

INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 3:16-17 16 <u>All Scripture</u> is given by inspiration of God, and is <u>profitable for doctrine</u>, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may <u>be complete</u>, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) <u>Study</u> to shew thyself <u>approved</u> <u>unto God</u>, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, <u>rightly dividing the word of truth</u>.

Mankind - Israel - Gentiles - Church - 1 Corinthians 10:32

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1 Corinthians 4:1-2

 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.
 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

- truths previously unrevealed unknown
- now revealed and proclaimed Colossians 1:26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but <u>now has</u> <u>been revealed to His saints</u>.

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NOT **TIMES** of Gentiles = Israel recover Jerusalem - Luke 21

The Mercy and Grace of God's Salvation Plan in Time

Mankind's Fall Genesis 6:5; 12:1-3



Israel's Fall - partial + temporary **Covenant with Israel** (+ believing Gentiles - Exodus 12:38; Joshua 2)

The Church - All Mankind

God promised to save Israel. Same mercy that overtook Gentiles that was once disobedient toward God will finally overtake Israel = MYSTERY



Millennial Kingdom - Jesus Reign and Rule on earth





Ministry of **JOHN the BAPTIST** to Israel

Matthew 3:1-2, 6, 8

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
 and saying, "<u>Repent</u>, for the <u>kingdom of heaven is at hand</u>!"

6 and were **<u>baptized</u>** by him *(John)* in the Jordan, <u>**confessing their sins**</u>.

8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance ...

The <u>Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven (on earth)</u> for Israel is premised on God's Covenant to <u>Israel</u> in the *Abrahamic*, *Mosaic* and *Davidic Covenants*

Romans 9:4 (AMP) who are <u>Israelites</u>, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, the glory (*Shekinah*), the [*special*] <u>covenants</u> [with <u>Abraham</u>, <u>Moses</u>, and <u>David</u>], the giving of <u>the Law</u>, the [*system of temple*] <u>worship</u>, and the [*original*] <u>promises</u>.

God gives the Nation of Israel

- 1. literal, physical and earthly signs, to lead them to their
- 2. literal, physical and earthly land, (*Psalm 105:8-11*) to fulfil the prophecy
- 3. of the promised Jewish Messiah, reigning from a
- 4. literal, physical and earthly throne, in
- 5. literal, physical and earthly <u>Jerusalem</u> from where He will establish
- 6. His literal, physical and earthly kingdom.

This is the GOSPEL of the KINGDOM for Nation of Israel

Ministry of the LORD JESUS to Israel

Matthew 10:5-8

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying:

"Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter

a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost

sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go,

preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at

hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

MYSTERY #1 - God's dealings with Israel suspended Spiritual Blindness of Nation of Israel

Luke 19:41-44

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." (hardening of heart=s-blindness

Israel held accountable for not receiving the Messiah!

MYSTERY #1 - God's dealings with Israel suspended **Spiritual Blindness of Nation of Israel Matthew 16:1-3** 1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. (hardening of heart=s-blindness

Israel held accountable for failing to discern the signs!

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Acts 1:6 Therefore, when <u>they (the disciples)</u> had come together, they <u>asked Him (resurrected Lord Jesus Christ)</u>, saying, "<u>Lord</u>, <u>will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel</u>?"

The disciples up to this time, were still looking for a **political** Messiah, not a **Spiritual** Messiah!

Ministry of **APOSTLE PETER** in early Church

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "<u>Repent</u>, and let every one of you <u>be</u> <u>baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of</u> <u>sins</u>; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit</u>.

Ministry of **APOSTLE PAUL** in early Church

Acts 19:2-6

2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's **baptism**." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a **baptism of repentance**, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name** of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Dispensation changed - John's Baptism to Baptism in Jesus Christ

Ministry of **STEPHEN** in early Church

Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this <u>mystery</u>, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, <u>that blindness in part (partial and</u> <u>temporary) has happened to Israel until</u> <u>the fullness of the Gentiles has come in</u>.



Daniel's 70th Week The Time of Jacob's Trouble

70 Weeks of Years

 7 Weeks (49 years)
 62 Weeks (434 years)
 Time Gap = Church Age
 1 Week (70th Week)

 God's dealings with Israel was "suspended".
 Left with the last

one week of the 70 weeks of God's dealings with Israel.

70 Weeks of Years



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

Romans 11:25-26 25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this <u>mystery</u>, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that <u>blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of</u> <u>the Gentiles has come in</u>. 26 <u>And so all Israel will be saved</u> ...

Because Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah sent from God

- Israel earlier rejected John the Baptist sent by Father-God.
- Israel then rejected and crucified the Lord Jesus.
- 3 days later, He rose again fulfilling the sign of Jonah to prove His authenticity as the Son of God (Matthew 12:39-40).

->WHY?

- Israel had 40 days after Jesus' resurrection to recognize the sign of <u>His resurrection</u> and to receive Him as <u>their Messiah</u> which <u>they did not</u>.
- He ascended to heaven fulfilling another prophecy.
- *Hosea 5:15* Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me.

Because Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah sent from God

- <u>Stephen</u> filled with the Holy Spirit in the early Church addressed the <u>Jewish</u>
 <u>Council</u> in <u>Acts 6-7</u>, tracing God's Covenant with Abraham, Moses and David.
- But they rejected Stephen's message from God.
- This was the last straw. *God's dealings with Israel is now "suspended"*.
 The KOG began with Israel *Exodus 19:5-6*.
- Because of their disobedience and rejection of the revelation of God, the KOG was taken from Israel and given to the Church.

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- God then revealed the Gospel of Grace to Paul for <u>all mankind in church age</u>.
- This is understood clearly by the Council of the Church in Jerusalem in Acts 15.
- After Church is raptured, the Kingdom will be restored to Israel. *Acts 15:13-18*

i.e. the Lord will first take from among the Gentiles a people (the Church) for Himself and after that, would return to rebuild David's fallen tabernacle.

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MAN'S SALVATION

- All due to the Mercy and Grace of God
- Depends on Man's response to the revelation of God via:
 - Creation
 - Conscience
 - Messengers of God Prophets, Angels
 - Christ Jesus
 - Repentance Recognition of personal sins and turning to God
 - Righteousness Right standing before God only through the Lord Jesus

Romans 10:3-4

3 For they *(Israel)* being ignorant of God's righteousness, and <u>seeking to establish</u> their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.
4 For <u>Christ is the end of the law for righteousness</u> to everyone who believes.

Philippians 3:9 and be found in Him, <u>not having</u> <u>my own righteousness, which is from the law,</u> but <u>that which is through faith in Christ,</u> <u>the righteousness which is from God</u> <u>by faith</u>.

Galatians 3:10-11

10 For <u>as many as are of the works of the law are under</u> <u>the curse</u>; for it is written, "<u>Cursed is everyone who does</u> <u>not continue in all things which are written in the book</u> <u>of the law, to do them</u>." 11 But that <u>no one is justified by</u> <u>the law in the sight of God is evident</u>, for "the just shall live by faith."

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.



Church Age

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Ephesians 2:14-16, 18

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both (Jew & Gentile) one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two (Jew & Gentile), thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

MYSTERY #2 - The Church = Jews & Gentiles in Christ

Ephesians 3:2-6 2 if indeed you have heard of the <u>dispensation of the grace of God which was given</u> to me for you, 3 how that <u>by revelation He made known to me the **mystery**</u> ...

4 ... my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His

holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs,

of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through

The Gospel of Grace TODAY for All during the Church Age

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the gospel.

MYSTERY #2 - The Church = Jews & Gentiles in Christ

Ephesians 3:8-9

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, <u>that I (Paul)</u> should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to <u>make</u> all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ...

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Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to **the gospel of the grace of God**. 1. The Gospel of Grace revealed and entrusted to the Apostle Paul.

Galatians 1:11-12, 16,18

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that <u>the gospel which was preached</u> by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but <u>it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ</u>.

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, <u>I did not</u> <u>immediately confer with flesh and blood</u>, 18 then <u>after three years</u> I went up to <u>Jerusalem to see Peter</u>, and remained <u>with him fifteen days</u>. 1. The Gospel of Grace revealed and entrusted to the Apostle Paul.

Galatians 2:1-2 1 Then <u>after fourteen years</u> I went up <u>again to Jerusalem with</u> <u>Barnabas</u>, <u>and also took Titus with me</u>. 2 And I went up <u>by revelation</u>, and <u>communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles</u>, but <u>privately to those who were of reputation</u>, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain. 1. The Gospel of Grace revealed and entrusted to the Apostle Paul.

Romans 11:13 Paul was made the apostle to the Gentiles

Romans 2:16 and 16:25 Paul called the Gospel of Grace "My Gospel"

Ephesians 3:7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

The Gospel of the Grace of God spelt out in the bodily death and resurrection of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, <u>I declare to you the gospel which I preached</u> to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: <u>that Christ died for our sins</u> according to the Scriptures, 4 and <u>that He was buried</u>, and <u>that He rose again</u> the third day according to the Scriptures.

3. The Gospel of the Grace of God for <u>ALL</u> who <u>believe and receive</u> Jesus as Lord and Saviour

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you <u>confess</u> with your mouth the Lord Jesus and <u>believe</u> in your <u>heart</u> that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be <u>saved</u>. 10 For with the <u>heart</u> one <u>believes unto</u> <u>righteousness</u>, and with the mouth <u>confession is made unto</u> <u>salvation</u>. The Gospel of the Grace of God <u>completely</u> dependent on the <u>grace and mercy</u> of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 8 For <u>by grace</u> you have been <u>saved through faith</u>, and that <u>not of yourselves</u>; it is the <u>gift of God</u>, 9 <u>not of works</u>, lest anyone should boast. The Gospel of the Grace of God is the finished
 Blood Atonement by Christ that imputes God's
 righteousness to sinners who believe and receive Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, <u>that we might</u> become the righteousness of God in Him.

ISRAEL and the CHURCH are two SEPARATE Covenant people



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BOTTOM-LINE

2 Peter 3:9 <u>The Lord is not slack concerning</u> <u>His promise</u>, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, <u>not willing that any</u> <u>should perish but that all should come</u> to repentance.

= change in belief system affecting responses and decisions resulting in life transformation 1 Cor 4:1-2