

“Ammi”

(My people)

(Scriptural elaboration attached to the triptych -on page 3- finished on June 12, 2009)

The title “Ammi”, which is Hebrew for “My people”, refers to:

Romans 9:25-29 (Hosea 1:10, 2:23, Isaiah 1:9, 10:22-23)

“As He says also in Hosea:

*“I will call them My people, who were not My people,
And her beloved, who was not beloved.”*

“And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,

‘You are not My people,’

There they shall be called sons of the living God.”

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:

“Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea,

The remnant will be saved.

For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness,

Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth.”

And as Isaiah said before:

“Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed,

We would have become like Sodom,

And we would have been made like Gomorrah.””

The purple color used for the background represents the majesty of God. The different shades dimming the background refer to:

1 Corinthians 13:12

“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”

The dividing of the painting into three paintings refers to the three persons in the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each one of the distinct, yet not separated, persons has a role in the security of the believer’s salvation (see the explanation of the white dots) and leaving out one of them would make salvation incomplete.

The establishment (decree) by the Father:

Ephesians 1:5

“having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will”

2 Timothy 2:19a

“nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands having this seal, the Lord knows those who are His.”

The confirmation and sustaining by the Son:

1 Corinthians 1:7b-8

“waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ who shall also confirm you to the end blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

The sealing and sustaining by the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

“you were sealed in Him with Holy Spirit of promise Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession to the praise of His glory.”

Romans 8:26b-27

“but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

The green dots say “no eye has seen” in braille writing (indeed, the use of braille writing is intentional). They refer to:

1 Corinthians 2:7b-9

“the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

Deuteronomy 29:29a

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God.”

Isaiah 55:6-9

*“Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.
“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Colossians 1:26-27

“the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

The white dots say “jesjoea”, which is Hebrew for “salvation”, in braille writing. They refer to:

Isaiah 52:6-7

*““Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, ‘Here I am.’”
How lovely on the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who announces peace
And brings good news of happiness,
Who announces salvation,
And says to Zion, “Your God reigns!””*

The yellow dots say “elke tong zal belijden”, which is Dutch for “every tongue will (should) confess”, in braille writing (indeed, the use of three different languages is intentional). They refer to:

Acts 10:35

“But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”

Philippians 2:11

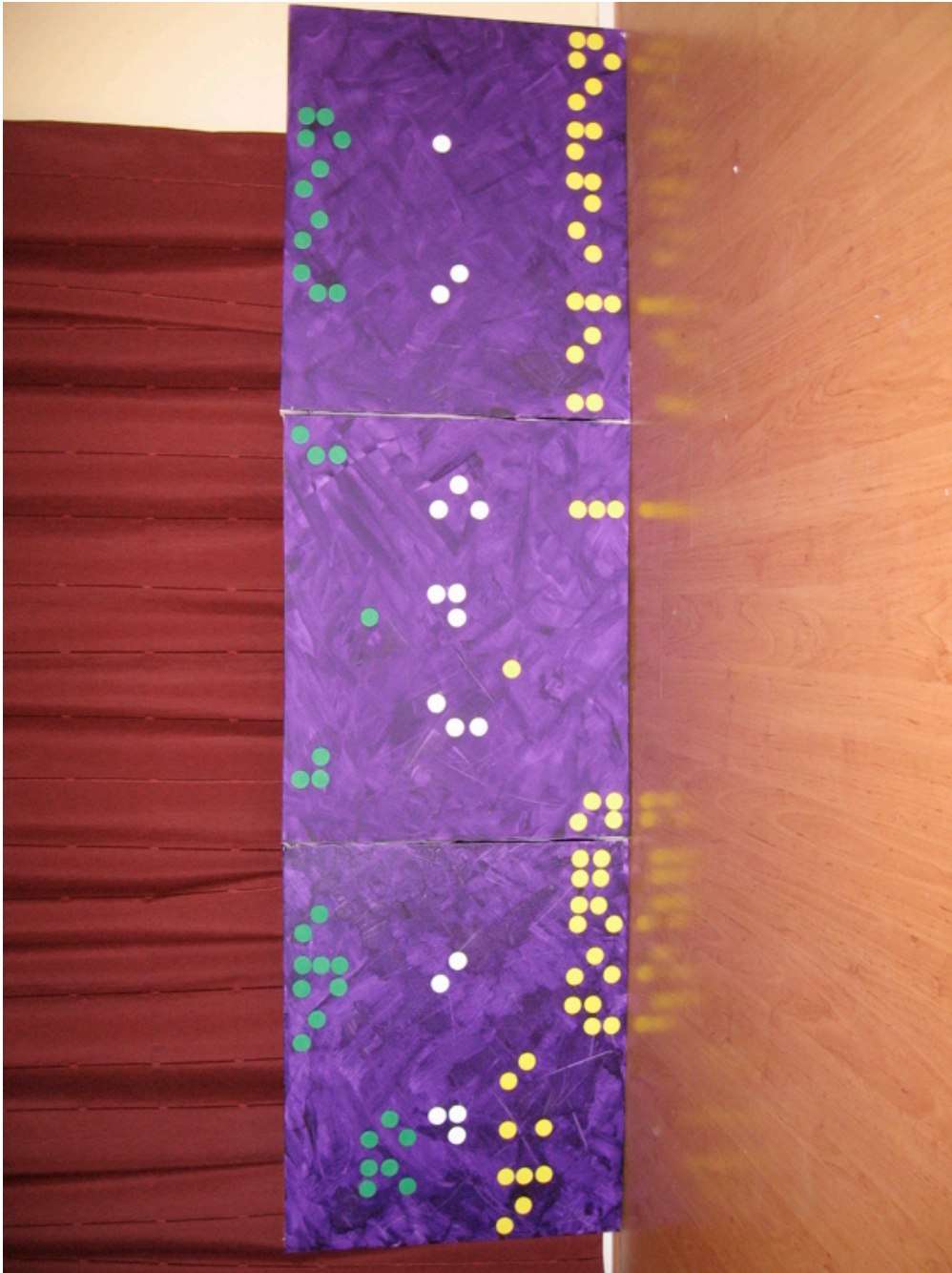
“and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

The use of the different colors for the dots refers to the manifold wisdom of God:

Ephesians 3:9-12

“and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.”

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