

## THE ETERNAL GOSPEL & END TIME HARVEST

### Part 7 The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

As we saw last week, in the time of the Antichrist – the last 3 ½ years of ‘The Day of The Lord’ – The Elect of Israel will flee into The Wilderness, to a place prepared for them by God [with a specific nation].

**It is in this place that Israel will have a great awakening ...**

**THEY WILL SEE JESUS AS THE SUFFERING SAVIOUR AND REALISE THAT THIS MAN WAS & IS THEIR TRUE MESSIAH.**  
They will whole heartedly turn to Him with deep weeping and be Born-Again.

Zechariah 12:10

*“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. **They will look on Me, the one they have pierced and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child** and grieve bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son.*

**WE ALSO FINISHED LAST WEEK WITH A QUOTE FROM HOSEA WHICH, WITHOUT DOUBT, DESCRIBES ISRAEL’S CONVERSION**

Hosea 2:19-20

*So I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in loving devotion and compassion.  
<sup>20</sup>And I will betroth you in faithfulness and **you will know the LORD.***

**LET’S LOOK BRIEFLY AT HOW GOD DESCRIBES THEM**

Revelation 14:1 **SLIDE**

*Then I looked and saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had **His name and His Father’s name written on their foreheads.***

Revelation 7:4-8 tells us that these come from the 12 tribes of Israel ... 12,000 from each tribe making 144,000.

**SO THE 144,000 IS ISRAEL – THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS OF REVELATION 12 ...**

**BUT LOOK AT HER NOW THAT SHE IS BORN AGAIN –**

## A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

WE ARE TOLD THESE PEOPLE HAVE THE FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN ON THEIR FOREHEADS ...

**NB: 'THE FATHER'S NAME' ... NOT 'GOD'S NAME' ...**

THEY HAVE GONE FROM A 'WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS' TO BEING SONS OF THE FATHER ...

THEY HAVE BEEN BORN-AGAIN.

ALSO NOTICE in Revelation 14:1 'HIS' FATHER'S NAME – 'HIS' MEANING JESUS.

THEY ARE JESUS' BROTHERS WITH THE SAME FATHER.

HIS NAME ON THEIR FOREHEADS NOW TELLS US THAT THEY HAVE COME FORTH IN THE FATHER'S LIKENESS & IMAGE ... THEY ARE SON'S WHO LOOK LIKE THEIR FATHER.

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOD'S DEEP DESIRE SINCE CREATION FOR HIS PEOPLE TO BE LIKE HIM.

Genesis 1:26-27 English Standard Bible

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness ... <sup>27</sup>So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

**SLIDE** THIS NEW-BORN ISRAEL IS NOW 'A SON' OF THE FATHER ... REFLECTING THE IMAGE OF HIS FATHER ON HIS FACE ...

YOU SEE IN THEIR FACES A RESEMBLANCE OF THE FATHER ... HIS CHARACTER STAMPED INTO THEM.

*'We hear people saying, 'Wow, I can tell he's your son ... He looks like you! The apple doesn't fall far from the tree!'*

THESE PEOPLE MANIFEST THE CHARACTER OF THEIR FATHER WHEREVER THEY GO.

## A NEW PURPOSE

### WHAT DOES 144,000 MEAN?

NOW WE FIND THESE SAME PEOPLE, FORMERLY REFERRED TO IN REVELATION 12 AS 'THE WOMAN', NOW ALSO CALLED '**THE 144,000**'. **SLIDE**

**NB: THIS NUMBER DESCRIBES THEM IN THEIR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL ROLE – NOT ONLY HAVE THEY RECEIVED A NEW DESIGNATION (Sons of God) BUT THEY HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A NEW DESTINATION – **THEY ARE A PEOPLE WHO WILL NOW INSTIGATE GOD’S FINAL PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION IN THE EARTH.****

**I DON’T BELIEVE IT IS A LITERAL NUMBER BUT SYMBOLIC –**

**SLIDE** 12,000 from 12 tribes ...

**THE NUMBER 12 STANDS FOR A DIVINELY APPOINTED GROUP ASSIGNED TO INSTIGATE & ESTABLISH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE**

- **THE 12 SONS OF JACOB ESTABLISHED THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL WHO WERE THE FOUNDATION STONES OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL**
- **THE 12 APOSTLES** WERE THE FOUNDATION STONES SET APART TO ESTABLISH THE CHURCH ON EARTH
- **THE 12 SPIES** WERE GOD’S FORERUNNERS TO ENTER THE LAND OF CANNAN AND BRING A REPORT AS TO ITS STATUS.

**AND NOW **THE 12,000 FROM THE 12 TRIBES ARE THOSE GOD DESIGNATES TO INSTIGATE THE END TIME HARVEST BEFORE THE FINAL JUDGEMENT****

**ISRAEL WILL NOT ONLY BE BROUGHT INTO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR FATHER ...**

**ISRAEL WILL ALSO BECOME A GLORIOUS PART OF HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE.**

**ISRAEL WILL FINALLY FULFILL ITS ETERNAL DESTINY**

**THEY ARE DESTINED TO INSTIGATE THE GREAT END TIME INGATHERING**

**HOWEVER, THEY STILL NEED ONE ESSENTIAL TOOL TO DO THEIR TASK ...**

**THEY NEED THE ETERNAL GOSPEL**

Revelation 14:6 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*Then I saw another angel flying overhead [zenith – mid-heaven] with **the eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.*

*Most people teach that this angel is proclaiming the gospel.*

But our verse does not say, 'The Angel proclaims The Gospel'.

**THE ANGEL HAS THE GOSPEL SO IT CAN BE PROCLAIMED**

THE ANGEL IS DELIVERING THE GOSPEL THAT IS READY TO BE PROCLAIMED.

ANGELS ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL.

BORN AGAIN BELIEVER'S ARE ASSIGNED TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Angels can't testify to the gospel because they've never been born again. They have not been saved – they were never sinners.

*An angel can't sing 'Amazing Grace that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now I'm found ... was blind but now I see.'*

An angel is a messenger and this messenger is delivering a package to God's Chosen People ...

*This is like the eternal 'DHL' or 'Federal Express' 'Fedex' ...  
And it has an eternal delivery of the most glorious message to  
bring to a specific group of people who have been assigned for one  
of the greatest tasks in all history.*

THE ANGEL IS NOT PREACHING THE GOSPEL ... THE ANGEL IS DELIVERING THE GOSPEL

**WHO IS THE ANGEL DELIVERING THIS GOSPEL TO?**

THE GOSPEL IS BEING DELIVERED TO THE 144,000 –  
NEW BELIEVERS **WHO HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN IN THE  
FATHER'S IMAGE**

ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE & UNDERSTAND THIS ETERNAL GOSPEL

Paul said he was *given the gospel* –

Ephesians 3:7 Berean Literal Bible

*I became a servant of **this gospel** by the gift of God's grace, **given me through the working of His power.***

**WHERE IS THE ANGEL COMING FROM & WHY DOES IT HAVE  
THE GOSPEL?**

**THE ANGEL IS COMING BACK FROM THE NOW 'CAUGHT UP'  
CHURCH & BRINGING THE GOSPEL BACK TO EARTH!**

CONSIDER ... THE CHURCH HAS ALREADY BEEN SNATCHED AWAY FROM ALL THIS TROUBLE ... AND WITH IT, 'THE REVELATION OF THE GOSPEL' HAS ALSO GONE.

NOW – BECAUSE 'THE NEW ISRAEL' ARE BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS & READY FOR GOD'S TASK – THE ANGEL DELIVERS BACK TO EARTH, ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE PACKAGES THAT ANYONE HAS EVER RECEIVED – THE GOSPEL OF GOD!

**WHAT IS THIS GOSPEL?**

**THIS IS THE ETERNAL GOSPEL**

Gospel = (euangelion) To proclaim (euangelisai)

***It was conceived in Eternity by The Father – outside of Time – and is an unchanging message throughout all time.***

***This is the same message that was preached and revealed to Abraham ...***

***And it is the same message that is here at the End of Time ...***

**'THERE IS SALVATION IN CHRIST BY FAITH ALONE!'**

**GOD DOESN'T CHANGE HIS MESSAGE TO MANKIND TO TRY AND ATTRACT AN AUDIENCE.**

***In the 90s marketing changed. Successful companies stopped trying to change people's minds to get them to buy their product ... They changed what they had to what people wanted to buy. And they packaged it and presented it that way.***

**BUT GOD DOESN'T CHANGE THE GOSPEL TO ATTRACT AN AUDIENCE.**

**IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN & WILL ALWAYS BE –  
'SALVATION THROUGH FAITH'.**

**JESUS ALSO SPOKE OF THE GOSPEL BEING PROCLAIMED  
BEFORE THE END**

Matthew 24:14 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

And this **gospel of the kingdom** will be proclaimed in the whole earth, for a testimony to all the nations and **then the end will come.**

WHAT DOES 'THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM' MEAN?

**NB: 'OF' THE KINGDOM CAN BE AMBIGUOUS - SUBJECTIVE OR OBJECTIVE**

Is this 'The Gospel about The Kingdom' (THIS IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE SAY)  
Or is this 'The Gospel message from The Kingdom?

**IT IS THE LATTER!**

E.g. The mission statement of Our Church is the mission statement **belonging to the church.** It tells what we as a church believe.

It's not The Mission Statement **about the church.** We don't state, 'The church will be great ... The church does this and does that ...'  
**NO.**

**We say, 'We are Christ -Focused and Grace-Based – because it's The Statement of (belonging to) The Church.**

**In the same way, The Gospel of the Kingdom is the Gospel that belongs to God's Kingdom ...**

**Some people teach that Jesus preached a different gospel to Israel**

That when He came He was going to set up His earthly Kingdom. And that Israel' rejection meant that didn't happen.

But that is not true ...

Jesus' purpose was always to set up **His Heavenly Kingdom** and from the Beginning of Time it was planned that He would die and rise again.

**ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF JESUS JUST MEANT THAT THEY LOST THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE ORIGINAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CHURCH AND AMBASSADORS OF THE GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS.**

The Jew and Gentile both have to be Born Again to enter The Heavenly Kingdom Of God.

### **THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL**

Romans 1:1&3

***The gospel of God ... concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ...***

**THIS IS THE GOSPEL CONCERNING 'THE LORD JESUS CHRIST'.  
THIS IS NOT THE GOSPEL CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

## THERE ARE NOT 2 GOSPELS

### PAUL WARNS ABOUT PREACHING ANOTHER GOSPEL

Galatians 1:8-9 Berean Study Bible

*But even if we or **an angel from heaven** should preach **a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you**, let him be under a curse!  
⁹As we have said before, so now I say again: **If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be under a curse!***

**THE ONE GOSPEL IS – ‘BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST & YOU SHALL BE SAVED’ (John 3:16)**

### TO WHOM IS THE GOSPEL TO BE PROCLAIMED?

Revelation 14:6 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*Then I saw another angel flying overhead with the eternal gospel **to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.***

This is The Time for The Gospel to be proclaimed ... loud and clear ... to every nation ... people and culture ...

God has always intended to reach the nations of this earth with ‘The Gospel’. Even long before Jesus came to the earth, God’s purpose was to reach The Nations without prejudice.

This was the same Gospel and harvest field revealed to Abraham, whom The Jews claim as their father, and who heard The Gospel way back in his day.

Galatians 3:8 Berean Literal Bible

*And the Scripture, having foreseen that **God justifies the Gentiles by faith**, foretold the gospel to Abraham: "All the nations will be blessed in you." (Genesis 12:3 / 18:18 / 22:18)*

**God raised up a Nation to reach The Nations.**

That Nation was Israel.

**GOD HAS SAVED THE BEST TILL LAST!  
THIS IS ISRAEL’S FINEST HOUR**

THE SPIRITUALLY-BORN ISRAEL WILL NOW GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM 'THE GOSPEL' TO THE WHOLE WORLD ... physically ... electronically ... supernaturally ...

### GREAT MIRACLES & 'WONDERS WILL HAPPEN IN THIS TIME

Acts 2:17&19-21 NIV **SLIDE**

*In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and **signs on the earth** below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and glorious Day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**'*

*The early church had many signs and wonders: the dead were raised ... lepers cleansed ... Philip was transported ... Peter walked on water ...*

**BUT THAT IS NOWHERE NEAR WHAT WILL BE SEEN IN THIS TIME!**

### THE GREAT INGATHERING

**SLIDE** The Feast of Harvest consisted of 2 harvestings

1. The First-Fruits
2. The Ingathering

Exodus 23:16 Berean Study Bible

*You are also to keep the Feast of Harvest with (1) **the first-fruits** of the produce from what you sow in the field. And keep (2) **the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year**, when you gather your produce from the field.*

#### THE FIRST-FRUITS – WHITE TO HARVEST

*Unlike today's method, in early times the grain harvest had to begin before the grain was fully ripe so that it would not fall out of the husk prematurely.*

**AT THIS STAGE THE WHEAT HAD CHANGED FROM GREEN TO WHITE ...**

Jesus spoke about this –



John 4:35 **SLIDE**

*Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for **they are already white for harvest!***

At that time, Jesus spoke about **'The First-Fruits'**. **But He was also** announcing, **THE AGE OF THE FIRST-FRUITS HAD BEGUN ...** which has continued to this day.

### **WE LIVE IN THE AGE OF THE 'FIRST-FRUITS' - THE CHURCH AGE**

*Leviticus 23:10-11 ... Wave offering of first fruits*

*1 Corinthians 15:23 ... Jesus began the wave offering and we live in this time of the First-Fruits to this day.*

**ALL THE REVIVALS WE HAVE SEEN – THE DAY OF PENTECOST – THE WELSH REVIVAL ... ASUSA STREET IN THE USA ... AND MANY MORE GREAT TIMES OF GREAT EVANGELISTS **HAVE ALL BEEN IN THIS TIME OF 'THE FIRST-FRUITS'****

### **BUT THE GREAT 'INGATHERING IS COMING**

**SLIDE** AFTER THE FIRST HARVEST THE WHEAT WAS GATHERED INTO "SHEAVES" ... placed upright by leaning several sheaves against each other ... **TO AWAIT THE FINAL HARVEST** – THE INGATHERING WHEN THEY HAD TURNED GOLDEN BROWN.

- **"Feast of Harvest" in late Spring**
- **the "Feast of Ingathering" in Autumn.**

THIS FEAST OF 'INGATHERING' WILL BE THE GREAT END-TIME HARVEST WHICH WILL HAPPEN IN THE DAY OF THE LORD.

Matthew 13:38-39 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE**

*The field is the world, and the good seed represents the sons of the kingdom ... <sup>39</sup> ... **The harvest is the end of the age,** and the harvesters are angels.*

Hosea 2:23 NLT

*At that time **I will plant a crop of Israelites** and raise them for myself ...*

### **THE REAPING**

Joel 3:13 NLT

*Swing the sickle, for **the harvest is ripe**. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full; the wine vats overflow because their wickedness is great.*

Joel 3:14 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

***Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the Day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision....***

Revelation 14:14-16

*And I looked and saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was One like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple, crying out in a loud voice to the One seated on the cloud, "Swing Your sickle and reap, because the time has come to harvest; for the crop of the earth is ripe." <sup>16</sup>So the One seated on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.*

Revelation 7:9-10 **SLIDE**

*After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes ... <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.'*

**THIS IS THE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF BELIEVERS WHO HAVE BEEN SAVED IN THIS TIME OF GREAT TRIBULATION**