Understanding Natsarim-Notzrim & Their Different Meanings Historically & Today

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History tells us the early Christians were also called Natsarim. Today when we hear the word Natsarim we have born again Yahusha loving, Keeper of the Torah. So today in light of history we see that those who follow Torah are Natsarim or Watchmen or Branches today.

Christians are those who are not Natsarim. They don’t keep the Torah. But you have to understand that in early believing community in Maseh- Schlichim 13, the believers were first known as Christians because of what they were called in Antioch but what the believers called themselves was Natsarim. They referred to themselves as Natsarim. Over the centuries the Natsarim would either mean  born again Torah keepers or Christians. All these terminologies come from the verses YeshaYahu, YiremYahu that those who will be preserved are Natsarim and the implication is they are preserved from what?

In order to be preserved they have to be previously existing as Israelite branches. The word Natsarim in their original context means Watchmen and Preserved ones or ones who were preserved to be Watchmen. And those who were preserved from the 12 tribes to be Watchmen joined the Vine because Yahusha said I am the Vine.

When we think of the word Natsarim we think of branches but it is much much deeper than that. We are rewarded with being branches because we are the preserved remnant Watchmen.

We should know what's going on in the world prophetically in the end times. But like Sholiach Shaul and apostles we took this name for ourselves. Throughout history to this day in Aramaic and Hebrew, the Christians who didn't keep Torah were known as Natsarim. We on the other hand refer to ourselves as Nazarene Israelites because we follow the Nazarene.

We happen to be the DNA of Israel and citizenship in Israel so we call ourselves Natsarim Israelim not because the Christians are also called Natsarim because we follow Yahusha of Nazareth and we live in His lifestyle.

 In the original Scriptural context speaks of the lost sheep of Israel who make teshuva when they return to the Common Wealth and are appointed as YHUH'S special Watchmen.

Preserved and Watchmen.

The Modern Christians don't see themselves as preserved. They see themselves as saved gentiles. Their bible begins in Matthew. They developed an inferiority complex.The devil is a master wordsmith. The ones who would be redeemed as the preserved ones of Yisrael in Isaiah 40:99 , 60:21 would be Torah keepers who accepted the King of Kings and Master of Masters. They alone are Watchmen.

Everybody in the world calls Christians Natsarim. Language is as confusing as religion itself. We have to go to the Nevi'im and see what Nevi'im classified as Natsarim. Even today in Messianic Jewish movement even when they refer to themselves as Messianic they don't even know what Natsarim means. Now the Messianic Jewish movement know that the Christians are called the Natsarim but the Nevi'im said the true end time Natsarim , the preserved ones, the Watchmen, the branches would be the remnant of both houses of Yisrael. They think you are teaching replacement theology.

 Our Messianic Jewish brothers don't see the Schlichim as Natsarim  but they see the Christians as Natsarim. Based on the apostolic definition and the definition of the prophet the Natsarim have to be the Israelites who keep the Torah. So just because we call ourselves Natsarim the world recognise that we are Natsarim. The Messianic Jewish leaders are no different than Rabbinical leaders. They all see Christians or Messianics as Christians. When they refer to Natsarim it is never to refer to the 10 tribes that are returning. It is referred to the pagan saved gentiles. The Messianic leaders can't teach you the correct things. In order to understand this we should have only one criteria.

 How did the prophets defined Natsarim?

And how did the Schlichim of the Masters define Natsarim?

To the average Messianic Jew or to the average Rabbinical Jew when you say I am Natsarim they think you worship Mary or St. Jude. The first thing in their minds is you belong to the gentiles and you worship Saints.

Only Scriptures define what and who is the Natsarim.

And Yahusha in Yochanan 15 says I am the Vine and you are the preserved ones, the watchmen, the branches. He gets to define the Natsarim.

So you have to be very clear and understand how Kadosh this calling is!

And it is very strictly and narrowly defined understanding. Shimon Kefa tells us in his epistles that it was the Spirit of Yahusha recording the Scriptures through the hands of Isaiah , Jeremiah , Moshe Rebbainu that it was the Spirit of the Moshiach working and talking and recording in them and through them to us.

The Rabbinical Jews are not wrong about everything. They are wrong about twisting and perverting the scriptures but not 100% wrong . They had a lot of very deep insights. The great sages of the Rabbinical movement clearly understood that the ten tribes were not only not lost but in the end times would show up among a certain group. Based on their understandings recorded in the Talmud in most of the Rabbinic writings they understood that ten tribes would pop up in the last days before the redemption of the Messiah and would be called Natsarim. They made that connection because they read the same bible that we read. From those scriptures they could tell the ten tribes were not lost but they show up in the end time with a certain name. They also understood that real Messiah would suffer and die for Yisrael's sins but when it actually happened they turned into denial mode. A mode of denial but before it happened they knew exactly that it was going to happen.

Sholiach Moshe is a very experienced debater with Rabbis. Before he was the teacher of the Two Houses of Israel and before he taught thousands of people their identity as Israel he was basically a Jewish Evangelist and part of being Jewish Evangelist is winning Jewish people to the Messiah but in order to do that he had to release them from the chains and grip of the Rabbis because they believe everything the Rabbis say so they are like the Catholics who whatever the Rabbis tell them they automatically believe. It was part of his  ministry to free Jewish people from chains to debate their leaders and defeat their leaders in debate. Praise be to YHUH that he is a very experienced debater of Scriptures. Some of those debates were actually in Hebrew.

Unlike Messianic leaders people in the world the ancient Rabbis not only didn't deny that the ten tribes would be called Natsarim. It's recorded in their understanding and it's recorded in their writing. Rabbis Yonhatan , the great Rashi , Radak,  the term Nazareth Israel is synonymous with Christians. Great luminous Don Isaac Abarbanel of Spain said the following -

 YiremYahu foresaw through divine inspiration

The Roman descendants from Edom such as Constantine, Augustine, Oregon many of the so called church fathers would believe in Edomite faith. Rabbis believe that the Edomite faith, not biological seed but the end time Edomite faith was what they were confronting on constant basis.

 European paganism.

The Rabbis understood that Edom was a descendant of Ismael but spiritually speaking in Jewish literature Edom would become paganised mainly in Europe and this came true with the founding fathers of the European Church system who were made up of mostly of Ephraimite. With the doctrine of the Edomites they understood that ten tribes would reappear in the end times and even if they be known as the Watchmen Natsarim but the Natsarim would be mostly from the ten tribes but instead of being true Natsarim they would be Roman followers of the Roman Edomite pagan European Church system.

The previous Rabbis undertood that Ephraimite return to Edomite theology but because they refused to follow the Torah they will be known as Natsarim. In the reality of the olam hazeh  Natsarim means Christians. It doesn't mean someone who follows Yahusha. They would be known as Natsarim. In the majority of the Olam Hazeh the Modern Rabbis scream replacement theology like the Messianic Jewish movement when presented with the Scriptural and historical facts that the house of Yosef became Natsarim practising the Edomite theology. They were Israelites but practising Edomite theology.

 Scripture is clear and history is just as clear.

Modern Rabbi named Rabbi Kalischer in a recent book maybe 20-30 years ago named Eim HaBanim Semeicha said this the House of Yahuda will return to Israel first and prepare the land of Israel so that it ultimately be able to support a greater Community. Once the Jews returned to the land first to prepare the land for a greater Community then a large part of the ten tribes will return because now the land is prepared by the House of Judah. The rest of the House of Joseph will return when the temple is rebuilt on Har Moriyah because the Modern Rabbis believe that Judah must return first to prepare the way of the house of Joseph and the sign that this was about to happen was that the Temple will be rebuilt and the Messiah would come to suffer. The key word is to suffer.

 The suffering Messiah would come for different reasons but the two reasons are -

He will pave the way for the House of Yosef to return then the name of YHUH will be ONE and all Israel will worship Him in one set apart tongue so not only do the Modern Rabbis agree with the ancient Rabbis they have taken a step further they say that the Jews will return to prepare the way for their brother the House of Israel then the House of Yisrael will join the House of Judah in rebuiding the temple which is known as Kingdom temple and Millennium Kingdom and this will happen to the direct correlation to the Messiah suffering and dying like Joseph. And he apparently died when he was put in the pit in Mitsrayim so here is the Modern Rabbi agreeing with the Ancient Rabbis in the two-house restoration WITH AND BY APPEARING OF THE MOSHIACH BEN YOSEF.

The key element to the two houses rebuilding the temple and returning to Israel is the appearance of Moshiach Ben Yosef. Now we know there is only ONE Messiah and the ONE Holy One of Yisrael.

The Kadosh Echad of Yisrael coming into trips.

The first trip to die and redeem the people called by His name and then to those who love Him with their heart, soul and mind which is the greatest commandment to rule and reign with Him. Rabbinical Judaism from and after Yahusha even before Yahusha to this very day do not believe in a Messiah. Rather they believe in two Messiahs. Some believe the lies that in every generation there is a Messiah appointed by Hashem. If the Jewish people are in their best behaviours, He will reveal to them the Name of Messiah otherwise the Messiah for that generation will also die if the generation is no good and nobody would know that Messiah existed and if their behaviour is no good then the Messiah for that generation will also die.

If they believe that the Messiah hasn't come primarily because the Jewish people were not worthy of their Messiah. Theoretically every 100 years Messiah is born but He never enters His Ministry to bring in the redemption of the olam hazeh or in Judaism known as Tikkun Ha olam - the restoration of the world to Hashem.

The first false theory is -

Every generation has a Messiah but the Jews were not worthy, so the Messiah dies in relative obsecurity. Messiah died because Jews were not great.

That's false theory number 2-

What's worst than Messiah died in obscurity and in this theory you can't accuse them. This existed before Yahusha. It's not truth. It's just a theory.

Psalm 16:10

Prushim in the Brit Chadashah came to Rabbi  Yahusha in Yochanan Chapter 7 and said we have heard of the Torah that Moshiach lives forever.

In Micah 5:2 it says that Messiah will come to the earth from the Everlasting and He would be Everlasting and never die and live forever.

In places like Isaiah 9:6 so they knew that Moshiach was to be the direct Carnate of the manifestation of the Everlasting Father. They knew it therefore He could not die and He has to live forever. And they believe that because that was in the Tanach and even the Shomeronim they believe that Moshiach will live forever to teach us and reveal to us all our secret lives based on five Prophesies then the same Tanach in Isaiah 52:13-14 said Moshiach would die, Moshiach would be slaughtered, Moshiach will be taken to prison and crucified. He was taken out of the land of the living for the transgression of His people. Later in YeshaYahu 66 it talks about the King living forever as High Priest and taking Kohanim from Put, Coast lands of the sea so which one is it?

 Before we judge the Rabbis too harshly we have the same thing today. Moshiach cannot die and He will live forever. There is another line of thinking that says that The Messiah will die and He will suffer so the Rabbis came up with the two Messiah theory and that is the core of the Rabbanic Judiasm today and basis by which they rejected or they justified their rejection of Adon Yahusha. The core and the heart of Rabbanic Judiasm to Messiah theory because how could Messiah be eternal and die. It is like asking the angels who are immortal to die. Angels don't die whether they are good or bad. They are immortal beings so the Ultimate Immortal being the Creator of Heavens and Earth, how could He die?

Rabbis came up with well established two Messiah theory. Just like you have heard of Two houses of Israel this is the two Messiah theory. So in our understanding YHUH has two biological sons one who will suffer and die for the sins of Yisrael and a different one will come to rule and reign on David's throne forever more as the only Wise King who dwells in Light which no man can approach.

Which one is this?

We couldn't decide because it is the same bible and same scriptures so the Rabbis developed two Messiah theory.

 So what is this to do with Two houses?

 Everything.

The suffering Messiah MOSHIACH Ben Yosef just like Joseph in Egypt suffered , the son of Yaakov and Rachel. By his suffering, Yisrael was set free. Yisrael was made free and they experienced the blood of the Lamb because of Joseph, son of Yisrael. Because of Joseph son of Yisrael the people were liberated but he had to suffer to achieve liberation ultimately by the blood of the Pesach lamb.

 Shemoth 12 -14.

This the rabbis discerned that the Messiah who suffered as the Passover lamb would suffer to return Joseph's house to Hashem because He was the son of Joseph and like Joseph, He came to preserve life to save us from our sins.

Matthew 1-1:23

YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME YAHUSHA. HE LIKE JOSEPH WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE BY SUFFERING. HE WILL DIE.

That's how they understood the suffering part. Then the Rabbi said how do we deal with the ruling and reigning of the immortal Eternal King when He is dead. It doesn't make sense therefore we have not one but two Messiahs. What's important for our class is to know that we have only one Messiah who is Immortal and Eternal enough to make two trips. If He wanted He can make three. He can make four.

 So it is One Messiah.

He decided in His Sovereignty that He will send His son two times in two seperate mission.

 1. to forgive

2. to rule with the forgiven

Now once they had established the two Messiah theory they were able to understand the two house of Yisrael coming together in the redemption or Tikkun Ha Olam. Because according to ancient Rabbis and more modern Rabbis since Yahusha. Moshiach Ben Yosef would be the son who suffered  to bring the ten tribes together then Moshaich Ben David would come to rule over the two sticks. Moshiach Ben Yosef would come to bring back the stick of Yosef by suffering like Yosef and the second Moshiach Ben David would come to rule over two sticks so it gave them insight that Christian and Messianic Jewish leaders didn't have.

So, if you are talking to a Jewish person today especially who are orthodox. If they are orthodox they definitely believe in the Messiah theory and you need to approach them in that way. If they are conservative they may or may not believe in the two Messiah theory .

Rabbi Kalischer said that the Jews come back, they prepare the lamb then Messiah Ben Yosef comes then Moshiach Ben Yosef rebuilds the temple.

One of the modern Rabbis , Rabbi Zvi Kalischer. Kalischer lived in Russia from 1795 to 1874. Rabbi Kalischer said this in regard to Isaiah 56 verse 8-  This scripture applies to the ten tribes perishing in their identity that will be regathered.

Rabbi Kalischer said if the great community of those who were lost in Assyria would be gathered first how could they all be brought back to the wasted desolate country. YHUH had the Jews come back first to prepare the way for Yosef. In Rabbi Kalischer view the same way Yosef brought light to the rest of Yisrael in the end days the Jews will prepare the land turn it from a desert into a garden and provide bread as a payback to Joseph for what he had done in Egypt.

Isaiah 35:1-5.

The wilderness will become a fruitful field. Rabbi Kalischer saw that it was the Jewish people who would take the wilderness which they inherited from the Philistines also known as the Palestinians turned into the Garden of Eden that it ones was and then return of the ten tribes would occur.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for their return.

The desert shall have simcha and blossom as the rose. The desert would bloom abundantly and gilah with simcha and singing. The tifereth of Lebanon shall be given to it. The excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they will see the tifereth of YHUH and the excellency of our Elohim and this is quoted in the Brit Chadasha.

 Verse 3

Strengthen the weak hands. Make firm the feeble knees and then Paul adds that Moshiach will give you light. Sholiach Shaul quotes Isaiah 35: 3 directly as Moshiach giving His people strength to endure. Say to those of a fearful lev - be strong and fear not. See the Elohim of Shamayim will come. Elohim is coming into the flesh to save you and that's exactly He has done for us. When Elohim comes to save us from our rebellion.

 Isaiah 35

When YHUH comes in flesh the eyes of the blind will be open, the ears of the deaf will be open.

The lame man will leap as a hart and the tongue of the dumb shir for in the wilderness mayim will breakout and streams in the desert.

That's exactly what the Messiah did when he actually came.

 Yochanan HaMatbeel had a period of doubt so he sent his talmidim and said the kingdom has not come. "Are you the Holy One or should we look for another?"

and Yahusha said go and tell Yochanan the blind see, the dumb talk and the lame are made whole. Yahusha was referring to his cousin to the scripture above so Rabbi Kalischer understood the captivity of Ephrayim will not end until Judah returns, the wilderness is turned into a garden. The Moshiach Ben Yosef comes and he suffers and dies for Yisrael's sins proves that He is Moshiach Ben Yosef. The blind see, the dumb speak and only after the Jewish people prepared the way would the house of Joseph return.