



Tuesday Night Training
Grafted In: Israel, Gentiles, & the Mystery of the Gospel
 Winter Quarter (February 10 – March 31)

I. COURSE PURPOSE: To gain a greater understanding of the foundational principles of the Gentiles connection with the Hebraic roots of the Scriptures

II. COURSE LOGISTICS

A. Time: Winter Quarter: Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:05 PM

B. Primary Instructor: Peder Olsen

C. Coursebook: *Grafted In* by D. Thomas Lancaster

D. Class Schedule

Material Due Date	Reading	Subject Covered
February 10		Class Introduction
February 17	Introductions; Chapter 1	The Mystery of the Gospel
February 24	Chapters 2-3	Father Abraham Had Many Sons
March 3	No Class for Purim	
March 10	Chapters 4-6	Sons of Israel
March 17	Chapter 7-8	One Flock with One Shepherd
March 24	Chapters 9-10	Gentile Israel
March 31	Chapter 11; Epilogue; Appendices	Fellow Heirs

E. Homework

For each weekly homework assignment, each student is expected to read the assigned materials and to make notes with their comments and questions from reading the material.

III. CLASS NOTES

A. My Introduction to the “Messianic Movement”

B. Lighthouse Implementation: Lick the lollipop vs. spit out the cyanide: We as a body of Believers in the Lighthouse have a calling to live out our understandings of Scripture in primarily a *positive* way in our lifestyles and endeavor to emphasize the main and plain teachings of Scripture.

C. It’s Ancient: *Thus says Yahweh, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Jeremiah 6:16*

1. *Roots of Our Faith:* The roots of our faith are not 2000 years old but 3500 years old

D. It’s a Mystery: The Gentile inclusion in the “Jewish” salvation story is presented as a mystery in the Scriptures.

1. Definition: Any action, affair, or thing that arouses curiosity or suspense because it is not fully revealed

2. Ephesians 3:3-7

a. the Gentile inclusion Paul records as a mystery

b. something kept secret in the past but now being revealed

3. Paul’s speech in Jerusalem (Acts 22:21-22). The unbelieving Jews did not get upset over the Gospel of Yeshua but rather the truth that this Gospel was for the nations.

E. Controversial Perspectives

1. **Non-Jewish Inclusion:** Those from the nations (non-Jews) are only comprehended in the Biblical covenants (which includes the New Covenant described in Jeremiah 31:31-35) by their relationship with Israel and the God of Israel.
 - a. All the major covenants from Abraham on were made with Israel (and including the house of Judah).
2. **Sanctification is a Life-long Process** (and it affects every area of our lives): It was God's intent that we as Believers would become more Biblical (i.e., would appear Jewish-looking) as we learn more about walking out our salvation.
 - a. Implementing God's ways/commandments will a) affect every area of our life; b) make us distinct from the world around us; and c) is designed to be a testimony of Yahweh's wisdom, blessing, and power.
 - b. Lifelong process of discipleship. Obedience to the Bible affects the following (and many other areas):
 - i. Calendar/schedule
 - ii. Clothing/appearance
 - iii. Diet
 - iv. Hygiene
 - v. Sexuality
 - vi. Giving/Finances
 - vii. Relationships/Child raising
 - c. Much of the western civilization has been built on the Judeo-Christian foundation and has been blessed in those areas as we have followed these biblical ways.
3. **Covenant Status Primary:** Ethnic status (ethnically being a Jew or non-Jew) is not of great significance but covenant status is of primary importance: are we connected covenantally to God through our faith in Yeshua's sacrifice and are we committed to growing into our understanding of what these covenants mean for us?

IV. THE CALL TO CHANGE

A. Controversial Issues: The Hebraic roots of our faith calls each one of us to change

1. **Jews need Yeshua** for their salvation and the Jewish people (or any other people) are not saved by keeping the torah.
 - a. Rabbinic Judaism: this form of Judaism arose after the temple was destroyed in 70CE and has as its foundation the rejection of Yeshua as the Messiah.
 - b. Biblical Judaism vs. cultural Judaism: we in the Lighthouse are espousing a return to a primarily biblical practice and not an adherence (in more than a very tertiary way) to cultural Jewish practice.
 - c. The ancient Jewish commentaries (targums) which preceded Yeshua's first-coming showed their belief in a divine Messiah that was yet to come.
2. **Traditional Believers in Yeshua Have Veered from Yahweh's Path**
 - a. *Unbiblical foundations:* Believers need to come to terms with the unbiblical baggage that we have embraced in place of the Bible's commandments. A significant sub-strata (primarily their calendar) of traditional Christianity is not based on the Bible. These keep us from greater blessings from God and He is calling His people out of these unbiblical foundations (Revelation 18:4)
 - b. *Anti-semitism* is at the roots of much of the traditional Christian faith
 - i. Christian history: Many horrendous things done in the name of Jesus towards the Jewish people
 - c. *Neglected Priorities:* A significant part of Yahweh's ways are neglected within the lives of all Believers and is something that He desires to restore to His Bride
 - i. We as Messianic Believers have significant theological overlap within evangelical Christianity