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ISRAEL - “The Circumcision” - “nigh unto God”

**THE LAW serves as a “middle wall of partition.”**

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

GENTILES - “Uncircumcision” “far off” “without God”

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 1 to 10:31	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					

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*TIMES OF THE GENTILES* .....



# JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come

Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

# JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

# JOY TO THE WORLD

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

# JOY TO THE WORLD

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

# Satan and the Secret

## Pt. 3

Ephesians 1:9-10; 1 Cor. 2:7-8

1. We saw last time that the Mystery Paul is talking about in 1 Cor. 2:6-8 is not the death and resurrection of Christ regarding God's Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel.
  - a. Which He revealed that by all His holy prophets since the world began, not least being David, Daniel and Isaiah among others (Acts 3:18), and Jesus taught it throughout His earthly ministry.
  - b. If someone or group didn't "know" it, it wasn't because God hid it from them but because they rejected it in unbelief, thereby throwing it away and removing it from their thinking.
  - c. This is a simple everyday concept. Most of the world today doesn't "know" about Christ's death and resurrection for their sins, but it is not because God has not revealed it (for He surely has!) but because they and their rulers have rejected it in unbelief, removing it from their thinking.



d. In other words, to say that someone ***doesn't*** understand something isn't the same thing as saying he or she ***absolutely COULDN'T*** have understood something.

--Just ask any schoolteacher. From the teacher's perspective the student **COULD** have understood the lesson if he had done the homework. But when he threw away the homework and replaced it with watching TV, now he **COULDN'T** understand the lesson not because he couldn't ***absolutely*** but because he allowed something to prevent him from or block his ability to understand.

2. The same thing is true for the death and resurrection of Christ to redeem the Nation of Israel.
  - a. Jesus repeatedly taught and showed the disciples about His upcoming suffering, death and resurrection (Mk. 9:31; Mat. 16:21). The very meaning of to “teach” is to bring about or cause learning and that of to “show” is to explain and make clear. Jesus expected them to understand the lesson He was trying to teach them if they focused on it. It was at their expected grade level.
  - b. So, unless we want to think that Jesus as teacher is just tormenting them, telling them something He knew was impossible for them to learn ... Or, we want to think that Jesus is just toying with them showing them something and then immediately hiding it again--Now you see it now you don't tricks.  
--There must be another explanation.

- c. If the disciples ***didn't*** “know”, it wasn't because, at least from the teacher's perspective--God's and Jesus—they ***couldn't*** have learned what He was trying to teach them over and over again (Mat. 16:21-22; Mk. 8:31-34; Lk. 9:22-27; 18:31-34). Jesus wanted to teach them something they should have been able to understand if they did the homework.
- So, the question is: If God and Jesus weren't hiding this lesson from the disciples, who or what (TV show) was?

3. A good place to start is Lk. 18:31-34:

a. v. 31—what He is telling them was written down and was made available to them in the scriptures of the prophets of the OT. He is fulfilling, accomplishing, what they wrote.

b. Vv32-33—Simple overview of what God revealed through the prophets.

c. V. 34

1. They didn't understand it. Why?

2. Because it was hidden from them—perfect passive—something IN THE PAST hid or concealed it from them with the ongoing result being that they didn't understand Jesus's saying in the present ...

4. What hid it from them in this passage is explained in its sister passage in Mat. 16:21-24.
  - a. This passage occurs right after Peter proclaims that Jesus is the true Christ of God, the Son of God (Mat. 16:16; and in similar account in Lk. 9:18-23). The disciples with Peter as their spokesman understood this basically.

b. Jesus now tries to teach them another lesson about what it means for Him to be the Christ by showing them that He is the type of Christ who always follows the Father's plan, which leads through the Cross (Mat. 16:21).

--They expected Christ to come in power and glory to destroy all enemies, esp. the Romans.

--He tried to correct that error: At His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, He came in weakness and humbleness to redeem Believing Israel in accord the Davidic Messiah of Ps. 22 and the Messianic Suffering Servant of Is. 53. Christ of power comes at 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

--It is this ingrained error they've been taught their whole lives from the VRS that hid Jesus's lesson from them. They're ignorance isn't innocent but willful.

c. We know Peter understood and knew what Jesus was saying because of his immediate forceful negative response (Mat. 16:22).

- If Peter absolutely COULDN'T understand what Jesus was teaching, then Jesus wouldn't have been able to rebuke him so severely for the wrong response!
- If a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher taught a 6-year-old something he knew the student absolutely COULDN'T learn, could the teacher have turned around and severely reprimand and rebuke the child for giving the wrong response? Of course not, and neither would the teacher Jesus!
- That Jesus does rebuke severely in itself indicates it was something that Jesus thought Peter should have been able to receive but he refused it instead.

d. We find in v. 23 that WHO was hiding it from him wasn't God but Satan; and the WHAT wasn't Jesus's teaching but the Vain Religious System (VRS) that had led the Nation of Israel into apostacy.

--From the first, Satan has taken God's Word, editing it, manipulating it, perverting it to serve his own purposes, thereby HIDING it from humans and deceiving them with it (Gen. 3:1-13).

--Over the centuries, Satan had gotten the VRS to take over Israel by replacing God's Word with the traditions of men—the Jewish commentaries, oral interpretations, etc. (Mk. 7:9, 13). Peter had lived the past 20, 30, 40 years of its life under its teaching, and it was still blinding him at that time. (Just think of the Mystery or Spirit baptism today.)



e. The reason Peter didn't know this, and it remained hid to him was because they were savoring—fixing their minds on; preoccupied with, preferring and enjoying and relishing—the things of men NOT the things of God (Mat. 16:23).

--He closed the door of his mind to it.

5. Peter didn't know what Jesus was saying NOT because it was impossible for him to receive but because he refused to accept and threw it away, rejecting it in unbelief, preferring the teachings of the VRS.

--It didn't fit with what he had been taught by the VRS—their “christ” was a false christ who didn't need to go to the Cross. He had been taught that Israel's Royal Messiah would come Power and Glory, destroying all His enemies for Israel, which throw away a large portion of the OT Scriptures. He wouldn't come to hang on a Roman Cross! But in power to destroy the Romans!

--The only answer to the blindness inflicted by Satan and the VRS is faith in God's Word.

6. Finally, what Jesus was actually doing here was inviting them to receive His words in faith so He could open their understanding, desiring that they would remain with Him, prayerfully following, supporting and fellowshiping with Him, ALL THE WAY TO THE CROSS where He would die for them (Mat. 16:24; 26:35-46; Ps. 118).

--Peter was willing to go to the Cross, but not willing to submit to it in accord with the plan of God but fighting against it, replacing God's plan with his own plan and the plan of the VRS, the plan of Satan (Mat. 16:23; 26:51-55; Lk. 22:49-51; Jn. 18:10-11).

--Someone suggested this is like a husband whose wife is diagnosed with an untreatable terminal illness, and the husband refuses to accept the diagnosis—he goes into denial—everything is fine—you’ll be the exception—let’s go to other countries for alternate treatments—don’t give up—keep fighting—ruining their last few weeks together. And then after her death he comes to his senses and understands where he went wrong.

Well, when Jesus—the true doctor (Mat. 9:12)—gave His unchanging terminal diagnosis, like the husband, Peter (and most others) went into denial and rejected it. Don’t just give up! Keep fighting! NOT ON MY WATCH! But also like the husband, after the event, after His death and resurrection, Peter comes to his senses, accepting what happened and beginning to proclaim it mightily at Pentecost 40 days later.

7. If what Jesus taught about His death and resurrection was “hid,” so they couldn’t understand it, it was because they rejected Jesus’s teaching about God’s plan of the Cross in unbelief, ruling it out of their thinking, and they tried to replace it with their own plan, which they learned from the VRS and ultimately Satan himself.

--They were thinking like Satan (Mat. 16:22-23). Jesus taught that He would submit to the Cross willingly in obedience to the will of the Father.

--Peter tried to stop Him from going and wanted to fight against it, making Jesus a Messiah according to his own plan (Jn. 18:10-11).

8. In short, the operating principle of Satan and fallen humanity was, is and always will be to take what God has revealed, discard and forget it, for they don't like to retain God in their thinking.
- The result is that they replace it with their own vain imaginations and reprobate thinking (Rom. 1:18-23; 28-29)

We can apply the same things to Satan and what he could and couldn't know.

# O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him,

born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

# O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



# O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!