

THE BORN AGAIN NATION

THE REMNANT'S REVIVAL INTO THE KINGDOM

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

~ John 3:7

1. Born Again Baggage

- a. Born again must be rightly divided even if it is sentimental, popular, favored tradition
- b. Where is it found? In scriptures about the remnant of Israel, thus a remnant issue
- c. *"born again"* 3x - John 3:3, 7, 1 Pet 1:23 - see also (1 Pet 1:3 and 2:2,5,9)
- d. *"born of God"* 6x, *"born of Him"* - John 1:13, 1Jo 2:29, 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 4, 18
- e. It is hard for people to let go of verses once used/believed for gospel preaching.
- f. *"Just because God gave it to Israel, doesn't mean we can't claim it"* ← Yes, it does.

2. Are We Called Born Again?

- a. Peter, John, Graham, Colson, Baptist Grandpa, CR Stam said they're born again.
- b. NIV confuses the issue saying "washing of rebirth" in Titus 3:5 (stick to the KJV)
- c. Scofield doesn't help: the difference between Matt 19:28 & Titus 3:5 is dispensational
- d. Paul does not call us born again - Gal 4:29, Rom 8:9-10, 29, 1Cor 15:8
 - i. Old things made new is different than old things passed away - 2 Cor 5:17
 - ii. New covenant (born again) is not the same as the new creature.

3. Born Again Nation

- a. Israel was the firstborn son of God (not you) - Exo 4:22, Num 11:16-17, 24-29
- b. The promised nation would be a generation born for a kingdom - Psalm 22:23-31
- c. Israel required the Spirit to enter the kingdom - Isa 44:1-4, 57:15, 59:20-21
- d. The remnant called to a kingdom as a nation revived, reborn Isa 66:7-9, 2Pe 1:10-11
- e. Their first birth = physical Israel. Second birth = spiritual Israel (kingdom remnant)

4. Israel Revived

- a. Revived, returned, restored, reformed ← New Testament remnant Israel
- b. The old thing (Israel) not removed, it is restored - Mt 3:8-11, 21:43, Mk 3:5, 8:25, 9:12
- c. Israel's restoration requires a nation born again - Acts 1:6-8, 2:4, 16-18, 3:21
- d. How? By the Spirit of the new covenant in the time of reformation - Heb 9:10

5. Putting John 3 in Context

- a. The only way you are born again is if you take John 3 out of context.
- b. Jesus spoke to a master in Israel in John 3:1-10 and was confirming prophecy
- c. *"Born again just another way of saying the same thing. We have the Spirit, too"*
 - i. How they get the Spirit is not how we get the Spirit - John 7:38-39, Eph 1:13
 - ii. Can those in John 3 lose the Spirit, are they sealed with it? Heb 10:29
 - iii. Baptism with the Holy Ghost is different than baptism by the Spirit 1Cor 12:13
 - iv. The kingdom in John is referring to Israel's kingdom - Matt 21:43
 - v. Our gospel and calling not found in MMLJ apostles, but Paul's epistles alone
- d. When borrowed language causes misinterpretation, we should give it back.
- e. *Can we learn from Israel's scriptures? Yes. Do we find our calling there? No.*