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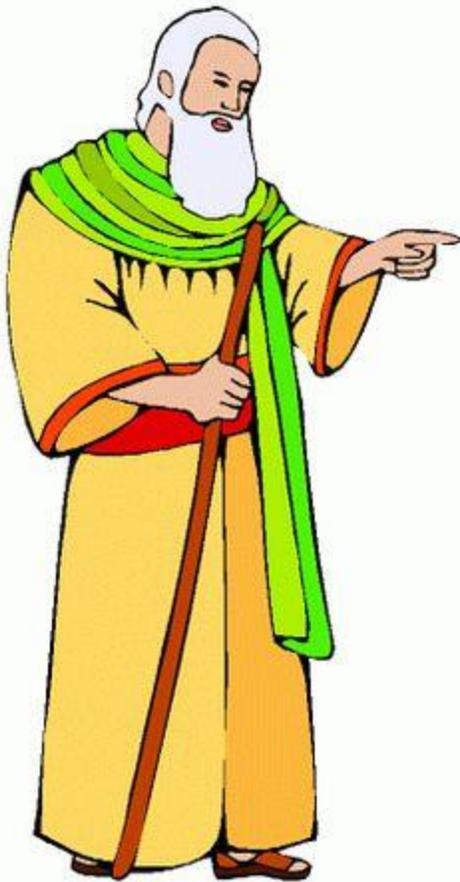
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# Lesson Eleven

## The First Coming of Christ

The last prophet in the Old Testament to write God's Word to Israel was Malachi. And the last thing Malachi wrote were these words:



**Malachi**

**Malachi 4:5-6**

**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the LORD.**

**And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."**

And then God did not speak through a prophet again.

He was silent for  
400 years!

So, there was silence...

...for 400 years!

And finally...

An angel appeared to a priest whose name was

**Zachariah**

Who was married to a woman whose name was

**Elizabeth.**

And the very words that the angel spoke to Zachariah were the very last words that Malachi wrote 400 years before:

**But the angel said to him, “.... your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John... . . . And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”**

**Luke 1:13, 16-17**

And so, the woman who was called barren,  
bore a son; and they called him

**John.**

Then a voice was heard...

...a voice crying in the wilderness

...calling the people of God to

**“Repent, for the Kingdom of the Heavens was at hand.”**

Now go back to the previous page and circle the names Zachariah, Elizabeth and John. Then trace the faint gray lines from the circles to the boxes on this page.

Means: "God REMEMBERS"

Means: "God of the Oath"

Means: "Grace or Mercy of the Lord"

Fill in the names on the lines.

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God remembered

\_\_\_\_\_

the oath

that He had made to

Abraham and His descendants, and sent

\_\_\_\_\_

His Great Mercy and Grace to His People, because He was ready to begin fulfilling His Promises.

Go back to the first page of this lesson and reread the verses printed there. These are the very last words in the Old Testament – Malachi 4:5-6. Do you see that the very first words which God spoke 400 years later were the very same words as He last spoke to Malachi?

Do you think **GOD REMEMBERED HIS OATH TO HIS PEOPLE?**



**GOD is  
SO GOOD!**

and is now ready to begin the process of  
fulfilling His Promises.

And so, Zachariah and Elizabeth's son, whom they  
named John, came *in the spirit and power of Elijah*. He  
became known as

## **John The Baptist**

And his message was:

**“Repent,**

**For the Kingdom of the heavens  
is at hand.”**



All the while this was going on, the angel had also appeared to a virgin whose name was Mary (who was engaged to a man named Joseph) telling her that she would give birth to the Son of God. The angel said:

**Luke 1:31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”**

The Name **JESUS** means:  
“Jehovah saves”

This was in fulfillment of a prophecy that Isaiah spoke:

**Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**

The name **Immanuel** means:  
“God with us.”

So, we see that Jesus is the Son of God *and* God the Son. **Jesus, Who saves us is also God, Who is with us!**

And so, Mary (who was engaged to Joseph) gave birth to the Son of God, and they named Him JESUS, Who was also called “Jesus Christ.” But...

**DID YOU  
KNOW...**

that “Christ” is NOT Jesus’ last name? It is a TITLE! We could really say: Jesus *THE* Christ.

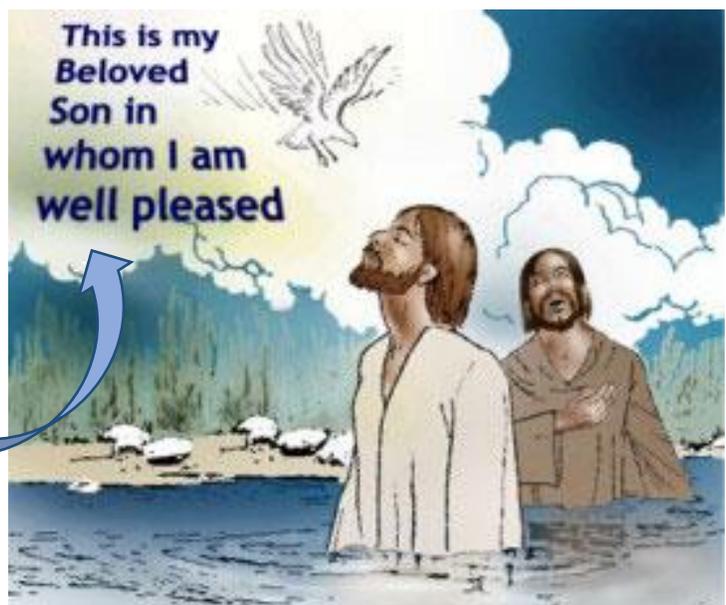
The title “Christ” means

“The Anointed One”.

Jesus has been anointed by God the Father to be  
The Ruler over Earth.

When Jesus grew into a man and it was time to begin His public ministry, He was first baptized by John, the Baptist.

As soon as He came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove and the Father spoke from heaven:



When the Father called Jesus “His Son” He was telling the Jews that this One is the Messiah, Who has come to fulfill the promise given long ago to King David.

God told King David:

“When your days are fulfilled, and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

I will be his Father, and he shall be My son...”

II Samuel 7:12-14a

Because remember!

Only Sons will rule in the kingdom of the Heavens!

And specifically – only Firstborn sons rule.

Go back to pg. 97 and reread the verses from the Gospel of LUKE. What does it say that God would do for His Son? Write your answer here:

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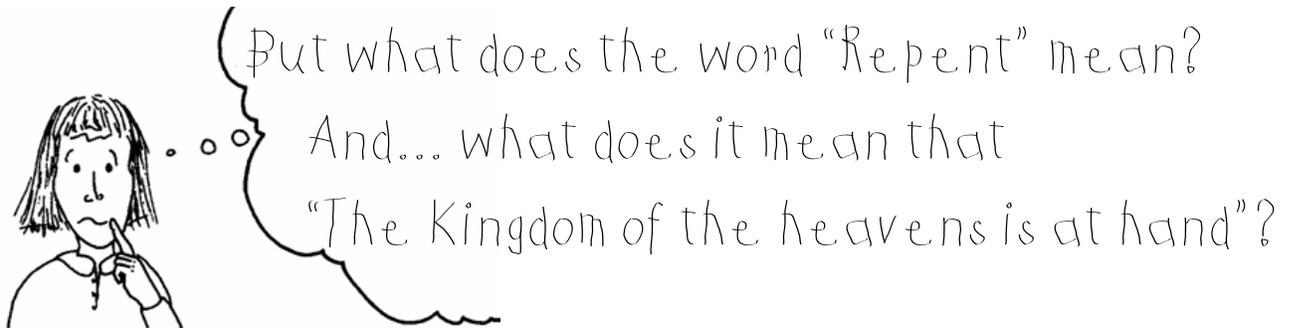
Do you think that God was beginning to fulfill His promises?

YES

NO

From the time Jesus was baptized, His message was the same as John's message:

“Repent,  
for the Kingdom of the heavens is at hand.”



“Repent” means to stop doing what you are NOT supposed to do, and start doing what you ARE supposed to do. The people of Israel were supposed to STOP being disobedient, and begin being obedient.

And the phrase “The Kingdom of the heavens is at hand” means that at that time the King was present among the people of Israel offering to them the heavenly realm of rulership over the earth.

For three years, this was the message Jesus brought to the Children of Israel. Jesus wanted them to obey so that they could receive the right to rule from the heavens over the earth, which was all part of the Promises God gave to Abraham and to his descendants.

Look at what Jesus said:

**“I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.” Luke 4:43**

According to this verse, WHY was Jesus sent?

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Answer

But ultimately, the Jews did not want to repent; they did not believe and obey, even though the kingdom of the heavens was being offered to them. And so just before they crucified their Messiah, Jesus said this to them:

**“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.  
Matthew 21:43**

What did Jesus tell Israel He was going to do?

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Answer

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Do you know who this Nation is that will bear the fruits of the Kingdom? Who do you think it is?

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In upcoming weeks, we will DISCOVER more, as we continue our journey to find our TREASURE!



Keep doing well

on your journey!

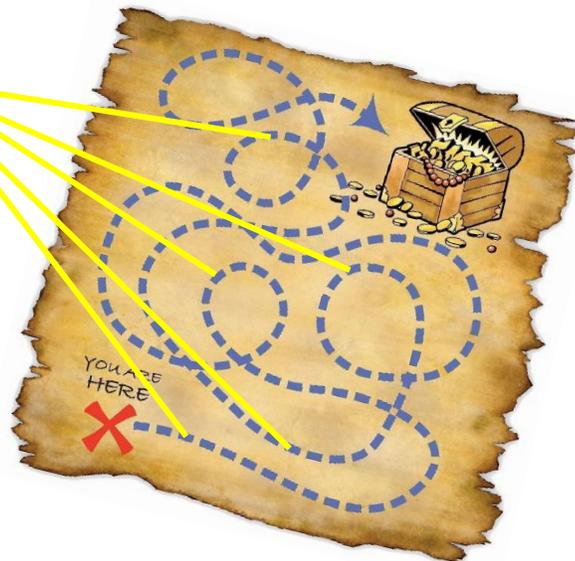
It will be well worth it at the end!

# Lesson Twelve

## The Kingdom of the Heavens – Our Heavenly Treasure

We have learned a lot so far, haven't we? So, let's stop and ask –

Where have we  
been in our  
treasure hunt?



And, what have  
we discovered  
along the way?

Let's review what we have learned so far and add a few details:

Did God create the earth in a perfect way, or did He create it without form and void?

If without form and void, how did it become ruined?

Why did God create Man?

But what happened with the Man and the Woman in the Garden?

So, have they been able to rule over the earth yet?

Then we know that God called a man out of Ur to go to another land. Who was that man?

Who are the descendants of Abraham?

Can you explain how Abraham's descendants became slaves in Egypt, and then how God brought them out of Egypt in order to be taken into the Promised Land?

Even with their deliverance out of Egypt, were the descendants of Abraham obedient to God?

Finally, God brought the Nation of Israel into the Promised Land.



And so, with Israel in the land God eventually set up the Theocratic Kingdom.

Theocratic Kingdom???  
What does that mean?



A “theocratic kingdom” is a system of government wherein God rules in the midst of His people. It can also be called “a

Theocracy”



OK! I get it now!

And so... God eventually set up a theocratic kingdom in Israel. And for a time, they were the head of all the nations of the earth. But due to the Israel's continued unbelief and disobedience, the kingdom was taken over by a Gentile ruler. And from that time, even until now (almost 2600 years), Israel has not been a Theocracy. This period of time is called:

## The Times of the Gentiles.

But there is ONE thing to remember! God has not forgotten the promises He made to Abraham. And He will bring it to pass!



When God does fulfill those promises, the Times of the Gentiles will be brought to a full end, and Nation of Israel will be established again within a Theocracy as the head of all the nations of the earth with God ruling in their midst.

But...

What about "The Kingdom of  
the Heavens"?  
What is that anyway?



Do you remember that in the beginning God created the **HEAVENS** and the **EARTH**? Well we can get more information about what God did then by reading this passage:

**Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.



What did God create in heavens?

Can you draw a simple throne somewhere in the heavens?

Right now, can we **SEE** those things that are in heaven?

YES

NO

Circle One

But just because we cannot **SEE** them (they are invisible), can we know they **REALLY** exist?

YES

NO

Circle One

How do you know that they really do exist?

What did God create on earth?



Can you draw a throne on earth?

Can we SEE those things on the earth?

YES

NO

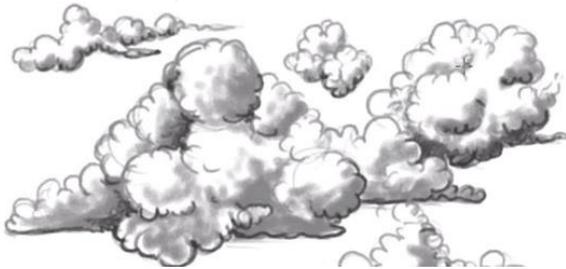
So, these are visible for us to see!

Now we can understand that God made TWO REALMS  
of this kingdom –

Heavenly

and

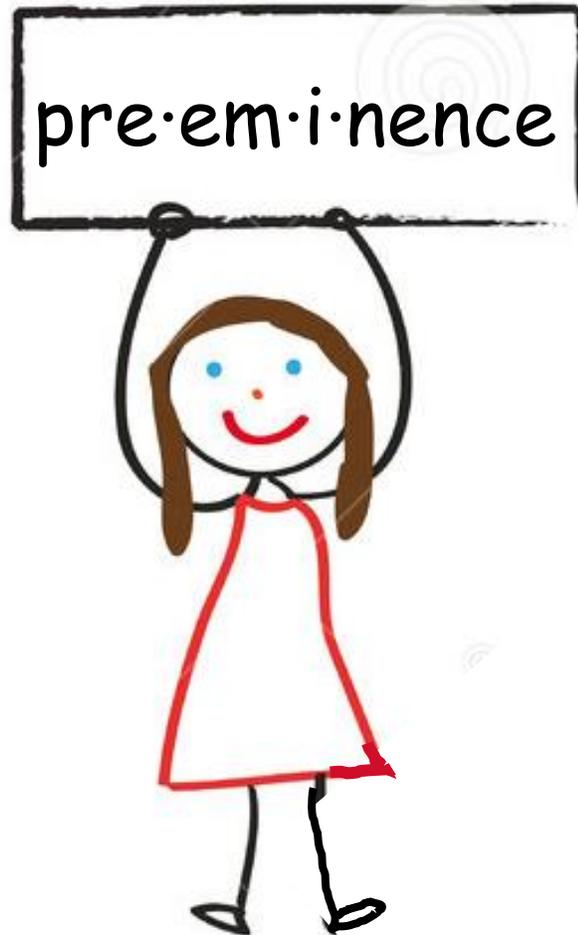
Earthly



The Prophet Daniel reveals that “the heavens do rule” (Dan. 4:26b). This means that the heavenly rule has the preeminence over the earthly rule.

That’s a cool word –  
but what does it mean?

From the context of  
that sentence, what do  
you think **preeminence**  
means?



It means: the first of  
something; something that is  
over and above.

So, **HOW** do you think  
the heavens have **preeminence** over the earth?

Now, there is more we need to read in this passage. Let’s re-read v. 16 and then see what follows it.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.**

Who is this talking about?

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Oooh!

That Jesus might have WHAT???

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So, what can we know about Jesus in regards to both the heavenly and the earthly thrones, dominions or principalities or powers?

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Answer

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And THAT...



...is good to  
Know!

So, what does this have to do with us???

Jesus wants us to take our focus off the present world and place it on His Heavenly Kingdom. There is where He wants us to lay up for ourselves treasure!

Jesus says in Matthew 6:19-21:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...”

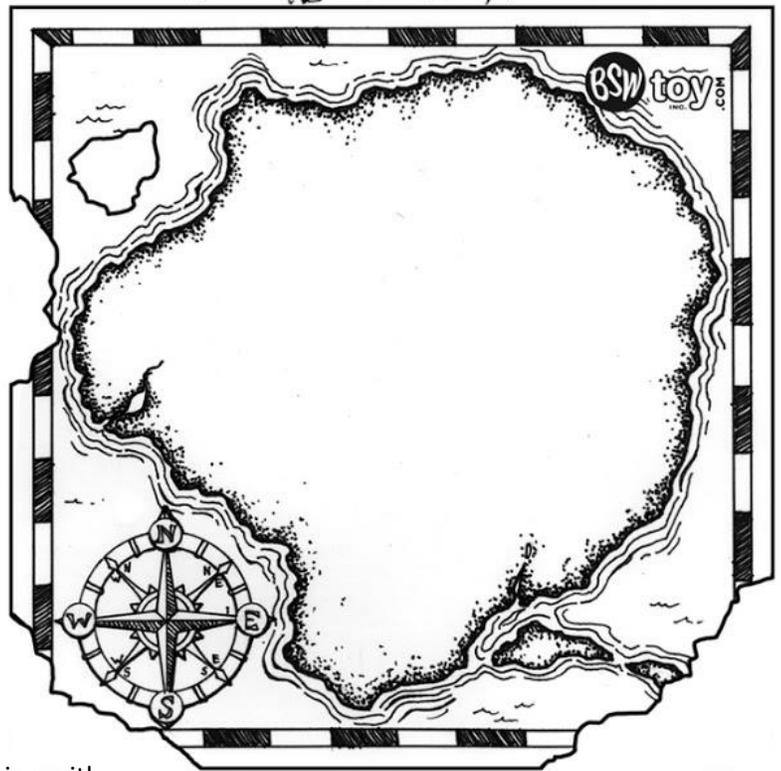
Jesus wants us to  
seek His Kingdom  
**FIRST!**

Matthew 6:33 “But seek  
first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness...”

How do you think we  
would seek His Kingdom

**FIRST?** Discuss the answer to this question with  
your teacher or parent.

Draw Your Own Map Here!



Jesus will rule from the

\_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_ !  
Fill in the blanks



Isaiah 66:1 Thus  
says the  
LORD:  
“Heaven is My  
throne, And  
earth is My  
footstool...”

Now...

We have already learned that Satan and his fallen angels  
are presently ruling from the heavens above the earth.

Right?

So, what did Jesus mean when He came preaching...

“Repent, for the Kingdom of the heavens is at hand”?

The terms:

“The Kingdom of the heavens”

and

“The Kingdom of God”

are used in Scripture to describe the same thing:

THE RULERSHIP FROM THE  
HEAVENS



OVER THE  
EARTH



...and not God’s Sovereign rule over  
all the Universe.

Although, God DOES rule sovereignly  
over the entire Universe. But...

...when the Bible uses either of these terms, it is not referring to God's Sovereign Reign over all of creation.

**Rather, these terms in Scripture are referring specifically to the rulership that takes place from the heavens over the earth.**

And, it is the *heavenly* realm of the kingdom which is the topic of all four gospels, with each gospel giving particular detail as to the message that John the Baptist brought to the Jewish people, which was the same message that Jesus brought, and the same message with which He sent out His disciples. The main message was:

Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens  
is at hand.

Jesus was literally offering the Nation of Israel the location of rulership which is now occupied by Satan and his fallen angels.



And we must keep this in mind as we continue in our study.

Keep up the good work!

# Lesson Thirteen

## The New Nation, the New Creation, the New Man – Part 1

We have seen that when Jesus came the first time, He came to offer the Kingdom of the Heavens to Abraham's descendants — the Children of Israel. But Israel, as a Nation, rejected Christ and His message, so Jesus withdrew the offer, saying that He would raise up a **NEW NATION** who would produce the fruits of the kingdom (Mt. 21:43).



At one point, Jesus said: “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church...”

So...

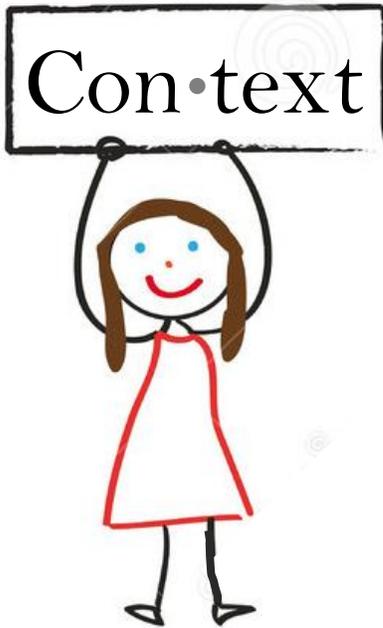
**What does it mean that the Church will be a New Nation?**

**Does it refer to a building?**

**What is the Church?**

What do you think Jesus meant?

This is one example of how CONTEXT is so important!



**con·text**

*noun*

- the parts of something written or spoken that comes before and after a word or phrase, and gives clarity to its meaning.

So, let's look at the "context" of Jesus saying "Upon this Rock I will build my Church".

When Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My Church..." He didn't mean that He was going to build a building on top of a rock!

**NO!** That is **NOT** what He meant.

Just prior to Jesus saying this, Peter had made this  
AWESOME statement of Jesus:

“YOU ARE **THE CHRIST**, SON OF THE  
LIVING GOD!”

Peter meant that Jesus is the ANOINTED ONE, the  
MESSIAH, the CHRIST, the One Who would rule over  
the earth as the King of kings and Lord of lords  
in the Coming Kingdom.

..You are

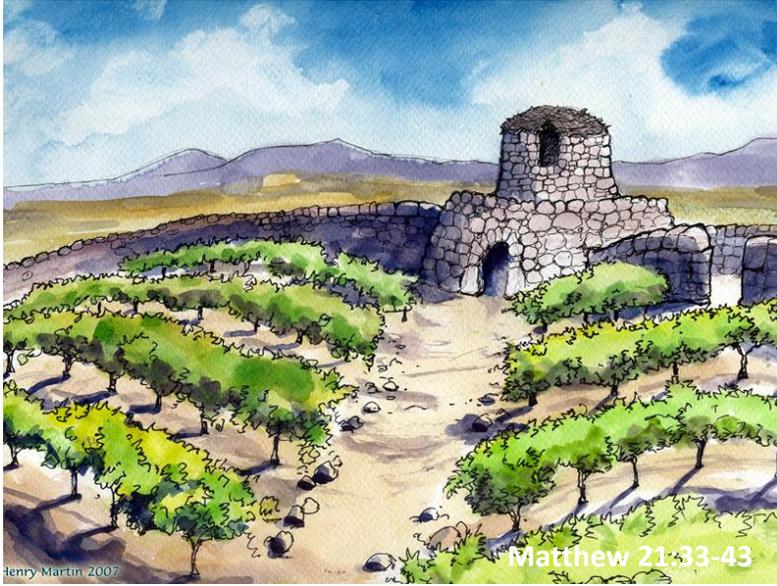


**The Christ,  
the  
Son of the Living  
God.”**

And it would be upon this FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH  
that Jesus would build His Church.

That is how **CONTEXT** helps us to  
understand the meaning of Jesus’  
statement.

Shortly after Peter made that statement, Jesus was talking to the chief priests and elders of the Jewish people, and He gave them the parable of the vineyard...



In this parable, a certain king built a vineyard with a tower in it, which he rented out to certain vinedressers to work and keep the vineyard for

him. When it came time to receive the fruits of the vineyard, the king sent his servants to take the fruit for him. The vinedressers would not give the fruit to the king's servants: they beat one, killed another and stoned the other. The king then sent other servants and the vinedressers did the same to these servants. Finally, the king sent his son to them, saying "they will respect his son." But the vinedressers did not respect his son, and they decided to kill him also.

Then Jesus asked the chief priest and elders what the king should do with these vinedressers...

**They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”**

But guess what??? He was talking about them!!! They were the vinedressers who had not given their King (God) the fruit that was required of them. The Nation had treated God’s holy prophets poorly – even killing some, and even then they were planning on crucifying Jesus. And once they realized He was talking about them: Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

**“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone...”**

According to this verse, what had the Jews rejected?

And what did that rejected Stone become?

THIS is where Jesus makes this next statement, that we have read several times throughout this study:

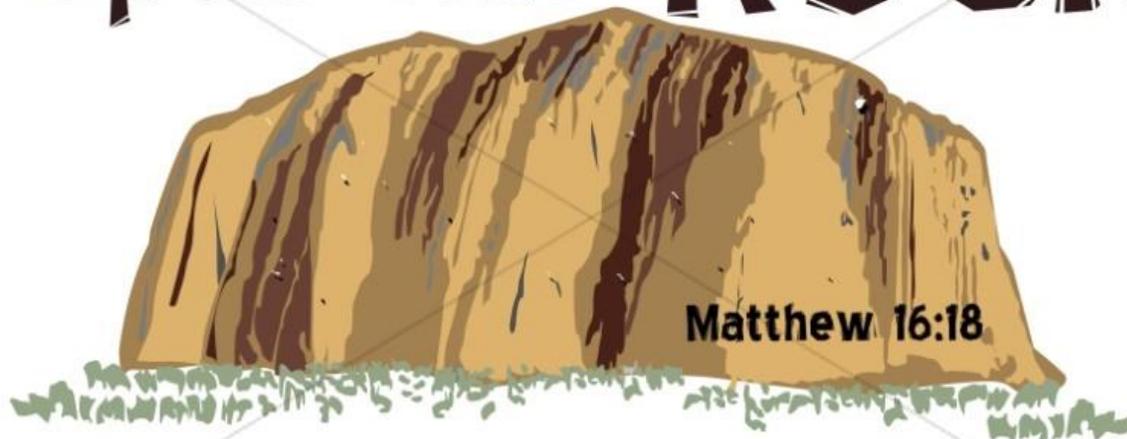
**“...Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. Matthew 21:43**

Putting this altogether, what do we have?

We have Peter making the succinct statement that  
**JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.**

And then Jesus said:

**Upon This ROCK**



**I Will Build My Church**

The Nation of Israel rejected the “stone, which became the very Cornerstone” – they rejected  
**Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

And it was at that point Jesus says that He is going to take away the offer of the Kingdom of the heavens from the Jewish Nation and  
**give it to a Nation who would produce the fruits.**

# So, what people group will make up THIS Nation?

Well...this NEW NATION is made up of the NEW CREATION in CHRIST, which we will talk more about shortly. But for now, we need to understand the distinctions between

Jews

and

Gentiles.



A Jew is a person who is of the lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and Jacob's 12 sons.

A Gentile is everyone else...

This New Nation will be made up of Jews who will have come to believe in Jesus, and Gentiles who also believe in Jesus, making a new group of people – a New Creation!



This will be the New Nation, the New Creation, the New Man in Christ – The CHURCH.

This is how Peter described the New Creation. In speaking of the Church, he wrote:

**1 Peter 2:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... . . . 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**

Remember the "stone" that the Jews had rejected?

Will you underline in RED all that applies to Jesus Christ? And then underline in BLUE that which applies to you and me?

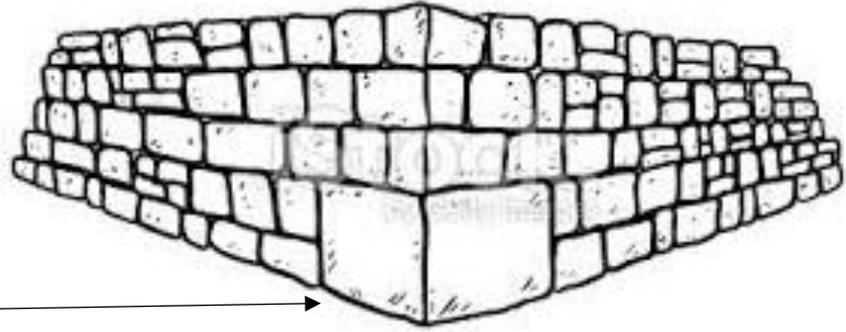
What does v. 5 say that we are?

At one point, Jesus was speaking to Jews when He said:

**Matthew 3:9 "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones..."**

So, Christians are living stones...each of us a part of a spiritual building; and Jesus is the Cornerstone.

Put the initials  
"J" and "C:" on  
the sides of this  
stone



What do you think those initials stand for?

And then choose a stone in the building and write your initials on it.

Now read this next passage and think about how YOU fit into this building.

**Ephesians 2:19** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being

joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,  
22 in whom you also are being built together for a  
dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

In this passage, underline all the phrases that pertain to  
YOU!

According to v. 21, what does the building grow into?

In v. 22 what are we being built into a temple for?

We have learned a lot this week about the Church! I hope you  
are understanding how important this is in your life.

The Church is NOT a building on the street corner! It is a  
*spiritual* building – a gathering of **living stones** (you and me  
and others). WE make up the Church! WE are being built into a  
dwelling for God in the Spirit, and WE are now receiving the  
offer of the Heavenly Kingdom. This is so good to understand.

Next week we will continue in this topic. See you then!

# Lesson Fourteen

## The New Nation, Creation, Man – Part 2

Last week we learned that we are part of a newly created NATION – one that was created (in part) to receive the offer of the Kingdom of the heavens, which the Nation of Israel rejected. So, let's learn more about this new nation and the people of it. Let's first ask:

Where is this nation  
located?

To help answer that question, let's think about this...

What is the name of the kingdom that is being offered to this New Nation?



It is the

Kingdom of the \_\_\_\_\_.



There is NOT a nation on the earth that belongs to the New Man in Christ – the Church!

You could go to the globe and NOT be able to point to this nation! And because of this, Paul tells us that we are NOT to set our mind on earthly things. In fact, he says:

**Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...**

According to this verse, where is our citizenship?

So, what should we be thinking soooo much about?

(See the cloud at the top of this page? Write something in the cloud that depicts what we should be thinking about.)

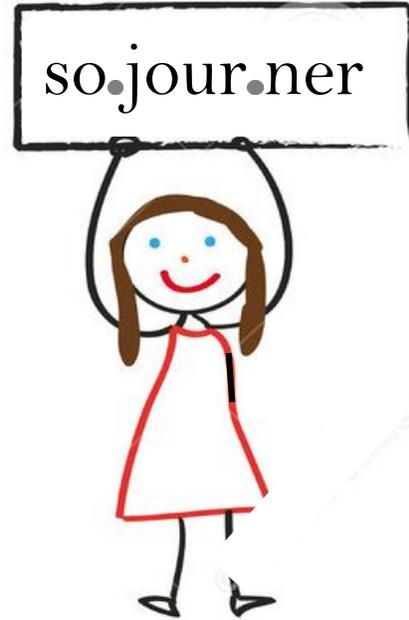
The Bible also tells us that we are **sojourners** on this earth.

I Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as **sojourners** and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles...

What does that mean?

**so·journer** *noun*

a person who temporarily lives in one place, but whose permanent home is in another place.

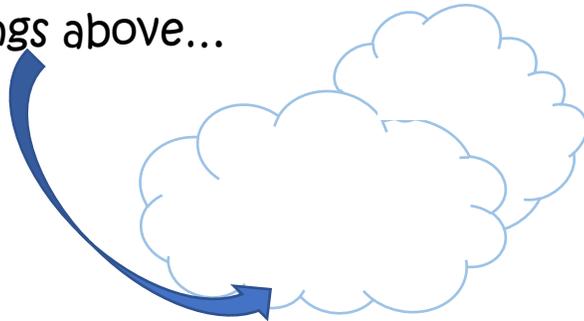


So, if we are a sojourner (as the passage above says we are) we are just passing through here. Our real home is in another place. This earth is NOT our home! Can you guess where our real home is?

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Answer

And that is why the Apostle Paul says we are to think on things above...



Not on things below.



Last week we learned that the Church is made up of people who have put faith in Jesus. So, in a real sense, whenever a person believes in Jesus he becomes a New Creation! Look at these verses:

## II Corinthians 5

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

*Psst! Underline that phrase*

The “old things” that have “passed away” is our connection to our heritage on earth. This means that if:

- you were a Gentile when you believed in Jesus, you are no longer a Gentile, but a new creation...you are in Christ – a Christian.

Or if

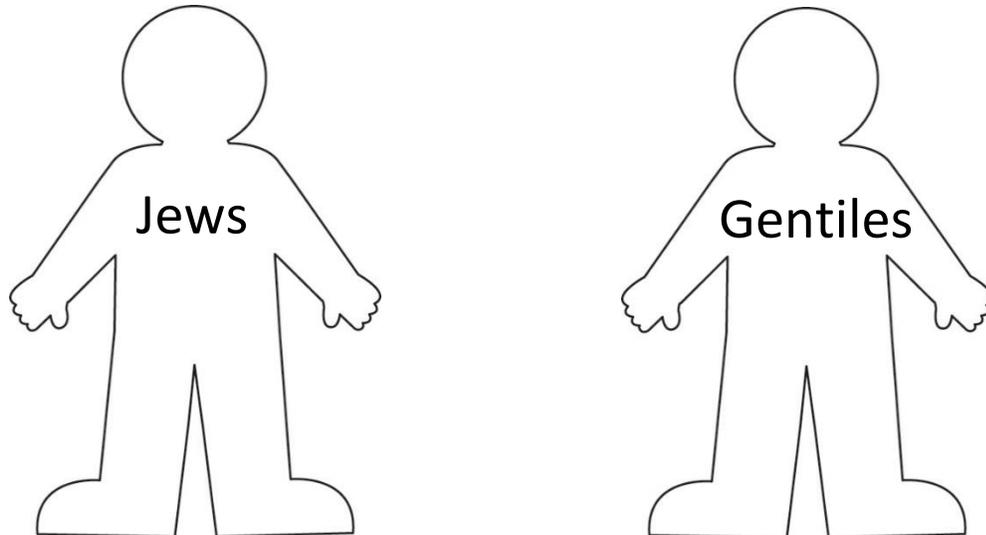
- you were a Jew when you believed in Jesus, you are no longer a Jew, but a new creation...you are in Christ – a Christian.

## Galatians 6

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

“Circumcision” would be a term referring to the Jewish people; and “uncircumcision” would be referring to Gentiles.

Remember that at the first coming of Christ, there were only TWO groups of people on earth —



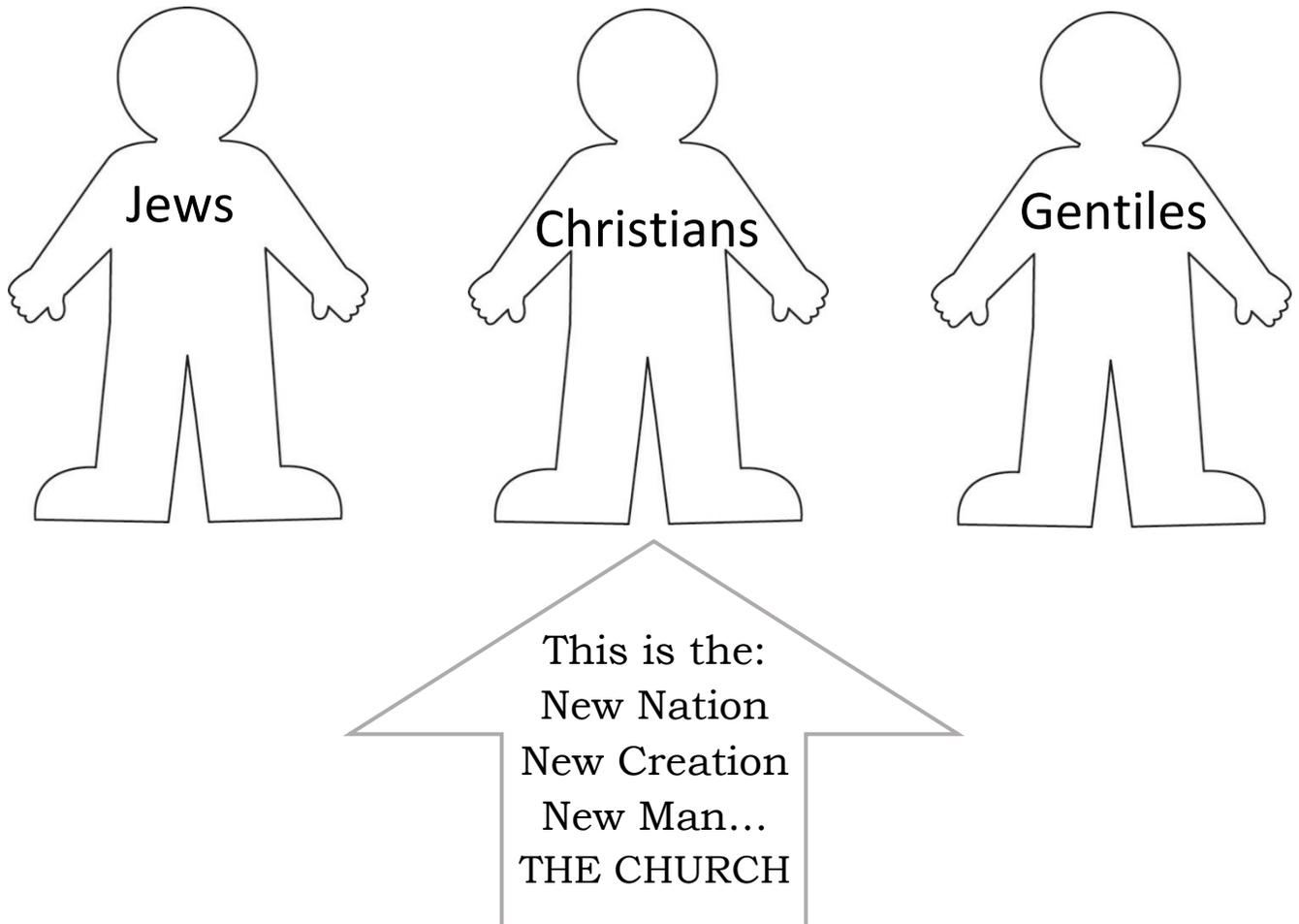
We'll also remember that Jews are the physical descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. And everyone else (everyone who is not a descendant of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob) is a Gentile.

But once the New Creation was formed *and once Paul withdrew the reoffer of the Kingdom of the Heavens from the Nation of Israel*, anyone "in Christ" is a part of the NEW CREATION now.

So now, when someone puts faith in Jesus Christ, then they become NEW CREATION. They become —

**A CHRISTIAN!**

With the Church now formed, for the first time in the history of man, there are **THREE** groups of people:



**Made up of people who put faith in Jesus.**

In speaking about all of this, Paul writes:

**For He Himself [Jesus] is our peace,**  
**who has made both one... .**

**... so as to create in Himself**  
**one new man from the two,**  
**thus making peace...**

**Ephesians 2:14a, 15b**



Can you see how all this is fitting together? And all of this is part of God's Eternal Plan!

In addressing both groups of people as one, Paul writes:

**Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

**28 There is neither Jew nor Greek [Gentile], there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

According to v. 27, if a person is baptized into Christ, what have they put on?

From v. 29, fill in the blanks.

If you are \_\_\_\_\_ '\_\_\_\_', then you are \_\_\_\_\_ '\_\_\_\_' seed, and an HEIR according to the promise.

REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS TO RECEIVE THE HEAVENLY PORTION OF THE KINGDOM THAT GOD PROMISED TO ABRAHAM—THE PORTION THAT THE NATION OF ISRAEL REJECTED.

While the earthly land of Israel has already been given to Abraham's physical descendants (the Nation of Israel), the heavenly land would now be given to another people – the New Nation, the New Creation, the New Man – the Body of Christ.

And that is YOU and ME!

This is why we are to  
**SEEK** the Kingdom  
above all else!



This is why we are on this journey and why we need to be so careful to follow our Instruction Book!



It is because our citizenship is in heaven, and that is a **WONDERFUL** thing. But we must be prepared!



But there is something else to consider! God has not rejected His people, Israel! They are still His Chosen People! We'll look at how that all fits together after our next review.

# Lesson Fifteen

## Review of Lessons 11-14

### In Lesson 11: The First Coming of Christ

We discovered that after a silence of 400 years God began to speak to His people Israel again through a priest called Zachariah.

- Who was the last OT prophet to proclaim God's word to the Jews?
- How was the last part of the message given through Malachi similar to that given to Zachariah 400 years later?
- How did Zachariah receive the message?
- What are the meanings of the names: Zachariah, Elizabeth and John?
- Why are the meanings of names significant, especially after a silence from God of 400 years?
- By what other name or title is Zachariah and Elizabeth's son John known?
- What were the purposes for God sending John to Israel?
- Who else did the angel appear to with a proclamation and what was the proclamation?
- What does Jesus' name mean and how else is He referred to in the OT prophecy by Isaiah concerning His birth?
- What does Jesus' title 'The Christ' reveal about Him?
- What event transpired as Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan?
- How does God the Father calling Jesus 'His Son' fulfill another OT prophecy and what is significant about that?
- What message did both John and Jesus have for Israel and why was it so necessary?

- What was Israel's response to Jesus' message and consequently in the final week of His ministry what did He tell Israel He would do?

### In Lesson 12: The Kingdom of the Heavens – Our Heavenly Treasure

We discovered in the OT that God had set up a Theocratic Kingdom in the midst of Israel as the people entered the Promised Land under Joshua – but due to years of continual disobedience and unfaithfulness this came to an end.

- What is a Theocratic Kingdom?
- How does the Theocracy connect with God's promises to Abraham?
- What happened once God's Theocracy with Israel came to an end?
- In Colossians 1:16, what are the 'all things' that were created?
- How are the various positions of rulership different in the heavens and on earth?
- For Whom were the 'all things' created?
- What 2 things does Matthew 6:33 say we are to seek first?
- Who are currently ruling from the heavens above the earth?
- So, what was Israel to understand when Jesus preached: "Repent for the Kingdom of the heavens is at hand"?
- What do you understand the focus of the 4 Gospels to be?

### In Lesson 13: The New Nation, the New Creation, the New Man – Part 1

We discovered that as a result of Israel's rejection of the Kingdom of the Heavens, Christ would at some point withdraw

that offer (unless the Nation would come to repentance). Jesus said He would raise up a 'New Nation' who would be the recipients of that which Israel had rejected.

- According to Matthew 21:43 what was required of the 'New Nation' to receive the offer of the Kingdom of the Heavens which Israel rejected?
- What was the context for Jesus saying He will build His Church?
- What revelation did Peter have about Jesus upon which Jesus would build His Church?
- Do you see how the requirements for the Church – the New Nation - to inherit the Kingdom of the Heavens are the same as they were for Israel?
- Describe the Parable of the Vineyard, which Jesus gave to the Jewish leaders in Matthew 21.
- When Jesus asked the chief priest and elders what the king in the parable would do to the wicked vinedressers, what was their reply?
- Jesus then quoted from the OT: "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone."
  - 1) Who were the builders?
  - 2) Who is 'the stone' that became the 'chief cornerstone'?
  - 3) How does that fit with Jesus's statement to Peter about 'building' His church?
- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter chapter 2 continues the analogy of building and stones. What does it say about those who will make up the church, the New Creation in Christ, and what are they being built into?
- What else does Ephesians 2:19-22 add to our understanding of 'the building'?

## In Lesson 14: The New Nation, Creation, Man – Part 2

We discovered that there is a 'New Creation' in Christ who now form a separate group called 'Christians'.

- As part of this New Creation, according to Philippians 3:20 where is our citizenship?
- As a result, I Peter 2:11 tells us we are sojourners on the earth. What does that mean and how should that affect our behavior and focus?
- II Corinthians 5:17 tells us that those now 'in Christ' are a New Creation and old things have passed away. What are the 'old things that have passed' for both Jews and Gentiles?
- Prior to Christ's sacrifice on the cross there were 2 distinct groups of people – now there are 3 distinct groups of people on the earth today. What are they?
- According to Ephesians 2:14-15, how else is the new creation referred to?
- Galatians 3:26-29 tells us that the 'one new man' in Christ is now eligible to receive the promises of whom?
- What was the promise that was given to him?
- In the last 2 lessons we have discovered that the Church, the body of Christ, is referred to in Scripture 3 different ways all of which reveal further aspects about it.

Fill in the blanks:

1) a New N\_\_\_\_\_

2) a New C\_\_\_\_\_ and

3) one New M\_\_\_\_\_.

# Lesson Sixteen

## The Book of Acts, Part 1

### The Re-Offer of the Kingdom to the Jews

Do you remember in the GOSPELS we learned that Jesus originally offered the Kingdom of the Heavens only to the Nation of Israel – Abraham’s descendants through Isaac and Jacob? Then you may also remember that the Jews, as a nation, rejected the offer. Right? But before Jesus withdrew the offer, He gave a very interesting parable.



Let's read that parable:

Luke 13

6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"



Do you know what God means when He says we are to "bear fruit"? Write out what you think...

You can find the explanation of "bearing fruit" in the upside-down box at the end of this lesson!

But then something very special happened!

The Fig Tree (picturing the Nation of Israel)  
was given a second chance!

Part of God's eternal plan was to *re-offer the Kingdom of the Heavens to Israel*, only the RE-offer was to be made through the CHURCH.

But before the re-offer could be made, God would send the Holy Spirit for specific reasons. Let's look at what Jesus told His disciples about the Holy Spirit just before He was crucified.

Jesus said:

JOHN 14:16 "AND I WILL  
PRAY THE FATHER,  
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU  
ANOTHER HELPER,  
THAT HE MAY ABIDE  
WITH YOU FOREVER—

What is the Holy Spirit called?

What will the Holy Spirit do?

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What will the Holy Spirit do?

Jesus said:

John 14:26 "But the Helper,  
the Holy Spirit, whom the  
Father will send in My name,  
He will teach you all things,  
and bring to your  
remembrance all things that I  
said to you. ..."

Jesus said:

JOHN 16:7 “NEVERTHELESS I TELL YOU THE TRUTH. IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY; FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER WILL NOT COME TO YOU; BUT IF I DEPART, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU.

What is the Holy Spirit called?

What will the Holy Spirit do?

What is the Holy Spirit called in v. 13?

What will the Holy Spirit do?

Jesus said:

John 16:12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

After Jesus was crucified and was buried, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day He rose from the dead! For 40 days, He appeared to His disciples, and taught them more about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). And then, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day, this is what happened –

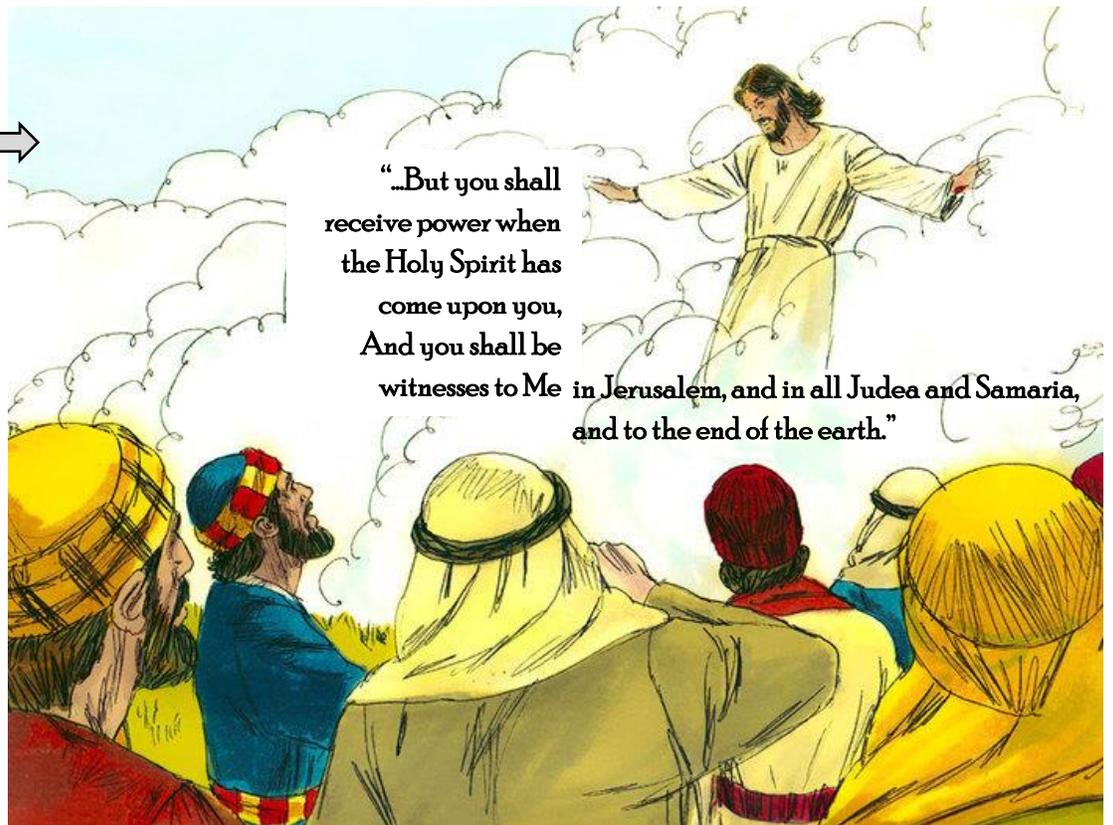
He spoke these words to His Disciples:



Then He was lifted up into heaven on the clouds.

Two men dressed in white appeared to the disciples and asked why they were standing there looking up into heaven.

Then the men who were dressed in white said:



“..But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”**

So, the disciples, along with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and a few other women went back to Jerusalem to an ‘upper room’ and waited for the promised Helper.

## Then... Ten days later, IT HAPPENED!

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



THERE WERE 120 DISCIPLES IN THE UPPER ROOM THAT DAY. THESE 120 DISCIPLES INITIALLY MADE UP THE CHURCH – THE NEW CREATION IN CHRIST. THESE WOULD BE THE ONES TO RE-OFFER THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS TO THE JEWS.

And so, we see that not only was the Holy Spirit sent that day to do what Jesus had previously told the disciples He would do, but this was also the day the  
**CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED!**  
Right there in the heart of Jerusalem!

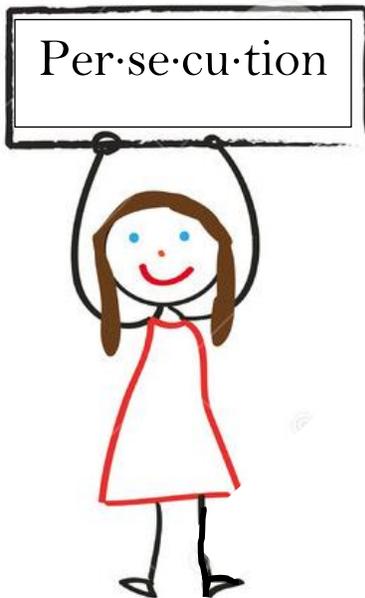
At first, things may not have appeared to be much different in Israel because for the prior three years there were Jews who were following Jesus. But with His death, the leaders of the Nation thought this group of disciples would just disappear, and things would get back to normal. But,

## That didn't happen!

As the leader of the Church in Jerusalem, Peter began the re-offer of the Kingdom of the Heavens to Israel, calling the Nation of Israel to **REPENT** from crucifying their Messiah. In fact, he gave several powerful messages in those early days telling the Jews that if they would repent, Jesus would come back to set up  
His Kingdom.

Peter's messages were the beginning of the **RE-OFFER** of the Heavenly Kingdom to the Nation of Israel.

Overall, as a Nation, the Jews **did not** repent. But as we have seen in previous lessons, there were some Jews who had accepted the offer of the Kingdom! And with Peter making the RE-OFFER, this began to cause such a stir in the city of Jerusalem, that persecution towards these Jews who believed the message of the Kingdom worsened. Eventually the persecution forced believing Jews to flee Jerusalem.



Persecution: being treated with hostility, ill-treatment.

The persecution can especially be seen in Acts chapters 6 & 7. Stephen was a disciple of Christ, a man who was filled with much wisdom by the Holy Spirit. At one point, he was brought before the council at Jerusalem on false charges (some of the people told lies about him and about his character). So, after he gave a powerful message to the leadership of the Jews, they decided to stone him to death. As sad as that was, just before Stephen died, God allowed him to look into heaven to see what was going on there! Let's read about it:

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 Then he knelt down and cried out



with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

(The words  
“Fell asleep”  
means he died.)

So, with the persecution causing believing Jews to flee to surrounding areas, the message of the reoffer of the kingdom spread to Jews outside of Jerusalem, even into Judea, then Samaria and ultimately to all the nations.

The thing we must remember in all of this is that *for a period of time*, the Kingdom of the Heavens was not only being re-offered to Israel, but also began to be offered to the Gentiles, who became Christians, part of the



The NEW NATION,  
THE NEW MAN,  
THE NEW CREATION in  
Christ –  
the Church.

And as the message began spreading beyond Jerusalem, to people other than the Jews, who were hearing the message... Now, Gentiles were being added to the Church.

More on that – next week. See you then!

There's the answer to your question from earlier in the lesson.

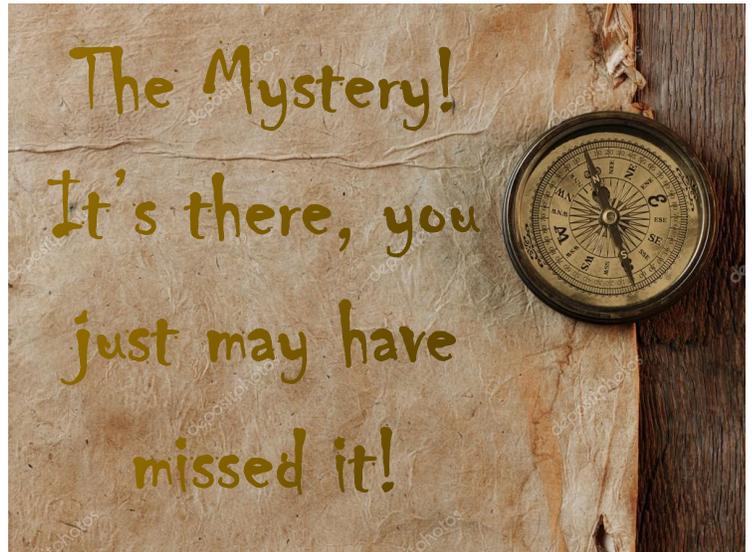
In the life of a Christian, "bearing fruit" means to be obedient to the Word of God. If the Bible tells us to do something, and you do it.... OR.... tells us **not** to do something, and you choose not to do it, then you are "bearing fruit". This is what God expects His children to do! And Israel was not doing this!

# Lesson Seventeen

## The Book of Acts, Part 2

### The Mystery Revealed

Previously, we have learned that the week before Jesus was crucified, He said He would withdraw the offer of the heavenly kingdom from the Jews, saying that He would now offer it to a **NEW NATION**.



We have also learned that this New Nation was initially made up of the 120 disciples who were in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. These are the ones who formed the early Church in Jerusalem, which was headed by Peter.

Leading up to the Feast of Pentecost in 33 AD – the day the Church was established – there were two groups *of saved* Jews within the Nation of Israel:

- First, the group of eternally saved Jews who **rejected** Jesus as their King, their Messiah, and in so doing also rejected the offer of the Heavenly Kingdom, and
- Second, the group of eternally saved Jews who **accepted** Christ as their King, thereby accepting the offer of the Kingdom.

Both groups continued intact within the Nation of Israel during the period covered by the Book of Acts when the re-offer of the Heavenly Kingdom was being made to the Israel by the Church.

During the early period of Acts, under Peter's ministry, several thousands of saved Jews came to believe in Christ as Messiah, thereby joining the second group mentioned above. But as a Nation, the greater number of Jewish people continued in their rejection.

And so, as the time wore on, more and more Gentiles became saved (mostly through Paul's ministry), and these Gentiles became part of the *New Nation* – the *New Creation in Christ* to whom the offer of the Heavenly Kingdom was also being made.

Now... it needs to be noted here, that if a Jew had not been eternally saved (by faith in the death of a Passover lamb) *prior to Christ's death*, the only way he could now be saved was through faith in the death of **Jesus Christ as Passover** (because once Jesus died on the cross, the provision of animal sacrifices was no longer effective as a means of one's eternal salvation).

And when a Gentile put faith in Christ's death, he would become eternally saved, and would no longer be seen by God as a Gentile, but rather, he would now be a new creation, thus becoming part of the Church – the Body of Christ.

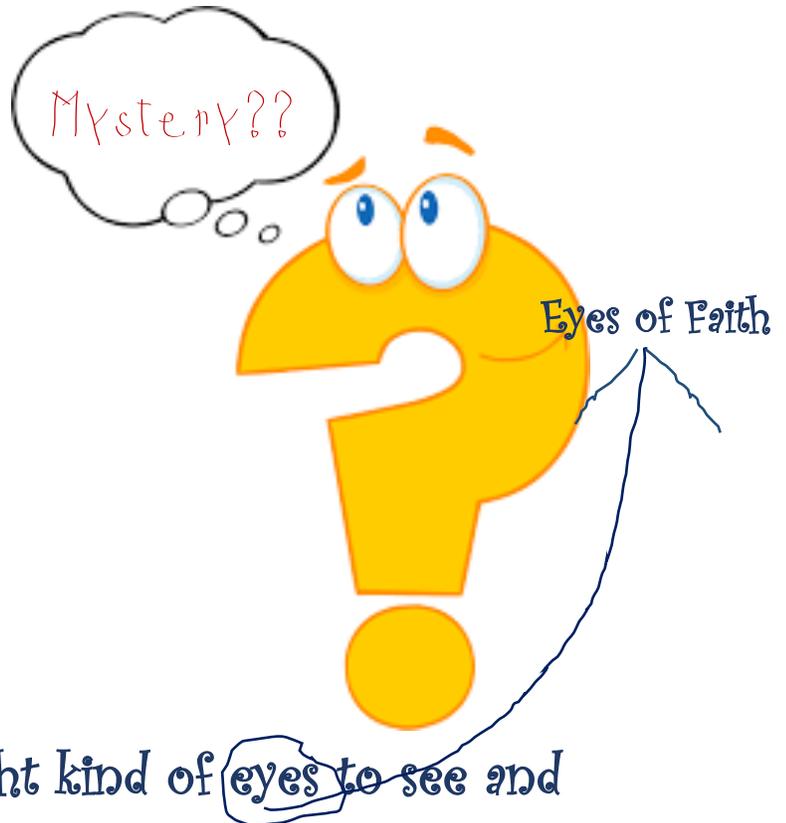
Did you know that Gentiles becoming saved is  
NOT a new idea in God's mind?

This has always been part of His Eternal Plan; part of the MYSTERY laid out in the OT and later revealed to and through the Apostle Paul – the MYSTERY OF CHRIST.

So...What is a

Mystery??

A MYSTERY is a truth that God laid out in the Old Testament, and then opened up understanding of that truth in the New Testament.



But we would need the right kind of eyes to see and understand the MYSTERY...

Jesus even talked about having this type of EYES...

In speaking to His disciples...

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given...

. . . . 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand... . . . . 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.’

16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it...”

So, let’s answer some questions about this passage:

What was Jesus speaking about in this passage?

(Hint: see v. 11.)

Why did Jesus say He began speaking to the Jews in parables? (v. 13)

What had happened to the hearts of the Jewish people? (v. 15)

What had happened with their ears? (v. 15)

Their eyes? (v. 15)

What was Jesus willing to do for them if they would only see with their eyes, hear with their ears and understand with their hearts? (end of v. 15)

But, in order to have eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts to understand, what would the Jews need to have?

But it was different with the eyes, ears and hearts of the disciples...

What was different with them? (v. 16)

Now, please go back and reread v. 17.

Why do you think the OT prophets and righteous men did not see and hear what these disciples were seeing and hearing? (This might be a tough question but think about it! You just might get the answer!)

**Did you get the answer? See it here**

The OT prophets and righteous men did not understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of the Heavens because they were held in MYSTERY, until the time was fulfilled for Jesus, their King to come onto the scene! And that time was now! Here was Jesus, their King, telling the Jews they needed to repent, so that they could receive the Kingdom. But these Jews didn't have the FAITH to believe. So, they had stopped up their ears and closed their eyes and hardened their hearts!

Remember, a MYSTERY in Scripture is something that is laid out in the Old Testament, but not brought to light until the New Testament. And part of that mystery is that **GENTILES would be made partakers of the promises that God gave to Abraham and to his descendants through Isaac and Jacob.**

But with the Church being established as the Body of Christ, the Apostle Paul wrote about Gentiles being part of the Seed of Abraham through Christ. This letter to the churches was written during the time covered in the Book of Acts, and therefore Paul was dealing with both Jews and Gentiles who had come together as one. Let's read it now:

## Galatians 3

**Galatians 3:16** Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ...  
... **24** [Paul speaking to the Jews here, said:] Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after faith has come, we [the Jews] are no longer under a tutor. **26** [Now Paul speaks to all the Christians – Jews and Gentiles] You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

So, during the time that is covered by the Book of Acts (which began at Pentecost and lasted for just over 30 years),

the re-offer of the Kingdom was made to saved Jews by the Church. At first, the Church was only active in Jerusalem, but once the persecution began the Church began to spread into outlying areas. And after a few more years, a Jewish man named Saul was struck off his feet on his way to a city called Damascus. It was there that he was confronted by the Glory of Jesus Christ.



Acts 9:3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him

stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

So Saul, who later became known as Paul, came to the forefront with taking the Gospel into all the cities... “to the Jew first, then to the Gentiles.”

Yes, during the time covered by the Book of Acts, Paul always went to the Jew first. Whenever he went into a city, he would go first to the Jewish Synagogue. There he would explain to the Jews – from their OT Scriptures – that **Jesus of Nazareth** was indeed **THE CHRIST**, the Expected One, God’s Son. He would show them from their own Scriptures that it had been appointed by God, the Father for Jesus, to die as the Passover Lamb! That was God’s Eternal Plan. Paul pleaded with the Jews to believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Anointed One.

Some Jews would believe...but many did not. They were stiff-necked and said **NO!**

So, when the Jews at the Synagogue rejected Paul’s message, he took the message to the Gentiles of that city. And many Gentiles **WOULD** believe. Then Paul would teach them the Holy Scriptures. This happened in city after city, throughout the time covered in Acts.

The leaders of the Jewish people hated Paul for this and treated him very badly. Once in the city of Philippi, the Jews brought false accusations against Paul and Silas and the two were thrown into jail. As they prayed that night, God allowed a great shaking of the earth, and Paul and Silas' chains fell off.



**Acts 16:25** But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.  
**26** Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

In the end, the jailer (who was a Gentile) asked Paul and Silas what he would have to do to be saved:

**Acts 16:31** So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." **32** Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

And so, throughout the time covered in the Book of Acts, Paul went from city to city, to the Jew first, then to the Gentiles. As time went on, more and more Jews rejected Paul's message, and more and more Gentiles believed, so that in the end, Paul (being led by the Holy Spirit) totally withdrew the reoffer of the Kingdom of the Heavens from the Nation of Israel. In fact, at the very end of the Book of Acts, he used the same words that Jesus had used previously quoting from Isaiah about Israel:

**Acts 28:26 ...'Go to this people and say: "Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive; 27 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."'** 28 Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

And with that, Paul ended the reoffer of the Kingdom to Israel. And it has been so ever since.

Behold...the Light has come to the Gentiles.  
The Mystery was being revealed.

What a mysterious and wonderful  
Blessing has been given to us!

As we close this lesson, there is one thing that needs to be remembered! God has not forgotten His People, Israel. He will yet deal with them again, and will bring them to repentance, so that He can fulfill ALL the promises He gave to the Nation of Israel, because...

God is **STILL** the God of Abraham,  
Isaac and Jacob.

And so, we can see that the MYSTERY was **concealed** in the **Old Testament**, then **revealed** in the **New Testament**.



And **THAT... ..is good to Know!**

See you next week!

# Lesson Eighteen

## The Full Scope of Salvation, Part 1

### Faith

With the clues we have seen thus far, the puzzle of Scripture should be connecting more and more for you by now! But there is still more!

So...

*Let's Connect!*



**another part of the puzzle!**

What are the phrases in each puzzle piece that you see here?

1)

2)

3)

For these next three weeks, we are going to be looking at each of these sections of the puzzle. These topics of Scripture are very important to understand! We are going to be dealing with the picture of SALVATION in its FULL SCOPE. So, study well!

Now...

There are two things that we will need to remember as we begin to grasp the full scope of our salvation:

- 1) God made man in His own image and likeness, and
- 2) God made man for the purpose of ruling over the earth in Satan's (and his angels) place.

When THAT is grasped, then we can begin to understand salvation in its full scope. So, let's begin...

In Genesis 1:26, God said: "Let US make man in OUR image, according to OUR likeness."

So, let's look at what it means to be made in God's image and likeness. What is God's image and likeness?

We get our first hint in the very first verse in the Bible:

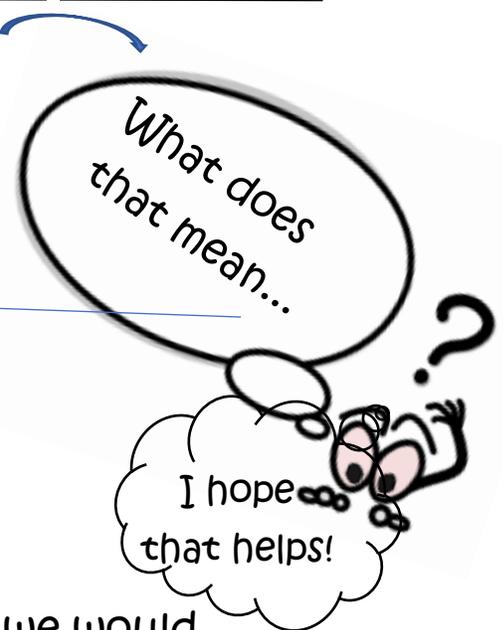
"In the beginning God..."

Right there, God tells us something about Himself!

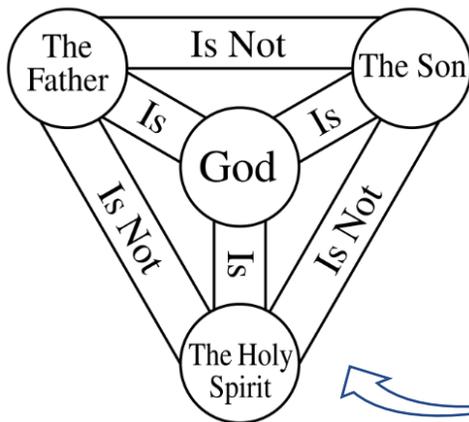
In the ORIGINAL language of the Bible, the Hebrew word for God is "ELOHIM". This Hebrew word reveals something very important about God! It reveals that

# God is a TRINITY

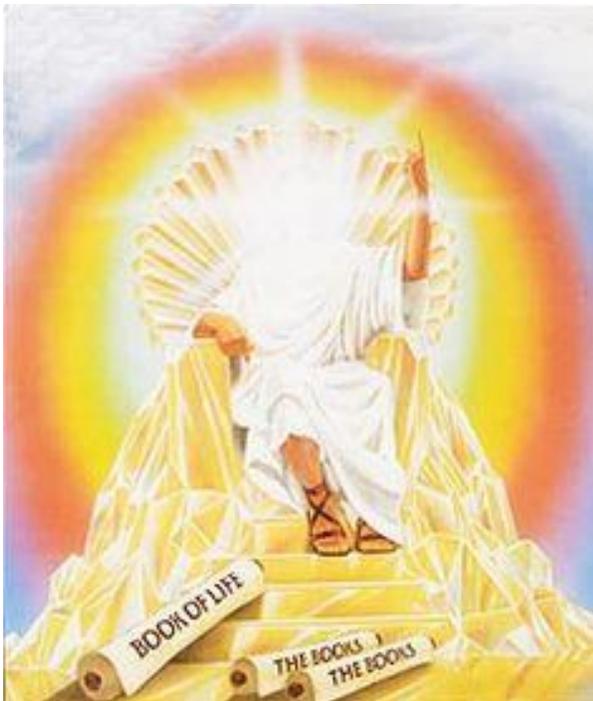
It means there are THREE PERSONS  
in ONE GOD -



Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



So, here is how we would understand this. Study this for a moment



There is a LOT MORE that we can learn about God, but for now, let's discover one more thing! In one of the Psalms, God describes what He LOOKS like!

(Did you know that God gives us a description of Himself?)

Psalm 104 is one place where God is described:

...YOU ARE VERY GREAT:  
YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY,  
COVERING YOURSELF WITH LIGHT AS WITH A GARMENT...  
(Ps. 104:1b, 2a)

So...With what does God cover Himself?

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And, with what does He clothe Himself?

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The LIGHT means He is covered in GLORY, and the clothes of SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY means that God is The Supreme Ruler!

If God *covers* Himself with LIGHT and *clothes* Himself with garments of SPLENDOR and MAJESTY, and if Man was created in God's Image and Likeness, then what do you think God would have Man look like?

Here is another question: If God's very image and likeness points to the fact that He rules sovereignly over all creation, then what would man being made in God's image and likeness point to?

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Then there is something else to consider!

We've also seen that God is a TRINITY – THREE in ONE!

So, if God made Man in His own likeness, then how would Man be made?  
(Circle the answer.)

One part

Two parts

Three parts

Here's a THOUGHT:

Perhaps the very reason God tells us what HE looks like is so that we will understand more clearly just HOW He created Mankind.

**Evidently, He wants us to understand that!**

Can you name the three parts of man?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Now that we see just HOW God created Man in the Garden, and we see that the very WAY He created Man points to the reason WHY He created them, then the question is: Why isn't man ruling from the heavens over the earth yet?

Well... Look around you! Do you see anyone covered with bright light (glory), and dressed in royal garments?]



Nope! Not yet anyway!

So, what do you think is wrong?

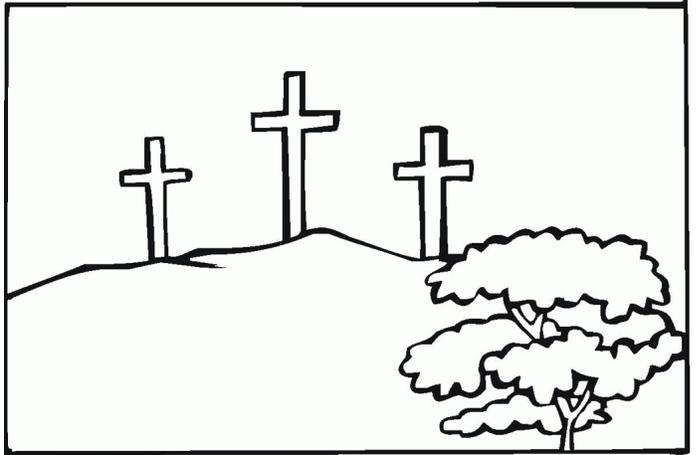
You know what is wrong, don't you? We have already studied it! Satan stepped into the setting of the Garden, and deceived the Woman, bringing about her fall, which then caused the Man's fall. You see, when Adam and the Woman sinned in the Garden, they lost the covering of Glory – the covering of LIGHT!. And without that, they could not be clothed in Royal Garments, because they had to have the Glory Light in order to receive the Royal garments, as they have to be in God's image in order to rule.

**So, the problem is SIN.**

But the GOOD thing is that within God's Eternal plan was the very means for mankind to be able to fulfill our created purpose, even though we have all sinned!

In His Eternal Plan,  
God promised to  
send a Redeemer!

Jesus Christ came to the earth the first time to die on the cross for our sins! Jesus died so that mankind has the chance to be saved in order to fulfill his created purpose.



And so,

**Since...** God created Man in His image and likeness for the purpose of ruling over the earth,

**But...** SIN prevented them from ruling and took away the Man and Woman's GLORY...

**And since...** Salvation is the remedy for SIN!

Then... Shouldn't we realize that salvation sets a person back on the path to be able to fulfill his created purpose?

All of that to say... God gave us SALVATION in order that Man can fulfill his CREATED purpose – that to rule over the earth!

MAN'S CREATION AND HIS SALVATION

HAVE  
THE SAME PURPOSE



And THAT is important to know!

**OK!**

**Got it...**

SO, now let's see how SALVATION works in its FULL SCOPE to accomplish this purpose.

Are you ready?

Let's see what we ALREADY know about SALVATION... Do you remember in last week's lesson, Paul and Silas were in prison, and the Gentile jailer asked:

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”



How did Paul answer him? (See the answer at the bottom of pg. 156.)

Write out what Paul said:

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(Acts 16:31).

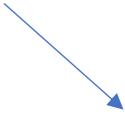
Then Acts 16:32 tells what Paul and Silas did next.  
What did they do? (Read the vs. on pg. 156.)

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The Philippian Jailer and his entire household were saved, because they believed that Jesus died on the cross for their sins. That's **ALL IT TOOK!** They simply **BELIEVED!**

So how does that **BELIEF** fit into the **FULL SCOPE OF SALVATION?**

 Believing that Jesus died on the cross for our sins is the **BEGINNING POINT** of our salvation! But there is more to follow! This beginning point of **SALVATION** allows a person to have **SPIRITUAL LIFE.**

But we possess **TWO** other parts in our being, don't we? Do you remember?

We each have a

**SPIRIT**

and a

**SOUL**

and a

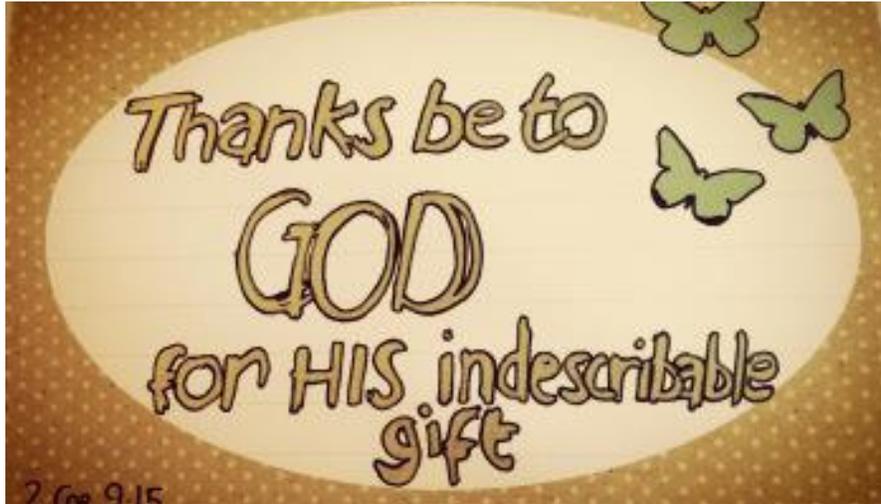
**BODY**

And SALVATION must ultimately affect ALL THREE PARTS!

Our spiritual birth is brought  
about by  
GOD'S GRACE through our  
FAITH -  
it is faith ALONE.  
And our spiritual birth is a  
FREE GIFT.



Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of



yourself; it is the gift of God,  
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

There is nothing we can DO to earn this free gift. We can only BELIEVE what Jesus did on the cross for us.

HE DIED FOR OUR SIN!

Because SIN separates us from God, Jesus REDEEMS us from that separation, and brings us into NEW LIFE, and into UNION with God.

This Free Gift is LIFE to our SPIRIT. It is our spiritual birth.

Now go back to pg. 170 and draw a circle around the word SPIRIT.

What two parts does that leave?

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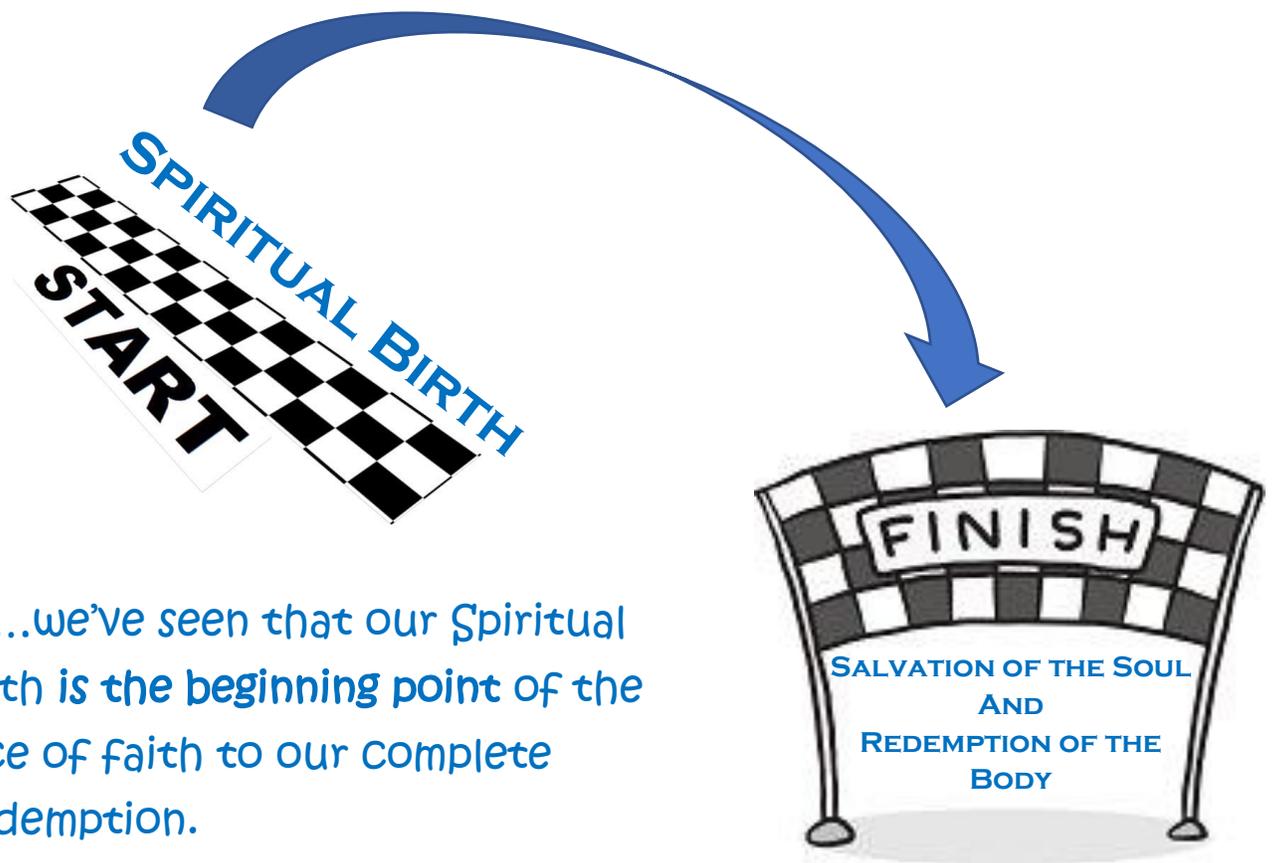
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We will learn more about the Salvation of the Soul and the Redemption of the Body in the next two lessons.

See you then.

# Lesson Nineteen

## The Full Scope of Salvation, Part 2 Faith and Works



So...we've seen that our Spiritual Birth is the beginning point of the race of faith to our complete Redemption.

The Full Scope of Salvation must affect all three parts of our being:

1. SPIRIT

2. SOUL

3. BODY

We can also see this from what Paul wrote in I  
Thessalonians 5:23 –

**Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;  
and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved  
complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.**

### **Our spiritual birth**

Last week we saw that the very way in which God created the Man and the Woman – in the beginning – points to the very purpose for which He created them. He created them in His Image and Likeness for the purpose of them ruling over the earth in Satan's place. But in order for them to step into that place of rulership, they would need not only to be covered in Glory, but also clothed in Splendor and Majesty – just like God.

At their creation, the Man and the Woman were covered in Glory, but lacked the royal garments of Splendor and Majesty.

**Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his  
wife, and were not ashamed.**

God would first test them for obedience before allowing them to be clothed in the Royal Garments, which was the reason for the command not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Obedience to the COMMAND was the TEST!

We know that Satan deceived the Woman concerning the tree, bringing about the fall of both – the Man and the Woman. This caused them to lose their covering of Glory and forfeit their right to rule. Let's read what happened:

**Genesis 3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Sin not only separated the Man and the Woman from God, but also separated them from His plans and purpose for them. Now they were not able to rule over the earth.

This did not take God by surprise! He knew the Man and Woman would sin, and in His Eternal Plan for them, God would send a Redeemer to place Man back in the position for which they had been created. This redemption would be man's **SALVATION**.

OUR REDEMPTION = OUR SALVATION

Because God is Spirit, SPIRITUAL BIRTH would have to be the beginning point of Salvation. So, in order for us to be union with God, we would have to first have SPIRITUAL LIFE, which is always through faith in Jesus' death on the cross for our sin.

Then...once this new life is in place, what is supposed to happen next?



Once our **spiritual life** is in place and we have union with God, we then need to *work* in conjunction with the Holy Spirit in order to bring about **the Salvation of our soul** and the **Redemption of our Body**. Paul says it like this:

**Philippians 2:12** Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

So, let's consider a few questions about this...

- What does 'working out our own salvation' mean?
- Why does Paul say we should do this 'with fear and trembling'? And,
- How is this to be done?

If we look closely, we will find our first clue! The passage we just read begins with the idea of obedience, doesn't it? Reread v. 12 and underline the word "obeyed". So, in our obedience we are to *work out our own salvation*. But Paul doesn't leave us hanging there...he goes on to explain what this would involve. In the verses that immediately follows, he writes:

**Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,  
15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God  
without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,  
among whom you shine as lights in the world,  
16 holding fast the word of life...**

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### ACTIVITY TO DO:

Ask a parent or a teacher to talk with you about what these verses mean:



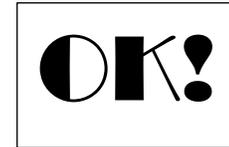
- Discuss with them the meaning of “**complaining**” and “**disputing**”.
- Ask them what it means to become “**blameless and harmless...without fault**”.
- Talk with them about what “**living in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation**”, and what it would look like for you to “**shine as lights in the world**”.
- And finally, discuss with them what it means to be “**holding fast the word of life**”.

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So, part of **working out our own salvation** means that we will obediently do things that we are supposed to do without

complaining and disputing (arguing). This is one way that we DIE TO OUR OLD NATURE. Really, when you think about it, dying to our sinful nature and walking in our NEW nature IS working out our own salvation.

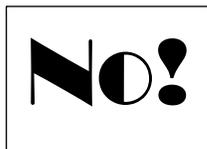
DOES THAT MAKE SENSE? YES?



SO . . . What about doing this “with fear and trembling”?

What does that mean???

Well... It DOESN'T mean that we are to be SCARED of God, like He is some sort of BOOGEY MONSTER!



He is our LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER!  
And He wants what is best for us!

So, considering exactly WHAT is at stake in this RACE of THE FAITH, and...



...we are to be obedient children, striving to please God in all we do so that we will be able to rule with Jesus! It is in this way that we “work out our own salvation in fear and trembling...” because ruling with Christ in His Millennial Kingdom IS the Salvation of the Soul.

Let's read a few verses in the New Testament that deal with this aspect of salvation.

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, **which is able to save your souls**. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...

Make a list of what we are to do:

What are we NOT supposed to do?

Why should we not do this?

What happens AFTER we have done the will of God?

And in doing these things, we will have BELIEVED to the SAVING OF THE

\_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 10:35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise... . . . 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those **who believe to the saving of the soul.**

And Peter writes about the Salvation of the soul:

1 Peter 1:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time... . . . 9 receiving the end of your faith--**the salvation of your souls.**

An INHERITANCE is something you receive as a child within a family. THIS inheritance is on offer to you because you are a CHILD of GOD.

According to this passage, WHERE is this inheritance being reserved for you? (HINT: See end of v. 4)

And WHEN is this salvation ready to be revealed? (HINT: See end of v. 5)

And which aspect of salvation is this? (HINT: See v. 9)

But there is something to know and understand about the inheritance that is on offer to those within the

Family of God. Paul writes about it in Epistle to the Romans:

**Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God...**

What are we if we are a Child of God (v. 17)?

But in this same passage, Paul gives us MORE information about this inheritance. He goes on to say:

... and joint-heirs with Christ, IF indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

So, we see that we are an heir of God through being a child of God! But, according to this passage, we can ALSO be a JOINT-HEIR with CHRIST if we do something! What would we have to do? (Hint: it's underlined in the passage.) Please write down the answer.

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Suffering with Christ is another way of saying "dying to the flesh." Jesus died **IN** the flesh (when He died on the cross), leaving us an example of how we are to die **TO** the flesh.

The way we die TO the flesh is by saying “no” to things that we *want to do but that go against the Word of God*. We just saw one example of this, didn’t we? We are *not* to complain or dispute. The desire to do these things is a *fleshy* desire. But the desire of the Spirit is for us NOT to do them. And obeying the Spirit is a way of SUFFERING with Christ, which opens the way for us to become a joint-heir with Him.

Now, look back at the passage in Romans 8. If we suffer with Christ, what does Paul say we will be? (HINT: The blue arrow points to the answers on page 181.)



And being glorified with Christ means we will be allowed to SHARE IN HIS GLORY. THAT IS THE SALVATION OF OUR SOUL!

We have more to learn about all of this next week. See you then.

# Lesson Twenty

The Full Scope of Salvation, Part 3

Faith, Works and the Reward

Think about this picture! What does it SAY?



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work hard now. it'll pay off later.



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This week we will come into a clearer understanding of what this picture depicts with respect to our Salvation.

**It is really important!**

Let's read a Scriptural example of working hard now, because it pays off later...

**II Timothy 2:11 This is a faithful saying:**

**For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.**

**12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.**

**If we deny Him, He also will deny us.**

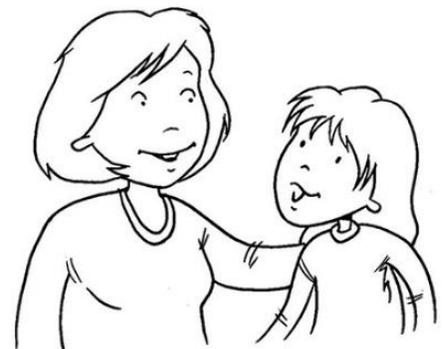
**13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful;  
He cannot deny Himself.**

**Draw a line to match the phrases as seen in the passage:**

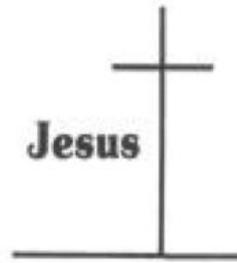
This is the hard work we are to do NOW!	{	If we died with Him	He will also deny us	}	This is how it pays off LATER!
		If we endure	He remains faithful		
		If we deny Him	We will live with Him		
		If we are faithless	We will also reign with Him		

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OK, before we go on, would you explain to your parent or teacher what you think it means to **DIE WITH CHRIST?**



I hope you said  
it simply means that  
you believe that



died on the  
cross for you!

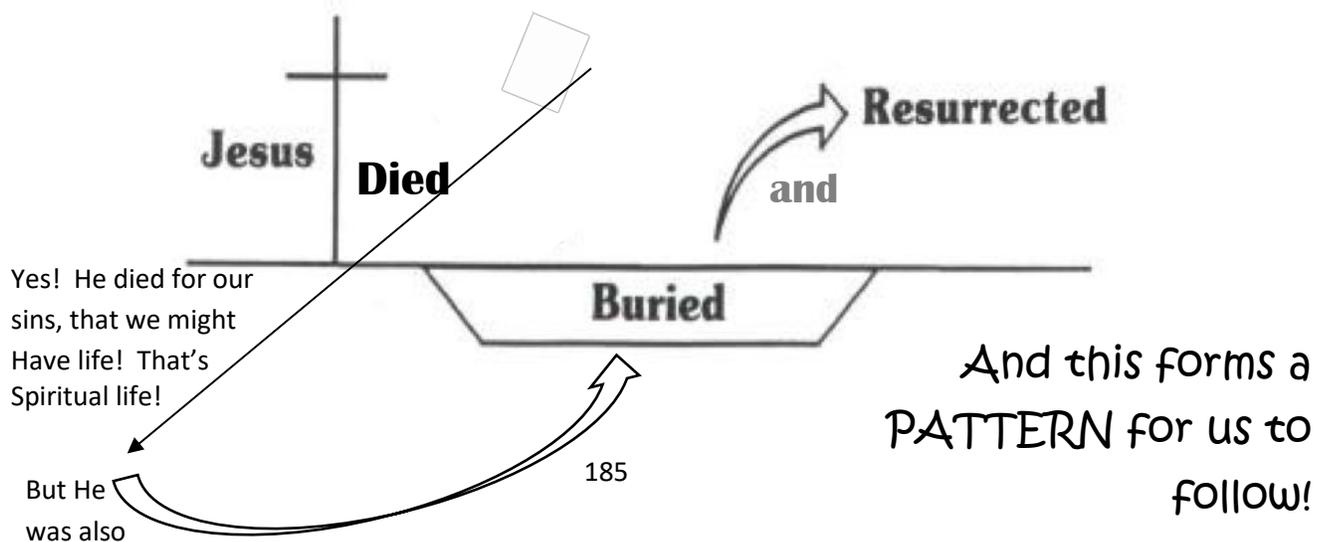
That is the FAITH it takes for you to have  
SPIRITUAL LIFE. Jesus died on the cross  
for your sins and mine. Paul wrote this:

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you  
first of all that which I also received: that  
Christ died for our sins according to the  
Scriptures...

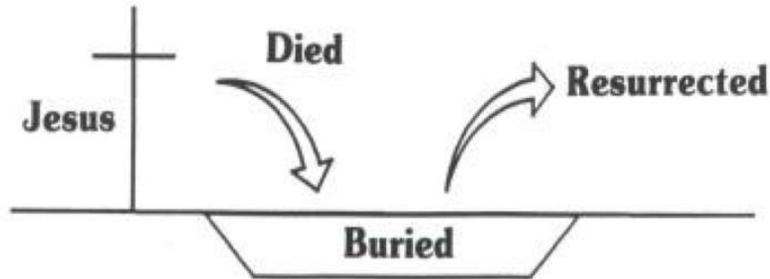
BUT... that is just part of the whole picture! Let's read the rest  
of what Paul wrote in this passage:

1 Corinthians 15:4 and that He [Jesus] was buried, and that He rose again the third day  
according to the Scriptures...

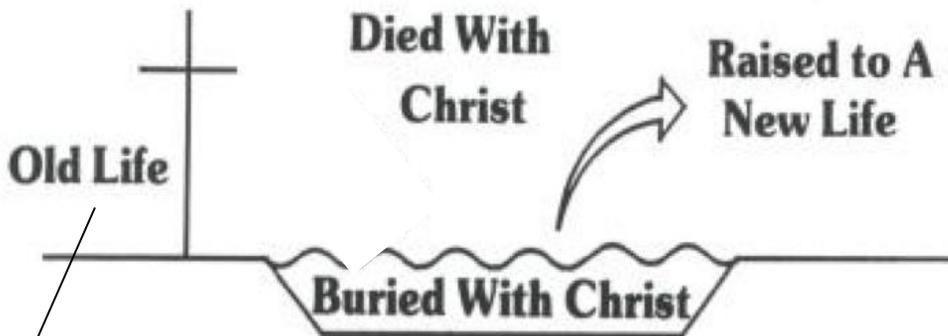
So here it is in a picture --



Just as this took place --



Even so, this must also take place in our lives --

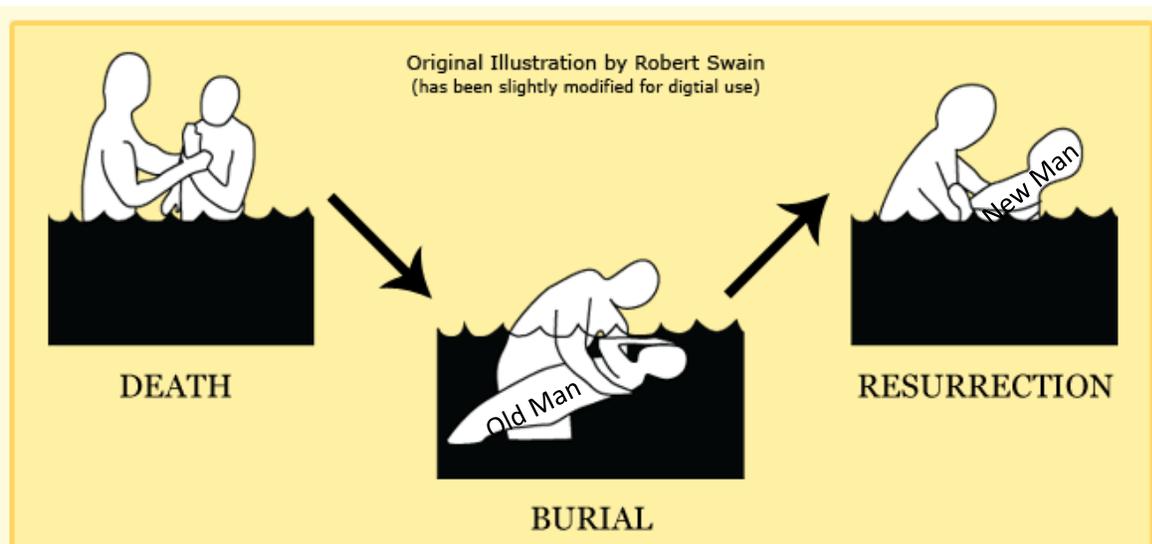


Our old life (the ways of our fleshly nature) has died with Christ through our faith in His death on the cross!

Then Baptism would be the next step!

When we are baptized, we are stating that we have died with Christ and now we want to live the rest of our life in Christ's resurrection power; we want to live out our **NEW** life, and not our **OLD** life.

**BAPTISM** pictures our flesh (our old nature) being kept buried – in the place of death – and our **SPIRIT** being raised to walk in newness of life!



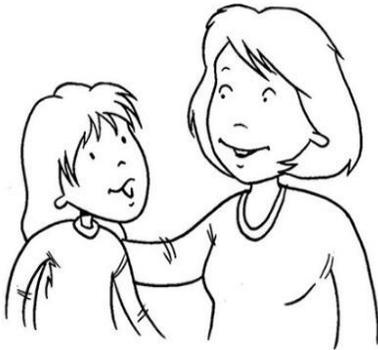
Baptism shows that we have **DIED** with Christ, our old man was **BURIED** with Him, and our new man is **RAISED** with Him to walk in our newness of **LIFE!**

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Now, turn back to pg. 184 and re-read the II Timothy passage there.

The first half of verse 12 say that if we

\_\_\_\_\_, we shall also \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.



Now tell your parent or teacher what you think it means “to endure.”  
(Remember to keep your answer in context of the Passage!)

The passage says that if we endure, we will also reign with Him. Here is the definition for “endure”:

en·dure: to suffer patiently through something that is painful or difficult.

So, what do you think we are supposed to “endure” through? (Hint: Remember what we just learned about what it means to die with Christ.)

And so, IF we do endure, we will reign with Him!

To reign with Christ means that we will be a joint-heir with Him and will share in His Glory!

YAY!

But... let's re-read what the last half of v. 12 says:

**V. 12...IF WE DENY HIM, HE ALSO WILL DENY US.**

To “deny Him” means that we **DON'T** endure...we don't continue to keep our old man (our old nature) buried with Christ. We don't walk in the power of His resurrection. Instead, we decide that we **WANT** to walk in our flesh and then we **CONTINUE** to do so.

And the Bible makes it very clear that if we do that, then we will not rule and reign with Jesus.

If we “deny Him” our patient “endurance,” then He will deny us the right to reign! And we won't be a Joint-Heir with Christ!



And just to show us that God means what He says, Paul went on to say: **13 IF WE ARE FAITHLESS, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL; HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF.**

That means God has said it, and He won't change His mind, because He **CANNOT** do so! We might want to see it like this:

**The BAD NEWS is that  
SIN separates **US** from **GOD****



**But the GOOD NEWS is that  
if we CONFESS our sin, then we are  
cleansed and in union with God again.**

When we confess our sin,  
Jesus, our High Priest,  
FORGIVES us and we can get  
back on the right path...



So, what does all of this have  
to do with the full scope of our salvation?

Well...It *doesn't* have anything to do with our initial faith  
in Jesus' death on the cross for our Spiritual Birth (that's  
a free gift), but *has everything to do* with the **Salvation  
of our Soul** and the **Redemption of our Body**.

If we continue to walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh,  
we will be allowed to become a Joint-heir with Christ in  
His Kingdom. But we all will sin, and when we do, it is  
our confession to Jesus and His forgiveness that  
cleanses us.

And this process will be a life-long process that began  
when we received Spiritual Life (the free gift of  
salvation) and will not end until the Judgment Seat of  
Christ. That is the **ENDURING** part. We should not  
**DENY** Christ this life-long endurance of striving to put  
to death the flesh and walk in the Spirit.

It is at the Judgment Seat of Christ that the **Salvation of the Soul** will be realized. And anyone who realizes this facet of salvation will also receive the **Redemption of the Body**.

So now let's put puzzle pieces of **SALVATION** together and see how these pieces fit.



God created man to rule over the earth, but sin separated man from being able to rule. **Salvation** – in its full scope – puts man back in the position to rule. Man's entire being must be redeemed – **Spirit, Soul, and Body!**

It is through **FAITH** in Jesus' death on the cross that is his **SPIRITUAL BIRTH**.

But then there is the process of patient endurance... of faithful obedience to the Word of God that allows for the **SALVATION OF THE SOUL**. This is realized at the Judgment Seat (by those who endured), and then the **REDEMPTION OF THE BODY** is also realized.

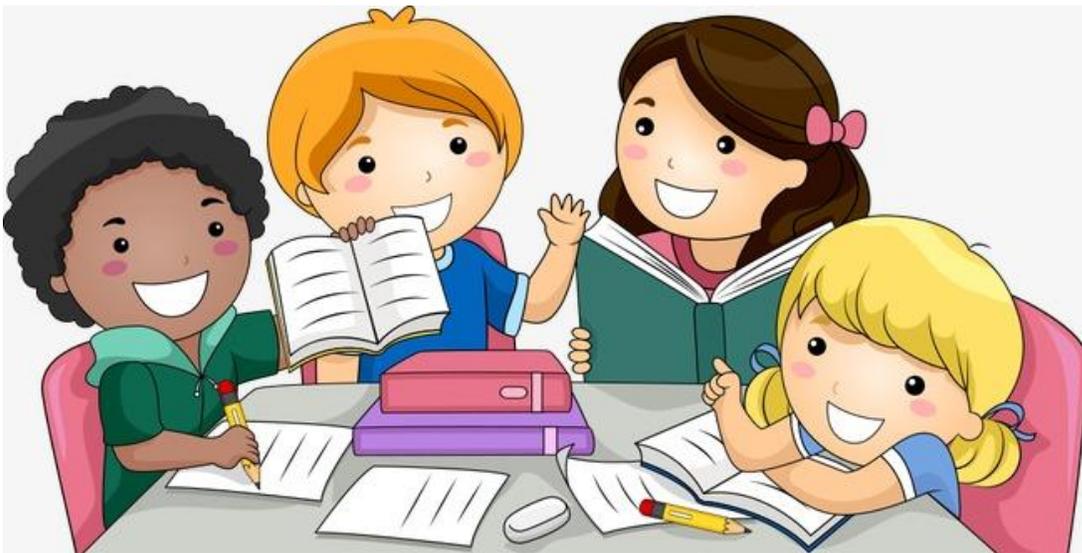
That person, who has realized the **FULL SCOPE** of his **SALVATION** – **SPiRiT, SOUL and BODY** – will then be covered in **GLORY** and clothed with the **GARMENTS OF SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY**, being found in the image of God.

He will then be a **JOINT-HEIR** with Jesus and will **RULE** with Him.

# Lesson Twenty-one

## Review of Lessons 18-20

Now it is time to review the past THREE Lessons on the Full Scope of Salvation.



Note to Parents and Teachers: If you are teaching this study to your children at home, just take the necessary amount of time for review. If this is being taught in a church setting, then spend a full class period in review. Use the previous three lessons for this review, then ask the following questions to make sure the children understand what has been taught.

Once you are finished with your review, make sure the children can answer these questions:

WHY did God create man?

HOW did God create man?

What are the three parts of man?

Is man ruling over the earth yet?

Why or why not?

What has to take place before man can step into rulership?

How is a person born spiritually?

How does the Salvation of the Soul take place?

What does the realization of the Salvation of the Soul and the Redemption of the Body result in?

# Lesson Twenty-two

## Those Who Have Run the Race Before Us

### Part 1



As we have surveyed the Bible throughout this study, we have seen that it is really a **GUIDE** for us in life. It is our **TREASURE MAP**, showing us the way we must run the race of the faith, if we are to win the **PRIZE** in the end.

Now we come to a very interesting **Book** in the New Testament. It is a book that, among other things, gives some of the actual names of people who have gone before us in this journey – people who lived thousands of years ago, but who had also learned the things we are learning, and as a result, they did everything they could do to **WIN** the very **PRIZE** that we are striving to win!

Do you want to learn about these people?

We can find this list of names in the  
**BOOK OF HEBREWS.**

But before we get to the list of names, let's consider what comes in this book before this list.



Hebrews  
Chapter  
one lays  
out  
**SEVEN**  
Old  
Testament  
prophecies  
which –

in one way or another – has to do with

## **THE COMING KINGDOM OF CHRIST.**

And, **THAT** sets the stage for the remainder of the book.  
Then in chapter two it says:

**HEBREWS 2:5 FOR HE HAS NOT PUT THE WORLD TO COME,  
OF WHICH WE SPEAK, IN SUBJECTION TO ANGELS.**

Right now, our world IS subject to angels...

Fallen angels rule over the earth right now. (See Eph. 6:12.)

### **BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE LIKE THAT.**

God created Man to rule in place of Satan and his angels.  
And that is STILL going to take place soon.

The Book of Hebrews gives us important information about this world to come, which will then be under Man's rule – Jesus, as the Son of Man, will be ruling from the heavens over the earth with faithful saved individuals ruling with Him from His Throne.

**And the Book of Hebrews tells us just HOW we can be a part of Christ's Kingdom in the world to come! It lays out 5 major warnings to Christians.**

‘These warnings help us know how to stay on track, so that we will not fall short of our inheritance like the Children of Israel when they came out of Egypt.

Do you remember that first generation could not go into the land of their inheritance?

So, at some point you may want to do a study of the Book of Hebrews! But we won't do that right now.

Right now, we want to look at part of the list of people from the Old Testament who DID stay focused on the REWARD OF THEIR INHERITANCE. This list is found in Hebrews Chapter 11. It tells of men and women who lived thousands of years ago; people who wanted to please God and find their treasure in the end – just like you and I want to!

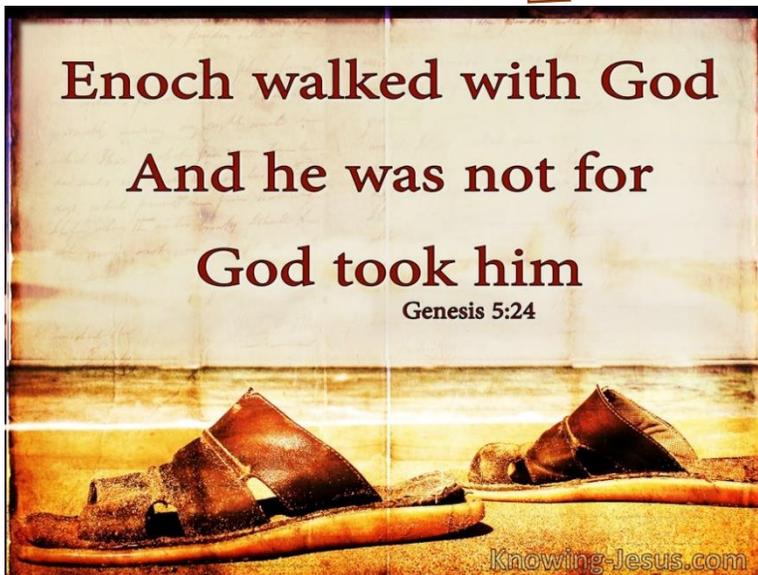
So, do you want to know who they are? Are you ready to meet them? OK! Let's begin...

Meet Abel...

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.



Then there is Enoch. Remember, he was the one who was taken up into heaven without dying. In Genesis chapter five, it says:



So, then we read  
in Hebrews:

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Which leads us to the well-known verse in Hebrews 11 –

**6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

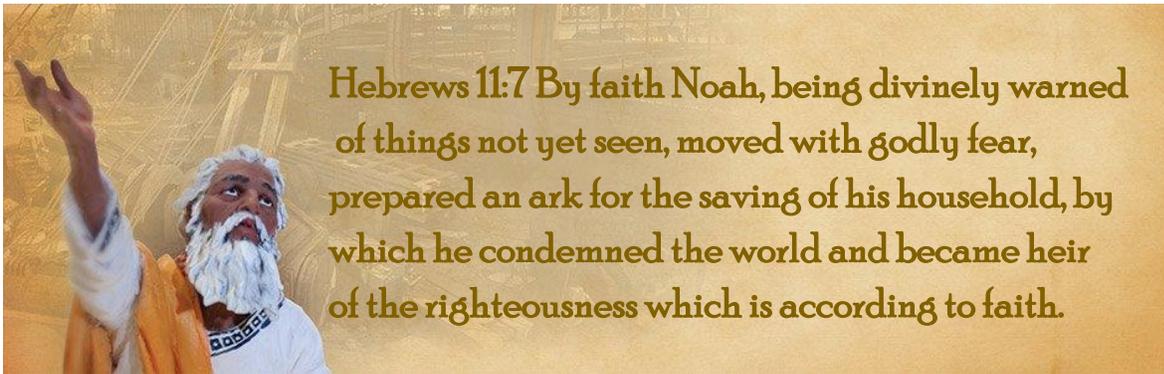
**That’s a good one for us to remember and live by!**

(Spend a little time discussing the idea of pleasing God through acting according to faith.)

Who else has gone before us? Who else is an example of living the type of faith that pleases God?

# NOAH!

Gen. 6-8



And then we come to

Hebrews 11: 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.



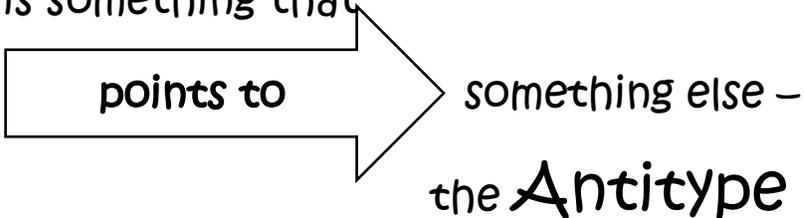
ABRAHAM

Gen. 12-25

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

We will look at more of the people and their lives from Hebrew chapter eleven in our next lesson, but there is one more thing we can learn from the four people we looked at this week. And this would have to do with **TYPE/ANTITYPE** structure of Scripture.

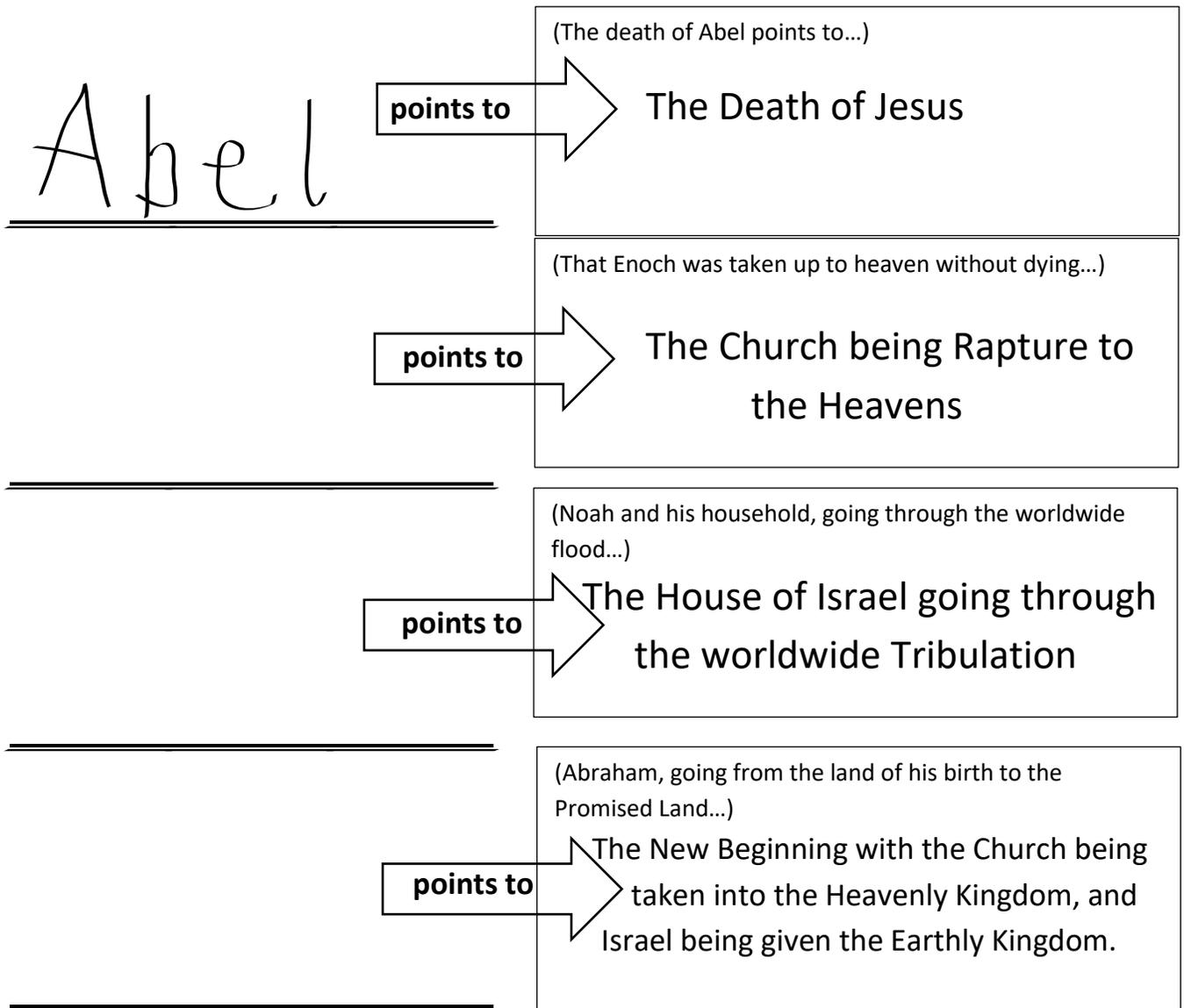
Remember,

a **TYPE** is something that  something else –  
the **Antitype**

And each one of these people were not only **REAL** people who lived their lives faithfully to God, but their lives are also **types** pointing to something (or someone) else.

So, will you write down the names of the people we have looked at so far, in the order that they are given in this chapter, and see what they point to?

The first one is done for you:



Now notice the order of these events. They tell us the order of something God wants us to understand.

- 1) At some point *after* Jesus dies on the cross.
- 2) The Church will be raptured to the heavens.
- 3) Then, the Nation of Israel will go through the Tribulation, and finally...
- 4) The Kingdom of Jesus Christ begins on earth.

Isn't that WONDERFUL??? We can learn so much from  
Studying God's Word in the way that He gave it!

He is SO Good!

And you are doing such a  
GREAT job!





# Those Who Have Run the Race Before Us – Part 2

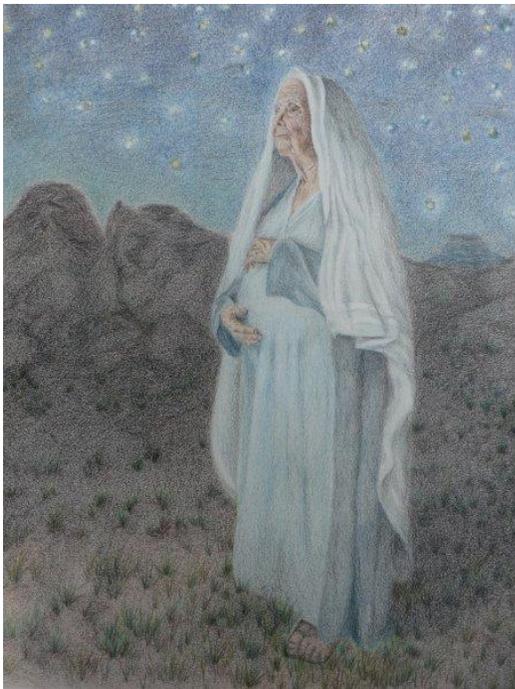
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**Do you see how God teaches us? He uses historical events to show us things about the future. And that's exciting!!!**

Well...let's keep going...

After reading about Abraham in the last lesson, we come to Abraham's wife, Sarah.



Gen. 17:15-21 18:9-15; 21:1-12

Do you remember her?

Hebrews 11:11 By faith Sarah Herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude-- innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

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Then what follows is a general list of Old Testament people who remained faithful throughout their lives. Let's read about them:

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.



How did these people die?

We might wonder why they considered themselves “strangers and pilgrims on the earth”. The very next verse tells us why:

Hebrews 11:14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God.



The Heavenly City

God, for He has prepared a city for them.

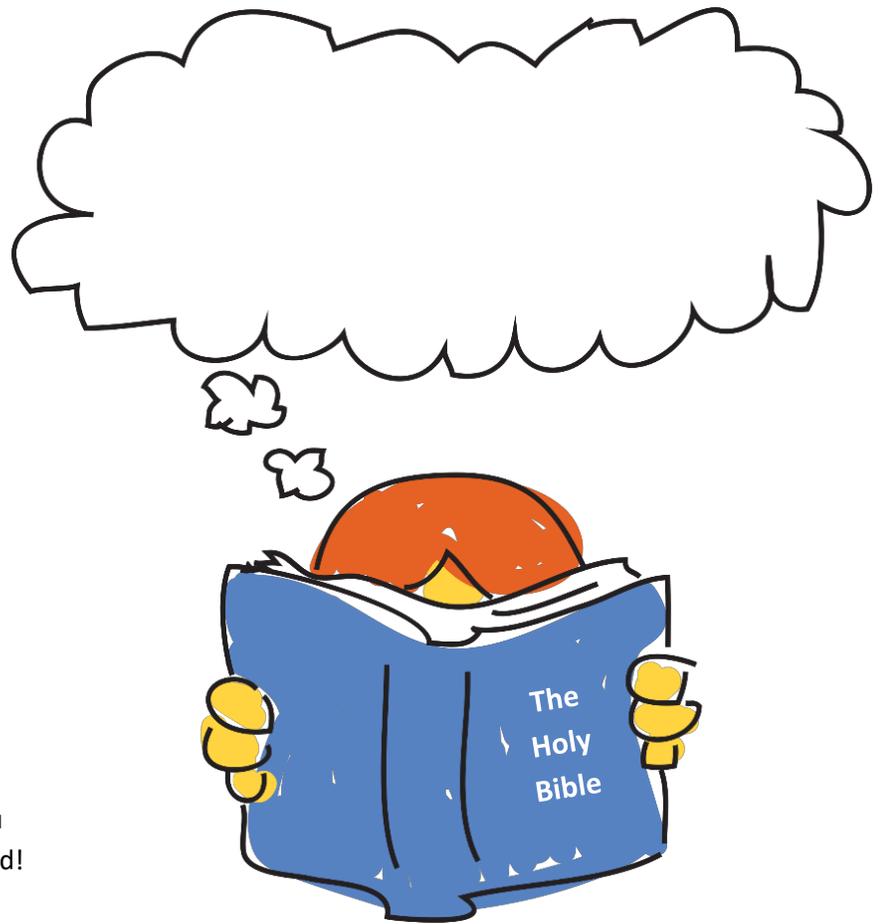
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Now do you know why they considered themselves strangers and pilgrims on the earth? Why do you think?

So, these people lived their lives here on earth in such a way that they **KNEW** this was not their home. They looked forward to the Heavenly City.

Let's just think about ourselves for a moment. Do you think **WE** should be looking forward to the heavenly city? Can you even imagine how beautiful this city will be since God is the Architect and Builder of it? Just imagine it.



Perhaps you would want to draw a picture of how you would imagine this Glorious City in the "thought" cloud!

## But wait!

God gives us more information about Abraham and his family...



Gen. 22

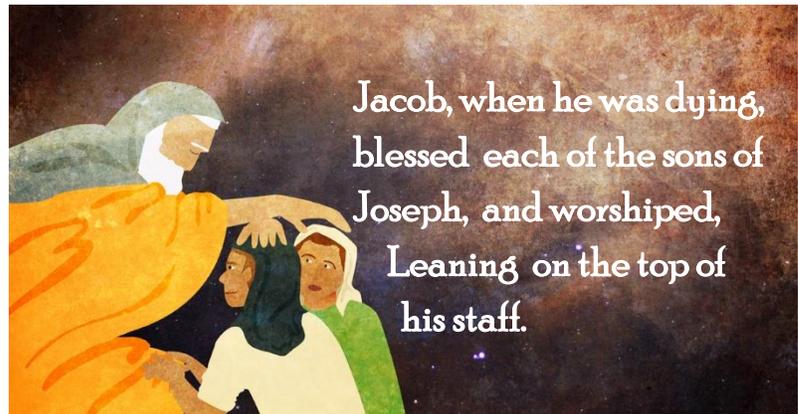
Hebrews 11: 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

And then....

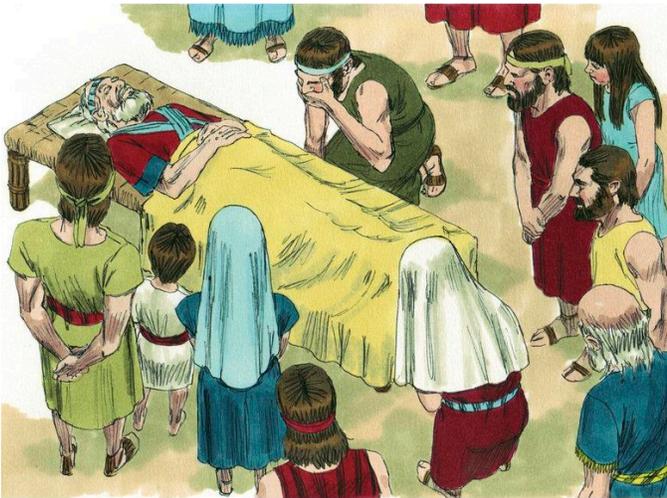
Hebrews 11: 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.



And...



Jacob, when he was dying,  
blessed each of the sons of  
Joseph, and worshiped,  
Leaning on the top of  
his staff.

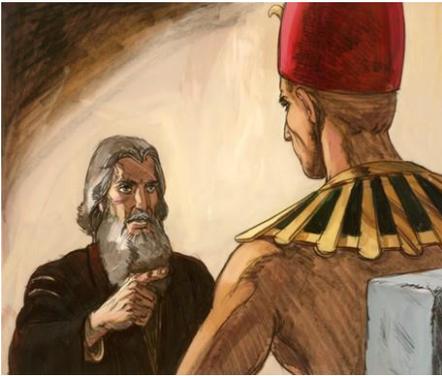


Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph,  
when he was dying, made mention  
of the departure of the children of  
Israel, and gave instructions  
concerning his bones.

Hebrews 11: 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden  
three months by his parents, because they saw he was a  
beautiful child; and they were  
not afraid of the king's command.



So, let's hear about MOSES. Wow! God had a lot to say about him!



Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.



29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians,

attempting to do so, were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

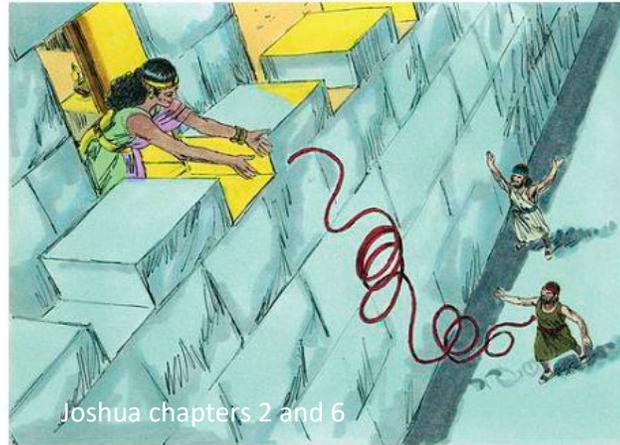


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Then we come to an interesting character: **RAHAB**

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.



And finally, another whole group of people...

Hebrews 11: 32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Now catch what it goes on to say...

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39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us..

All of these people...(look back at everyone we have met over the past two lessons...) **ALL** of these people died not yet having received the promises! But do you think they **WILL** receive them??

OH YES! They certainly will! Because God is so **FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD**. But He is waiting for something to happen first.

Reread at v. 40.

**40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us..**

That word “perfect” means complete or brought to its end goal.

So, these people will not receive the promises apart from us! And this is great news for us!

In the end, **OUR NAMES CAN BE ADDED TO THIS LIST!**

**SO....**

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From what we have seen in the lives of these faithful individuals, what do you think WE would have to DO in order to be a part of this group?

Write out what you think:



So, whenever you begin going in the wrong direction in your race of faith,...

just turn around...

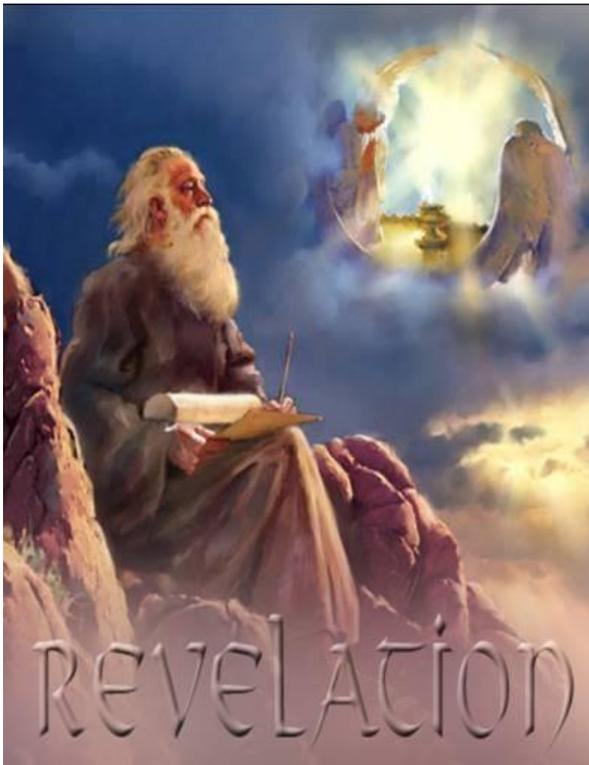
And get back on track!



YOU CAN DO THIS!

# Lesson Twenty-four

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ, Part 1



Did you know that during his life, the Apostle John was taken up to heaven (to SEE things there), and taken forward in time (to SEE things then), and was sent back to earth, so that he could write down ALL that he saw and heard?

It's true! It happened!

And we can read just what he saw and heard while he was in the future in heaven — things that have not yet taken place, but things that surely will take place. He wrote it down in the last book of the Bible. It is called:

### THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

*So, let's read about some of the things John saw when he was taken up to heaven...*

In the [1st Chapter](#) of the Revelation,  
John saw Jesus dressed as a Judge.

REVELATION 1:12 THEN I TURNED  
TO SEE THE VOICE THAT SPOKE  
WITH ME, AND HAVING TURNED I  
SAW SEVEN GOLDEN  
LAMPSTANDS, 13 AND IN THE  
MIDST OF THE SEVEN  
LAMPSTANDS ONE LIKE THE SON  
OF MAN, CLOTHED WITH A  
GARMENT DOWN TO THE FEET  
AND GIRDED ABOUT THE CHEST  
WITH A GOLDEN BAND. 14 HIS  
HEAD AND HAIR WERE WHITE  
LIKE WOOL, AS WHITE



AS SNOW, AND HIS EYES LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE; 15 HIS FEET WERE LIKE FINE  
BRASS, AS IF REFINED IN A FURNACE, AND HIS VOICE AS THE SOUND OF  
MANY WATERS; 16 HE HAD IN HIS RIGHT HAND SEVEN STARS, OUT OF HIS  
MOUTH WENT A SHARP TWO-EDGED SWORD, AND HIS COUNTENANCE  
WAS LIKE THE SUN SHINING IN ITS STRENGTH.

How many lampstands did John see?

Jesus is referred to here as “the Son of Man.” Describe His  
clothing.

How was His head and hair described?

What were His eyes like?

His feet?

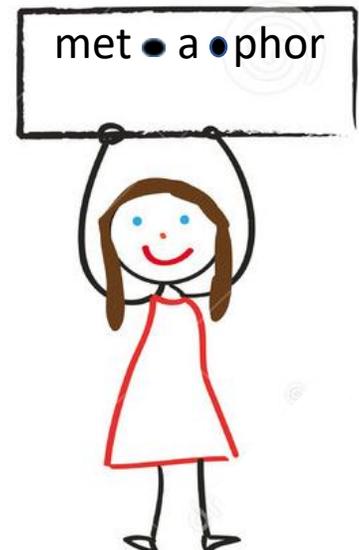
What did His voice sound like?

What did He have in His right hand?

What is seen coming out of His mouth?

And what was His 'countenance (his face)' like?

Some of that sounds strange, doesn't it? But the reason it sounds strange is because in the Book of Revelation God uses *many* metaphors.



So, let's look at the metaphors used in this passage that we just read:

The METAPHORS in Revelation chapter one:

- 7 Lampstands are *symbolic of* the 7 churches – the complete Church
- 7 stars *represent* 7 angels to the Churches
- His feet being like brass *represent* that He is bringing judgment
- The sword out of His mouth *symbolizes* the Word of God
- His eyes like fire *represent* judgment
- His voice like many waters *is symbolic of* His power
- His face shining like the sun in its strength *reveals* His Glory
- His hair being white like wool represents His wisdom and the fact

This 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation shows us that once the Church is resurrected/raptured to the heavens, all Christians will be judged. Then in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> chapters we can see the actual judgment taking place. Jesus judging the *entire* Church. (Remember Jesus, dressed as **Judge** is standing in the midst of 7 lampstands – the complete Church.)

All Christians will be judged by the Word of God which is seen as the sword coming out of His mouth.

HEBREWS 4:12 FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVISION OF

SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF JOINTS AND MARROW,  
AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND  
INTENTS OF THE HEART.

This judgment is called:

## THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

(The resurrection and rapture of the Church means that all Christians, whether they have *died* or *remain alive on the earth* at the time of this event, will be taken to heaven. That will include you and me.)

Jesus will judge each of us, individually, according to the things we have done.

This is why

we want to strive to please Jesus through obedience to His Word now! And why we want to confess our sins to Him – *before* He comes as Judge – while He is still our High Priest, forgiving and cleansing us of the sins we confess.

That is so good to know  
and understand!

It is at the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC) that the Bride for Christ will be identified and taken out of His Body. Those who make up the Bride will – a bit later – become His Wife and will rule with Him for the 1,000 years of the Kingdom.

**\*\***These are very important things to know, understand and remember.**\*\***



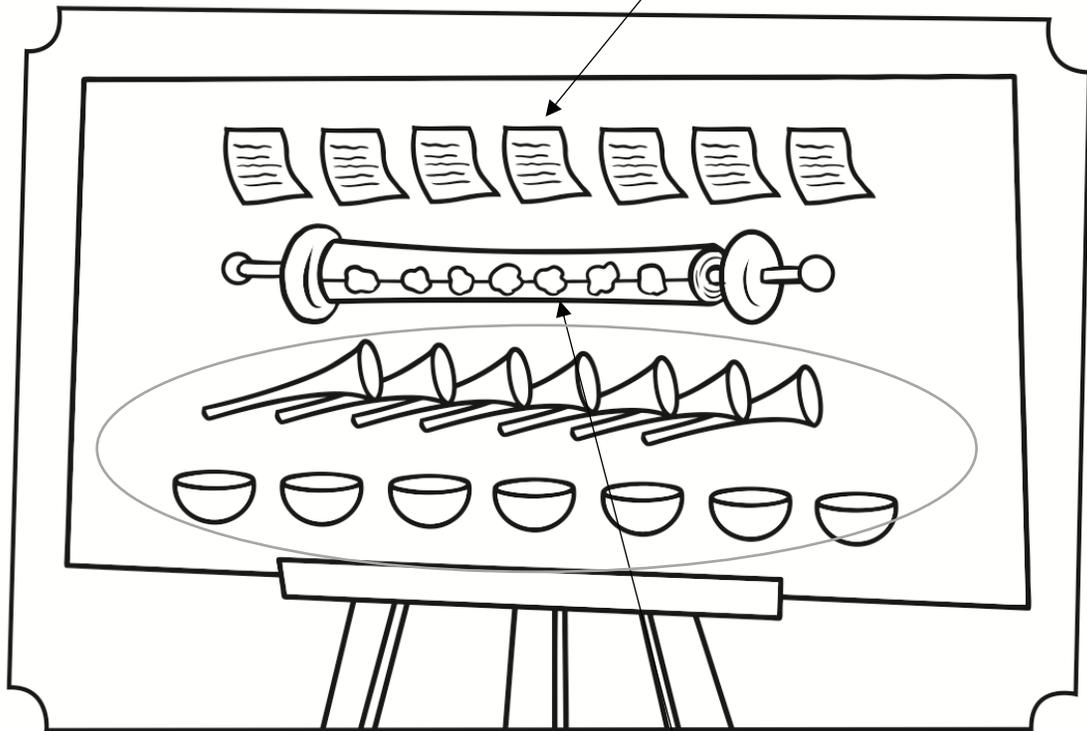
Once the JSC is complete and the Bride of Christ is identified, then events in [Revelation Chapters 4 and 5](#) can take place. These chapters depict a **magnificent** scene in heaven with God the Father seated upon the Throne and the unfallen angels surrounding the Throne, worshipping the One Who sits upon it. And they cast their crowns at the feet of Jesus Christ.

There is a search made to find One worthy to open the 7-sealed scroll (which is in God the Father's right hand), and to redeem the inheritance for the Bride of Christ:

**Revelation 5:1-2**  
**And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"**

So...The Book of Revelation reveals 7 letters written to  
the 7 Churches (Rev. 2-3).

Now we are about to see more 7's!



The book of Revelation is full of symbols! Reading it is like a puzzle - you can find clues to its meaning through the whole Bible. Some of the symbols used in Revelation are 7 letters, a scroll with 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bowls of wrath.

After the 7 letters in Rev. 2 and 3, what do you see?

"I see a \_\_\_\_\_

with \_\_\_\_\_ seals on it."

Within the 7-sealed scroll are 7 trumpets and 7 bowls.

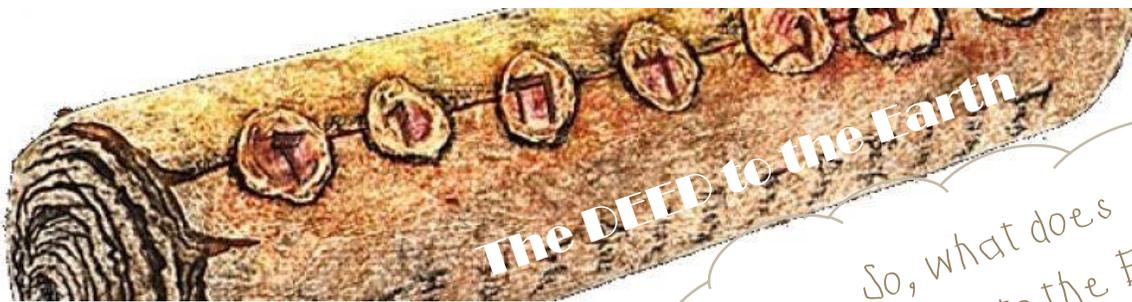
Let's read what happens next.

(Remember the Apostle John is seeing these future things, which take place in heaven. He is the one writing...)

**Revelation 5:3** And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. **4** So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. **5** But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

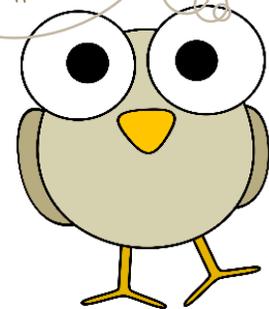
And then John saw JESUS standing in the midst of the Throne, when Jesus took the scroll from the One on the Throne. And all in heaven, in the earth, and under the earth worshipped God the Father and God the Son.

The 7-sealed scroll is the deed to the earth.



So, what does  
"the DEED to the Earth"  
mean?

A DEED is a legal document which shows ownership of a particular piece of property.



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So, this is where we can fit more of the puzzle pieces together. Satan and his fallen angels have disqualified themselves from continuing to rule for all the ages to come. Within God's eternal plan, He created man to take Satan and the angels' places as rulers. But due to all that we have learned about Adam's fall, Man is not yet ruling.

Right??? RIGHT!

WELL...

...THAT IS ABOUT TO CHANGE!

Jesus, as the Son of Man, has proven Himself the One worthy to rule. And those Christians found faithful at the JSOC will make up His Bride.

So, since the Church was taken up to heaven and judged, and since the Bride for Christ has been identified through that judgment, now God can turn His attention back to the Nation of Israel, back to the earth and make things ready for this transfer of power.

The 7-sealed scroll – the DEED TO THE EARTH – is about to be given to Jesus by the Father!

But, in order for the rulership over the earth to be transferred from Satan to Jesus, there are things that must take place on earth first! And these things are seen in the opening of the 7 seals by

THE ONE WORTHY.

Chapters 6-18 in the Book of Revelation lays out what will need to take place in order to bring about this transfer of power!

IT IS THE 7-YEAR TRIBULATION –  
THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE.

This is the time when God will bring judgment upon Israel for their unbelief and disobedience, using an individual – the Gentile World ruler who is known in Scripture as The Antichrist – to execute this judgment upon Israel.

And all the judgments of the Tribulation will come upon Israel, and eventually upon the Gentile nations as well... all of which will accomplish TWO things:

- Israel **WILL** come to repentance, and
- The control over the world will be taken away from Satan and given to Jesus.



You may want to read those two bullet points again.

But we will look at THAT in our next lesson!  
See you then!

# Lesson Twenty-five

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ, Part 2

We will continue our study in the Book of **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**. Last week we witnessed what the Apostle John wrote nearly 2,000 years ago about some events that will soon take place in heaven. In Revelation **Chapters 1 - 3**, we saw that:

- Jesus dressed as the Judge with the Church in His presence, having been resurrected/raptured to heaven. We saw Him judge the works of believers, and the Bride of Christ identified through those judgments. This is the Judgment of the Church.

After that, in **Chapters 4 - 5**, we saw that,

- There was One found worthy to open the 7-sealed scroll, which is the deed to the earth. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lamb which had been slain – Jesus Christ – is the One **WORTHY!**

Now with the completion of these events in the heavens, things on earth will begin to take place...

Things that have long been prophesied!



Let's keep reading in Revelation –

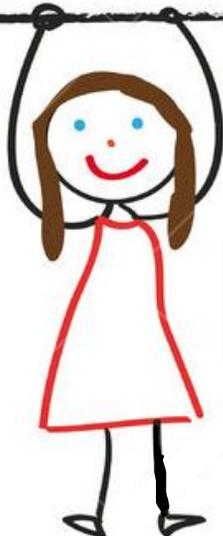
JESUS

REVELATION 6:1 NOW I SAW WHEN THE LAMB  
OPENED ONE OF THE SEALS; AND I HEARD ONE OF  
**THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES** SAYING WITH A VOICE  
LIKE THUNDER, "COME AND SEE."

ANGELS

At the opening of the **FIRST SEAL**, the prophesied  
'Time of Jacob's Trouble' begins on the earth. This time  
is also known as **The Tribulation**.

trib•u•la•tion



tribulation: a time of great  
trouble or suffering.



So, The Tribulation is a time of great trouble  
and suffering upon the earth and upon the  
people who dwell on the earth, especially for the  
Jewish people.

And... THAT is why it is also called  
“The Time of Jacob’s Trouble”.

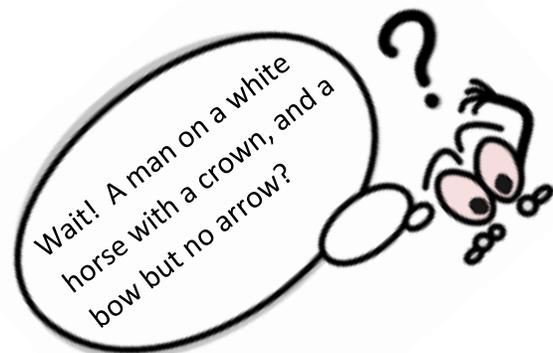
Why do you think it is called “Jacob’s” trouble? Why THAT name?  
Write out what you think.

So, now we know that when Jesus opens the first seal  
the 7-year Tribulation begins on earth. Let’s see what  
begins to happen when the first seal is opened...

## **First Seal: The “Man of PEACE”???**

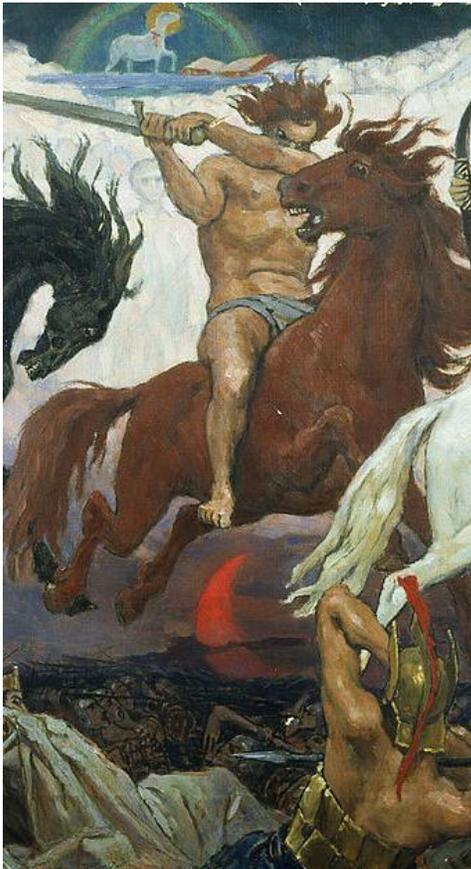
### **Revelation 6**

**2 And I looked, and  
behold, a white horse.  
He who sat on it had a  
bow; and a crown was  
given to him, and he  
went out conquering  
and to conquer.**



Can you imagine for a moment what these things would point to? What do you think the bow **WITHOUT** an arrow symbolizes? (Write out any thoughts that come to your mind.)

(Hold those thoughts and we will get back to it in a moment. First, let's continue to see what happens as the other 3 seals are opened.)



## Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

Revelation 6:3 Then He opened **the second seal**, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." <sup>4</sup> Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

JESUS

How does this compare with the first seal when the rider had a bow, but no arrow?

And another seal...

### **Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth**

Revelation 6:6 When He opened **the third seal**, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So, I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

(A denarius is an amount of money – an ancient Roman coin.)



What is a scale used for?

Why do you think there would be talk of food prices?

And then, the 4<sup>th</sup> seal...

## Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

JESUS



**Revelation 6:7** When He opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." <sup>8</sup> So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The place  
of the dead

How widespread is death on the earth at this time?

The events described through these seals – the four horses and their rider -- reveal the FOUNDATION for the entire 7-year Tribulation, as told using the metaphors of different colored horses and their rider's actions.

Let's consider for a moment what is depicted in the actions of the rider on each of the colored horses. Write down what any description or action in each picture – just the description, nothing more. The first one is done for you.

1. Rider with a bow and a crown, who went out conquering and to conquer.

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3.

4.

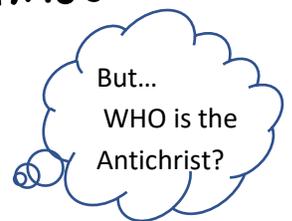
Do you remember what a “metaphor is? What is it?

Please write out your answer: (If you need help, look back on pg. 217.)

So...



The description of the four horsemen (seen in Revelation chapter 6) are metaphors which describe the works and actions of the Antichrist throughout the entire 7 years of the Tribulation.



Antichrist is a man who is to come, *who will oppose Jesus Christ and His people*. He is referred to by many names throughout Scripture, even as early as Genesis chapter three. Let's look at this reference –

In speaking to the serpent (Satan) in the Garden of Eden, God said:

**GENESIS 3:15 AND I WILL PUT ENMITY  
BETWEEN YOU [Satan] AND THE WOMAN,  
AND BETWEEN YOUR SEED AND HER SEED;  
HE SHALL BRUISE YOUR HEAD, AND YOU  
SHALL BRUISE HIS HEEL.”**

ANTICHRIST

JESUS CHRIST

God made a prophetic statement concerning Antichrist, who will come as the seed of Satan, some 6,000 years *after* God spoke this. He will be the son of Satan!

(God told the END  
from the BEGINNING.  
This is just one way in which  
He did that!)



There are many other names for Antichrist in Scripture. Sometimes he is referred to as

- “The Assyrian” in the Books of Isaiah, Hosea, and Micah,
- “The Beast” in Daniel and Revelation,
- “The little horn” in Daniel chapter eight,
- “The man of sin...the son of perdition” in II Thessalonians chapter two.

Of course, these are *descriptive terms* for him, not his name nor his title. We really don't know what his actual name will be, but we can learn a lot about him through God's Word.

But we will wait until next week to study more about him.

You are doing such a great job!



# Lesson Twenty-six

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ, Part 3

For the last two weeks we have been looking at the Book of Revelation. We ended last week with seeing the character and actions of the Antichrist. Let's continue from there...

So, about the Antichrist... Let's just say:

At first, he will look like a good person, a  
"Man of peace"...



## But! He is NOT!

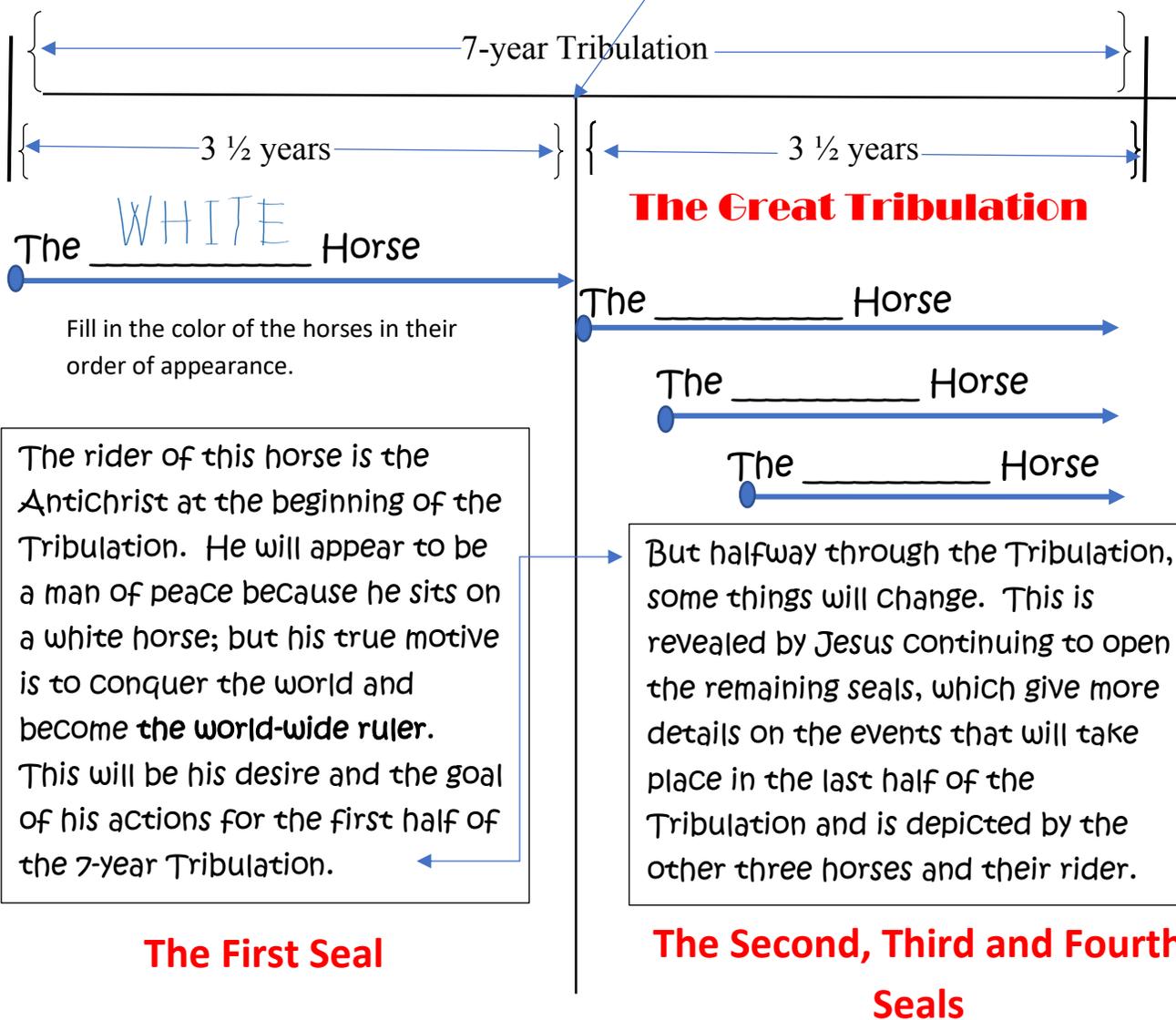
Eventually, his  
**true colors** will  
show, and the  
world will know  
how bad he really is!

He will become the world ruler,  
who will seek to destroy the  
entire Jewish Nation.  
This will be during "The Time of  
Jacob's Trouble."



The Bible divides the 7-year Tribulation in half – with certain things happening in the first half, then – at the mid-point – things change quickly and drastically. In the second half, things become so horrible on earth that Scripture refers to this period as “The Great Tribulation.”

Let’s see it on a timeline:

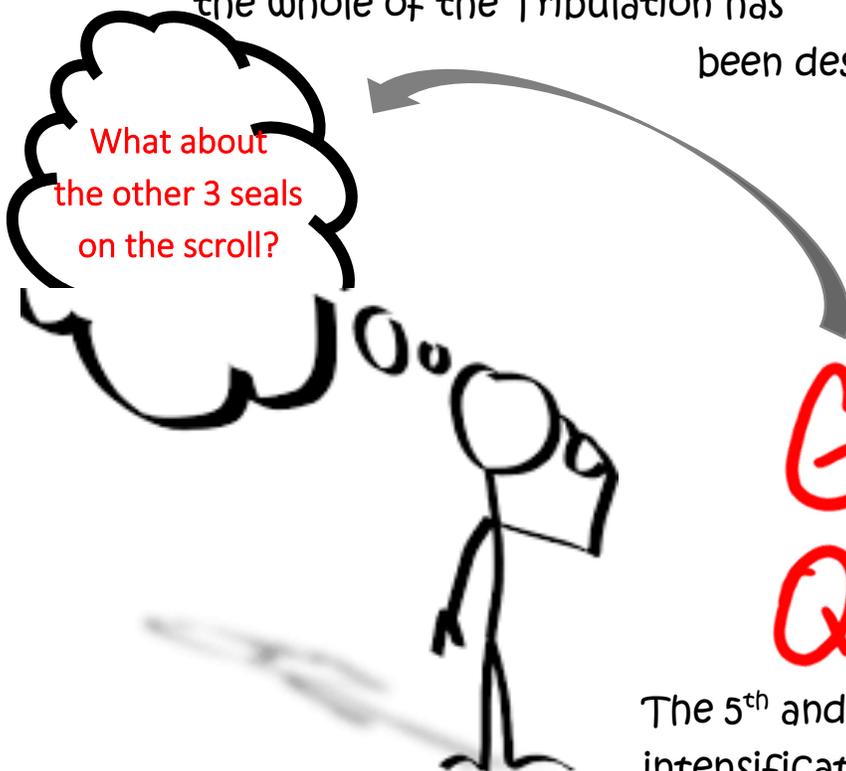


And so, we can see that this description of 4 horsemen in Revelation **Chapter 6** actually lays the foundation for the complete 7-year Tribulation. The color of each horse and each description of its rider is an ongoing description of the same individual – the Antichrist -- with the color of the horses and actions of the rider characterizing the flow of events during the whole tribulation!

THEN...

The remainder of **Chapter 6** to the end of **Chapter 18** gives us God's ongoing commentary of the details of the entire 7-year Tribulation, adding more and more details until the whole of the Tribulation has

been described in fairly great detail!



WOW!

That's a LOT of "detail"!

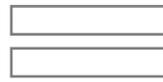
GREAT QUESTION!

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> seals are further intensification of the previous 4 seals.

The closer we get to the end of the 7-year period the worse things become on earth, until when the 7<sup>th</sup> seal is opened, there are 7 trumpets to be sounded. With each sounding of the 7 trumpets things continue to **intensify** on the earth. And with the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet, there are 7 bowl-judgments to be poured out.

Notice that there are

1. 7 seals, and
2. 7 trumpets, and
3. 7 bowl judgments.



3 SETS

OF 7

A COMPLETE AND PERFECT JUDGMENT OF  
GOD UPON THE EARTH.

Once the Tribulation has run its full course Israel will finally have been brought to repentance and restored as God's special people.

And... With Israel having repented and having been restored, Christ will then literally return to the earth to take care of several things:

- There will be the gathering of all the Jews from all over the earth to the wilderness outside of Israel. It is here that they will meet Jesus face to face. (Not only will the Jews left alive at the end of the Tribulation be gathered to this place, but also all the saved Jews who have ever lived and died will be

resurrected – everyone all the way back to Abraham.) It is here that Jesus will judge and reward all the Jews according to their works.

THEN...

- A fierce battle will take place in the Valley of Megiddo. It is called The Battle of Armageddon. On the one side will be Jesus and His Holy Angels, and on the other – Satan and his fallen angels, along with all the forces of the Antichrist.
- Jesus and His Holy Angels will have the decisive victory over Satan and his fallen angels and as a result Satan and his angels will be chained in a bottomless pit for the thousand years.

**Revelation 20:1** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **2** He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; **3** and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished...

The Bottomless Pit is in the center of the earth.

AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ANTICHRIST?

- The Antichrist, also known as *The Beast* is captured and thrown into the Lake of Fire along with *The False Prophet* who worked deceiving signs in his presence.

**Revelation 19:20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Jesus will win the  
battle, and the  
title deed to the  
earth will be  
transferred to Him.

He will then  
REIGN as the

King of kings and Lord of lords.



Once the Earth has been deeded over to Christ as His inheritance (which He will share with His Bride who will have then become His Wife), then all who have been faithfully obedient to Christ will enter into that 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Rest...

## WHICH WILL BE THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST!

In fact, the Millennial Kingdom is referred to by various other names in Scripture, and because of these other mentions they further prove to show that the 7<sup>th</sup> Day is the focus of all Scripture. Some of the other names are:

**The Lord's Day**

*The Sabbath Rest  
of God*

THE DAY OF  
THE LORD

**THE AGE OF  
THE AGES**

**THE  
WORLD  
TO COME**

The Age to Come

You are doing SUCH a great job in studying the Bible! These things are SO important to study and understand AND remember!

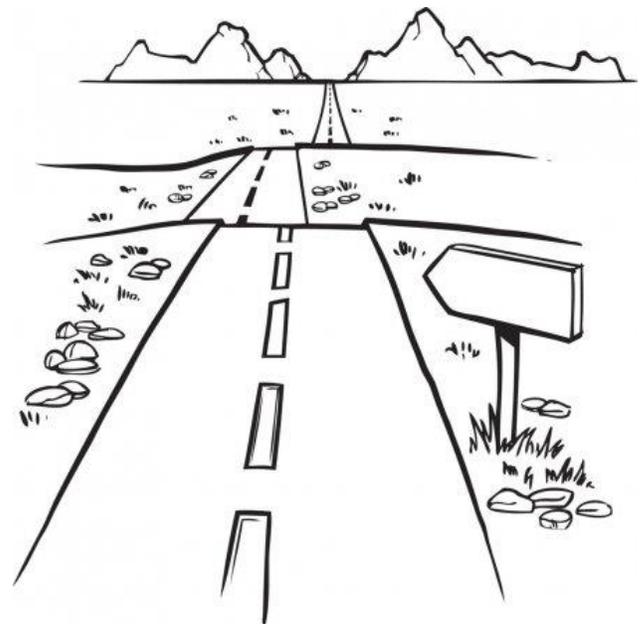
Next week, we will see how the whole of Scripture fits together in ONE OVERALL PICTURE!

See you then!

# Lesson Twenty-seven

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ, Part 4

Since beginning our study, we have come a LONG way...



So, let's bring what we have learned full circle...

At the very beginning of all Scripture we saw that God worked 6 days to restore the fallen creation. This was followed by the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Rest. The 7<sup>th</sup> day was the focus for all the previous 6 days of work. (See Gen. 1:2-2:3)

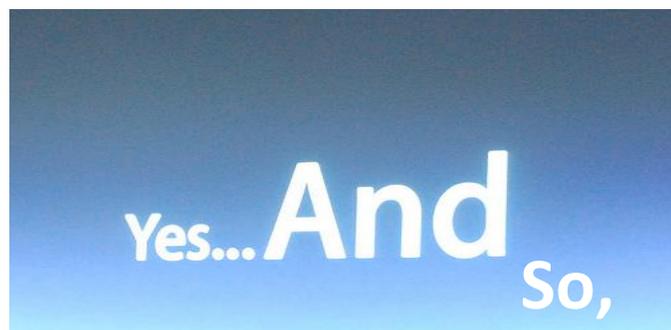
Now... As we have spent these months surveying the Bible, we have come to realize that after God created the heavens and the earth (at which time He also created all the angels), Lucifer rebelled, along with 1/3 of all of his angels. This brought about the destruction of the earth and the heavens around the earth. So, God restored the ruined creation working 6 days, and on the 7<sup>th</sup> day He rested. We'll remember that Man was created near the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> day. But then we know that Man also fell, bringing about a ruin for a second time. Now, God is working *another* 6 days to restore this fallen creation, and will then take another 7<sup>th</sup> day of rest. Only this second time a day is counted as 1,000 years, as seen in

### II Peter 3:8

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

**OH!**

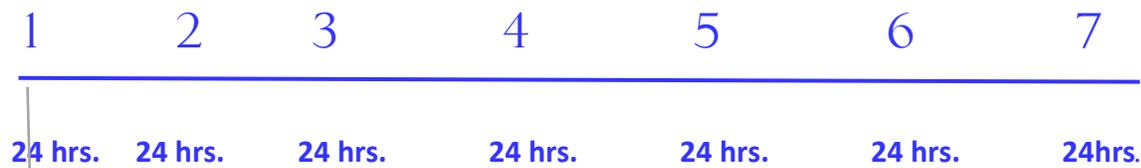
**Is that what he meant?**



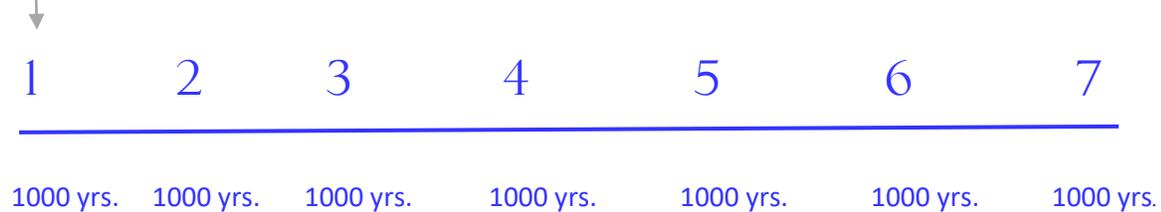
We have seen that the 6 days (6 one thousand years) of work is again to be followed by a 7<sup>th</sup> Day (a 7<sup>th</sup> one thousand year), the Day of Rest.

Let's compare the timelines of each period:

In the beginning, God took 6 days to restore the ruined creation, and then He rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Gen. 1:3-2:3)



After the fall of Man, God will work another 6 days to restore this ruined creation, and then He will rest *again* on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Gen. 3:15- Rev. 22:21)



Let's do a little exercise with these timelines. Will you draw an arrow connecting the "24-hour days" of the first restoration with the "1,000-year days" in the second restoration?

(The first one is done for you. Now, you connect the 2s, then the 3s, etc.)

That 7<sup>th</sup> 1,000-year Day is *once again* the focus of the previous 6 days – 6000 years of work!

Now go back to the 2 timelines on the previous page and with a red pencil draw a circle around both 7<sup>th</sup> Days to show where the focus of the Bible is.

And we now know that the

## Millennial Kingdom

is that 7<sup>th</sup> day of Rest.

During this time,

Jesus Christ will sit on the Throne in the Heavenly City and will be King and Priest overall the earth. The Bride of Christ, (who will have become His Wife) will sit alongside Christ and will rule together with Him.

**Revelation 3:21**  
**“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

Then on earth, Israel will be at the head of all the nations,  
ruling over the earth from the earthly Jerusalem.

WOW! We have come so far!



We have found out exactly  
what the treasure is that  
we are to be searching for!

After all that we have studied, can you write one sentence  
that says what our treasure will be?

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And so, we long to hear these  
Words from Jesus to us...



As we finish our Survey of the Bible (and in particular the last 4 lessons on the Book of Revelation), what should our mindset be as we look to the all-important 7<sup>th</sup> Day? The Apostle John finishes [The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ](#) with a warning and a promise in the very final Chapter of all Scripture.

Jesus is speaking here:

#### REVELATION 22

7 “BEHOLD, I AM COMING **QUICKLY** BLESSED IS HE WHO  
KEEPS THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK.”

...12 “AND BEHOLD, I AM COMING **QUICKLY**, AND MY  
REWARD IS WITH ME, TO GIVE TO EVERY ONE  
ACCORDING TO HIS WORK.

...20 HE [\[JESUS\]](#) WHO TESTIFIES TO THESE THINGS  
SAYS, “SURELY I AM COMING **QUICKLY**.”...

The word “**quickly**” in these two verses means that He is coming  
SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING! And so, we would want to make sure  
that we are ready for Him, even if He came in the very next second...

[And then John ends the whole of Scripture saying:]

...**AMEN. EVEN  
SO, COME,  
LORD JESUS!**



And all God's people say:

**AMEN!**



# Lesson Twenty-eight

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Review

### Let's Review

We are at the end of our adventure and journey through the Bible from beginning to end and it is time to review what we have gleaned from the very last book of all Scripture, which to give its correct title is **The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ**. That means it is the 'disclosing, appearing, coming, lightening, manifestation, revealing of Jesus Christ and He will appear in all His Glory!



### In Lesson 24: The Revelation of Jesus Christ **Part 1**

We discovered that the writer, the Apostle John, is transported in time and space into the heavens to be shown things which must shortly take place.

- What does **Chapter 1** reveal about Christ's future role and how is it different from His current role?
- What metaphors are used to reveal His future role?
- How do **Chapters 2 and 3** prove that the 7 lampstands in **Chapter 1** symbolize the complete church in Christ's presence for Judgment?
- Which symbolism in **Chapter 1** reveals how the church will be judged?
- Who will be revealed or identified as a result of the judgment?
- Why might the angels surrounding the Throne of God cast their crowns at the feet of Jesus in **Chapter 4**?
- Who was found worthy to take the **7-sealed scroll** and loose its seals?



- What is the **7-sealed scroll**?
- Why is it necessary for God the Father to give the **scroll** to God the Son?
- What will the opening of the **seals** on the **scroll** bring about?
- Who currently holds the power represented by the Earth's Title Deed?

## In Lesson 25: The Revelation of Jesus Christ Part 2



We discovered that the prophesied conflict between the ‘seed of the Serpent’ and the ‘Seed of the Woman’ from Genesis 3:15, takes center stage. Using metaphorical

illustrations, the ‘seed of the Serpent’s’ actions are revealed through the opening of the 7 seals on the scroll by the One found worthy – the Lion of the Tribe of Judah – the Lamb Who had been slain – Jesus Christ – The Seed of the Woman!

- As Christ opens the 1<sup>st</sup> seal what time period begins?
- Why do you think this time is also referred to as ‘The Time of Jacob’s Trouble’?
- What is revealed under the 1<sup>st</sup> seal?
- Why does the rider not have an arrow?
- What is revealed under the 2<sup>nd</sup> seal?
- How does this change things on the earth?
- What is revealed under the 3<sup>rd</sup> seal?
- What is the outcome of this seal and how might it be connected to conditions under the 2<sup>nd</sup> seal?
- What is revealed under the 4<sup>th</sup> seal?
- How is what is seen connected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seals?
- What do you know about the various riders on the 4 horses?
- Where will he come from and how else is he referred to?



## In Lesson 26: The Revelation of Jesus Christ [Part 3](#)

We discovered that the Antichrist (the **seed of the Serpent** – Satan’s son) will appear initially as a man of peace and for the first 3 and ½ years of the Tribulation that is how he will present himself, but it will not last!

- Which horse shows Antichrist’s desire to be perceived as a ‘man of peace’?
- What will be his ambitions by the mid-point of the Tribulation as his true nature is revealed?
- How is the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this 7-year period referred to?
- Name the 3 sets of 7 forms of judgment?
- Why is 3 x 7 significant?
- How many other 7’s have we come across during our study of The Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ – think back to [Chapters 1 to 3](#)?
- What happens to Israel at the end of this period of time?
- Why does a great Battle known as Armageddon take place after Israel’s restoration; and what happens to Satan and his angels; his son, Antichrist, and the false prophet?
- Once this is over, the Millennial Reign of Christ and His coheirs can begin. What other names does this period have?
- How does the end of all Scripture take us back to the beginning of all Scripture?
- And how does the beginning of all Scripture declare the end of all Scripture?

- Can you recall a Scripture from [Isaiah](#) that refers specifically to this?
- How is Jesus Christ's return to the earth described and what will He have with Him?
- With that in mind, what should we be saying along with all of God's people?



