

CHAPTER 20

GOD REVEALED THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, TO PAUL

PAUL, HIS MESSAGE

After Paul was saved, he went to Arabia. What gospel did he receive there? Ephesians 3:1-7
See: Gospels, Page 50.

Who revealed the secret message of the Mystery, the Church to Paul? Galatians 1:12; 2
Corinthians 12:1 See page 85 for a study of the Mysteries (secrets) of the Bible.

When did Paul first see Peter and James? Galatians 1:18

How many years passed until again Paul saw the apostles? Galatians 2:1

What did the Jewish brethren want to do to Titus? Galatians 2:3

Did Paul submit to their demands? Galatians 2:5-6

COMPARISON OF PETER AND PAUL'S MINISTRIES

Peter was an apostle sent to the _____. Galatians 2:8

Paul was an apostle sent to the _____. Galatians 2:8; Acts 26:16-17

Peter preached the gospel of the _____ to Israel. Matthew 4:23; 10:7

Paul preached the gospel of _____. Acts 20:24. See Page 52 for a review of the
various gospels of the Bible.

Since Peter and Paul had different messages and were apostles to different groups of people, what
did they decide to do? Galatians 2:9-10

a. _____ b. _____

Where did the apostles and the scattered believing Jews continue to preach?
Acts 11:19

Where did Paul preach? Romans 15:20

Did Peter fully understand the new message of the Church that God revealed to Paul?
2 Peter 3:15-16

What does the word "Scripture" mean? 2 Timothy 3:16

How did Peter endorse Paul's writings? 2 Peter 3:16

PAUL, HIS MINISTRY

Who accompanied Paul on his first missionary trip? Acts 13:2

Where did Paul and Barnabas go? Acts 13:4-5

What people did Paul and Barnabas attempt to reach with the gospel? Acts 13:5

What did Paul preach to the Jews? Acts 13:39,43

a. _____ b. _____

When the Jews refused to believe, to what people did Paul go? Acts 13:46

Read: Acts 13:8-11. What happened to Elymas? How was this a parallel to what happened to Israel? Compare Acts 13:8-11 and Romans 11:10-11,25

Name the kings to whom Paul preached. Acts 24:3; 25:1; 26:1

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Israel continued in unbelief. To what people only did God finally send Paul? Acts 26:16-18; 28:28

Paul went on three missionary trips. How many people did he reach with the gospel of the Grace of God? Colossians 1:23

Why were the miracles, sign gifts, tongues, and wonders evident during the early ministry of Paul? 1 Corinthians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 12:12

a. _____ b. _____

NOTE:

While Paul ministered to Israel, the miracles, signs, tongues, and wonders continued to prove his apostleship, but after God sent Paul only to the Gentiles and the Bible was completed, the tongues, miracles, and signs faded away.

LIFE APPLICATION

Bridges enable us to cross rivers, valleys, and gorges safely. In spite of how useful bridges are, no one builds a house on a bridge because it is unstable and shaky. Houses are built on both sides of the bridge, but not on the bridge. The book of Acts is a bridge taking us from the Kingdom to the Church. Some people build their foundation on Israel's Kingdom side trying to claim Israel's Kingdom promises in the Gospels. Others try to build their foundation on the transitional Acts bridge claiming the "last days" Pentecostal experiences for Israel. Still others cross over the bridge and build their foundation claiming the promises made to the Church.

Where are we to build our foundation today? 1 Corinthians 3:10

What else does the apostle Paul say? 1 Corinthians 11:1; 4:16

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Paul built his foundation on _____. 1 Corinthians 3:11

What will believers receive by building on the Church foundation?
1 Corinthians 3:12-14.

REMEMBER THESE POINTS

- (1) Paul was saved and went immediately to Arabia where Jesus Christ revealed the unprophesied message of the Church, the Body of Christ. Galatians 1:12
- (2) Paul did not learn about the Church, the Body of Christ, from the apostles. Galatians 1:12
- (3) Peter continued to preach the gospel of the Kingdom which Christ gave to him for Israel. Galatians 2:8
- (4) Paul preached the gospel of grace which Christ gave to him. Galatians 2:8
- (5) Peter did not fully understand the gospel of grace but recognized Paul's gospel was given to him from Christ and that Paul's writings were inspired. 2 Peter 3:16
- (6) Paul did miracles at first to prove his apostleship. 2 Corinthians 12:12
- (7) When God sent Paul only to the Gentiles and the Bible was completed, the sign gifts stopped. 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

LIFE APPLICATION

Do you remember how you acted as a small child? I am sure there were many changes as you matured. God wants Christians to grow spiritually but did you know it is possible to stay a baby Christian? The writer of Hebrews encourages believers to "leave the elementary teachings about Christ" and to go on to maturity. Read: Hebrews 6:1-2. Name the elementary teachings of Christ.

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____

In what books do you read about the elementary teachings of Jesus?

That is right, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Maturity comes from knowing what the Pauline epistles teach about the glories of the Cross, the Church, our identity, position in Christ, and many other things. As you study the epistles and apply the principles to your life, you will begin to experience the maturity of which Hebrews speaks. Are you ready to discover more about the Church, the Body of Christ?

CHAPTER 21

TODAY, THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

How can you understand the Bible literally from Genesis through Revelation? Think about it for a moment. Perhaps the most important method for understanding the Bible is seeing the difference between ISRAEL and the CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST. Israel, as a nation, its past and future, was PROPHESED and the Church, the Body of Christ, was a mystery (secret) and was UNPROPHESED. Read: Ephesians 3:8-9. The word "unfathomable" in the Greek, could be translated "untraceable" You cannot find the Church, the Body of Christ, mentioned in the Old Testament because it was not prophesied. Locate Israel, then the Church on the chart on Page 93. What are the books of the Bible that talk about Israel? About the Church?

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

- (1) The Mystery is the UNPROPHESED message about the Church, the Body of Christ. To whom did God first reveal the Mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ? Ephesians 3:3-7; Colossians 1:25-26

What was Paul's greatest desire? Ephesians 3:10

How do believers get into the Church, the Body of Christ? Ephesians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

a. _____ b. _____

- (2) Who is the Head of the Church? Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:23

- (3) Does Israel have any national priority? 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28

How wonderful to know that God is no respecter of persons and that today He offers salvation to all. Romans 11:11,15

How does God see believers today? Galatians 3:26

How does God want us to respond to others? Romans 15:7. Why?

- (4) The gospel of the Grace of God is the "good news" that salvation is by _____ through _____ alone. Ephesians 2:8-9

What does God want us to do after salvation? Ephesians 2:10

What are we to do with the gospel of grace? 2 Corinthians 5:20

Why is it important for us to be ambassadors for Christ? 1 Corinthians 3:13-14

LIFE APPLICATION:

Telling others of God's plan of salvation is important. In fact, God wants believers to tell others of God's plan of salvation. Have you ever shared the Lord Jesus with someone? Would you like to? Turn to page 78 and review God's plan of salvation. Ask the Lord to help and guide you. Then share God's plan of salvation with someone and depend on the Lord to help you. Not everyone you tell will trust Christ. Our part is to TELL and it is God's job to SAVE. "Some plant, some water, but God causes it to grow." 1 Corinthians 3:16

- (5) The Unities of the Church.
The Unities in the Body of Christ are found in Ephesians 4:4-6. Read these verses.
- 1 Body
 - 1 Spirit
 - 1 Hope
 - 1 Lord
 - 1 Faith
 - 1 Baptism (Spirit), 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
 - 1 God and Father
 - 1 Apostle, Paul, Romans 11:13

In contrast, the number 12 is seen throughout the history of Israel.

- 12 sons of Jacob
- 12 apostles to sit on
- 12 thrones Matthew 19:28, ruling over the
- 12 tribes of Israel
- 12 gates in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:21)

- (6) The Holy Spirit lives IN believers. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20
- (7) In the Church, God UNCONDITIONALLY gives believers all spiritual blessings on the basis of unmerited grace? Ephesians 1:3

God had a CONDITIONAL Law relationship with Israel based on their performance, but today, because of the performance of Christ on the Cross, God in Grace UNCONDITIONALLY lavishes believers with spiritual blessings. Grace is defined as something we do not earn or deserve. See: Page 76 Comparison of God's conditional working with Israel and God's unconditional working in the Church, the Body of Christ.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

As a miner digs to find gold, you also will unearth spiritual nuggets of gold as you look up these verses which describes how God sees you today in Christ. The gold that the miner discovers does not benefit him until he spends it and your spiritual gold nuggets will not benefit you until you begin to use them by seeing yourself as God sees you. Let's begin to dig.

IN CHRIST, believers are UNCONDITIONALLY....

forgiven of all _____. Colossians 2:13

accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)

_____ in Him. Colossians 2:10

given an _____. Ephesians 1:18

made _____ of God. Ephesians 1:5

made _____. Ephesians 1:1

given His _____ in our hearts. Romans 5:5

given a purpose for living. Romans 8:28-29; 2 Corinthians 4:15-18

_____ into the Body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

there are no _____ in the Church. Galatians 3:28

made new _____. 2 Corinthians 5:17

given the Holy Spirit as a _____. Ephesians 1:13-14

indwelt by the Holy Spirit until the day of _____. 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 4:30

given power in the _____ man by the Holy Spirit. 2 Corinthians 4:7; Ephesians 3:16

have victory over _____. Romans 6:14

given a _____ to serve the Lord. Romans 12:6

have victory over _____. 2 Corinthians 5:8-9

given _____ life. Romans 6:23

are given God's never ending _____. Romans 8:39

have _____ to understand the Bible. 1 Corinthians 2:12-15

LIFE APPLICATION

God gives believers "all spiritual blessings." Have you ever wondered what a spiritual blessing is? They are blessings which are INVISIBLE and cannot be seen with our eyes but yet are very real. Some of the INVISIBLE spiritual blessings are listed above. In comparison, Israel's blessings were VISIBLE and were things they could SEE and DO such as the animal sacrifices, miracles, conquering the land, the tabernacle, feasts, circumcision, baptisms, etc. The spiritual blessings are how God sees YOU IN CHRIST today. Think of it! He says, "you are a saint, complete in Him, accepted in the Beloved, forgiven of all sin" and so on. As you believe these facts about yourself and daily affirm, "I AM a saint, I AM a child of God, I AM a new creation and ALL MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN," watch your IDENTITY, PURPOSE, and CONFIDENCE grow! Philippians 4:8-9. The more you practice these principles, the more it will become a pattern of your life and you will experience increasing victory over the world, flesh and the devil.

REMEMBER THESE POINTS

- (1) The Mystery is the secret message of the Church. Colossians 1:25-26**
- (2) The Mystery was first revealed to the Apostle Paul. Ephesians 3:8**
- (3) Christ is the Head of the Body. Ephesians 1:22-23**
- (4) Israel has no national priority. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28**
- (5) Salvation is by Grace through Faith alone. Ephesians 2:8-9**
- (6) The Church has seven unities. Ephesians 4:4-6**
- (7) The Holy Spirit lives IN believers. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
- (8) Believers have all spiritual blessings. Ephesians 1:3**

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

If you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you can today. ***None of us can be good enough to meet God's perfect standard of holiness because the Bible says, "We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Our sin separates us from a holy God and we deserve to be punished forever. Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death."

The Good News is that God loved us while we were sinners and He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who took the punishment of our sin. He died in our place as our substitute so we would not be punished for our sin. "God demonstrated His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8

Do you believe the FACTS that Jesus Christ DIED for your sin and that HE AROSE from the dead? Prayer is a way to tell God that you are TRUSTING in Jesus Christ ALONE as your Savior. Why not tell God now

that you are a sinner and deserve to be punished,
that you believe Jesus died for your sin and that He arose from the dead,
that you thank Him for forgiving your sins, and
that you are trusting Jesus alone as your Savior.

After you have prayed and trusted Him as your Savior and Lord, tell someone of your decision. Read: Romans 10:9-10. Then live for the Lord by pleasing Him in all you do and say.

In your adventure through the Bible, you already have looked up many verses about Israel and the Church. This chart is a concise way for you to compare Israel under the Law and the Church under Grace in a simple format. Look up the verses to see the different commands between Israel and the Church.

K I N G D O M -Conditional I S R A E L-Law	C H U R C H-Grace Unconditional
Israel was forgiven only IF they forgave. Luke 17:3; Matthew 18:27-35	Believers are forgiven of ALL sin. Colossians 2:13; Ephesians 1:7
Prayers were answered according to THEIR WILL and IF they had faith. John 14:12-14; 15:7,16; Mark 11:24; Matthew 17:20;18:19-20; 21:21-23	Prayers answered according to GOD'S WILL. Romans 8:26-27
Israel received the amount they gave. Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38	Blessed with all spiritual blessings because of the Cross. Ephesians 1:3

Israel was judged by how they judged others. Matthew 7:1-2; 12:36-37; Luke 6:37

No judgment for sin because Jesus Christ was punished as the sinner's substitute. Romans 8:1; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Healing and miracles conditional upon Israel's belief. Mark 9:23-25; Luke 17:19; Matthew 13:58

While Paul ministered to Israel, he had the signs of an apostle doing miracles. 2 Corinthians 12:12; Acts 19:11-12. After God sent him to the Gentiles, healing according to GOD'S WILL.

- Paul ill, prayed 3 times but not healed. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Timothy, a man of sincere faith, not healed. 2 Timothy 1:5; 1 Timothy 5:23
- Paul leaves Trophimus sick at Miletum. 2 Timothy 4:20
- In mercy, God healed Epaphroditis. Philippians 2:25-26
- The Holy Spirit gives strength in inner man. 2 Corinthians 4:7
- His power is made perfect in our weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Christ's relationship with Israel was Master and Servant and was based on their deeds. Failure to obey brought loss of salvation. John 15:5-6; Matthew 24:45-51; Matthew 7:22-23

Believers are sons of God. Romans 8:16-17. Failure of son: 1 Corinthians 5:5; 3:15. Loss of reward but not loss of salvation. Believers are children, heirs of God, fellow-heirs with Christ. Romans 8:17

LIFE APPLICATION

How can knowing that God has different commands for Israel than He does for the Church help you in a practical way? Yes, God's grace is beautiful! Have you thanked Him for His unmerited grace to you through Christ?

G-God's
R-Redemption
A-At
C-Christ's
E-Expense

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

How and when is the Holy Spirit received? Ephesians 1:13-14

Is any other work (something we do) required? Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9;
Titus 3:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:9

Why is the Holy Spirit given to believers? 2 Corinthians 5:5

What relationship do believers have with God? Romans 8:15-16

Where does the Holy Spirit place believers? 1 Corinthians 12:13

This union makes a believer a member of _____, the Church. 1 Corinthians 12:27

The Holy Spirit places believers IN Christ. Notice how many times Paul in the epistles describes believers as being IN HIM or IN CHRIST. The term IN CHRIST refers to the corporate Church, the Body of Christ. Those who are IN CHRIST are _____ by God. Ephesians 1:4

NOTE:

Airplanes have determined (predestined) destinations to certain cities and unless there is an accident, the planes will arrive at their predetermined destinations. The person deciding to fly to a certain city will purchase a ticket and then board the plane. The person is not predestined. It is the plane that is predestined and the person by being on that plane will get to that city. This illustration will perhaps help you to understand that like the plane, the Church, the Body of Christ, is predestined for Heaven. A person must decide whether they want to go to Heaven by trusting Christ alone as his/her Savior. Upon belief, the Holy Spirit baptizes the person INTO the Church. (Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13). The person is not predestined. It is the Church that is predestined and the person by being IN HIM, the Church, is predestined for Heaven.

Name four ways the indwelling Holy Spirit helps us.

2 Corinthians 4:7 _____

Romans 6:6 _____

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 _____

Romans 5:5 _____

How are we to be led in the Christian life? Romans 8:14

How do we know we are walking in the Spirit? Ephesians 5:9-11

a. _____ b. _____

What fruit will be evident in our lives when the Holy Spirit is at work in us? Galatians 5:22-23

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____

f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____

How does the Holy Spirit help you study the Bible? John 14:26

a. _____ b. _____

The Holy Spirit doesn't bring attention to Himself. Who does the Holy Spirit glorify?
John 16:14

When do we experience the power of the Holy Spirit? 2 Corinthians 12:9

What did Paul say about his weaknesses? 2 Corinthians 12:9

How does the Holy Spirit help us when we pray? Romans 8:26-27

a. _____ b. _____

What does God accomplish with the various circumstances and trials in our lives? Romans 8:28-29

a. _____ b. _____

What does the Holy Spirit give believers? Ephesians 4:8

Does everyone have the same gifts? Romans 12:6

What is the purpose of these gifts? Ephesians 4:12

Believers lives are _____ when they are not obeying the Lord. 1 Corinthians 3:3

A fleshly life is when we are living to please ourselves and not the Savior and it _____ and _____ the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (Quenching means that His power is choked out within us).

How does God want believers to be? Ephesians 5:1-2

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

How can believers know they are walking in the Spirit?

Ephesians 4:24 _____

Ephesians 4:25 _____

Ephesians 4:26-27 _____

Ephesians 4:28 _____

Ephesians 4:29 _____

Ephesians 4:31 _____

Ephesians 4:32 _____

Ephesians 4:15 _____

How does Satan appear? 2 Corinthians 11:14

Is our warfare against people? Ephesians 6:12

Where does warfare against Satan occur? 2 Corinthians 10:5

What is the goal for believers? 2 Corinthians 10:5

Who are we to please? 1 Thessalonians 4:1; Romans 15:1-2

Why? Romans 15:3

How do believers have victory over Satan?

Ephesians 6:13 _____

Ephesians 6:16 _____

Ephesians 6:17 _____

How are believers to influence their world for Christ? Ephesians 5:10-12

a. _____ b. _____

Do you know that the Holy Spirit will stay in our lives? Philippians 1:6; Ephesians 4:30

"The day of redemption" and "the day of Jesus Christ" is the time when Christ comes for believers at the Rapture or death.

REMEMBER THESE POINTS

In the Church, the Body of Christ the believer has an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

- (1) The Holy Spirit is given at salvation. Ephesians 1:13-14**
- (2) The Holy Spirit puts believers IN CHRIST, which is the corporate Church, the Body of Christ. Ephesians 1:4**
- (3) The Holy Spirit is a seal of salvation. 2 Corinthians 1:22**
- (4) The Holy Spirit lives IN believers. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
- (5) The Holy Spirit can be quenched or grieved. Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19**
- (6) The Holy Spirit gives power over sin. Romans 6:6**
- (7) The Holy Spirit helps us in prayer. Romans 8:26-27**
- (8) The Holy Spirit guides us. Romans 8:13-14**
- (9) The Holy Spirit teaches us the Bible. 1 Corinthians 2:12-15**
- (10) The Holy Spirit empowers us. Romans 15:13**
- (11) The Holy Spirit is permanent until the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30**
- (12) The Holy Spirit empowers us. 2 Corinthians 12:9**

LIFE APPLICATION

Most of us have automobiles or know of someone who does. The automobile is designed with a motor which gives it the power to move. We can either push the car to make it move or we can use the key to start the engine which will propel the automobile. The same is true in the spiritual realm as well. We can choose to live self-controlled lives which results in sorrow, frustration, and fear, or we can choose to live Spirit-filled lives which leads to peace and joy. Read: Romans 15:13. Have you experienced that peace and joy that comes from being controlled by the Holy Spirit? Filling of the Holy Spirit is like breathing. When we breathe, we EXHALE and then we INHALE. Spiritually EXHALE, by admitting sin to God, such as anger, not forgiving, fear, and thank Him that Christ died for that sin. We INHALE by asking God to break those sin patterns in our lives and asking Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit. His peace and joy will return. Practice spiritual breathing when you lack peace and joy.

CHAPTER 22

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

LAST DAYS OF THE CHURCH

Describe the LAST DAYS of the Church. 2 Timothy 3:1-7

How does the present time of Grace end? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:17. The Latin word for "caught up" is "Rapto." From this Latin word, we get the word "Rapture" which is the event of the catching away of the Church.

How fast does the Rapture happen? 1 Corinthians 15:52

What happens to living believers at the Rapture? 1 Thessalonians 4:17

What happens to the dead in Christ? 1 Thessalonians 4:16

What sounds will be heard? 1 Thessalonians 4:16

How will believers be changed? Philippians 3:20-21

What is the destination of the Church? Ephesians 1:3; 2:6; 3:10; 6:9; Colossians 1:5

NOTE:

The term "heavenly places" could be translated the heavens above the heavens.

What is another name given for the Church? Romans 11:25

We are in the "fullness of the Gentiles" which lasts until the Church, the Body of Christ, is finished, complete, or full.

What is called the fullness of Christ? Ephesians 1:22-23

LIFE APPLICATION

God determined and knows the future. Where does He already see believers?
Ephesians 2:6

What will believers be doing there? 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

In the ages to come, what does God want to show believers? Ephesians 2:7

You are ready for the Rapture if you have trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

How does contemplating Christ's return help us?

How can anticipating Christ's return have a purifying affect on our lives? 1 John 3:2-3

What happens to the Body of Christ after the Rapture? 2 Timothy 4:1

CHAPTER 23

THE JUDGMENT (BEMA) SEAT OF CHRIST FOR REWARDS FOR SAVED

The Judgment Seat of Christ is an expression that appears only in Romans through Philemon and it is where believers are rewarded. The words "Judgment Seat" are translated from the Greek word "Bema" meaning an official judge's seat. It is not the usual word "krisis" which means punishment.

How good it is to know that believers never receive God's punishment (krisis) for sin, because it has already fallen on the believer's substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ, on the Cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21

What does Jesus say in John 3:18?

The word "judged" is translated from the Greek word "krisis."

Is a believer ever judged (condemned)? Romans 8:1

NOTE:

The White Throne Judgment is for the penalty of sin which is meted out on unbelievers. See: White Throne Judgment, page 94.

To whom is 2 Corinthians addressed? 2 Corinthians 1:1

Who appears before the Bema Seat? 2 Corinthians 5:10

What is the purpose of the Judgment Seat of Christ? 1 Corinthians 3:12-14

Why is the Judgment Seat of Christ necessary? 1 Corinthians 4:4-5

The Greek word for crown is "Diadem" and could be translated "gold crown." The other word for "crown" is "stephanos." A stephanos crown was a garland or wreath placed on the head of a winning athlete. Believers will be given the stephanos crowns of glory.

Name the crowns of glory and why these crowns are given?

2 Timothy 4:8

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

James 1:12

Revelation 2:10

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

LIFE APPLICATION

As team members of the Church, we will all be rewarded at the Bema Seat for our own performance, our special work in the Church. Praise from people on earth is shallow in comparison to the approval God will give believers.

Read: Colossians 3:23-24. What work will be rewarded? We are rewarded for the small as well as large things we do for the Lord.

Who is at work in believers? Philippians 2:13

Who will ultimately get the glory for the good done in our lives? Ephesians 1:6,12,14

MYSTERIES (SECRETS) OF THE BIBLE

Have you ever had something good happen to you but you decided to keep it a secret until the appropriate time and then reveal it? Well, God also has had secrets which He has kept in His heart until the proper time. The Bible calls these secrets "Mysteries." Read: Ephesians 3:3-6.

What are some of these mysteries?

Romans 11:25 _____

Ephesians 3:3-7 _____

Colossians 1:27 _____

2 Thessalonians 2:7 _____

1 Timothy 3:9 _____

Matthew 13:10-11 _____

In the context of rewards, what are believers to do? 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

NOTE:

Consistent and diligent Bible study is vital to receive this reward. It requires a careful study of the Bible observing the distinctions between Israel and the Church. 2 Timothy 2:15

The knowledge of God's Word, the Bible, is not only for a select few but it is meant for everyone. What does God want us to do? Colossians 1:10

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

LIFE APPLICATION

Yes, God has a purpose for our lives and we will be rewarded. Have you ever considered that your rewards and glory in heaven depend on how you have served Him here on earth? How has the study of rewards impacted your life?

CHAPTER 24

THE GREAT TRIBULATION FOR ISRAEL FOLLOWS THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

What are some of the names given to this Great Tribulation time?

Matthew 24:21 _____

Jeremiah 30:7 _____

2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10 _____

Revelation 6:16-17 _____

Daniel 9:24-27 _____

The purpose of the Tribulation period.

- (1) The Great Tribulation is a time when God IN HEAVEN pours the seals, bowls, and trumpet judgments onto the earth to punish Antichrist and his followers. Revelation 6 (Seals), Revelation 8 (Trumpets), and Revelation 16 (Bowls).
- (2) The Great Tribulation is the time God punishes the nations for their treatment of Israel. Ezekiel 38:22-23; Revelation 19:14-21
- (3) The Great Tribulation is a time when Satan kills believers in Christ, counterfeits the works of Christ on the EARTH to deceive men, and attempts to finally win the conflict of the ages between Christ and himself. Satan's working is through the unholy trinity: the Dragon (Satan), representing God the Father, Revelation 13:2, the Antichrist (Beast), representing Christ, Revelation 19:20, and the False Prophet, representing the Holy Spirit, Revelation 19:20.

NOTE:

The Church, the Body of Christ, is not found in the book of Revelation because it records the day of Jacob's Trouble for Israel.

How does Satan deceive those who are living on the earth? Revelation 13:14

What does Satan do? 2 Thessalonians 2:4

a. _____ b. _____

What does Satan do to the people who do not worship his image? Revelation 13:15

What gospel will be proclaimed during the Tribulation? Matthew 24:14

It is the same gospel the _____ and His _____ preached. Matthew 4:23; Matthew 10:5-6

What prayer will Israel once again pray during this tribulation time? Matthew 6:10-13. "Evil" could be translated the evil one.

What happens to those who do not take the mark of the Antichrist? Revelation 7:14

Name two reasons why Israel must be faithful until death. Revelation 2:10; Matthew 24:13

a. _____ b. _____

What will be given to those who overcome? Revelation 3:5

a. _____ b. _____

What is one of the first things Antichrist will do? Daniel 9:27

What happens after 3-1/2 years?

a. Daniel 9:27 _____

b. Daniel 11:31 _____

c. Daniel 11:36 _____

How does the Great Tribulation end? Matthew 24:30

NOTE:

Israel never received the Kingdom on earth because of unbelief but at the Second Coming, Christ will present Himself to Israel, show them the nailprints in His hands and they, corporately as a nation, will believe on Jesus Christ as their Messiah. Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:26

REMEMBER THESE POINTS

- (1) **The Church, the Body of Christ, is raptured and taken to Heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:17**
- (2) **The Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel. Daniel 9:27**
- (3) **After 3-1/2 years, Antichrist puts an end to the animal sacrifices. Daniel 9:27**
- (4) **Antichrist seats himself in the temple saying he is god. 2 Thessalonians 2:4**
- (5) **Anyone who resists Antichrist and does not receive the mark of the beast, will be killed. Revelation 7:14**
- (6) **At the end of the Great Tribulation, Christ returns and stands on the Mt. of Olives. Acts 1:11; Zechariah 14:4.**

CHAPTER 25

JESUS CHRIST'S SECOND COMING FOR ISRAEL TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Jesus Christ returns and is victorious over Satan at the end of the Great Tribulation. Name two things that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, does to unbelievers. Matthew 24:30, 39

a. _____ b. _____

How does Israel respond? Matthew 24:30

Describe Jesus Christ's appearance when He returns. Revelation 19:11-16

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

What is Israel's response to Christ at His second coming?

Zechariah 12:10 _____

Romans 11:26 _____

When Jesus Christ returns, what does He bring with Him? Revelation 22:12

Remember! The members of the Body of Christ, the Church, are promised the heavens above the heavens in Ephesians 1:3,20 and already have been rewarded at the Bema Seat of Christ. See page 84

What happens after Jesus Christ's return? Revelation 19:19

What is the name of this war? Revelation 16:16

"Har-Magedon" is transliterated Armageddon.

Where will the battle of Armageddon be fought? Zechariah 12:11

After the battle of Armageddon, what will happen to Satan? Revelation 20:2-3

How long is Satan imprisoned? Revelation 20:7

NOTE:

Christ now is ready to set up His earthly Kingdom.

CHAPTER 26

DAVIDIC KINGDOM ESTABLISHED TO FULFILL PROPHECIES MADE TO ISRAEL

After Satan is imprisoned, what does Jesus Christ do? Revelation 20:4

How long does Jesus Christ reign? Revelation 20:4

Christ fulfills all the promises made to Israel in the Old Testament and the Gospels regarding the Davidic Kingdom on earth.

Who will rule with Christ? Revelation 20:4

What will Israel inherit? Matthew 25:34

What is the extent of the Kingdom? Zechariah 14:9

For a detailed description of the Davidic Kingdom, see: page 37

What does God promise Israel? Ezekiel 39:28-29

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

What does God build for Israel? Ezekiel 40:5

Where will Christ dwell in the Kingdom? Ezekiel 43:7

What will be the position of the temple? Isaiah 2:2

This is the Millennial Temple which will be built during the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.

Who cannot enter the Temple? Ezekiel 44:9

What again will be observed? Ezekiel 44:15

What will be the duties of the priests? Ezekiel 44:24

a. _____ b. _____

What days will Israel again observe? Ezekiel 44:24

For 1,000 years Christ will rule over the whole earth. Israel will be in their land. There will be peace, safety and prosperity. The Millennial Temple will be built and there Christ will dwell. The priesthood, animal sacrifices, feasts, and Sabbaths will again be established.

At the end of the one thousand years, what happens to Satan? Revelation 20:7

How does God judge Satan and the deceived nations? Revelation 20:8-9

What happens to Satan, the False Prophet, and the Beast? Revelation 20:10

LIFE APPLICATION

The conflict of the ages between God and Satan is over. Christ is the Victor! Satan, the False Prophet, and the Beast are doomed in the lake of fire forever and ever. What difference does it make in your life today knowing that Jesus Christ is the victor who controls the future?

CHAPTER 27

WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT OF THE UNSAVED

When does the White Throne Judgment occur? Revelation 20:10-11

The White Throne Judgment is where the penalty for sin is meted out on unbelievers.

Who stands before the White Throne for judgment? Revelation 20:12

How will unbelievers be judged? Revelation 20:12-13

What happens when their names are not found in the Lamb's Book of Life? Revelation 20:15

What book records the names of believers in Christ? Philippians 4:1-3

What determines the amount of punishment the unsaved will receive in the lake of fire?
Revelation 20:12

NOTE:

God is fair. The unsaved will be judged by their works for what they have done on earth.

What is the second death? Revelation 21:8

LIFE APPLICATION

We will all stand before Jesus Christ one day, either at the Bema Seat to be rewarded as a believer, or we will stand before Him as our Judge for eternal punishment of our sins at the White Throne Judgment. Where will you appear? If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Savior, turn to page 76, God's Plan of Salvation.

CHAPTER 28

NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH, AND THE NEW JERUSALEM

Have you ever read the last chapter of a book first so you could see how the story ends? Revelation 19:11-21 tells how Christ wins the battle and is exalted as King of kings and Lord of lords.

What honor will Jesus Christ be given? Philippians 2:9-11

a. _____ b. _____

Name two things that Christ conquered. Revelation 1:17-18

a. _____ b. _____

What follows the White Throne Judgment? Ephesians 1:10

What new things does God make? Revelation 21:1-2

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

How is the present earth destroyed? 2 Peter 3:10

Describe the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:2 _____

Revelation 21:11 _____

Revelation 21:12 _____

Revelation 21:14 _____

Revelation 21:16 _____

Revelation 21:21 _____

Revelation 21:22 _____

Revelation 21:23 _____

Revelation 21:24 _____

Revelation 21:25 _____

Revelation 22:2 _____

Revelation 22:5 _____

Who will see the faces of God and Christ's? Revelation 22:3-4; 14:1

What mark will they have on their forehead? Revelation 22:4; 14:1

Who will not be allowed to enter the New Jerusalem? Revelation 21:27

LIFE APPLICATION

You have completed the 7,000 year history of mankind from Adam and Eve to the New Heaven, New Earth, and the New Jerusalem. Stand back and see the completed majestic picture of the Bible. Close in prayer thanking God for His wonderful Book, the Bible, and how this study has changed your life.

The BIBLE addresses three groups of people. [1 Corinthians 10:32].
 The GENTILES: Genesis 1-11,
 ISRAEL: Genesis chapters 12-Revelation [excluding the PAULINE EPISTLES],
 and
 The CHURCH: Romans-Philemon [PAULINE EPISTLES].

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ch. 27 White Throne of Judgement for the unsaved (Rev. 20:11-15)							
ch. 23 Bema Seat for the saved (1 Cor. 3:12-15)	Church (present)	ch. 22 Rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:17)					
CHURCH		CHURCH		KINGDOM			
ch. 20	chs. 21, 22	ch. 24, 25	chs. 26, 27	Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21)	Kingdom Proclaimed (Matt. 24:14)	Kingdom established (Matt. 25:34, Rev. 20:4)	7 years 1,000 years
God's command The grace of God (Eph. 2:11-22 Eph. 3:1-9)	Man's sin (II Tim. 3:1-7)						
GRACE		GRACE		LAW			
about 2,000 years	about 2,000 years	about 2,000 years	30 yrs	Kingdom Proposed (Gen. 11:1,2)	Kingdom Proclaimed (Matt. 3:2, 4:23)	Kingdom Proposed (Gen. 11:1,2)	
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Lake of Fire Rev. 20:15



ANSWER KEY

CHAPTER 1: ORIGINAL CREATION

Read: Genesis 1:1. What did God create?

The Heavens and the Earth

Read: Genesis 1:2. What was "dark and void"?

The Earth

Did God create the heavens and earth "dark and void"? Isaiah 45:18

No

HOW SIN ENTERED THE UNIVERSE

Who was the anointed cherub? Isaiah 14:12

Star of the Morning

Describe the anointed cherub. Ezekiel 28:12-15; Isaiah 14:11,13-14

- A. Every Precious Stone Was His Covering**
- B. He Guarded the Mountain of God**
- C. He Was Blameless**
- D. Pomp**
- E. Played the Harp**

What job did the anointed cherub have? Ezekiel 28:14

Covering

How did Lucifer sin? Isaiah 14:13-14; Ezekiel 28:15-17

- A. Pride**
- B. Wanted to Be like God**
- C. Filled with Violence**

Where was Lucifer cast after he sinned? Ezekiel 28:17

To the Ground

Who else was thrown to earth? Revelation 12:9

Angels Who Followed Satan

Lucifer's name was changed to what? Revelation 12:9

- A. **The Great Dragon**
- B. **Serpent**
- C. **Devil**
- D. **Satan**

What did the fallen angels become? Luke 4:33-36

Demons

Where did Satan later appear? Ezekiel 28:13

Eden

Who observed Satan falling from heaven? Luke 10:18

Jesus Christ

How does Satan appear today? 2 Corinthians 11:13-14

As an Angel of Light

What is another name for Satan? Revelation 9:11

Destroyer

What did Satan destroy? Genesis 1:2

The Earth

RESTORATION OF THE EARTH

How did God judge this chaotic time? 2 Peter 3:5-6

God Flooded the Earth

How did God prepare the earth for the habitation of man? Psalm 104:30

God Renewed the Face of the Ground

On the first day, what did God create? Genesis 1:3-5

Light and Darkness

On the second day, what did God create? Genesis 1:6-8

Firmament to Separate Waters

On the third day, what did God create? Genesis 1:9-13

Sea and Land Divided & Earth Sprouted Vegetation

On the fourth day, what did God create? Genesis 1:14-19

Moon and Stars for Lights and Seasons

On the fifth day, what did God create? Genesis 1:20-23

Birds and Fish

On the sixth day, what did God create? Genesis 1:24-31

Animals and Man

On the seventh day, what did God do? Genesis 2:1-3

God Rested

How long were the creative days? Genesis 1:8,13,19

Day and Night Was One 24-Hour Day

How did God create the universe and the earth? Hebrews 11:3

Out of Nothing

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is **Spirit**. Read: John 4:24

God is **Infinite**. He is so big He cannot be measured. 1 Kings 8:27; Jeremiah 23:24

God is **Eternal**. He has no beginning and He will never end. Psalm 90:2

God is **Sovereign**. What does that mean? 1 Chronicles 29:11; Daniel 4:35

He Controls Everything

God Is **All-knowing**. Isaiah 46:10; Psalm 147:5

How powerful is God? Job 42:2

God does not **Change**. Malachi 3:6

God is **Good**. Psalm 106:1

God is **Holy**. He is sinless, pure. Psalm 99:9

God is **Love**. 1 John 4:8

God is **Truth**. What He says will happen. John 17:17

God is **Righteous**. He judges in holiness. Jeremiah 12:1

God is **Wisdom**. His way is best. Daniel 2:20

God is **Faithful**. He always keeps His word. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

God is **Majestic**. He is great and mighty. Psalm 104:1

God is **Merciful**. He is compassionate and holds back punishment. James 5:11

GOD, A TRINITY

Who are the three persons of God? 1 Thessalonians 1:3-5

- A. God the Father**
- B. God the Son**
- C. God the Holy Spirit**

MAN, A TRINITY

How did God make man? Genesis 1:26

In His Own Image

What did God breathe into Adam? Genesis 2:7

Breath of Life

Name the three parts of man. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

- A. Spirit**
- B. Soul**
- C. Body**

How was Eve made? Genesis 2:21-23

From Adam's Rib

Where did Adam and Eve live? Genesis 2:15

Garden of Eden

What did God want Adam and Eve to do? Genesis 1:26

Rule the Animals

HOW SIN ENTERED THE HUMAN RACE & GOD'S COMMANDS

What command did God give to Adam and Eve? Genesis 2:17

Eat from All Trees Except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

What other commands did God give Adam? Genesis 1:28; 2:15

- A. Fill the Earth**
- B. Cultivate and Keep the Garden**

What did God tell Adam to eat? Genesis 1:29-30

Fruits and Vegetables

What punishment would be applied for disobeying? Genesis 2:17

Death

Who tempted Eve? Genesis 3:1

Serpent

Who was the serpent? Revelation 12:9

Satan

How was Eve tempted? Genesis 3:2-5

With The Forbidden Fruit

What lie did Satan tell Eve? Genesis 3:4

You Will Not Die

How did Satan attempt to make God look bad? Genesis 3:5

Satan Wanted It to Appear That God Was Withholding Something Good

How did Satan appeal to Eve? Genesis 3:6

A. Through Her Eyes (Fruit Looked Good)

B. Pride (Would Make Her Like God)

C. Her Mind

How does Satan cause you to doubt?

The Same Way

What lies does Satan want you to believe about God?

That He Can't Be Trusted

How does he entice you through your senses?

Lust

What are the steps that lead to sin? James 1:14-15

A. Feeling of Desire Leads to Lust

B. Lust Acts

C. Sin Accomplished

What should you do when you are tempted? 2 Corinthians 10:5

Don't Let Your Thoughts and Feelings Go Unchecked, Take Your Thoughts and Feelings Captive, Obey Christ

When Adam ate the forbidden fruit, was he deceived? 1 Timothy 2:14-15

No

MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE

When did Adam and Eve die spiritually? Romans 5:17

When They Ate the Forbidden Fruit

How did Adam and Eve's sin affect all mankind? Romans 5:12

Their Sin Spread to All Men

What happened to Adam and Eve? Genesis 3:23-24

They Were Thrown Out of the Garden of Eden

SIN BRINGS JUDGMENT

How did God punish the MAN? Genesis 3:17-19

Man Would Have to Work Hard

How did God punish WOMAN? Genesis 3:16

A. Pain at Childbirth

B. Husband to Rule over the Wife

How did God punish the EARTH? Genesis 3:17-18

Thorns and Thistles

How did God punish the SERPENT? Genesis 3:14-15

A. To Crawl on His Stomach

B. Enmity Between Satan and the Seed of the Woman

How did Adam and Eve die years later? Genesis 5:5

Physically

ANIMAL SACRIFICES INSTITUTED

Why was atonement between God and man needed?

A. All Humanity Has Sinned. Romans 5:12

B. Sin Separates Man from a Holy God. Romans 3:23

C. Man Is Unable to Pay for His Sin. Romans 6:23

LIFE APPLICATION

Who was the seed of the woman? Matthew 1:21

Christ

Who was the seed of the serpent? Revelation 13:1,2

The Great Beast Also Called the Antichrist.

How did Satan bruise Christ? 1 Corinthians 2:8

Crucified the Lord Jesus

How did Christ's death on the Cross crush Satan's dominion and headship? Revelation 1:17-18

Christ Has the Keys of Death & Hell

Name the first two children of Adam and Eve. Genesis 4:1-2

A. Cain

B. Abel

Who did Eve think Cain was? Genesis 4:1

The Man Child, or Man, the Lord

Who did Eve think was the Man, the Lord? Genesis 3:15

The Promised Messiah

What offering did Cain give to the Lord? Genesis 4:3

Fruit

What offering did Abel bring? Genesis 4:4

The Lamb

What did Abel's sacrifice show? Hebrews 11:4

A. Believed God

B. He Was Righteous

Why didn't God accept Cain's offering? Hebrews 9:22

The Sacrifice Had No Blood

Which attributes of God were evident in God's dealing with Cain in Genesis 4:6-7?

All Knowing

Holy

Love

Wisdom

Merciful

Why did Cain kill Abel? Genesis 4:4-5

Cain Was Jealous Because Abel's Sacrifice Was Accepted and His Was Not

Why would Satan want Abel dead? Genesis 3:15

The Savior Was to Come Through Abel's Lineage

How did God punish Cain? Genesis 4:13-14

- A. The Earth Wouldn't Yield for Him**
- B. Vagrant and Wanderer**
- C. Sent Away From the Presence of God**

What did Cain leave? Genesis 4:16

The Presence of the Lord

What did God do for Adam and Eve? Genesis 4:25

God Gave Them Another Son - Seth

Who was Seth's son? Genesis 4:26

Enosh

What did the family of Seth begin to do? Genesis 4:26

Call on the Name of the Lord

Why is it important to know the genealogy of Adam? Luke 3:23,36-38

It Is the Genealogy of Jesus Christ

Name 5 things the family of Cain started.

Genesis 4:17 Building

Genesis 4:19 Polygamy

Genesis 4:20 Cattle Raising

Genesis 4:21 Music

Genesis 4:22 Manufacturing

Why was God sorry He made man? Genesis 6:4-5

- A. Giants Resulted from Intermarriage with Fallen Angels**
- B. Corrupted Humanity**

Who were these fallen angels? Jude 6-7

Angels Who Did Not Keep Their First Estate

What did the fallen angels do? Genesis 6:2,4

They Took Human Wives

What did this union produce? Genesis 6:4

Giants

What happened to these fallen angels? 2 Peter 2:4-5

God Put Them in Pits of Darkness Awaiting Judgment

Why would Satan want the human race corrupted? Genesis 3:15
So the Promised Messiah Would Not Come

Why did Noah and his family find favor with God? Genesis 6:9
A. They Were Righteous
B. They Didn't Intermarry with Fallen Angels

Why did God decide to destroy all mankind and animals? Genesis 6:12,17
Mankind and Animals Had Corrupted Their Way

What did God tell Noah to build? Genesis 6:14
An Ark

What was to go in the ark? Genesis 7:2-3
A. Male and Female of Each Species of Animal
B. 7 of Each Animal for Clean Sacrifice
C. Birds, Male and Female

While Noah was preparing the ark, what did he do? 2 Peter 2:5
He Was a Preacher of Righteousness

What would come after Methuselah's death? Genesis 6:17
A Flood of Water

How long did Methuselah live? Genesis 5:27
969 Years

How big was the ark? Genesis 6:15
300 Cubits

How long did it take Noah to build the ark? Genesis 6:3
120 Years

Who was preserved through the flood? Genesis 7:13
Noah, Ham, Shem, and Japheth, and Their Wives

Who closed the door after all were aboard the ark? Genesis 7:16
The Lord

Until this time, how was the earth watered? Genesis 2:6
By a Mist

How long did Noah and his family wait before it began to rain? Genesis 7:10
7 Days

From where did the flood waters come? Genesis 7:11

Underground Rivers and Rain

How high did the flood waters rise? Genesis 7:20

15 Cubits Higher than the Highest Mountain

What was the outcome of the flood? Genesis 7:21

All Flesh Died

What did Noah do after he left the ark? Genesis 8:20

Sacrificed Animals and Worshiped God

GOD'S NEW COMMANDS

What did God command Noah? Genesis 9:1,7

Multiply and Fill the Earth

How many times did God command to "fill the earth"? Genesis 9:1,7

Two

What was the significance of the repetition of the command?

It Was a Strong Command

How do we know that the principles of Human Government are still in effect today in the Church?

Romans 13:1-2

We Are Told to Obey Governing Authorities

When city, state, or national laws are disobeyed, who is being opposed? Romans 13:3-4

God

Why are laws necessary in a nation? Romans 13:4

So People Will Do What Is Good

What other commands did God give Noah?

Genesis 9:2: **Man Given Dominion over the Animals**

Genesis 9:3-4: **Animals Could Be Eaten in Addition to Fruits and Vegetables**

Genesis 9:5-6: **Capital Punishment Was Established (A Life for Life)**

How did God show that He would never again destroy the earth with water? Genesis 9:13-16

He Put a Rainbow in the Sky

In the future, how will God destroy the earth? 2 Peter 3:10

Fire

Read: Genesis 9:24-27. Name the three prophecies that Noah gave for his sons.

Canaan, Ham's Son Was Cursed and Would Serve the Other Two

Shem Would Have Canaan as His Servant

Japheth would dwell in the Tents of Shem and Would Be Served by Canaan

What purpose would the descendants of Japheth have?

Nations Were to Be Enlarged Through Japheth, Who Was to Experience Shem's Spiritual Blessing.

What purpose would the descendants of Shem have? Genesis 9:26

Shem Would Be Spiritually Blessed

What purpose would the descendants of Ham have? Genesis 9:25

To Be a Servant People

Who was Canaan? Genesis 10:6

The Son of Ham or Noah's Grandson

HISTORY

TOWER OF BABEL

What does God declare is the only way for us to get to Him? John 14:6; Titus 3:5-7

Through Christ

Why did the people build the Tower of Babel? Genesis 11:4

To Get to Heaven by Their Own Effort

What was Satan attempting to destroy?

Their Faith and Obedience to a Living God

In Genesis 11:3-4, the people said "Let us." What did they demonstrate?

Self Will Over God's Will, They Refused to Scatter

How was this the same as Lucifer's and Adam and Eve's sin? Isaiah 13:14

Lucifer, Adam and Eve Wanted Their Own Way

How did God punish this sin? Genesis 11:9

He Confused the Languages

Who is the "Us" in Genesis 11:7? See Genesis 1:26

God the Trinity, Plural One

How did the nations begin? Acts 17:26

God Established Boundaries and Areas of Nations

SIN BRINGS JUDGMENT

What does this tell you about God's purposes? Isaiah 46:9-10

God's Plans and Purposes Will Never Be Thwarted

CHAPTER 2: NATION OF ISRAEL BEGAN

From what nation did Abram come? Genesis 11:31

Abram Was a Gentile from Ur of the Chaldees

The book of Genesis is called the Patriarchal, Father, Age. Who controlled the family, including married children? Genesis 11:31

The Father

Who served as a military leader? Genesis 14:14-15 (318 soldiers)

The Father

Who represented his family before God? Genesis 12:1-3

The Father

How did the father serve as the priest for his family? Genesis 15:9-10; 8:20

The Father Offered the Sacrifice

God changed Abram's name to **Abraham**. Genesis 17:5

God changed Sarai's name to **Sarah**. Genesis 17:15

How was Abraham made righteous before God? Genesis 15:6

He Believed God

How was Abraham's faith perfected before God? James 2:21-22

He Offered up Isaac

What were Abraham and his descendants to observe forever? Genesis 17:10

Circumcision

What was Israel's seal of righteousness? Romans 4:11

Circumcision

Why was Abraham blessed? Genesis 22:18

Because He Obeyed God

GOD'S COMMAND (PROMISE)

What did God promise Abram if he would leave his country and family? Genesis 12:1-3

Land

Genesis 12:2

- A. A Great Nation**
- B. Bless Him**
- C. Make His Name Great**
- D. Be a Blessing**

Genesis 12:3

- A. Bless Them That Bless Abraham**
- B. Curse Them Who Curse Abraham**
- C. Through Abraham All Families of the Earth Would Be Blessed**

Why did God want Abram to leave his father? Joshua 24:2

Terah Was an Idolater

Abraham took Hagar, Sarah's servant, and she bore Abraham a son. What was his name?

Genesis 16:3,11

Ishmael

How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? Genesis 16:16

86

How many sons did Ishmael have? Genesis 17:20

12

Who did they become? Genesis 25:16

12 Tribes of the Gentiles

HISTORY

Isaac was the promised son God gave to Abraham and Sarah. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? Genesis 21:5

100 Years Old

What did God command Abraham to do? Genesis 12:1

Leave His Father and Relatives

How did Abraham disobey God? Genesis 11:31-32
He Took His Father and His Nephew, Lot

The name "Isaac" means laughter. Why was Abraham's son named laughter?
Genesis 17:17; 18:11-12.

Because Abraham and Sarah Both Laughed When God Said They Would Have a Son

What promise did God make to Abraham? Genesis 17:19
God's Covenant Was an Everlasting Covenant

Name the sons of Isaac. Genesis 25:26
Esau and Jacob

The name "Jacob" means deceptive. What new name did God later give to Jacob? Genesis 32:28
Israel

How did Jacob obtain his birthright and blessing? Genesis 25:27-34
By Deception

Why did Jacob regard his birthright in this way? Hebrews 12:16
He Was a Profane Man

How did Esau regard his birthright? Genesis 25:34
He Hated It

Name Jacob's sons through Leah, his wife. Genesis 35:23
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun

Name Jacob's sons through Leah's servant girl, Zilpah. Genesis 35:26
Gad, Asher

Name Jacob's sons through Rachel. Genesis 35:25
Joseph, Benjamin

Name Jacob's sons through Rachel's servant, Bilhah. Genesis 35:25
Dan, Naphtali

From which son of Jacob was Messiah, Jesus Christ, to come? Genesis 49:10
Judah

Who is Shiloh? Isaiah 9:6
"Shiloh" Means Peace and Christ Is the Prince of Peace.

Who was Jacob's favorite son? Genesis 37:3

Joseph

Why did Joseph's brothers hate him? Genesis 37:3

Joseph's Father Gave Him a Coat of Many Colors

Why else did his brothers hate him? Genesis 37:4-8

Joseph's Dreams Showed That He Would Rule over Them

What did Joseph's brothers do to get rid of him? Genesis 37:23-24

They Put Joseph in a Pit

How did Joseph get to Egypt? Genesis 37:28

His Brothers Sold Him to Midianites.

How did Joseph obtain power and position in Egypt? Genesis 41:15-33

He Interpreted Pharaoh's Dream

What did Joseph become in Egypt? Genesis 41:40-44

Second in Command

Whom did Joseph marry? Genesis 41:45

Asenath

How old was Joseph when he became ruler in Egypt? Genesis 41:46

30

Name Joseph's sons. Genesis 41:51-52

Manasseh and Ephraim

Why did Joseph's brothers and their families move to Egypt? Genesis 43:1-2

Famine

What did Joseph tell his brothers about their selling him into slavery? Genesis 45:5

A. Don't Feel Guilty for Selling Me

B. God Used it to Provide Food for Them

How did Joseph regard his brothers' sin against him? Genesis 50:20

That They Meant it for Evil, but God Used it for Good

How many of Jacob's family settled in Egypt? Genesis 46:27

70