

A Fisherman

"The days are coming", declares YHWH, "when it is no longer said, 'YHWH lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt),' but, 'YHWH lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of the north and from all the lands where He has driven them.' For I shall bring them back into their land I gave to their fathers. (Jer 16:14-15)

My dear fellow Mennonites and our Companions, this passage refers to you. As Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) wrote elsewhere, that as long as sun and the moon remain, Yisra'el would never cease to be a nation before Him (31:35-36), and until the time that the heavens could be measured, would He ever cast off the seed of Yisra'el because of what they have done (31:37). Our Elohim, who cannot lie, made immutable promises to Abraham and his descendants, promises that are never dependant on the faithfulness of Yisra'el. In the latter days, He would cause Yisra'el to repent of her deeds and in great numbers bring her back to the land He gave to Abraham.

"See, I am sending for many fisherman," declares YHWH, "and they shall fish them. And after that I shall send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For My eyes are on all their ways; they have not hidden from My face, nor has their crookedness been hidden from My eyes". (Jer 16:16:17)

My friends, I am one of those fisherman, but only one of many. I am not even unique to be fishing among Mennonites, because many others of our brethren have also become witnesses. Perhaps, I am the first that has challenged you as to your proper identity need for repentance. But surely others will follow. Indeed, YHWH will send His "hunters" and drag you from your holes if you try to hide. It is His purpose to be the Elohim of all the tribes of Yisra'el, and not just Judah (Jer 31:1).

"And first I shall repay double for their crookedness and their sin, because they have defiled My land with the dead bodies of their disgusting matters, and have filled My inheritance with their abominations." (Jer 16:18)

Dear ones, there is no holding back in telling you of the wickedness of your deeds and the things you continue in without the slightest cringe of conscience. Just because you don't know that you need to repent and how to, does not make your rebellion against YHWH any less severe. Nevertheless, your heavenly Father knows how to chasten you and you need not fear Him if you are willing to change your ways. For YAHWEH has loved you with an everlasting love, and therefore will draw you with kindness. (Jer 31:3)

O YHWH, my strength and my stronghold and my refuge, in the day of distress the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited only falsehood, futility, and there is no value in them." Would a man make mighty ones for himself. which are not mighty ones? (Jer 16:19-20)

Antinomianism has been in the heart of Yisra'el even before she broke away from Judah, Levi and Benjamin to set up her own worship sites and days. She has always wanted to be like the nations around her and to worship strange gods. To this day you reject YHWH's Sabbaths and keep the world's so called holidays. Distress, lamentation and shame are going to follow as a consequence (Jer 31:18-19). But, so will a new heart and mind, and you will love YHWH's laws as did David and Yeshua your Messiah. (31:31-34)

"Therefore see, I am causing them to know My hand and My might. And they shall know that My Name is YHWH!" (Jer 16:21)

You can think whatever you wish about my witness to you, but these things will come to pass; and then you will know your Elohim.