THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL

There are three great mysteries which run through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. They are: 1. The Mystery of God. 2. The Mystery of Iniquity. 3. The Mystery of Israel. It is of the third one of these which we are considering here: The Mystery of Israel.

The Mystery of Israel begins in Genesis 3 at the fall of Eve by the Deception of the Serpent. The LORD God said to the Serpent concerning the "SEED" of the woman, Eve, "It shall bruise thy head." As every Bible student knows, this Prophecy refers directly to Jesus Christ. JESUS is The Anointed One (CHRIST) who DID come IN HIS TIME, and He DID judge the Serpent, Satan, BY His Death on The Cross, shedding His Own Blood to take away the Sin of the world, AND to DESTROY the Devil and his works. Jesus was born of Mary, true descendant of Adam-Abraham-David.

That Promise threads down through the chapters of Genesis to Noah and Shem, Noah's son. The Hebrew word "SHEM" means: NAME; he bore THE NAME through to Abraham. That means that Shem carried the Knowledge of The Lord from BEFORE the Flood clear through to Abraham's time. Gen. 11:10-11, "Shem was an hundred years, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood; and Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad FIVE HUNDRED YEARS, and begat sons and daughters." Adding up the years of the generations until Abraham (Gen. 11), it was 285 years. Thus Shem lived 500 minus 285 equals 215 years INTO THE TIME OF ABRAHAM. So it was very probable that Abraham knew Shem, and talked with him, and received FROM SHEM what knowledge he could give of THE LORD GOD.

The Old Testament line is a slim one from Adam through Noah and Shem to Abraham. Partly that is so because there is not much written in there that is directly relevant to the Mystery of Israel. BUT beginning with Abraham the truth of Israel begins to UNFOLD and carries on through the Revelation Prophecy. We reject the theory that Revelation is largely a vision of things WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE THEN PAST. We use the term "Prophecy" in referring to the Revelation because that is the term used in it: Rev. 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of THIS PROPHECY." Also, Rev. 22:7, "Behold, I come quickly; blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the PROPHECY of this book." And still stronger is Rev. 22:18 concerning it, "the words of the PROPHECY of this book."

The Mystery of Israel unfolds from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through the entire Bible AS PART OF GOD'S WORD. It is there through the Revelation PROPHECY, together with "THE MYSTERY OF GOD," and The Mystery of Iniquity (iniquity means: lawlessness; distinctly, lawlessness against The Creator). If anyone does not perceive what GOD has been careful to record concerning the Unique, Without-parallel, Divine Truth concerning Israel, they can easily make a mistake of vital proportions.

From Abraham through to Mary the girl of Nazareth, there is unfolded the truth of God and THE NATION which is completely UNIQUE in the history of the nations of the world. Why? Because The LORD God APPEARED to the fathers of three generations IN SUCCESSION. God APPEARED TO ABRAHAM. GOD APPEARED TO ISAAC. GOD APPEARED TO JACOB.

When God APPEARS to a man on earth, THAT DIVINE APPEARANCE results in a CHANGE of some kind in This World. In This Amazing Case of the Line of God, THE LORD GOD appeared three times, THREE times, to the heads of That Race. And, He gave to some of them supernatural birth of children. Abraham and Sarah had NO child; Sarah was past age for childbearing; GOD, Himself, gave them Isaac. Rebekah was barren; GOD intervened and in answer to prayer, sons were given; Jacob was born. Even in the case of Jacob-Israel, Rachel had no child; Joseph was born in answer to prayer. Glory to God the Creator!

And to others, in the line from Abraham to Mary, did the Lord God APPEAR and SPEAK TO, AND THROUGH. God took 2,000 years IN THAT LINE to fashion and bring forth in the earth That Galilean GIRL: MARY. He brought forth, the Mother of JESUS THE CHRIST. God took TWO THOUSAND years IN THAT RACE OF MEN to produce in the world, a virgin girl who could receive THE WORD of the Great Archangel Gabriel, and ANSWER to God: "BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD."

There was NO OTHER Race of people among the nations of mankind whom God used, or COULD have used, to BRING FORTH His Only Begotten Son. This was a SINGLE nation, an ONLY nation, a DIFFERENT nation, a CALLED nation, a DESTINED nation - NO OTHER nation ever was LIKE the Nation of Israel, destined to BEAR THE GLORY OF GOD.

GOD said to Abraham, "I will MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION" - and He DID. Listen to Isaiah 43:1, "But now, thus saith The Lord that CREATED thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee BY THY NAME, thou art Mine." And in 43:7, "Even every one that is called by my name; for I have created him FOR MY GLORY. I have formed him, yea, I have made him." And in the New Testament, Luke 2:30-32, - Simeon in Jerusalem holding the baby Jesus - "For mine eyes have seen thy Salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and THE GLORY OF THY PEOPLE ISRAEL." THE GLORY of thy people Israel!

There was never any other nation like Israel formed, made, created, chosen BY GOD for such specific purposes. We do not say that they shall bear the GLORY without REPENTING! Certainly, "Except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:5. What we DO say is that ISRAEL is THE NATION formed by GOD to BEAR THE SUFFERING, and the REPENTANCE, FOR THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB OF GOD, "Slain before the foundation of the world." We DO say that by the riches of God's goodness, and forbearance and longsuffering, the goodness of God leadeth them to their destiny: REPENTANCE.

Israel is God's Spectacle to all the world, by which HIS MERCY SHALL BE MADE KNOWN - a Visible Demonstration in The Last Days - to "the nations of them that are saved," Rev. 21:24. Israel - The Mystery Nation - carries through into The Revelation Prophecy. THERE appears those who are SEALED IN THEIR FOREHEADS, and "who follow the Lamb, whithersoever He goeth." Redeemed? Yes. Washed in The Blood of The Lamb? Yes. Saved by Grace through Faith? Yes. BUT the ONLY NATION mentioned BY NAME among the Ransomed Throngs in The Revelation Vision. For these very reasons, we declare that the anti-semitic spirit - HATE THE JEWS - is one of the most deadly spirits in the world.

Of course, this does not appeal, at first thought to those whose minds are already made up that the Nation of Israel "IS EXTINCT." But that is a conclusion reached by the natural-mathematical-reasoning-mind, and IS NOT the Mind of Christ, who said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

It has been stated, "There is no unfulfilled promise of God for those who are Jews by nature." That writer was confused as to God's PURPOSE in The Mystery of Israel - so confused as to not be able to SEE God's unceasing intention to make that nation a Visible Demonstration OF THE MERCY OF GOD - in leading them to Repentance.

HAS GOD CAST OFF THAT NATION? Why does anyone use chosen parts of Romans 11 and completely ignore what The Apostle Paul is SAYING in that chapter? What DOES God say by Paul in Romans 11? First of all, right at the beginning it is written, verses 1-2, "Hath God cast away his people? God forbid...God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew." Hath God CAST AWAY His people? GOD HATH NOT cast away this People WHICH HE FOREKNEW! No, verse 28, "they are beloved FOR THE FATHERS' SAKE." What is The Mystery of it all? Verse 31, "Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain MERCY." And then comes The WORD OF GOD, who in

verse 29 says “For the gifts and calling of God are WITHOUT REPENTANCE” - then comes THE GREAT EXPLANATION of The Mystery of Israel, verse 32, “For God hath concluded them ALL IN UNBELIEF, THAT HE MIGHT HAVE MERCY UPON ALL.” Concluded, shut up, all, in Unbelief. WHY? WHY? Oh why? In order that HE, GOD, might have MERCY upon All - both Gentile and Israel.

This is what men - even great authors - DO NOT COMPREHEND! THE MERCY OF GOD! Men “think” and judge and decide what fits into their stated belief. BUT what The Bible Teaches About Mercy is going to DECIDE GOD’S PURPOSE.

There are ample Scriptures to fully “prove” this Truth, This Mystery of Israel. But we are not seeking to present controversy. We simply show THAT ISRAEL WAS NOT, AND IS NOT, the same as the other nations on the earth; but that Israel was FROM ABRAHAM’S TIME, A NEW NATION, A DIFFERENT NATION FROM ALL OTHERS.

Zechariah 12:10 (unfulfilled Prophecy) “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of Grace and Supplications; and they shall look upon me whom the have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his ONLY SON, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness FOR HIS FIRSTBORN.” Glory to God and The Lamb, for ever and ever!

We are surely within The Period of Time in which that Prophecy in Zechariah 12 will be fulfilled in the world-of-nations. For the history of the world-of-nations is centered in Israel as a NATION, and in JERUSALEM geographically as The Capital of The World. And that history is in process of unfolding NOW - before your eyes. GOD is restoring “Israel” to “THE LAND.” It is GOD who is doing it. Doubtless there are a remnant from all the twelve tribes “IN THE LAND,” now, brought back BY GOD. All the prophecies concerning them have to do with being “IN THE LAND.” And NOW the nations are jockeying FOR POSITION. And Zechariah 12, and Ezekiel 36-39 are in progress of unfolding. And GOD says, “though all the nations” be gathered against them, THEY SHALL BE CUT TO PIECES!

There is still One Supreme Truth about The Mystery of Israel. That is The Archangel MICHAEL. There is no other nation in the Bible, or history, of whom The Word of God says that an Archangel STANDS for it, or is The Prince of it. But God has so spoken it concerning ISRAEL - IN THE LAND. And that Supreme Truth is declared in the book of Daniel three times; once in Jude; and also in Rev. 12.

Daniel was deported from The Land of Israel to Babylon in his boyhood about B.C. 604. Jerusalem had been destroyed. Israel was taken captive from The Land. Babylon was The World Ruler. There Daniel prayed concerning the prophecy of Jeremiah, that the captivity of Israel would last 70 years.

In answer to Daniel’s prayer The Angel Gabriel, who “stands before THE LORD,” was sent to him. And Gabriel declared the great fact of The Prince of Israel. In Daniel 10:13 it is written, “But the prince of The Kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, MICHAEL, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with (against) the kings of Persia.” Then in Daniel 10:21, “But I will show you that which is noted in the scripture of TRUTH; and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but MICHAEL YOUR PRINCE.” And Daniel 12:1, “And at that time shall MICHAEL stand up, the great prince which STANDETH FOR THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE.” And then shall be The Time of Trouble. Jude 9, “Yet MICHAEL the Archangel, when contending with the devil disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.” Rev. 12:7,8. “And there was war in heaven: MICHAEL and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed NOT:neither was their place found any more in heaven.”

At the time of This Word, Israel is brought into GOD’S LIGHT again: Zechariah 12. In our studies on

"What The Bible Teaches About Mercy," and in the "Meditations in The Revelation," there is more that pertains to the subject of "THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL." We do agree heartily with what some say about "The true Israel of God." But we most earnestly urge it upon you, that UNLESS GOD IS ABLE to carry out His many promises and prophecies, made unconditionally TO Israel, then there is not a clear understanding of what "The true Israel of God" means.

"GOD HATH NOT CAST OFF HIS PEOPLE WHICH HE FOREKNEW." Romans 11:2. But "TIME WILL TELL!" And in your time the telling may be. For NOW is The Nation Israel, and The City of Jerusalem IN ITS POSSESSION, surrounded by nations breathing out hatred and slaughter; with RUSSIA moving steadily INTO THE ARENA. And so we leave this, saying, WAIT AND SEE TO WHOM GOD GIVES VICTORY. And it will be just as is stated in Ezekiel 38 and 39. The Climax is Ezekiel 39:25-29, Verse 25, "Now I will bring again the captivity of Jacob, and HAVE MERCY UPON THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, and will be jealous for MY HOLY NAME."

Verse 28, "Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there." Verse 29, "NEITHER WILL I HIDE MY FACE any more from them: FOR I HAVE POURED OUT MY SPIRIT UPON THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, SAITH THE LORD GOD."

And so will THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL blossom in The Blessing of God. The Spirit of Grace upon them - ALL WHO REPENT AND TURN TO THE LAMB OF GOD.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S! JESUS REIGNS!

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