

The Mystery of the Church and Israel

In order to understand God's Eternal Purposes and the end times, it is imperative that we understand this MYSTERY. Much doctrinal confusion has occurred because of a failure to receive revelation knowledge concerning the nation of Israel in relation to the church.

Ephesians 2:11-18

11 You Gentiles by birth—called "the uncircumcised" by the Jews, who call themselves the circumcised (which refers to what men do to their bodies)—remember what you were in the past. **12** At that time you were apart from Christ. You were foreigners and did not belong to God's chosen people. You had no part in the covenants, which were based on God's promises to his people, and you lived in this world without hope and without God. **13** But now, in union with Christ Jesus you, who used to be far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies. **15** He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace. **16** By his death on the cross Christ destroyed their enmity; by means of the cross he united both races into one body and brought them back to God. **17** So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all—to you Gentiles, who were far away from God, and to the Jews, who were near to him. **18** It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father. **19** So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any longer; you are now citizens together with God's people and members of the family of God.

- I. A Metamorphosis has taken place – There has only been 1 kingdom from Abraham until this day
 - o Romans 11:16 The natural and unnatural branches
 - o Gal. 3:28-29
- II. Who is the "Israel of God"?
 - o Gal. 6:15-16 – Sign of the covenant annulled
 - o Romans 2:28 – Outward and inward Jewishness
 - o Romans 9:6 Not all Israel is Israel
 - Natural and spiritual Israel pictured in the 2 kingdoms of Israel
- III. Who has the kingdom?
 - o Math 21:33-4
- IV. Who are counted as the children of Abraham?
 - o Gal. 3:6-7
 - o Gal. 3:26-29
- V. To whom were the promises made? Who got the blessing of Abraham? Who inherits the promises
 - o Gal. 3:12-19
 - o Rom. 4:3, 6-7
 - o Blessing of Abraham – Rom 4:13 (heir of the world)
- VI. Who is the holy nation, the royal priesthood and the peculiar people?
 - o I Peter 2:9-10
- VII. New Covenant VRS Old Covenant – Which one do YOU want?
 - o Heb. 8:6-13