

Subject: Session 3: Hebrew Roots - SA in Crisis.

Previously in: **Hebrew Roots: SA in Crisis:**

1. We saw how the Father is moving hundreds of thousands of believers worldwide from Institutional Churches into House Churches. But we see how large percentages of these in SA get entrapped into related movements: Sabbatarianism, Messianism, Torah Groups, Hebrew Roots and Talmudism. We believe this phenomenon could have either a blessed, or dire effect on the spiritual future of the Kingdom in SA.
2. We saw how Reformed Theology has declared the Torah obsolete. We saw how Torah-truths were rediscovered in our time. And we mentioned that some of these study groups become deceived.

In this issue:

Zorba, dear Zorba ...

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Reformed Theology vs Torah Study

In our day, we see **two currents opposing one another:**

1. **Reformed Theology** declares the Torah obsolete – because such a declaration suits this theology system. Thus, Reformed Theology does not read its WHOLE Bible – and becomes **deceived**.

The classic example of this phenomenon is the erroneous view that the Messiah rose from the grave on the first day of the week. This results from dire Torah-knowledge.

2. Similarly, **Torah groups** often fabricate reasons to explain away some parts of the New Testament – because it suits their viewpoint to do so. Hence, you often find stiff resistance against especially the book of Galatians, or even the apostle Paul and all of his writings. Thus, some Torah groups don't read their WHOLE Bibles either – and become **deceived**.

The classic example of this phenomenon is the literal (letter) obedience of the Torah – as if we never entered into a covenant of the Spirit. And if the Torah loses sight of the Spirit, it loses sight of its own reason for existence.

We thus see that Torah groups often commit the same evil, and become **taken by the same spirit** that they have originally set out to oppose. And every time, this results in **deception**.

Dishonesty concerning the Greek Issue

Torah groups are also often guilty of **grave inconsistencies** (or you could simply call it **dishonesty**) in their views:

1. The Greek/Hebrew mindsets:

In Hebrew Roots teaching much is made of the fact that the **Hebrew mindset is holistic and synthetical**, whereas the **Greek mindset is analytical**.

These two mindsets represent two different ways of thinking. Hebrew Roots then rightly teaches **that the Scriptures should be read with a Hebrew mindset, and not with a Greek mindset**.

But more often than not in Hebrew Roots teaching, the Greek mindset gets hammered and slaughtered. Almost every evil of Western society is then deemed to be the fruit of a Greek/Hellenistic mindset. Finally, **Greek thinking gets dumped into the "sin bin"** - to serve a life sentence of solitary confinement.

Strangely, it never seems to occur to these teachers that the Father, in his Wisdom, had thought it a good idea **to make his Son known to mankind in GREEK** – for at least the first 2000 years of Christianity. Greek is the best we've had for source documents all these millennia.

And if challenged by this fact, Torah teachers are quick to respond that good reasons exist to believe that at least some of the gospels were originally written in Hebrew – not Greek.

This is true.

But WHERE are those gospels? Why hasn't anybody ever come forward with them? Yes, some fragmentary parts lie in libraries somewhere. But please, would any of these arguers please come forward with at least one complete, originally Hebrew gospel for us to read!

The fact is, nobody can – or could. At least not in our present day. Which still leaves us with the fact that the Father had decided that we should know his Son via GREEK – for at least the first 2000 years of Christianity.

Has the Father made a mistake? Has He imposed onto us an evil, pagan mindset through this language? Would we have known the Messiah better via Hebrew? – then the Father is certainly in error! Should we still wait for those manuscripts to finally arrive?

Clay pot, who are you to ask the potter "What are you doing?" You are only revealing your prideful heart!

When asked whether they regarded Greek as a God-given language, some Hebrew Roots teachers in SA arrogantly wrote "No". Do we need any additional proof of grave deception?

If it weren't for Greek, those teachers wouldn't even have known their Redeemer! *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* And **God had sovereignly decided that his Word about his Son, in our day, should come to us in Greek.**

2. The Greek mindset and technology:

Also, Hebrew Rooters are dishonest about yet another phenomenon concerning Greek:

The analytical nature of the **Greek mindset** has brought **many, many useful fruits** to the modern Western world – of which **science** and **technology** are paramount.

Whilst Hebrew Rooters condemn the Greek mindset to eternal flames, **they happily use technology every day**, not realizing that they are actually engaging with the fruits of this "evil" mindset!

Cluelessly and audaciously, they even employ technology to spread their condemnation of the Greek mindset!

Hebrew Rooter, I'm afraid you've painted yourself into a corner:

To maintain your integrity and credibility, **you either need to stop all use of technology, or drop your bias against the Greek language.** You cannot have your cake AND eat it!

The choice is yours.

How much value does the religious keeping of the Torah have if you throw the Father's gift (Greek) back into His face, and live a dishonest, lying life concerning technology?

The Sons of Zion vs the Sons of Greece.

A long-time favourite of Greek condemnation amongst Torah teachers is this verse:

I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword. - Zech. 9:13.

Some Torah teachers go to great lengths to make this verse mean that war should be declared on the Greek language and mindset. Is that REALLY the intended message this verse?

Repentance and Apologies.

Dear Hebrew Rooter and Torah student:

If you have swallowed this bait of Satan concerning the Greek language, and are guilty of slapping the Father's gift back into His face, you need to make some serious repentance. **Teachers** of this lie should make **public** repentance, apologize to and ask forgiveness from those they have deceived.

That's the easy part. He is quick to forgive.

The difficult part will be to reset your thinking to "default factory settings" - in other words, the way they were BEFORE you started to believe this lie. Only by the power of the Spirit this will be possible - and will take some time.

But for the sake of the **Kingdom**, it is well worth the effort!

To be continued ...

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To all the Idols I've loved before ...