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ἐκκλησία

ekklésia

church

The term “church” is often misunderstood and construed as church as we know it today.

The Greek work “ekklesia” is often translated as “church” in the Bible. This has led to a faulty interpretation of the term.

EKKLESIA

The word “ekklesia” means those who are “called out.” Israel was called out of Egypt (Acts 7:38).

EKKLESIA
means
THE CALLED OUT ONES

With this in mind we need to consider the various Bible ekklesia:

The “Eve” Ekklesia

Eve was “taken out” or called out of the side of Adam – Genesis 2:23.

The “Abrahamic” Ekklesia

Abraham was “called out” of his family = Genesis 12:1.

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The “Hebrew” Ekklesia

The Hebrew’s were called out of Egypt – Acts 7:38.

The “Messianic” Ekklesia

The Messianic Ekklesia consisted of those “called out” of Israel who believed Jesus was the Messiah.

The church referred to in Matthew 16:13-19 was the Messianic Kingdom church. The gates of hell symbolise death. So death would not prevail or overcome the Kingdom church, it will survive.

The Pentecost church was a Messianic church empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the coming Kingdom – Acts 2:41.

The “Christian” Ekklesia

The Christian church consists of all believers, gentiles and Jews called out of the world who make up the church, the Body of Christ – Ephesians 2:10-22.



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