

The Two Wives of Jehovah

And

The Bride of Christ

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Lloyd Dale¹ points out that Jehova had two wives. One was Israel (Samaria) divorced in 720 BC when they were carried away to Assyrian. The other was her sister Judah (Jerusalem) executed in AD 70 (The Whore of Babylon in Revelation 17). Then came the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9) when the resurrected Christ married the church. Judah and Israel were not the same after the split. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that Israel ever returned from Babylon. Even Josephus said that.

[T]he entire body of the people of Israel remained in that country; wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond Euphrates till now... (Antiquities VI, Chapter 5:2).

Jerusalem was the center of worship for the Jews and Samaria was the capital of Israel. The true place of worship is no longer a geographical or nationalist location. The true place of worship now is Mt. Zion, the New Jerusalem.² Jesus said it in John 4.

The time is coming when the true worshippers will neither worship in Samaria nor in Jerusalem, but in Spirit and in Truth (My paraphrase of Jn 4:21-23).

It is unlawful for a man to remarry his divorced wife after she has married another (Dt 24:1-4)³. Therefore, God will never marry the old system again. Jesus said to the fig tree, "Let no fruit ever grow on you again" (Mt 21:19). However, Israel *can* be married to the resurrected Christ because He died and she had become a gentile; but Judah cannot marry Him because God killed her. Outward Jews must come to Mt. Zion, the New Jerusalem, in order to be true Jews.

¹ Lloyd Dale, *The Olive Tree Mystery*, 19463 US Hwy 12, Lemmon, S.D. 57638.

² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn...(Heb 12:22,23).

³ Dt 24:1 “When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, 2 “when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man’s *wife*, 3 “if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, 4 “then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that *is* an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance.

Jer 3:7 And I said, after she had done all these things, “Return to Me.” But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, **I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.

Jer 3:10 “And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense,” says the LORD.

[The above was written by Jeremiah 100 years after God had divorced Israel.]

Hos 1:6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him: “Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I **will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel,** But I will utterly take them away. 7 Yet I **will have mercy on the house of Judah,** Will save them by the LORD their God, And will not save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses or horsemen.”

God saved Judah at that time by killing 185,000 Assyrians outside Jerusalem and had "mercy on the house of **Judah**" right after he **had taken Israel** away to Assyria and had no "mercy on the house of Israel."

Jer 31:31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house **of Israel** and with the house **of Judah**-- 32 “not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, **though I was a husband to them,** says the LORD. **[A husband to both houses.]**

The new covenant mentioned above is quoted in Hebrews as the covenant of Christ (Heb 8:10-13).⁴

⁴ Heb 8:10 “For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 “None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” 13 In that He says, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Ezek 23:2 “Son of man, **there were two women**, The daughters of one mother.³ They committed harlotry in Egypt, They committed harlotry in their youth; Their breasts were there embraced, Their virgin bosom was there pressed.⁴ Their names: Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister; **They were Mine**, And they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, **Samaria is Oholah**, and **Jerusalem is Oholibah**.⁵ “Oholah played the harlot even though she was Mine; And she lusted for her lovers, the neighboring Assyrians,⁶ Who were clothed in purple, Captains and rulers, All of them desirable young men, Horsemen riding on horses.⁷ Thus she committed her harlotry with them, All of them choice men of Assyria; And with all for whom she lusted, With all their idols, she defiled herself.⁸ She has never given up her harlotry brought from Egypt, For in her youth they had lain with her, Pressed her virgin bosom, And poured out their immorality upon her.⁹ “Therefore **I have delivered her Into the hand of her lovers**, Into the hand of the Assyrians, For whom she lusted.¹⁰ They uncovered her nakedness, Took away her sons and daughters, And slew her with the sword; She became a byword among women, For they had executed judgment on her.¹¹ ¶ “Now although her sister Oholibah saw this, she became more corrupt in her lust than she, and in her harlotry more corrupt than her sister’s harlotry [Emphasis mine].

But God did not divorce Oholibah (Jerusalem). He sent her to Babylon in 606 BC, brought her back seventy years later, and killed her in AD 70.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! (Mat 23:37).

And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth (Rev 18:24).

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready (Rev 19:7).

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church (Heb 12:22,23).

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