

I wish to delve further into this remnant that will be saved. Now I want to point out that, in the saving of a remnant, God fulfills the promise that all the nations of the earth will be blessed.¹ The Jews were initially invited and given the first benefit of Christ. That happened on the day of Pentecost, even after they had crucified Christ some fifty days earlier. But He had been raised from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God. The first message on the day of Pentecost was Peter establishing the truth from the prophetic Scriptures,² citing David as prophet declaring that “The Lord said (prophetically) to my Lord”—that the Almighty God said to the Lord Jesus Christ:

“Sit at My right hand,

Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet” (Acts 2:34b-35 NASB).

And in principle part, he was quoting writings, such as Psalm 2, where God was saying to the rulers of Israel and to the world, “Kiss the Son” (Psalm 2:12); where God had promised Christ, in prophetic Scripture, that He would give Him “the ends of the earth for His possession, He would give Him the nations of the earth as His inheritance, if He would but ask of Him” (Psalm 2:8). So here, I want to delve deeper into this greater truth because I want you to see that although when you look at Revelation 14:1—“the Lamb standing on Mount Zion with a hundred and forty and four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads”—that sounds as cryptic as any passage in the Book of Revelation. But I am wanting to show you, if you understand the whole Scripture, you rejoice because the things promised are fulfilled. That is what these things are saying: “I will save a remnant of Israel.”³

This transcript is presented with the hope of preserving the authenticity and spirit of the spoken message, while addressing areas that may require clarification in the written form. All Scripture quotations in the footnotes are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Genesis 18:18 BSB: “Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and through him all the nations of the earth will be blessed.” See also Genesis 22:18, Acts 3:25.

² See Psalm 110:1; Matthew 22:41-46.

³ See Isaiah 10:20-22: “And it shall come to pass in that day *That* the remnant of Israel, And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, Will never again depend on him who defeated them, But will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, To the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.”

I am showing that to you from numerous passages in the Scripture. But for this purpose and for this message today, I want to focus exclusively on the writings of one who is described as a Hebrew of the Hebrews, of the tribe of Benjamin, one who presents his qualifications as being:

... circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; [who says among his credentials] concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law [my qualifications as a kosher or righteous Jew], blameless. [I kept the law blamelessly.] (Philippians 3:5-6 NKJV, comments added in brackets).

Such a man is speaking to this subject. I would rather believe him than any modern-day revisionist, whether some Texas preacher, or some rabbi who has not decided if he is a believer in Christ or wants to preserve being a Jew more than being a believer in Christ, who wants to know Christ after the flesh. I would rather believe one with the qualifications I have just described—and you will recognize that as being the apostle Paul—who, in his writings in the Book of Romans the 9th chapter, says the following. I want to start reading now from about verse 22, speaking of the Gentiles as those to whom God wanted to show His long-suffering character, choosing to spare them versus destroying them, and to show His just nature in terms of allowing the Jews to be taken captives in the Roman Empire. So Paul says,

What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, [So God can endure people a long time, even if they were going to be subjects of His wrath. Or God can show the riches of His glory and His mercy to people who were not even to be considered as worthy candidates of His mercy, namely the Gentiles.] which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

[And then he quotes the prophet Hosea.] As He says also in Hosea:

“I will call them My people, who were not My people,

And her beloved, who was not beloved” (Romans 9:22-25, comments added in brackets).

Paul’s argument before this was, “Who are we to challenge God? Can we hold God to some standard that we have devised? God is God. God can do whatever He wants to, and that is the standard.”⁴ Now it is also true that God wants to be known. And when He is known, His standards are immutable, reliable, applied with perfection, as is consistent with His character. So it is not like God is just making it up as He goes along. It is us, we who do not understand the ways of God, who will find objections. But our objections do not amount to a concern to God. So Paul said God is saying, “I am going to call the Gentiles My people, even though I did not initially call them My people. I gave that designation to the Jews when I gave a promise to Abraham that in his Seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed.”

But you know, I am so mortified at times, frankly, at the ignorance of the Scriptures evident in the arguments of so many. When did God say, “I am about to make a man—Let Us make man in Our own image, after Our own likeness.”? When did God say that? He said that before He made man, before He made Adam (Genesis 1:26). Who, then, was meant to be included in this promise? Just the Jews? Did the promise to Abraham make that an exclusive thing to the Jews? How silly can you be if you believe that. No. God, when He said that, had not yet made Adam. Who is Adam, anyway? Adam is the father of all mankind.⁵ Why did God choose Abraham, and what promise did He give him? God chose Abraham from among all the dwellers in Mesopotamia, from even all the dwellers in the house of Abraham’s father, all his brothers. God chose Abraham because Abraham was found to be righteous.⁶ God was going to take, conceivably, the only righteous man on the earth at the time and develop a nation out of him. And from the seed of Abraham, developed in the context of this nation, God was going to bring Christ.

⁴ See Romans 9:20-21: “But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?”

⁵ See Genesis 5:1-2: “This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.”

⁶ See Genesis 15:6 BSB: “Abram believed the LORD, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Now when Christ came, what was His role? To save the Jews alone? Listen to Paul writing to the Gentiles in 2 Corinthians—Corinth being a Gentile state, a part of one of the city-states of the Ionian Peninsula which ultimately came to be recognized as the country of Greece. Paul said to the Corinthians that “God was now reconciling all of mankind to Himself in Christ.”⁷ That would include the Jews, but it would be preposterous to suppose that the gospel was to be given to the Jews alone. It would be even more ridiculous to suggest that a Gentile must now convert to being a Jew in order to gain access to this promise. That would make this promise exclusive to Jews and converts to Judaism. You do not have any understanding of the Scriptures if that is your position. You are an imbecile, certifiably distant in understanding of the Scriptures. No. The original intent was Christ, a Man in the image and likeness of God. He had to come in some fashion into the earth. Some human agency had to be employed to bring Him here. And God promised Abraham, a righteous Chaldean—not a righteous Jew, a righteous Chaldean from Ur of the Chaldees. God promised him because of his righteousness, long before there was the law, long before there was Moses—430 years, in fact, before there was a law and before there was Moses. God promised this Chaldean that He would allow him to be the father of the Christ.⁸

This promise came in two parts.

1. “I will make of you a great nation,”
2. “And in your Seed I will bless all the nations of the earth—I will bless *all* the nations of the earth.”⁹

So the purpose of Christ coming was to reconcile all mankind to God in the person of Christ. Christ is not a Jew for the purpose of reconciliation to God. Christ is—surprise, surprise—for the purpose of reconciling man to God, Christ is the Son of God. And unless God is a Jew in your theology, you are knowing Christ according to His flesh; and that is off on the wrong footing, according to Scripture.¹⁰ He introduces an eternal race, a spiritual race “without mother or father, without the

⁷ See 2 Corinthians 5:18-19: “Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

⁸ See Galatians 3:16: “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”

⁹ See Genesis 12:2-3, 22:15-18.

¹⁰ See 2 Corinthians 5:16: “Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.”

beginning of days or the end of life, without genealogy.”¹¹ This is the priesthood He introduces, a royal priesthood called “the order of Melchizedek,”¹² not a Jew by any stretch of the imagination. Jesus came to introduce to the earth the sons of God, “the only begotten of the Father.” So stop quoting John 3:16 if you have the idea that you have to be first a Jew in the flesh in order to gain access into Christ, because “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” That is not Abraham. And leave aside the fact that Abraham was not a Jew; he was a Chaldean born up in a place called Ur of the Chaldees.

How we became so confused by these things is largely on account of the work of men who saw the potential for financial gain by repeating the promise God made to Abraham and applying it to modern day Israel, which has returned from Roman captivity in the same state of unbelief that they were in when they killed Christ 2000 years ago. Telling them God said, “I will bless those who bless you.” All kinds of people want to be blessed. And if these snake oil salesmen convince people that giving money to them and/or giving money to Israel will get them blessings—look, the people are not interested in Christ; they are interested in blessings. And they do not know God. Whatever knowledge they have of God would barely qualify as juvenile because of the appeal of money, the love of money, the love of resources.

When God said to Abraham, “Whoever blesses you, I will bless,”¹³ He was talking about the promise that Abraham carried in his loins: “Whoever blesses Christ, I will bless.” That is how the promise survives today. You cannot bless Abraham today; he is long dead. It is so absurd that it is laughable. How are you going to bless Abraham today? If you know Christ according to the flesh, then He is a Jew. But the flesh profits you nothing;¹⁴ you will get nothing from that.

¹¹ See Hebrews 7:3: “...without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”

¹² See Hebrews 7:11-19.

¹³ See Genesis 12:3: “I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

¹⁴ See John 6:63: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.”

Knowing Christ according to the Spirit allows you to understand that “in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Why not? Because Christ is a Spirit. And if you are born of Christ, if you are assembled into His Body, you are not assembled by your biology but by your *zoe*,¹⁵ by your life that comes from God which sustains your spirit. Christ is a spiritual Man to whom the spirits of just men are assembled to be made perfect (Hebrews 12:22-24). That is the truth. Believe whatever you want to, to the contrary. Be angry if you wish because it assaults your view of it that is different. It will come out where the truth will prevail.

Let us go back now and look at this promise to save a remnant of Jews. It comes after the Jews, as a nation, reject Christ and have continued to reject Christ. So Israel, as a nation, is not saved. And Israel, as a nation, is not going to be saved, so entrenched is their unbelief. But a remnant will be saved. I could say more about that, but I will not. It is inflammatory enough as it is. So he says in Romans 9:26:

*“And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,
‘You are not My people,’
There they shall be called sons of the living God.”* [That is the prophet Hosea speaking. Isaiah piles on, so it is not just Hosea. Isaiah now says,]

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:

[This is Isaiah:] *“Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea,
The remnant will be saved* (Romans 9:26-27, comments added in brackets).

From out of this vast countless multitude, a piece, a handful, will be saved. And that handful is described as “a hundred and forty and four thousand,” twelve times twelve times a thousand. And God says, “That is the fulfillment of My promise to bless all the nations of the earth, including the Jews.” Let me read a little bit more.

¹⁵ See *zoe*, Strong’s Greek 2222 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2222.htm>

*For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness,
Because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth.”*

And as Isaiah said before:

“Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, [Unless He had done that.]

We would have become like Sodom,

And we would have been made like Gomorrah” (Romans 9:28-29, comment added in brackets).

For everyone who thinks that being a Jew in the flesh is something special to God, I want to tell you this. The only thing that is special about any Jew is his relationship to God through Christ. “Unless the Lord had left us a Seed, there would be nothing to distinguish us from Sodom and Gomorrah.” And that is what Isaiah says. I know this blows up a lot of mythology. I know it is fashionable and faddish to exalt natural Israel as the apple of God’s eye. All of that is just sentimental rubbish. There is not a grain of truth in any of it. It is completely made up of whole cloth and unsubstantiated by anything the Scriptures have said on the subject. And the ones speaking in Scripture are the apostle Paul in the New Testament and prophets like Isaiah and Hosea in the Old Testament.

What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. [They did not reach the mark. They missed the mark.] Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, [They sought it by the works of the law.] but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone (Romans 9:30-32, comments added in brackets).

Christ was the “stumbling stone.” They could not get past Christ. They would not submit to Christ. They killed Christ. And the nation has been, and remains, spiritually desolate from that day to this, with the exception of an early remnant. And subsequently, at the end of the age, the rest of that company will be drawn in. Concerning Christ:

As it is written:

*“Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense,
And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame” (Romans 9:33).*

Paul begins the next chapter, Romans 10, by saying that his desire for Israel was that they would be saved, and defines Christ in verse 4.

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes [Jew or Gentile]
(Romans 10:4, comment added in brackets).*

So in that regard, when the Lamb stands on Mount Zion—standing, as it were, in the epicenter of religious activity—He is surrounded by that remnant of Israel, that was spoken of here in the Scriptures, that would be saved by coming to Christ. Now their condition is that they have their Father’s name written on their foreheads. So, when we get back to the next message, we want to develop what is meant by such things as the Father’s name on their foreheads, that they sing a new song, and that they are chaste virgins who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

Those are the three things we want to discuss when we come back. These define the remnant of Israel. It is already true of the Gentiles who would have been gathered in, but concerning the remnant of the Jews:

- What does it mean that they have their Father’s name on their foreheads?
- What does it mean that they sing the new song as the redeemed of the earth?
- And what does it mean that they have not been defiled with women?

We will set those principles forth, and we will continue to unpack the rest of the Book of Revelation, beginning right here with chapter 14, as we go forward. We will talk then. Bye-bye.