

## CHAPTER 8

### ISRAEL WANTED A KING

First Samuel records the ministry of Samuel, the prophet and priest, who served as a link between the book of Judges and the promised Davidic Kingdom.

What vow did Hannah make to the Lord? 1 Samuel 1:11

Who was Hannah's son? 1 Samuel 1:20

How did Hannah keep her vow? 1 Samuel 1:24-25

How did Israel know Samuel was a prophet? 1 Samuel 3:19-20

Why did Israel have victory over the Philistines? 1 Samuel 7:3-4

Why did Israel want a king? 1 Samuel 8:5

Who was Israel rejecting? 1 Samuel 8:7

NOTE:

Israel was ruled by God directly from Heaven until 1 Samuel 8. This was known as a Theocracy. By wanting a king, Israel was rejecting God the Father from ruling over them. Later, they rejected Jesus Christ, God the Son, at the Cross. Finally, Israel rejected God, the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51

Who was the FIRST king of Israel? 1 Samuel 9:17

What were Saul's human qualifications to be king? 1 Samuel 9:2

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

How long did Saul rule? Acts 13:21

How did God empower Saul? 1 Samuel 10:10

Name 3 reasons why God rejected King Saul.

1 Samuel 13:9 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 15:17-19 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 28:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Who only was to offer animal sacrifices? Leviticus 1:17

Who succeeded Saul as the SECOND king of Israel? 2 Samuel 5:4

How did God empower David to be the King of Israel? 1 Samuel 16:13

How long did he reign? 2 Samuel 5:4

Name the THIRD king of Israel. 1 Kings 2:12

What promise did God make to Solomon? 1 Kings 9:5

How did God exalt Solomon? 1 Chronicles 29:25

What did Solomon do for the Lord? 1 Kings 6:1

What happened after the temple was completed? 2 Chronicles 7:1-2

How many years did Solomon reign over Israel? 1 Kings 11:42

What was the extent of Solomon's kingdom? 2 Chronicles 9:26

Name Solomon's sins. 1 Kings 11:5-7

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

How did God punish Solomon's sin? 1 Kings 11:11-12

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Did you know that the Holy Spirit was not given to everyone in the Old Testament? See page 61 for a comparison of the working of the Holy Spirit.

How did certain Israelites know how to sew the priest's clothing? Exodus 28:3

Why was Bezaleel given the Holy Spirit? Exodus 31:3-5

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

What men received the Holy Spirit and why? Numbers 11:16-17

When did Othniel receive the Holy Spirit and why? Judges 3:9-10

When did Saul receive the Holy Spirit and why? 1 Samuel 9:17; 10:9-11

When did David receive the Holy Spirit? 1 Samuel 16:13

What happened to King Saul? 1 Samuel 16:14

Why did David receive the Holy Spirit? 1 Samuel 16:1

Why did King Saul consult the witch of Endor? 1 Samuel 28:15

What did Samuel say would happen to King Saul the next day? 1 Samuel 28:19-20

Where would Saul be after his death? 1 Samuel 28:19

NOTE:

Even though the Holy Spirit had left King Saul, he would be WITH Samuel in Paradise after his death. 1 Samuel 28:19; 31:6

What did King David pray after he sinned with Bathsheba and why? Psalm 51:11

### **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

**When God was dealing with Israel in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit**

**(1) mainly came UPON individuals. Judges 3:10**

**(2) was given to accomplish a certain task. Numbers 11:16-17**

**(3) was temporary in nature and could be removed because of sin or when the task was completed. 1 Samuel 16:14**

**(4) was not a seal of salvation. 1 Samuel 28:19**

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

How wonderful that today in the Church, the Body of Christ, believers cannot lose the Holy Spirit for He is the seal of salvation until the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

### **WHAT IS THE DAVIDIC KINGDOM?**

The Davidic Kingdom is the prophesied time period when Jesus Christ, the LITERAL posterity of King David, will reign on a LITERAL throne in Jerusalem, reigning over the LITERAL Kingdom fulfilling the prophecies made to Israel. It is necessary to understand the characteristics of the Davidic Kingdom in order to understand what Jesus Christ SAID and DID in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

Let us look at the prophecies given to King David about the Kingdom.

What did David want to build for God? 1 Chronicles 28:2

Why would God not allow David to build the temple? 1 Chronicles 28:3

Instead, what did God promise to build for David? 2 Samuel 7:12-13

God told David that Solomon would build the temple. 1 Chronicles 28:6

How long would the throne of David last? 2 Samuel 7:13,16

The Prophets confirmed that Messiah would come through \_\_\_\_\_'s line. Jeremiah 23:5

Who was related to King David? Matthew 1:1

Who was born to sit on David's throne? Luke 1:31-32

In the Kingdom, over whom will Jesus Christ reign? Daniel 7:14,27

After Jesus' baptism, what message did He proclaim? Matthew 4:17,23

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE KINGDOM**

What will be the extent of Christ's Kingdom? Zechariah 14:9

In what city will Christ's throne be? Zechariah 14:16-17

In the Kingdom there will be no \_\_\_\_\_. Micah 4:3

In the Kingdom there will be no \_\_\_\_\_. Amos 9:13-14

In the Kingdom there will be no \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 33:24

In the Kingdom, animals will be \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 65:25

In the Kingdom, nature will be under Christ the Messiah's control. Isaiah 35:1

In the Kingdom, there will be \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 65:20

In the Kingdom, there will be no \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 32:17

So, Israel will dwell \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 32:18

What is the length of the Kingdom on earth? Revelation 20:6-7

To study how Jesus taught about the Kingdom, see: Page 46. Jesus Christ, the King, Proclaimed the Kingdom to Israel. Locate the Kingdom on the chart at the back of the book. What goes before it? After it?

## CHAPTER 9

### ISRAEL WAS DIVIDED

Name the FOURTH king of Israel. 2 Chronicles 9:31

How long did Rehoboam reign in Jerusalem? 2 Chronicles 12:13

What grievous thing did King Rehoboam and Israel do? 2 Chronicles 12:1

What prophecy was being fulfilled? 1 Kings 11:11-12

What did God tell Jeroboam through Ahijah the prophet? 1 Kings 11:30-31

Who tried to put Jeroboam to death? 1 Kings 11:40

How did Rehoboam treat Israel harshly? 1 Kings 12:13-15

Israel rebelled against Rehoboam. Whom did Israel kill? 1 Kings 12:18

Who became the king of Israel, the ten tribes? 1 Kings 12:20

Who was the king of Judah? 1 Kings 12:23; 2 Chronicles 12:13. Judah consisted of two tribes, Judah and Benjamin.

### HISTORY

Israel was divided into two nations. Ten tribes formed the Northern Kingdom called ISRAEL and two tribes formed the Southern Kingdom, called JUDAH. During the divided kingdom, the Israelites were called the "Jus," which was a byword, short for Judah. Later, the spelling was changed to "Jews." 1 Kings 9:7

Israel, the Northern Kingdom, lasted a little over 200 years. There were nineteen kings who reigned in the Northern Kingdom and all worshipped the golden calf idol. Israel was taken captive by Assyria in 721 B.C.

Judah, the Southern Kingdom, lasted about 300 years and there was a succession of nineteen kings and one queen. The majority of the kings served idols but there were a few who served Jehovah. Even the good kings did some bad things, and the bad kings did some good things. Spiritual revivals were temporary in nature and accomplished no lasting change. The prophets warned Judah to worship Jehovah but they refused to listen and continued worshipping idols. Judah was taken captive by Babylon in 600 B.C.

"There were continual \_\_\_\_\_ between Israel and Judah." 2 Chronicles 12:15

What evil things did Israel, the ten tribes do? 2 Kings 17:16-17

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Israel because of their sin? 2 Kings 17:22-23

What was Judah's sin? 1 Kings 14:22-24

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What nation took Judah captive? 2 Kings 24:12

Who was the king of Babylon? 2 Kings 24:11

What else did Babylon carry away? 2 Kings 24:13-14

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What did Nebuchadnezzar and his army do to the temple? 2 Kings 25:8-9

What was done to the walls around the temple? 2 Kings 25:10

What country took Israel into captivity? 2 Kings 17:23

## **HISTORY - MAJOR AND MINOR PROPHETS**

Seventeen books of the Old Testament were written by prophets. The prophets were God's spokesmen to Israel and Judah warning of coming events. They prophesied about Israel, Judah, Nineveh, Babylon, the captives in Babylon, and Edom. The books of the prophets are divided into two groups called the major and minor prophets. Major does not mean they are more important than the minor prophets but it refers to the size of the books. The major prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The Minor Prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

God used the prophets to warn Israel and Judah of impending disaster if they did not repent of their idolatry. They refused and were taken into captivity.

How does the Bible warn unsaved people of danger? John 3:36

What danger does the Bible warn Christians to avoid? Ephesians 4:17-24

How are unsaved people captive? Ephesians 2:1-3

What does God want for Christians? Galatians 5:1

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPTER 10

### ISRAEL REBUILT THE TEMPLE

Israel and Judah were taken into captivity by Assyria and Babylon. The Babylonian Empire was conquered by Medo-Persia under the leadership of Cyrus. Cyrus was impressed to learn that his name was mentioned in Jeremiah's prophecy as being the ruler that would permit the Jews to return to Jerusalem.

What did Cyrus decide to do? Ezra 6:3

Who was to go to Jerusalem? Ezra 1:5

How did Judah get money to rebuild the temple? Ezra 1:4

Judah returned to Jerusalem in three separate expeditions to accomplish this task.

What man led the first company of Jews? Ezra 2:1-2

What was the first thing to be rebuilt? Ezra 3:2-3

What did Israel do? Ezra 3:3

What did Israel celebrate? Ezra 3:4

What was built the second year? Ezra 6:15

What man led the second company of Jews back to Jerusalem? Ezra 7:6

The book of Esther fits into this time period.

What did Ezra do in Jerusalem? Ezra 7:10

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

What caused a revival? Ezra 10:1-3

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

Ezra assembled and arranged the Old Testament canon.

Who led the third company of Jews back to Jerusalem? Nehemiah 1:1; 2:5

What did the third company accomplish? Nehemiah 2:17; 7:1

### LIFE APPLICATION

Read: Daniel 2:21. It says that God lifts up kings and puts kings down which shows that God is all powerful and sovereign. While Israel and Judah were in captivity, God used a foreign king,

Cyrus, to accomplish His plan. Through Cyrus, the Jews were repatriated to their homeland of Palestine. Did you ever have to move to another city where you didn't want to go? What good did God accomplish in your life through that move?

What does the last book of the Old Testament prophesy? Malachi 3:1

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

When Messiah came, what was to happen to Israel? Malachi 3:2-3

How were these prophecies fulfilled? Mark 1:2-4

How was Israel purified of their sin? Mark 1:4-5

NOTE:

We have seen how God the Father has worked in the Old Testament with His chosen, covenant people, Israel. In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) God the Son came to Israel as their long-awaited Messiah to proclaim that the prophesied Kingdom was "at hand." In the Pauline Epistles (Romans through Philemon) God the Holy Spirit is working in the Church the Body of Christ.



## **CHAPTER 11**

### **TIME BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS**

The Old Testament ends with Israel back in their land and the Temple worship restored.

#### **HISTORY**

The 400 years between the Old and New Testaments are an important time in the history of Palestine. Events occurred during this time period which prepared the way for the coming of Christ.

From 331-167 BC, Alexander the Great conquered the whole world and established Greek cities throughout the empire. Greek culture flourished throughout the empire and the Greek language became the universal language. Later, the New Testament was written in Greek.

The Roman period was from 63 BC to the time of Christ. Rome conquered Palestine under Pompei and Pompei showed favor to the Jews by rebuilding the temple. The Romans were famous for their highway systems. They built roads throughout the Roman Empire and later these roads were used to get the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ out into the world.

#### **NOTE:**

Have you ever been to a play? The curtain comes down in the middle of the play and there is an intermission. During the intermission, the stage is changed to a different scene and then the curtain is raised and the play continues with the same theme. This is exactly what happened during the 400 year intermission between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The curtain came down and there was an intermission for 400 years. During the intermission, the scene was changed. The Romans were now in control. The Greek language was the universal language spoken throughout the Roman Empire. Later, the New Testament would be written in Greek. The temple was rebuilt. Roman roads were built throughout the empire. The good news of Jesus Christ later would quickly reach the ends of the empire. Now, the stage and scenery were set for the birth of Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews. The four hundred year intermission was ended and the curtain was raised.

The theme of Israel anticipating the promised King and Kingdom continued.

## CHAPTER 12

### JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS, WAS BORN

As you journey through the Gospels, you will notice that there are at least four major themes which are woven through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and are like parallel golden strands which are woven through a fabric. These themes are Jesus Christ's humanity, His message, His relationship to Israel and the Law and His work on the Cross. We will explore each of these themes.

#### JESUS CHRIST, HIS HUMANITY

Why does Matthew begin his book giving the genealogy of Jesus Christ? Matthew 1:1

An angel appeared to Mary. What did he tell her? Luke 1:31

Why did Mary think this was strange? Luke 1:27,34

Who was the father of her child? Luke 1:35

What did the angel tell Mary to name the child? Luke 1:31

The name Jesus means, "JE"-I AM, "SUS"-YOUR SAVIOR, I AM YOUR SAVIOR.

How did Mary respond? Luke 1:38

What would this child do? Luke 1:32-33

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

How did Mary regard Jesus? Luke 1:47

When Joseph learned Mary was with child, what did he do? Matthew 1:19

What did the angel of the Lord tell Joseph? Matthew 1:20

Whom did Mary visit? Luke 1:39-40

How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth? Luke 1:56

Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? Luke 2:4-5

Under what time was Jesus born? Galatians 4:4

Who came to see Jesus, the King of the Jews? Matthew 2:1-2

Who was Jesus? Matthew 2:2

Where did the Magi locate the young Child? Matthew 2:11

Name two things the Magi did. Matthew 2:11

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

Why did the Magi bring gifts? Matthew 2:2

Why didn't the Magi return to King Herod? Matthew 2:12

An angel appeared to Joseph. What did the angel tell him? Matthew 2:13

What did King Herod do to the children of Bethlehem? Matthew 2:16

How did God provide for Mary and Joseph's needs in Egypt? Matthew 2:11

How did Mary and Joseph know when to return to Nazareth? Matthew 2:19-20

Now long was Mary a virgin? Matthew 1:25

Name the other children that Mary and Joseph had. Matthew 13:55-56; Mark 6:3

Whom did Jesus say was to be honored? Luke 11:27-28

How old was Jesus when he went to Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph? Luke 2:42

Why did they go to Jerusalem? Luke 2:41

Why did John the Baptist baptize Israel? Mark 1:4-5; Matthew 3:6; Luke 3:3

Second Corinthians 5:21 says that Jesus had no sin. Why did He allow Himself to be baptized by John? Matthew 3:15; John 1:31

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

After Jesus' baptism, He began His public ministry to Israel.

NOTE:

Many commentators refer to John the Baptist as the last of the Old Testament prophets because the New Covenant (Testament) began at the Cross. 1 Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 9:15

How did Christ take away the Law? Colossians 2:14

As the forerunner of Jesus Christ, what did John the Baptist preach? Matthew 3:2

## **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) John the Baptist announced the Kingdom was at hand to Israel. Matthew 3:1-2**
- (2) Jesus was related to King David. Matthew 1:1**
- (3) John the Baptist baptized Israel for the forgiveness of sins to prepare Israel for Christ's appearance. Mark 1:4-5**
- (4) Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness and to be identified with Israel. Matthew 3:1; John 1:31**
- (5) The New Testament began at the Cross. 1 Corinthians 11:25**
- (6) Jesus Christ lived under the Old Covenant (Testament) and was under the Mosaic Law. Galatians 4:4**

## CHAPTER 13

# JESUS CHRIST, THE KING, PROCLAIMED THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL

## JESUS CHRIST, HIS MESSAGE

The Gospels present Jesus Christ as Israel's prophesied King (Messiah) who offered the prophesied Davidic Kingdom to Israel upon their acceptance. To review the Characteristics of the Davidic Kingdom, see Page 36. The things that Jesus SAID and DID in the Gospels showed Israel what the Kingdom would be like.

The word "gospel" means good news. What gospel did Jesus teach? Matthew 4:23

Jesus preached that the Kingdom was \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 4:17

What does the term "at hand" mean?

Where does the term "kingdom of heaven" originate? Daniel 7:27

Who was to reign over all the "kingdoms under the whole heaven"? Daniel 7:13-14

Who was the Son of Man? Luke 9:22

What signs accompanied the message of the gospel of the Kingdom? Matthew 4:23

Why did Jesus heal? In the Kingdom there would be no \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 35:5-6

Jesus chose the 12 men to help Him in His earthly ministry. These men were apostles.

What authority would the apostles have in the Kingdom? Matthew 19:28

Jesus sent the twelve apostles to \_\_\_\_\_ only. Matthew 10:6

What message did Jesus tell the apostles to proclaim? Matthew 10:7

What was the inheritance of believing Israel? Matthew 5:5

In the Lord's prayer, Jesus told His disciples to pray for the Kingdom to come to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 6:10

Where was the Kingdom prophesied to be established? Zechariah 14:9

Jesus taught his disciples to be "peacemakers" in Matthew 5:9 because in the Kingdom there would be no \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 2:4

How did Jesus show His deity and power? Matthew 8:24-26

In the Kingdom, Christ will control nature. Zechariah 14:17

What miracle did Jesus perform and why? Matthew 9:23-25

In the Kingdom there will be long \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 65:20

What gospel did Jesus continue to teach? See Matthew 9:35. Turn to page 52 for a study of the different Gospels.

Why did Jesus teach in parables? Matthew 13:10-11

NOTE:

The word "Mystery" could be translated secret. Because Jesus only wanted believing Israel to know the mysteries of the Kingdom, He told His disciples stories called "parables" which were secrets about the Kingdom. The unbelievers did not understand these parables. See: Page 85, for other secrets which God revealed.

What miracle did Jesus perform in Matthew 14:18-21 and why?

In the Kingdom there would be \_\_\_\_\_. Amos 9:13-14

Let's explore how Israel could have entered the Kingdom on earth.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR ISRAEL TO ENTER THE KINGDOM**

1. What did believing Israel do with their money to show that they were indeed disciples of Jesus?

Matthew 10:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 12:33 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why in the Kingdom, would they be given 100 times what they gave away?

Mark 10:29-30 \_\_\_\_\_

3. How was believing Israel to abase themselves?

Matthew 18:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 23:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 9:35 \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did Jesus command concerning eternal life in the Kingdom?

Mark 10:29-30 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 19:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_

James 2:24 \_\_\_\_\_

5. What happened to believing Israel if they didn't maintain good works?

Matthew 5:22,28-29 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 18:8-9,33-35 \_\_\_\_\_

John 5:29 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What did Jesus tell believing Israel about bearing fruit?

Matthew 7:19-21 \_\_\_\_\_

John 15:5-6 \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE:

Jesus' followers gave away their money, abased themselves as children of the Kingdom and left family, children, and farms becoming servants of all to prove they believed the Kingdom on earth was ready to begin.

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

We are not required to follow Israel's Kingdom Commands to sell all, leave families or be afraid that our salvation is not secure. Today, Jesus Christ gives new commands for the church, the Body of Christ. Salvation is by grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and not of works. Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-6

Our salvation is secure (Romans 8:39) because God promised (Philippians 1:6) that He will complete the work of salvation.

In our daily lives, how are we helped by knowing Israel's history? Romans 15:4

The Kingdom on earth was planned by God \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation of the world. Matthew 13:35  
The Church was planned by God from \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1:4 We are in the time of the Church, which is Christ's Body.

### **CHURCHES**

Did you know that there are at least four different churches in the Bible? The word "church" in the Greek is "ekklesia" and means a called out assembly. The word ekklesia can refer to any political or religious assembly (church).

- (1) Acts 19:32,39,41. The word "assembly" here is the Greek word "ekklesia" referring to a political assembly.
- (2) Acts 7:37-38. The word "congregation" is the word "ekklesia." Israel was the church in the wilderness. God, the Father, had His church in the wilderness.
- (3) Jesus gave Peter the keys of the Kingdom Church for Israel. Matthew 16:18-19. God, the Son, Jesus Christ, had His Kingdom church.
- (4) Paul was given the knowledge of the Church, the Body of Christ. Colossians 1:24-27; Ephesians 3:1,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:11-13. God, the Holy Spirit, has His Church, the Body of Christ.

## SUMMARY

Since there are different churches in the Bible, when you see the word "church," ask yourself which church is it and what people are being addressed. The context will tell you which church it is.

What did Jesus give Peter? Matthew 16:19

These keys were to the \_\_\_\_\_ church. Matthew 16:19

The keys gave Peter the authority to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kingdom and to decide issues. John 20:23; Matthew 16:19

When did Peter use this authority? Acts 5:2-5,8-9

Why did Jesus pronounce "woes" on the Pharisees? Matthew 23:27-28

Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem? Matthew 23:37

Where will Jesus' throne be in the Kingdom? Isaiah 24:23

What did the apostles ask Jesus? Matthew 24:3

What was to be the next age to come? Matthew 24:21

What are some of the characteristics of the Great Tribulation? Matthew 24:5-7,12,15-16

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

What people will preach the gospel of the Kingdom during the Great Tribulation? Revelation 7:4

To whom will the gospel of the Kingdom be preached? Matthew 24:14

After the Great Tribulation, what will occur? Matthew 24:29-30

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

Who are taken away in judgment? Matthew 24:39

As the wicked were taken away in judgment by the flood, so will the wicked be taken away at the Second Coming of Christ.

What does Christ do? Matthew 25:31-32

Who is at Christ's right hand? Matthew 25:33

What does Christ say to Israel, the sheep? Matthew 25:34



## NOTE:

The apostles knew the order of events because they were prophesied. The Great Tribulation was to be followed by the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and then the Davidic KINGDOM would be established for Israel on earth.

## GOSPELS

Just as there are different churches, there are at least eight different gospels in the Bible. See page 50 for the different Churches. The word gospel means "good news." Let us discover what these gospels are.

- (1) Jesus preached the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 4:23
- (2) What gospel told of the Old Testament and New Testament saints? Romans 1:1-4
- (3) What gospel makes Jesus the object of faith? The gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Corinthians 2:12,
- (4) What gospel is an aspect of both the Kingdom and Body of Christ? Ephesians 6:15
- (5) Paul preached the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 20:24
- (6) Paul referred to the gospel of grace as \_\_\_\_\_ gospel. Romans 16:25
- (7) The gospel that was preached to Israel was called the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Galatians 2:7
- (8) The gospel that is to be preached to the Church, the Body of Christ, is called the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 2:7

## SUMMARY

Since there are different gospels in the Bible, when you see the word "gospel," be sure to ask yourself, "which gospel and to whom was it given?" The context will determine which gospel it is.

## LIFE APPLICATION

Which gospel is to be proclaimed today during the Church, the Body of Christ?  
Acts 20:24; Ephesians 3:1-3

What warning is given concerning the gospel of the Grace of God?  
Galatians 1:8-9

## **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) Jesus Christ preached the gospel of the kingdom to Israel only. Matthew 10:5-6**
- (2) Jesus Christ did miracles which established His “bona fides” as one sent from God. John 2:11; 3:2; 11:47**
- (3) Believing Israel gave all their money away, abased themselves, left families and became servants of all. Luke 12:33**
- (4) The twelve apostles were to rule and reign over the twelve tribes of Israel in the Kingdom. Matthew 18:28**
- (5) There are different churches. Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom church to Israel. Matthew 16:18-19**

## **CHAPTER 14**

### **JESUS CHRIST'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW AND ISRAEL**

#### **JESUS CHRIST, HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW**

In which time did Jesus live? Galatians 4:4

When Jesus was born, what Mosaic Laws did Mary and Joseph observe? Luke 2:21-24

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

Did Jesus teach the necessity of an animal sacrifice? Matthew 5:23

What did Jesus tell his apostles to obey? Matthew 23:1-3

What did Jesus tell the leper? Luke 5:14

What was the weakness of the Mosaic Law? Hebrews 10:4

What was the purpose of the Law? Romans 3:20

What did Jesus say about the Law? Matthew 5:17-18

When did the Mosaic Law end? Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:15-16

#### **JESUS CHRIST, HIS RELATIONSHIP TO ISRAEL**

To what nation only did Jesus send the apostles? Matthew 10:6

To what nations were the apostles not to go? Matthew 10:5

When Jesus and the apostles ministered to Israel, how did God regard the Gentiles?  
Ephesians 2:12

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

What message did Jesus tell the apostles to proclaim? Matthew 10:7

Why did Jesus and the apostles minister only to Israel? Romans 15:8

Even though Jesus and the apostles ministered primarily to the nation of ISRAEL, there were a few instances when individual Gentiles were healed because of their great faith.

A Gentile centurion came to Jesus. What did he ask Jesus? Matthew 8:6

What did Jesus command for the centurion? Matthew 8:10

What did Jesus call the Gentile woman? Mark 7:28

What did Jesus do because of her faith? Mark 7:29

What were the Jews not to do? Matthew 7:6

To what nation were Jesus and the twelve apostles to minister FIRST? Mark 7:27

To whom was God's salvation offered FIRST? Acts 3:26

How did God want Gentiles to be saved? Isaiah 60:1-3; Luke 2:30-32

It was God's plan that the Gentiles be saved through Israel's RISE.

## CHAPTER 15

### ISRAEL REJECTED JESUS CHRIST AT THE CROSS

#### JESUS CHRIST, HIS WORK

How did Mary prepare Christ for His death? Matthew 26:7,12

Name two things that Jesus told His apostles would happen. Matthew 26:29,31

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

Why was Jesus "grieved and distressed"? Matthew 26:38

What did Jesus pray? Matthew 26:39

Describe Jesus' betrayal and capture. Matthew 26:46-50

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Why did He willingly go with the soldiers? Matthew 26:54

After Jesus was captured, where was He taken? Matthew 26:57

What did the disciples do? Matthew 26:56

What did the chief priests and Council do to Jesus?

Matthew 26:65 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:67 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Who did Jesus say He was? Matthew 27:11

When did Israel reject Jesus Christ as their King? Matthew 27:22-23

How did Israel take responsibility for Jesus' death? Matthew 27:25

Jesus was turned over to be crucified. Describe what the Roman guards did to Him.

Matthew 27:28 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:29 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:31 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:34 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 27:35 \_\_\_\_\_

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

Jesus Christ suffered all these things for you. He died in your place as your substitute. Have you thanked Him for all He suffered for you? Thank Him in prayer.

What was written on the sign put over the head of Jesus? Matthew 27:37

When did God forsake His Son, Jesus? Matthew 27:46

Why did God forsake His Son, Jesus? 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24

Was Jesus killed, that is, His life taken from Him? John 10:18; Matthew 27:50

## **MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE**

Israel rejected Jesus Christ as their King and crucified Him. Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law on the cross and the Law was ended. Colossians 2:14

The New Testament (Covenant) began at the \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Corinthians 11:25

What happened to the veil in the Temple when Jesus died? Matthew 27:51

### **NOTE:**

The torn veil showed that man now could come directly into the presence of God and no longer needed a priest to serve as a mediator. Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and man. 1 Timothy 2:5 See: Animal Sacrifices, page 24.

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

From Mt. Sinai until the Cross, some 2,000 years, Israel could not obey the whole Law. Think of the years of guilt, frustration, and fear Israel must have felt in not being able to keep the Law! Read: Hebrews 2:14-15. This is why Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law and took it out of the way. How does this personally affect you knowing that you do not have to keep the hundreds of laws obtained in the Mosaic Law?

Who requested the body of Jesus? Matthew 27:57-58

What did Joseph of Arimathea do with the body of Jesus? Matthew 27:60

How did the Romans secure the tomb? Matthew 27:64-66

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

Why were the Romans afraid? Matthew 27:64

What happened after three days? Matthew 28:2

How did the soldiers act when they saw the angel and empty tomb? Matthew 28:4

What did the angel tell the women? Matthew 28:6

Who saw Christ after He was resurrected from the dead?

1 Corinthians 15:5 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:6 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:7 a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 24:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Name two reasons why the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so important. 1 Corinthians 15:14

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

### **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) Jesus Christ offered salvation to Israel first. Acts 3:25-26**
- (2) Gentiles had no hope and were without God. Ephesians 2:12**
- (3) Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews, was rejected and crucified. Matthew 27:25**
- (4) Jesus Christ was the "once for all" sacrifice for sin. Hebrews 10:10-12**
- (5) Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and man. 1 Timothy 2:5**
- (6) Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law and it ended. Colossians 2:13-14**

Did Satan know what Christ would accomplish through the Cross? 1 Corinthians 2:8

### **GOD'S DUAL PURPOSE IN THE CROSS**

God in His great wisdom had a dual purpose which was accomplished by the death of Christ on the Cross. His plan was that Christ would not only reign as King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2) but that He would be the Head of the Church, which is His Body, as well. See: Ephesians 1:22-23. Christ's ruling as Israel's King was prophesied but His being Head of the Church was a mystery (secret). Colossians 1:25,26

To whom was the secret of the Church first revealed? Ephesians 3:8

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

Did you ever sing the song, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," by Haldor Lillenas? It is one of my favorite songs because it attempts to express the depth of God's grace to us through Christ. The chorus reads: "Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, Deeper than the mighty rolling sea, Wonderful grace, All sufficient for me, Broader than the scope of my transgressions, Greater far than all my sin and shame, O magnify the precious name of Jesus, Praise His name."

How do we experience God's grace at salvation? Ephesians 2:8-9

How else do believers experience God's grace? Ephesians 1:3

If you know Christ as your Savior, have you thanked Him for His boundless grace and forgiveness which He has given to you in Christ? For a further study of the Spiritual Blessings given by God on the basis of grace, turn to page 74..



## CHAPTER 16

### THE KINGDOM OFFERED TO ISRAEL

#### SURVEY OF ACTS

As you begin your adventure through Acts, you will notice that the Kingdom theme is continued and God is still working with Israel. It is helpful to know that Acts is chronologically arranged and takes us from the Kingdom being offered to Israel to the apostle Paul who revealed the Church. Many changes in commands are observed during the unfolding of this thirty-year period.

#### JESUS' COMMANDS TO ISRAEL

After the resurrection, what did Jesus command the eleven apostles to do?

Mark 16:14-20

(1) vs. 15

(2) vs. 16

(3) vs. 17

Why was water baptism given to Israel? Mark 1:5; Acts 2:38. See: page 26 to review Baptisms.

Christ gave Israel the commands of repentance, water baptism for the forgiveness of sin which preceded the gift of the Holy Spirit to be followed by a miracle. This pattern can be seen in the following verses. Read the context to determine to whom it is spoken.

Compare:

Salvation	Miracle
Acts 2:38,41	Acts 2:41-43
Acts 4:32	Acts 4:33
Acts 5:14	Acts 5:15-16
Acts 8:12,16	Acts 8:13,17-18
Acts 8:36,38	Acts 8:39
Acts 9:17; Acts 22:16	Acts 9:18
Acts 10:1-2,44-45	Acts 10:46-48

What did the apostles ask the Lord Jesus after the resurrection? Acts 1:6

What was Jesus Christ's answer to them? Acts 1:7

When would Israel receive the Kingdom's "time of refreshing"? Acts 3:19

Where did Jesus Christ tell the apostles to go? Acts 1:4

What was the Holy Spirit to do? Acts 1:8

What prophecy to Israel was about to be fulfilled? Acts 1:4-5

What happened to the Lord Jesus? Acts 1:11

Where did the Lord Jesus go? Acts 1:11

Why did there need to be twelve apostles? Matthew 19:28

What was still being offered to Israel? Acts 1:6; 3:19-20

After Judas hung himself, the apostles decided to choose someone to replace Judas. How did they know Judas was to be replaced? Acts 1:20

What were the two qualifications needed to be a candidate for apostle?

Acts 1:21-22

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What two men were qualified to be an apostle? Acts 1:23

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What man was chosen? Acts 1:26

NOTE:

Paul could not have been a candidate because he did not have these qualifications nor was he even saved until years later.

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST**

The feasts were given to Israel to picture what Jesus Christ would do for them in the future. Israel celebrated the feast of Passover yearly to thank God for their deliverance from Egypt. They offered the Passover lamb, Exodus 12:1-10, which looked forward to the time when Jesus, the Lamb of God, would shed His blood on the cross for sin. Jesus Christ died on feast of Passover (John 19:14), He was raised on the feast of Firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20), and at the feast of Pentecost in Acts 2, Israel was given the Holy Spirit to prepare them for the spiritual harvest. The next event to occur was the feast of Trumpets, when Christ would have returned to regather Israel. See: Page 22 for further information on the Feasts.

Was the coming of the Holy Spirit PROPHESED to Israel? Ezekiel 36:26-27

What would the Holy Spirit cause Israel to do? Ezekiel 36:27

What then was Israel to do? Isaiah 60:3

When was the Holy Spirit given to Israel? Acts 2:1-4

What did Joel's prophecy say about the Holy Spirit? Joel 2:28-29

What did Joel's prophecy say would follow the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Israel?  
Joel 2:30-31

The "day of the Lord" is the Great Tribulation and deals with the sufferings that Israel as a nation will experience. Matthew 24:21. For a study of this time period, turn to page 90.

To whose sons and daughters did the prophecy refer? Acts 2:5,14,22,36; 3:12

How did Peter tell Israel they could receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What followed repentance, water baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:43. Notice that Peter and the apostles obeyed Jesus' last commands to His disciples before His ascension. Mark 16:16

Why did Peter and John go to Samaria? Acts 8:14-17

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

At Samaria, how did the believing Jews receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 8:17

Where was the Holy Spirit to come? Acts 8:16

How did Israel as a nation respond to the Holy Spirit? Acts 7:51

### **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) At Pentecost and in early Acts, God was working with Israel as a nation.**
- (2) Christ still proclaimed the Kingdom to Israel. Acts 1:6; 3:19**
- (3) Pentecost was the "last days" of Israel. Acts 2:14-16**
- (4) The Holy Spirit was prophesied to come to Israel. Ezekiel 36:26-27**
- (5) The Holy Spirit came at the feast of Pentecost and prepared Israel for spiritual harvest. Acts 2:1-3**
- (6) The Holy Spirit came UPON believing Israel after belief, water baptism, and a miracle which followed. Acts 2:38,43; Mark 16:14-18. Compare Acts 2:4 with Acts 11:15; Acts 1:8; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:44.**
- (7) Israel received the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. Acts 8:17; 9:17**
- (8) Israel as a nation rejected God, the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51**

## COMPARISON STUDY OF THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Have you ever compared the working of the Holy Spirit? Let's discover how the Holy Spirit worked with Israel in the Old Testament, at Pentecost, and how He is working in the Church today. Fill in the main points and then compare His working.

### ISRAEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

See Page 35

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

### ISRAEL AT PENTECOST

See Page 60

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)

### TODAY IN THE CHURCH

See Page 80

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)
- 9)
- 10)
- 11)
- 12)

### LIFE APPLICATION

Name three reasons why it is important to know how the Holy Spirit works today in the Church, the Body of Christ.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHAPTER 17**

### **ISRAEL REJECTED GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT**

#### **LAST DAYS OF ISRAEL**

What people were in Jerusalem at the Feast of Pentecost? Acts 2:5

What did the Jewish believers in the upper room receive? Acts 2:4

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What were these tongues? Acts 2:6

Besides Joel's prophecy, where else were tongues prophesied to Israel?  
1 Corinthians 14:21

What were the Jews experiencing? Acts 2:17

Pentecost was the "last days" of what nation? Acts 2:5,14,22,36

Describe the "last days" of the Church, the Body of Christ. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

For a study of "The Last Days of the Church," see page 82.

What did Peter preach to Israel? Acts 3:14-15,19

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

If Israel repented, Who would have returned for Israel? Acts 3:20-21

What are the times of refreshing? Acts 1:6

What did Peter tell Israel to do? Acts 3:19

How many Jews repented? Acts 2:41; 4:4

At this time, it is estimated that there were 50,000 Jews in Jerusalem, so the majority of Israel did not repent.

How did the believing Jews try to set up the Kingdom? Acts 4:32

Why were the high priests jealous? Acts 5:16-17

What happened to the apostles? Acts 5:18

What did Peter say when the leaders commanded him not to preach about Christ?  
Acts 5:29

What did he continue to teach? Acts 5:30-32

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

What did the apostles think of the flogging they received? Acts 5:41

Describe Stephen. Acts 6:8

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

What did Israel do to Stephen as he proclaimed God's faithfulness to Israel? Acts 7:58

Who was Israel rejecting? Acts 7:51

What did Stephen see? Acts 7:56

What did the standing position of God mean? Isaiah 3:13

NOTE:

Israel knew that the standing position of God showed that God was ready to judge because David often prayed for God to "Arise, and take vengeance on his enemies" (Psalms 10:12; 68:1). When Stephen told Israel that Jesus was standing on God's right hand, the Jews angrily attacked and killed Stephen.

Why did God forgive Israel for their crucifixion of Jesus Christ? Luke 23:34

Why couldn't God forgive Israel's rejecting of the Holy Spirit? Matthew 12:31-32

Read: Hebrews 6:1-6.

How had Israel tasted of the heavenly gift (vs. 4)? Acts 2:38

How had Israel seen the power of the age to come (vs. 5)? Acts 2:3-4

Why couldn't Israel be "renewed to repentance" in vs. 6? Acts 7:51; Matthew 12:31-32

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

### **SIN BRINGS JUDGMENT**

Have you ever been to a baseball game and heard the umpire yell, "Strike one. Strike two. Strike three. You're out"? This is similar to what happened to Israel. When they had three strikes against them, they were out. This happened when Israel, as a nation, rejected God the Father in 1 Samuel 8:7, "strike one." Then they crucified God the Son in Matthew 27:22-25, "strike two." They finally rejected God the Holy Spirit in Acts 7:51, "strike three." This rejection was the unpardonable sin which only Israel at that time could have committed. Individuals cannot commit the unpardonable sin today. Israel had rejected the three members of the Godhead and God concluded Israel "out" and temporarily set them aside as a nation.

Through Israel's FALL, God now offered salvation to the world.

How long will the partial hardening of Israel continue? Romans 11:25

How does this hardening affect Israel today? 2 Corinthians 3:15

How did God use Israel's unbelief to benefit everyone? Romans 11:11,15

When is this hardness removed from individual Jews? 2 Corinthians 3:16

How will Israel respond when the Gospel of the Kingdom is once again preached during the Great Tribulation? Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:26

### **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) Pentecost was the "last days" of Israel. Acts 2:15-17**
- (2) Israel continually rejected Christ in the beginning of Acts. Acts 4:18; 5:28,33**
- (3) Israel then rejected God the Holy Spirit at the stoning of Stephen. Acts 7:51**
- (4) The nation of Israel was temporarily set aside for unbelief. Romans 11:11**

## CHAPTER 18

### SAUL (PAUL) WAS SAVED AND BECAME THE APOSTLE TO THE CHURCH

Israel was temporarily set aside. God had worked with Israel from its inception from Abraham until Stephen, and now, because of unbelief, Israel was set aside. How sad! What will God do now? God began His secret plan which He purposed in His heart from before the foundation of the earth. He makes that secret plan of the Church known to Saul (Paul). Let us find out about that plan.

Describe Saul's background. Philippians 3:4-6

Who was in agreement with Stephen's murder? Acts 8:1

What did Saul do to believers in Christ? Acts 8:3; 9:1

Why did Saul want to go to Damascus? Acts 9:2

What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? Acts 9:4; 22:14

Who did Saul see? Acts 22:14

Where did the men take Saul? Acts 9:10-11

How did Saul receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 9:17

What miracle followed? Acts 9:18

What did Saul do? Acts 22:16

To whom did the Lord Jesus send Saul? Acts 9:15

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

Saul's name was changed to Paul.

Why couldn't Paul stay in Jerusalem? Acts 9:22-23

Where did Paul go? Galatians 1:17

How long did Paul stay in Arabia? Galatians 1:18

While in Arabia, what did Paul receive? Ephesians 3:6-8

Who revealed the secret of the Church, the Body of Christ, to Paul? Galatians 1:12

Did Paul receive this new gospel from Peter? Galatians 1:12



Who did Paul say he was? 1 Timothy 2:7

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

Who commissioned Paul to be an apostle? 2 Timothy 1:1

Why was Paul sent to the Gentiles to proclaim the Church? Romans 11:14

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

Have you ever noticed that the words Jesus spoke in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are often printed in red? Publishers often use red ink to print the words of the Lord Jesus in the Bible because they recognize that Jesus' words are important. Many people consider that the words in red are the most important part of the Bible, but did you know that the Lord Jesus Christ continued to speak after His ascension? He spoke to the apostle Paul and told him the message of the Church. Paul wrote down those words which are the thirteen Epistles, Romans through Philemon. Read: Galatians 1:12; 2 Corinthians 12:1-4. Have you ever thought that the Epistles are Jesus Christ's words too and that they are Christ's love letter to you today?

### **REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) God commissioned Paul to be the apostle to the Church. 1 Timothy 1:1**
- (2) Paul received the message of the Church, the Body of Christ, from the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:12**
- (3) Paul did not receive this message of the Church from Peter. Galatians 1:12**
- (4) Salvation is by grace through faith, not of works, and is offered to the world. Romans 11:15; Ephesians 2:8-9**

## CHAPTER 19

### **GOD SHOWED ISRAEL THAT THERE WAS NOW NO PARTIALITY BETWEEN THE JEWS AND GENTILES**

What did God show to Peter? Acts 10:11-12

What did God tell Peter? Acts 10:13

What did Peter answer? Acts 10:14

As a Jew, Peter ate only "clean" animals as prescribed by the Mosaic Law in Leviticus 11, as did other Jews under the Law.

How many times did God say that the animals were clean? Acts 10:15-16

Why was the command repeated?

What did Peter understand? Acts 10:34

What did God command Peter to do? Acts 10:19-20

Where did Peter go? Acts 10:25

Who was Cornelius? Acts 10:22

What did Peter preach to Cornelius? Acts 10:34-35,39-40

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Cornelius? Acts 10:44,46,48

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

Why was Peter amazed? Acts 10:45

Why did Paul later accuse Peter of being a hypocrite? Galatians 2:11-13

#### **LIFE APPLICATION**

What good news God spoke to Peter! Things such as Gentiles and foods which were previously unholy and unclean to Israel were cleansed because of the Cross. (A Gentile is someone who is not a Jew.)

What is God's plan for Jews and Gentiles today? 2 Corinthians 3:16

How does God see believing Gentiles today? Ephesians 2:19

How wonderful that Gentiles now are offered salvation through Christ! Did you ever eat a ham sandwich or catfish? These are some of the foods that were cleansed.

**REMEMBER THESE POINTS**

- (1) God declared that now food and Gentiles were cleansed. Acts 10:14-15**
- (2) God now was no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34**