being part of Israel with and as the Saints. The purpose is to gather all of us who are scattered unto Him at the fullness of time.

Ephesians 1:9-11 ⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: ¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: ¹¹ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: