

## **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**