

The Two Houses, Judah and Ephraim

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Introduction

This document is created to help me with a planned presentation to Living Messiah Ministries (LMM) that I have been honored to give. This presentation will be recorded as a series of videos during March and April of 2018. LMM is fairly unique in the Phoenix metropolitan area in that it unapologetically teaches on subjects that embrace / accept the teaching of Two House. The intent of this article / presentation is to have an actual document that can be referenced by those who want a deep dive into the subject.

ToDo:

1. Identify in the documents that define LMM and its website where a Two House teaching is inferred or explicitly referenced. This is important because if this document / presentation is well received by the elders of LMM, it would be useful to footnote as references to the aforementioned documents / website.
2. Note that once you see it you can't un see it.

Two House Defined

As a starting point in this document, it would be good to have a “secular” / Wikipedia like definition of the term. This “arms length” definition would be good because it follows one of the Dennis Prager rules which are “first state the facts, then give your opinion”. I’m not kidding myself that this topic is highly contested and opinionated, but there is aspects of this that are factually uncontroversial.

Goals

Some questions to ponder and ask.

1. Why do I care about this understanding / teaching? What is it to me, i.e. how does it relate to the weightier matters?
2. How does the claim that Yeshua is the **Prince of Peace** relate to the two houses?

3. What's the relationship between Two House and **salvation**? (*sozo*^A and the three questions^B)
4. Who's the target audience for scripture and what was the scripture of the Messiah, Paul and the disciples.
5. Where's the authority
 - a. About a covenant with the Gentiles. Where did the Gentiles say that "Adonai will be my God".
 - i. Mat_20-20-28_The-Law-Form-of-Israel-in-contrast-with-the-Law-Form-of-the-Gentiles (old document)
 - b. Discuss Paul's writings
 - c. Losing my authority when I throw away my Torah covenant (the only one that exists) in exchange for a fake covenant (the Noachite Law Form / "Covenant")
6. If this is such an obvious understanding why is there such resistance?
 - a. How did we get here i.e. what's the history of the , (cognitive dissonance)

References

1. Two-House-Theology-and-Rabbi-Akiva
 - a. This is relevant because it gets into the history of the disputes between the two religions and (generally) their corresponding two houses
2. Amo-03-Can-two-walk-together-occurs-after-the-Aleph-Tav-is-punished-for-our-iniquities
3. Luk-15-11-32-Parable-of-the-Prodigal-Son, article #[1339](#).
4. Marsings-Rules-and-Key-Definitions" (article #[501](#)).

Table contrasting the House of Judah and the House of Ephraim

Description, Attributes and Characteristics	House of Judah (Yahuda)	House of Ephraim/Israel (the Church)
Geography	The Southern Kingdom	The Northern Kingdom
The degree of identification and recognition known by the world	Very well	Hardly at all
Known by the world as	Jews	The Church / Gentiles
Two sides of the coin metaphor	Clearly sees the Torah but not Y'shua Meshiach	Clearly sees Y'shua Meshiach (mostly called Jesus Christ), but not the Torah

^A See Word-Study-H7725-shuv-return-G4982-sozo-saved, article #[451](#).

^B See Salvation-Theology-of-Antinomian-Christianity-A-Critique, article #[591](#).

7 Scriptural Proofs For Two House (by Zachary Bauer)

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPK1kH84UOM>

Zachary Bauer (ZB) initially identifies these verses (see below) to show there are clearly two houses given in scripture. ZB ponders ^{6:35} where the controversy comes from and he suggests that the controversy itself is prophetic (an example given is the parable of the prodigal son (article #1339). He suggests that this parable is in reference to Eze 37:16 (see chapters 37 - The Valley of Dry Bones). 1Ki 12:21 is ZB's first choice because this is the first time it's mentioned and it's about them wanting to fight each other.

Mentioned Verses

- 1Ki 12:21** And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.
- Isa 8:14** And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- Isa 11:13** The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.
- Jer 3:18** In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.
- Jer 5:11** For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.
- Jer 11:10** They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
- Jer 31:31** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
- Eze 37:16** Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions:
- Zec 8:13** And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Other

Ironies

10 – Monte Judah’s Great Irony:

The Jews (House of Judah) have the evidence that Y’shua is the Messiah but they don’t believe, and the Church (House of Ephraim/Israel) uses evidence that disproves that Y’shua is the Messiah but believe.

10.5 – John Marsing’s Irony on proselytize (a correlation of sorts of Monte’s)

Regarding Torah, The Jews (House of Judah) has the message but isn’t eager to send it whereas the Church (House of Ephraim/Israel) has the wrong message that it eagerly wants to send.