

In Matt. 10:6-7 Avoiding the two great evils---worldly-mindedness and sectarianism, the disciple-apostles were to make it their object to gather into one the children of God which were scattered abroad---those for which Christ died, John 11:51-52

Now the mission of the apostles appears to have borne a minature resemblance to that more extensive mission which was afterwards to be carried out beyond the bounds of Judaea "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8 ---But which was still under the direction of the Holy Spirit. See Acts 16:6-12 [Where the Spirit directs them into Europe!]

The Greek word used in the N.T. is especially striking..."But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. [APOLLUMI] 2 Cor. 4:3 The same word is used concerning the---"Lost sheep of the House of Israel!"

Note: As THE PRODIGAL SON, in Luke 15 was "lost" to his father while away from home in a far country....that in no way interfered with his subsequent recovery and restoration to favor.



So it is decreed that it will be with "lost" Israel. The Parable is evidently intended to foreshadow the fate and destiny of the 'people of God' LOST & RESTORED!

The Prodigal Son was again received into his Father's highest favor on his repentance and return---So it was to be with 'lost' Israel, as it is everywhere foretold in the prophetic Books.

"LOST" =APOLLUMI, found 12 times in the New Testament. It means = To abolish, destroy. Also=vanishing, disintegrating, going to pieces. Also = To lose, specifically of Sheep.....

Tremendous words in The Parable of the Prodigal Son! DEAD, LOST, FOUND, ALIVE!

On RIOTOUS LIVING = Means: Lawless, disorderly, without self-control or restraint.

To assume a "Spiritual Israel" from Gentile Nations [ie: non Israel] and not the literal Sons of Jacob in the N.T. 'lost' but now 'restored' also necessitates a further horrible assumption. That the ALMIGHTY has withdrawn the Promises, which He sealed with an OATH....Now taken in the N.T. from the descendants of Jacob-Israel and bestowed on non-covenant heathen races; now popularly thought of as 'Gentiles.' It reveals we have not examined the word "GENTILES" in the N.T. So we follow the guidelines set down by the Roman Catholic theologians of long ago....