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*TIMES OF THE GENTILES* .....



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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"

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# The Disciples (Pt. 3)

(Jn. 1:45-51)

1. The disciple's testimony begins and ends with Rabbi and progresses through Messiah/Christ, the Fulfiller of the whole Old Testament, the Son of God and King of Israel in between (Jn. 1:37-49) ...
  - We can go along with them as they go from being believers in God to being believers in Jesus, His followers, disciples.

2. This concluding passage is based on several Old Testament themes:
  - a. 1:48-50—Fig Tree
  - b. 1:51—the Promise of God to Jacob when exiled out of the Promised Land (Gen. 28) is here being fulfilled.
  - c. 1:47—the re-naming of Jacob (deceitful) to Israel (God Fights or Prince of God) before he could re-enter the Promised Land (Gen. 32).

3. Jesus saw him under the fig tree which connects the royal King with the Messianic promises and Son of God, through whom Israel and her religious system would be restored.
  - a. It refers to the King being there and the Kingdom being at hand (Mk. 13:28-29; Lk. 21:29-33).
  - b. It refers to the Messianic peace and prosperity that comes from the King in the Kingdom (1 Kgs. 4:25; Mic. 4:4).
  - c. It is associated with the Messianic figure called the Servant, Branch and Stone (Zech. 3:8-10).

4. Perhaps Nathaniel was meditating on and communing with God about the fulfillment of His promises to Israel and how Jacob was privileged to be brought to the gate of Heaven from which God's Kingdom of Heaven would be brought down and established on the Earth by the Ram Lamb of God, which brings together the Son of God and King of Israel themes who would destroy all enemies and purge the world of sin, delivering His friends (Ps. 2; 2 Sam. 7:14), .
  
5. Reference to Jacob's dream and heavenly encounter (Gen. 28) reveals that Jesus as Son of Man is the heavenly Person who will fulfill all Messianic promises, opening the gates of Heaven to reveal heavenly things (Jn. 3:12), one way being the signs recorded in the rest of John's Gospel.



## 6. Jacob renamed Israel:

a. Gen. 28:10-22: Upon being exiled from the land, God reveals a ladder in this land that connects heaven and earth in Bethel, the House of God, to Jacob, the deceiver and confirms that God will continue the Abrahamic Cov. through him.

--Gen. 27:35-43—Esau's anger

--Gen. 27:42-43--Rebekah's exiling of Jacob.

--Gen. 28:10-22—Ladder to Heaven dream that confirms for Jacob that's God's promises to Abraham and Isaac would belong to Jacob and his multiplied seed, not Esau and his seed.

--God uses the ladder to confirm the promises to Israel's fathers. Christ becomes the ladder in Jn. 1:51 in accord with Rom. 15:8)



b. Gen. 32:20-30 After 20 years, upon re-entering the land Jacob is again met with angels; God confronts Jacob—the heel-grabber, the deceiver—struggles with him, renaming him Israel—lit. God fights, the Prince of God—Penuel-Face of God (also Hosea 4:12).

--Gen. 32:1-8—Jacob trying to do things through his own schemes and deceit and guile—let's pretend I didn't really steal your blessing. Esau you are my lord, and I am your servant (cp. Gen. 27:37). Spider-web plan of manipulation.

--Gen. 32:9-12—with Esau and 400 men coming, and his plan possibly failing ... Jacob finally resorts to God, reminding Him of all the promises He had made to Jacob at Bethel.

- Jacob's prayer for deliverance (Gen. 32:9-12) was answered with a face-to-face encounter and blessing that ensured victory over men after breaking his own strength to rely on God's strength.
- This is what God would do with "Jacob" in the Courses of Punishment, disabling them so that they rely on Him to be true Israel indeed. First God disabled Israel under the captivities to the Gentiles. He will one day bring them back to Himself and they will rely on Him and enter into the land and Kingdom.

8. The One who is the fulfiller of the OT, who is God who knows the heart, the Christ/Messiah, Son of God/King of Israel, the One who struggled with Jacob and renamed him Israel 2,000 yrs. Before, the One who connects God and man, Heaven and Earth, the One who does all this is there in Nathaniel's presence, face-to-face, interacting with him!
  
9. Like Jacob, the Believing Remnant would need to learn that deliverance doesn't come by compromising or accommodating the enemy (for Jacob Esau; for Israel—Egypt and others; for Believing Remnant in Jesus's day and out in the Tribulation Period that would be the Vain Religious System—the apostate nation.  
--It comes through the provisions of the gracious LORD.

10. God crippled Jacob and blessed him—Gen. 28-32 and John:
  - a. It happened before he re-entered the Promised Land (John was baptizing on the other side of the Jordan).
  - b. It involved a re-naming (Gen. 32:28) (represented in the renaming of Simon to Cephas/Peter and Nathaniel named as an Israelite without guile).
  - c. It involved seeing God face-to-face and being preserved (Peniel--Gen. 32:30) (that is what the disciples will be doing when they look upon Jesus—Philip, If you have seen me you have seen the Father (Jn. 1:14, 14:9)).
  - d. Jacob wrestled with the God-Man, (Who are You? What's Your Name?) The disciples will wrestle with the God-Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, esp. regarding His suffering, death and resurrection-trying to get their own way). But He never gives up on His Own (Gen. 32:24, 30).

- e. Jacob clung to God through it all, the Bel. Remnant of Israel will continue to cling to Him (Jn. 6:68).
- f. The Man asks Jacob what is his name, forcing him to reveal his whole nature—sinful deceiver (Gen. 32:27). John called on Israel, esp., the Bel. Remnant to come out and acknowledge and confess their national sin and enter Israel's cleansing program beginning with his water baptism. Then Jacob, truly/indeed Israel would be blessed. God first fought against Jacob to remove self-dependence, pride and rebelliousness (for Israel, the 5 COPs). After He will fight for Israel in dependence on Him in faith.
  - As Jacob, Jacob used God's things for his own fleshly pursuits.
  - As Israel, he will use God's things for God's purposes.

g. The name Israel would remind the nation that in overcoming in this fight with God and men, they could overcome all other things now relying on God's power rather than their own (Gen. 32:28; Jn. 16:33; 1 Jn. 2:13-14, 4:4, 5:4-5; Rev. 2 -3, 17:14, 21:7).

--If they could be face-to-face with God and survive, they can be face-to-face with any man and survive.

--Jacob/Israel learned that it was useless to struggle—a crippled in the flesh Jacob becomes a strong in faith Israel.

11. Jacob's prayer for deliverance was met with a face-to-face encounter with God in the person of this Man-God.

--Perhaps Nathaniel was praying under the fig tree for Israel's deliverance and God provided for him face-to-face encounter with the God Man, the Son of God, the Son of Man, who would bless him immeasurably more than what Jacob/Israel received.

12. Through Jacob's struggling and then clinging, Jacob secured for the nation a new name—Israel—and the promise of his and its ultimate victory and blessing.