

The
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Of The
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In the light
of **The Gospel**



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CHAPTER 1

ISRAEL'S POSITION BEFORE GOD, A MYSTERY

We know that it is a fact that Old Testaments, Israel rests under the false hope of a literal restoration of their nation, but God will never restore literal Israel. Not only has the enemy influenced the Jews to rest on this false hope, but thousands of Gentiles are teaching and propagating the same millennial theory. People are under the false hope that the Messiah is coming a second time to earth and restore them.

THE HOPE OF THE JEW

How many missionaries have any of the church movements sent to the Jews? And yet, the only hope for the Jews is now. And the very hope of literal Israel rests on the people of God and the church's concern for their souls. Perhaps you say, "Surely Jesus is going to do something for literal Israel, His own people."

But what does the Bible say about it? Romans 11:10 says, "For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17. And if some of the branches be broken off and thou being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree 18. Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root, thee. 19. Thou wilt not any, the branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in [this is Israel's position]. 20. Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and: thou standest by faith. Be not high minded but fear."

NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR ANY PEOPLE

21. "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He spare not thee." The writer here is referring to the Jews as the natural branch, and the Gentiles as those who were grafted in later.

Now let us go farther. 22. "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. 24. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery. [What is the mystery Paul speaks of? It is Israel's position before God, and how she is going to get back to God.] Lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. 26. And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. 27. For this is my covenant unto them, which I shall take away their sins."

THE NEW COVENANT, THE BLOOD

Millennialists teach God has a special covenant with Israel. It cannot be proven that God made a new covenant with anybody but the covenant made in the New Testament.

Verse 28. "As concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sakes, but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. 29. For the gifts and callings of God are without repentance. 30. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief. 31. Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief that he might have mercy upon all. 33. O the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out! 34. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35. Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again. 36. For of him and through him, and to him are all things; to whom be glory forever and ever."

CHAPTER 2

SEALING THE JEWS IN THEIR UNBELIEF OF A LITERAL RESTORATION

We want to deal with the question that is a prominent issue. Perhaps some people say why not preach just the Gospel, why worry about the Jews? We need to realize that Satan is working in more deceptive ways than most people realize and false prophets are working today and the saints need to know the truth and to understand it so that they can teach it.

The Word of God is clear on these issues, and let us see beyond the shadow of a doubt where the fallacy is. What we want to understand and be able to see by the Word of God is whether the Jews will ever go back to Jerusalem or Palestine.

THE JEWS HAVE NO HELP IN MODERN MINISTRY

The sad thing about all this is the modern ministry instead of helping the Jews are sealing them in their unbelief. Recently I received a book entitled, "Signs of the End"; and the author who has made many trips to the Holy Land, speaking to many different groups of Jews, speaking to large audiences, encouraged them in their building up of farm land there, and bringing prosperity to that country.

He assured them that God had something in view for them in the second coming. Such counsel as that is doing nothing more than sealing people in the unbelief they are already under. A minister who will do this is not called and sent of God.

THE JEWS ARE LOST BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF

I ask you, reader, to study the Word of God and open your heart to the Spirit of God and take His precious Word. We have given you Romans, the 11th chapter, beginning with the 16th verse. Paul, in these verses showed what happened to the Jew, that the Gentile might have opportunity. And he says in verse 20, "Well, because of unbelief they were broken off. . ." and the Gentiles were standing by faith.

Then he warned the Gentiles to remember both the goodness and severity of God. Now there is a mystery "blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, there is come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGE IN THE END OF TIME

The Bible plainly states there will be no salvation for anybody when Jesus leaves the mediatorial throne. There will be no salvation for anybody, Jew or Gentile. So Paul said, since right now is the time and since

you are the only instrument through which God will work, "Turn your body over to the Lord." Millions are going to the grave fastened in unbelief.

There is a general opinion that God has something special for Israel. Now you won't get anything out of it if you shut your mind to truth; let us study with an open mind. It is sad to see and read the magazines and tracts and hear the radio messages and hear men say, "God is still making a way for His people." God has turned His back on literal Israel. He has no more blessings for them than He has for other unbelievers.

When Jesus died all mankind, Jews fell into the same category. Jesus said in John, the 12th chapter, now is the judgment of this world. It is not a question any more as to who you are, who you belong to, or whether you were Moses' disciple, or what color your skin is, but whether you are coming by the way of the Cross and take Jesus into your heart and life.

WHEN CHRIST CAME, THE JEWS HAD TO GIVE UP THEIR OLD RELIGION

The judgment of this world changed when Christ hung on the Cross. When Christ died on the Cross, we read in Hebrews 9:15 that He atoned for the sins of the past covenant. If you were true, you will make it in. The Jews were still living when Jesus came in His first advent; they had to give up their old religion or go to hell.

Jesus told them they were "whited sepulchres" full of "dead men's bones." In essence Jesus said, "I came to give you life but you won't come to Me that you might have life. Hell has enlarged herself for you." Today is the day of salvation for Jew and Gentile and every creature that lives on the face of the globe.

CHAPTER 3

THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL LEFT DESOLATE EVEN UNTIL THE CONSUMMATION

They were timed--the seventy weeks were determined. God has no special privileges for any people, except the privileges He has given through Jesus Christ. In Daniel, the 9th chapter, God said that seventy weeks were determined upon His people and the holy city. God was only going to give literal Israel seventy weeks and every Bible student understands that those seventy weeks were those sabbatic seven years, to each week, making the 490 years.

ISRAEL CEASED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE AT THE END OF 70 WEEKS

If we start in the seventh year of the reign of Artaxerxes, the command was to go back and restore the old temple. If we start counting, then it will bring us right up to A.D. 26 when Christ was anointed. Daniel said six things would be fulfilled before the seventy weeks were finished. God said that 70 weeks were determined. When those masks come to an end Israel ceased to be God's people.

Daniel 9:27 "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS IN PART CAME ON THE JEWS

God said the house of Israel would be left desolate even unto the consummation or the end when He destroys the earth. Ministers are running all over the country talking about Jesus coming back to Palestine to rebuild the tabernacle. But the Bible plainly says that their house is "left desolate even to the end."

Any teaching that says that Christ is coming back to the Jews and give them a special opportunity just for them is false and does not come from God.

Some people say it makes no difference whether the Jews have a chance or whether we have a millennium, or don't. God's only means of bringing knowledge to a lost and dying world is through His people. It is time to get back to the Word of God and see what the Bible teaches. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 11:3, "But I fear, lest by any means an the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtily, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity which is in Christ."

ONE COVENANT, ONE PEOPLE IN OLD TESTAMENT

Under the Old Testament God had one covenant and that covenant produced one people. They had one temple. When Jesus brought a new covenant, He disannulled the old one and the reason He disannulled it was because it was waxing old and decay had set in on it. He wrote "void" right over it.

You may prepare an offering and pray over it the rest of your lives and no fire will fall from Heaven. Why? Because the old covenant was disannulled. John 1:17 states, "For the law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Jesus signed His covenant with His own blood.

ONE PEOPLE IN THE NEW COVENANT

The minute you get the blood on your heart and life that is shed on that covenant every promise in the Book is yours. That's how the saints overcame the devil. Let me say again, one covenant produced one people and one temple. When Jesus brought in a new covenant it just produced one people.

SATAN'S LAST DECEPTION—MERGING OF THE CHURCHES

Who is a part of it? Everyone that has the blood on them! God has only one people in the new covenant. There is no need of all this confusion. The Jews had a Jerusalem to go to to keep the feast. When Jesus made a new covenant, He brought forth a new Jerusalem. What for? To keep the feast. When God began to bring forth light that His people should be one, Satan brought his last deception and started the talk about merging. Bible unity has its beginning in God. Coming upon the super highways and interstates you read the word, "Merge." What does it mean? "Give way." That is exactly what has happened! There is not a Scripture in the Bible about merging. Not a merge but the axe is needed.

God sent John the Baptist to preach. The Jewish people came to him; they had religion and lined up to be baptized. But John put the fire on them—he laid the axe at the root of the tree. A merge takes in everybody, but the axe sorts the trees. God is looking for trees that bare fruit.

God is saying, "Don't merge, but come out of the confusion, My people, and leave the hypocrites there."

In the eleventh chapter of Romans, down to the 12th chapter, Paul's great argument to the Romans is to the effect that God's favor is not earned, but is accepted. It is justification by faith; proving to the Jews that nothing they did, no works of their own would save them. Judaism sought mercy by sacrifice and service. We come to Him and love Him, because He first loved us.

CHAPTER 4

THE JEWS WERE BROKEN OFF BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF

Many who do not know how to rightly divide the Word of Truth have many theories concerning Israel and their return to Palestine and God. Paul says Israel lost her identity through unbelief. Romans 11:20 says, "Because of unbelief they were broken off and thou standest by faith."

ALL CONCLUDED IN UNBELIEF SINCE PENTECOST

From that time on God concluded all men in unbelief. Romans 11:30-32. The Jews had among them a trained body of men who not only copied the Law they formulated but detailed these rules or traditions right in with the Law and read it to the people for the Law. When Jesus came it was called the oral law or the tradition of the elders. This is called the Talmud and was in use in Jesus time.

FALSE TEACHING AND FALSE HOPES

It was accepted and held more authority over the people than the Scripture did. It was in this uninspired collection of traditions that the doctrine of the millennium is written. The teaching in the beginning is in the Talmud written by the scribes. They were still looking for a Messiah.

It was the influence of this false teaching that caused them to reject the true Messiah in His first Advent. It is still causing men and women to reject the truth today. This teaching of elders and traditions are not inspired according to God's Word.

God said that their leaders led the people astray, and they set in Moses' seat. God gave Moses his seat but He did not give the Jewish leaders, later on, their seat. He told Moses to write the Law, but He never commanded the scribes to do so. God-called ministers are not giving God any trouble, but those who insist on sitting in Moses' seat are the trouble-makers.

Paul tried to preach to the Jews, but they would not believe him. He said to the Gentiles, "For as much as ye in times past have not believed God, yet now have obtained mercy through their unbelief. Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."

For God concluded them all in unbelief that He might have mercy upon all. He put the Jew and Gentile on the same level. Romans 3:19-25 states: "Now we know that what things so ever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law that every mouth may be stopped and all the world become guilty before God. Verse 22 says, "For there is no difference."

UNBELIEF IS SHUTTING OFF THE JEWS

The thing that is keeping Israel away is unbelief. The Bible says unbelief shut them off. Israel does not need to move from New York to Palestine. She needs to move from unbelief to faith. But people are saying that they cannot get back until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in. The fullness of the Gentiles came in on the day of Pentecost. They refused to accept Him as a spiritual King with a spiritual kingdom.

CHAPTER 5

ISAIAH SAYS THAT A REMNANT OF THE JEWS WILL BE SAVED

Nowhere in the Word of God does it teach any return of Christ to this earth. The scribes had filled the minds of the people with traditions so that when Jesus came, the first thing He had to do was to re-teach the Law. The scribes wrote the teaching of the millennium in the Talmud. The literal moving of the Jews to Palestine really means nothing. The only move (we repeat) is from unbelief to faith.

Paul said that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. But that blindness did not happen to all. I say then, has God cast away His people? God forbid! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

NOT ALL JEWS WERE CUT OFF

"God hath not cast away His people whom he foreknew." Elias said, "Lord, they have killed thy prophets and digged down thine altars and I am left and they seek my life." But God answered, "I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal."

Paul was showing us that all Israel had not been blinded. Some of them in his day were receiving Christ. Romans 11:5 tells us, "Even so at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 7. What then, Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for but the election hath obtained it and the rest were blinded." The ones who would not accept Christ and the truth, blindness came on them.

ONLY A REMNANT WILL BE SAVED

Paul said in Romans 9:2, "Esias also crieth concerning Israel though the number of the children be as the sands of the sea, a remnant shall be saved." Those who turn from unbelief to faith are the only ones who will ever be saved. The Redeemer has already come; God has sent a deliverer out of Zion.

A SPIRIT OF SLUMBER IS OVER THE JEWS

Israel has never obtained what they sought for, but the election has. Israel is seeking for a Christ, a Redeemer, a Deliverer. God has given them the spirit of slumber. All people who reject God's truth are in a spirit of slumber.

BLINDNESS IN PART IN ISRAEL

Romans 11:25 Blindness in part is what happened to Israel. It does not mean that no Jews are going to be saved until all the Gentiles get in. If the riches of this world led them away from God, now you Gentiles have got the fullness. What is the fullness? The fullness of God's Spirit. It came to the Gentiles on the day of Pentecost. If the riches of this world have led the Jews away, how much more will the fullness, the riches of the Spirit, turn him back to God and get saved.

There is only one thing that will outshine the riches of this world; it is the unsearchable riches of Christ when it is real. So what is the hope of Israel? It is not the second coming of Christ but the church obtaining the glorious fullness of Christ. An honest-hearted Jew will recognize the riches of Christ and admit it is better than the riches of the world.

NOT ENOUGH BURDEN FOR THE JEWS

There is too little concern for the Jewish people. We will face it at the judgment. There will be no salvation when Jesus leaves the mediatorial position. The only covenant God has for the Jews is in the New Testament. Under the covenant of the New Testament, Jew and Gentile are in God's sight just alike.

If Israel ever comes back to God, it will be one by one as the Gentiles come. O, how the message needs to be declared. Then all Israel shall be saved. The Jew was under the law, but the law did not save him; "by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified." The Law was given to show the whole world they were guilty, and to stop men's mouths. "There is no difference between Jew and Gentiles."

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

At this place not only was Israel cut off because of unbelief but she was in the same position as the Gentile. God did not so love the Jews; He did not so love the Gentiles; but He so loved the *world*.

CHAPTER 6

BLINDNESS HAS COME TO THEM THROUGH UNBELIEF

They say the Jews are going to migrate back to Palestine and be brought back to God there. It is unbelief, not prophetic happenings that is keeping Israel from God. Palestine is only 75 miles wide and 150 miles long. There are more than enough Jews in New York City alone who could stand three deep in Palestine, yet these preachers say the Jews are going back there before Jesus comes.

NO LOCALIZED RELIGION NOW

All localized religion came to an end when Christ came. Christ told the Samaritan woman "the hour cometh and now is when the Samaritans won't worship in Gerizim, nor the Jews in Jerusalem, but true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

The first three thousand added to the church were all Jews; there were hundreds of thousands of them that believed. The next five thousand in two days who got saved were Jews.

So blindness (in part) has happened to Israel. A remnant of the Jews believed on the grace of God that appeared unto all men. Israel hath not obtained that which she seeketh for. What is she seeking for? For a literal kingdom that will throw down all other powers and give them universal peace. The election already has it.

They don't have to seek any longer. Second Corinthians 3:13 says, "Not as Moses, which put a veil over his face. 14. But their minds were blinded for unto this day remaineth the ease veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament which veil is done away in Christ. 15. But even unto this day when Moses is read the veil upon their heart. 16. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord the veil shall be taken away."

The fullness of the Gentiles is the only thing that will ever win the Jews back. How many missionaries go to the Jews? Those who believe on Christ will be saved now. Romans 11:25 tells us, "For I would not brethren that you should be ignorant of this mystery—that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, end so all Israel shall be moved."

"There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Paul said, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience always bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have a great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that my self were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen, according to the flesh."

Everybody believes there is going to be an opportunity for the Jews to have salvation so they don't bother them now. Also, the Gentile sinner has a loophole that they will have a chance in the millennium. If the Jews are ever reached, they will have to be reached today. There is no burden for the Jew as Paul had, who said, he was willing even to be accursed from Christ for their sake.

CHAPTER 7

WHO IS COUNTED AS ISRAEL SINCE CHRIST?

Now who is Israel? "For they are not all Israel which are of Israel, neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children. They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God." The Jews tried arguing with Christ about this matter.

Then Jesus said to those Jews, "Abraham saw my day and rejoiced in it. If ye were the children of Abraham, ye would do the works of Abraham. They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God."

He was speaking to a number of Jews who thought because of their good works and because of their fleshly birth they were going to make it into Heaven. Then He went back and showed us these two children who were born, and before they were even out of the womb. God chose one and discounted the other.

He went back and showed that God had chosen one son, and the boys themselves had nothing to do about it. It was God's choice. He has called an election and put all on one level, concluded all under unbelief, and whether you are Jew or Gentile or whatever you are you must enter the kingdom by one door. The door of faith, believing God's eternal Word.

JESUS LED OUT HIS SHEEP—HE KNEW THEM

When Jesus came He went to the Jewish fold and led His sheep out. "I am the good shepherd and I know my sheep." Also, He said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them I must bring also. So He went to the Gentiles and brought them, both Jew and Gentile and there was one fold and one shepherd."

Before you are in the church, you are either a Jew or a Gentile. If you have salvation, it just makes you a member of the Church of God. First Corinthians 10:32 says, "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God."

HE CALLED ALSO THE GENTILES

Romans 9:24 reads, "Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? 25. As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people, and my beloved, which was not beloved. 26. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. 27. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: 28. For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. 29. And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and had been made like unto Gomorrah. 30. What shall we say, then? That the Gentiles which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith."

THE JEWS WOULD NOT COME BY FAITH

31. "But Israel which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32. Wherefore?" That is, why did this happen? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were, by the works of the Law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. 33. As it is written, Behold I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock of offence; and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

THEY WANTED TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 10:1 tells us, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Paul wasn't praying for them to get back to Palestine. 2. "For I bare them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge, 3. for they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4. For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth 5. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, that the man which doeth those things shall live by them. 6. But the righteousness which is by faith speaketh on this wise; Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven [that is, to bring Christ down from above]? 7. Or, who shall descend into the deep [that is to bring up Christ again from the dead]? 8. But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach;" Paul said all Israel should be saved, but that every one who says

they are Israel are not Israel. Who then is Israel? "The children of God, or men and women who have been born again."

Let us read Romans 2:28-29: "For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew which is one inwardly and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

John 1:47a tells us, "Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and saith to him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Israel is made up of Israelites. And who is an Israelite? One whom has no guile and owns Jesus as the Son of God. Israel today is made up of Jews and Gentiles, not Israel after the flesh but Israel after the promise; not by works, but by faith.

Romans 10:6 tells us that Paul said the righteousness which is by faith and the righteousness which is by works is contrary to each other. In the 61st verse he said, "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise. (For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.)"

The thing that brought salvation to you was the fact that Jesus come from Heaven, suffered and died, and God raised Him up again. God did it for you. You need to believe the Word. You do not need to go on a long distance journey to get this. Christ is bringing it right down to you.

Christ came hunting when you were not looking for Him, and salvation is just as close to you as the Word is. Romans 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

FROM UNBELIEF TO BELIEF OR FAITH

No, the Jews don't need to go to Palestine from New York. They need to go from unbelief to faith, the same as all other people. Romans 10:9 states, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

CHAPTER 8

THE GENTILES WERE READY FOR THE GOSPEL AT PENTECOST

God has no special favor for Israel. When Jesus came, Israel through unbelief lost their exalted position and fell to the level of all mankind. God, in kindness went to them first with the Gospel. Two Gentiles said, "We went to see Jesus." So Andrew and Philip told Jesus and Jesus said; John 12:23, "And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the son of man should be glorified. 24. Verily, verily, I say unto you except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

That is, He meant the hour has come, for the Gentiles are ready to take the Gospel. The hour of the Gentiles was fulfilled right there. It was time for the Gentiles to come in. Romans 9:28: "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

Matthew 21:42: "And Jesus said unto them: Did you never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corners. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

HE TOOK THE KINGDOM AWAY AT PENTECOST TIME

43. "Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Some say the kingdom was taken from the Jews and given to the Gentiles. No, it was taken from the Jew and given to whomsoever will.

When Peter stood up and preached "the promise is unto you and your children," in that day if the Gentiles heard Jesus, they were away in the outskirts of the crowd. Remember the Samaritan woman who came to Jesus for her child. Jesus said, "It's not meet to take the childrens' bread and give it to the dogs." She answered, "But the dogs get crumbs from the Master's table."

In other words, "You are my Master. I am willing to take the crumbs." And Jesus, who knew it was not yet the Gentiles' time, said, "I've not seen any faith like this among the Jews." Jesus preached to the Jews. They trampled it underfoot and the Gentiles picked up the crumbs.

A few hours before that in the some locality, Jesus had stood with a bleeding heart and said, "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden." That little woman got hold of that message, and she came for help.

GOD SENT PETER TO THE GENTILES

Peter said to the multitudes, "The promise is to you and to your children." And in less than three weeks time, God said to Peter, "I want you to hold a revival in a Gentile's house." Peter said he just couldn't do it. But God gave him understanding through a vision and told him to go with the men who came to him. The Holy Spirit fell on them also and Peter said, "I see God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him."

CHAPTER 9

SALVATION AT PENTECOST BECAME AN INDIVIDUAL MATTER

The axe is still laid at every tree looking for that fruit. What fruit? The fruit of righteousness here. So while men are merging, God is giving faithful men a new grip on the axe.

Romans 10:10 says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 12. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all who call upon him. 13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Isaiah says (Romans 9:27), ". . . though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved." "A short work will the Lord do upon the earth." What kind of a short work did He make?

Matthew 21:3: "Hear another parables There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandman, and went into a far country [speaking of Christ]. 34. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandman, that they might receive the fruits of it."

God was looking for fruits in the lives of men as He is today, the fruits of the kingdom. 35. "And the husbandman took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and atoned another. 36. Again he sent other servants more than the firsts and they did unto them likewise. 37. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying they will reverence my son. 38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 39. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard and slew him. 40. When the Lord therefore, of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandman? 41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandman, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus knew that they understood. Verse 42. "Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner, this is the Lord's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes? 43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. 45. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them." Note: They perceived what He was saying and would have then taken Him, but they "feared the multitudes" who considered Him a prophet of God.

He said, "You builders rejected the stone." That was the only solid thing in the world. Now the kingdom was given to another nation. What nation? Peter said, "I perceive of a truth that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." What is that nation? It is the church.

First Peter 2:4 says, "To whom coming as unto a living stone disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house. 9. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. " A new nation made up of all nations that believe that Jesus is the Son of God and who entered in by the door, Christ Jesus.

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