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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				Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon					

Jesus and Mary

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1. Each encounter with Jesus happens in this general way:
 - a. A character expresses an external everyday question, concern, need.
 - b. Jesus cuts through all that by speaking or acting in a way that plunges down to the character's deepest and dearest most important, question, concern, longing, need of their inner being, sometimes accompanied with a sign.
 - c. That serves as a teaching ministry to the disciples: Typology esp. with regard to the future Tribulation Period and Kingdom.

2. The most likely signs in the Gospel of John:

CERTAIN

1. Water to Wine (2:1-11)
2. Healing Nobleman's Son (4:46-54)
3. Healing of the lame man (5:1-15; 7:21-23, 31)
4. Feeding of Multitude (6:1-15, 26, 30)
5. Healing of Man Born Blind (chap. 9; 9:16).
6. Raising of Lazarus (chap. 11; 11:47; 12:18)

POSSIBLE

7. Cleansing of the Temple (2:13-22)
8. Walking on Water (6:15-21)
9. Death and Resurrection of Christ
10. Surplus of Fish (21:6)

- A. John 1: Testimony to who Jesus is esp. in other's words.
- B. John 2: Responses to Jesus: One positive in faith and the other left ambiguous (door still open) in unbelief.
- C. John 3:1-21: Encounter with Nicodemus as a representative—ambiguous faith.
- D. John 3:22-36: Transition from JohnB much natural water to Jesus' self-created living spiritual water.**
- C'. John 4: Encounter w/ Samaritan Woman as a representative—unambiguous faith.
- B'. John 4:46-5:18: Responses to Jesus: One positive in faith w/o sight;the other left ambiguous (door still open) unbelief w/ sight.
- A'. John 5:19-47: Testimony to who Jesus is esp. in His words.

3. These signs point to the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is the One who can bring about Israel's re-creation of God's Own Nation that will do His will on earth (Mat. 6:10):
 - a. New Blessings: Israel needs to be taken out of the old curses of the Law and brought into the new blessings from Heaven: Kingdom and New Covenant blessings (Jn. 2:1-11).
 - b. New Temple/Religious System: Israel needs to be taken away from the Vain Religious System and brought into God's own religious system from Heaven (2:13-22).
 - c. New Birth: Israel needs not just a natural birth but a supernatural birth by faith—they must be born again, from God above (Jn. 3:1-9).

- d. New Source of Heavenly Information: The Son of God who came from Heaven in the bosom of the Father (Jn. 3:10-21).
- e. New Baptizer: Israel must receive not just natural water baptism from John but Spirit baptism from Christ, the One from Heaven (Jn. 3:22-36).
- f. New Savior of the World: While salvation in God's Prophetic Program with Israel begins with the salvation of Israel (salvation' from the Curses of the Law), it ends with the salvation of the world (salvation from the Curses of the Fall) (Jn. 4).

4. If this is the case, then the 7th day has all kinds of associations:
 - a. Creation Sabbath Rest—Creative act, changing water to wine.
 - b. Kingdom Sabbath Rest
 - Abundance of wine—Jer. 31:12; Hos. 14:7; Amos 9:13-14.
 - The Kingdom will be given to the servants and taken away from the rulers (Mat. 21:43).
 - Faith in Jesus is the source of life for Israel and her religious activities.

5. Or the 3 days may not be connected to the previous days and is just playing off the number “3” in Jn. 2:1; 2:19-20; 20:19, 21, 26; 21:14, 17; Lk. 2:46; Gen. 22:4; Hos. 6:2) at pivotal moments in Jesus’ ministry.
 - a. In Jn. 2:1—Mary unwittingly directs all eyes to the prophetic clock that will lead to Jesus’ Hour on the Cross in fulfillment of God’s/Daniel’s Time Schedule.
 - b. In Jn. 2:19—directs all eyes on the enmity against Jesus that will be put to death on the Cross, also in accord with God’s Time Schedule for the resurrection 3 days later.

Nation needs: New Kingdom Blessings (Jn. 2:1-11; Mat. 4:23-24)

6. Sign #1—See great things of the Son of Man. Water turned to Wine at a marriage banquet—superabundance 100-150 gals. Fullness, however, comes at His HOUR (Num. 13:23-24).
 - a. Whereas Nathaniel answered to the Fig Tree in the prophetic promise that in Israel's Millennial Kingdom of peace and prosperity everyone will enjoy their Fig Tree and Vine, here Mary answers to the Vine. Mary was looking for the fruit of the Vine, but there was none in Israel.
 - b. Israel needs to be created anew to receive the Kingdom blessings and be married to the Lord (Is. 62:4).
 - c. Culmination of New Covenant (Hos. 2:13-23, 6:2, 14:7; Jer. 31:12, 31; Amos 9:13-14)

7. Jesus's modus operandi in most of these encounters:
 - a. First, He sweeps aside what the person says or does and instead addresses the inner, deepest needs, concerns, longings of the person or group of people hearts—things they really need, things that they may not even know they need or wrongly think they have already met.
 - b. Second, then sometimes almost as an afterthought, He addresses the issue the person or group of people actually said or did.

8. Jesus' encounter with Mary:

- a. Mary expresses concern about ordinary everyday wine running out at an ordinary everyday Jewish wedding feast.
- b. But Jesus knows (and so do we!) what Mary's REAL deepest requests, longings, desires treasured in her heart are: The promises God made to her that her Son would deliver and restore Israel and usher them into the Kingdom of peace and prosperity.
- c. Jesus could not fulfil completely her deepest desires and usher in the Kingdom at that time because He didn't operate according to her time schedule but according to His Father's Time Schedule as revealed in Daniel's Time Schedule.
- d. But He could give her a small foretaste of those Kingdom blessings by changing the water to wine.

9. Since we have suggested that this first official encounter accompanied with a “sign” act as a kind of pattern for understanding other encounters, what Mary treasured in her heart was generally what was treasured by all the members of the Believing Remnant of Israel—Anna and Simeon, Mary and Joseph, JohnB and his disciples, etc.--in their hearts.

10. In addition to the type of “wine” there are other possible OT types/themes in this encounter:
 - a. WOMAN (Jn. 2:4; 19:26; Gen. 3:15; 4:1, 25)—what the Woman, Eve, had hoped but was not—the Mother of the Messiah—was fulfilled with Mary who was the Mother of the Seed of the Woman who would destroy the Satanic evil.

b. HOUR has not yet come. Jesus's response isn't directed by people but by the Father in accord with Daniel's Time Schedule which gives the appointed time for the cutting off of Messiah and entrance into the Last Days, the final installment of the 5th Course of Punishment—the 7-year Tribulation Period and then establishment of Israel's earthly Kingdom (Dan. 9:26).

--Before Christ could come as the Son of Man in power and glory to fulfil Daniel's Prophecy of an everlasting Kingdom for Israel on earth (Acts 1:8), He had to first complete what He came to do—His Purpose, His Hour--His earthly ministry, culminating in glorifying God and being glorified in His death, resurrection and return to the Father.

The **HOUR** is when He is glorified and God is glorified in Him, which centers on His death on the Cross (Jn. 17:1).

- The Cross glorifies God because it shows what kind of God He is: One willing to die for His friends.
- The Cross glorifies God because in it we have the provision and explanation of how God could deal with idolatrous and rebellious Israel based on the Grace Resident in His Jehovah Name rather than the vengeance and wrath that the Mosaic Law demanded, going all the way back to the Golden Calf Incident (and before). He came to take Israel's Curses of the Law onto Himself!

- The Cross provides the blood of the New Covenant by which God forgives Israel's national debt of sin so that He could create His Own debt-free nation out of the Bel. Rem. And raise her above all other nations to be His conduit of blessings to the world when He returns as the Son of Man with all Authority and Power and Glory to establish the Millennial Kingdom which turns into the everlasting Kingdom.

- c. 7th Day—Sabbath—the Sabbath Rest of the Millennial Kingdom—God ruling the earth through His human agency (Heb. 4:1-11).
- d. Marriage—God’s wooing and betrothal to Israel. (Rev. 19:7-10; Hos. 2:14ff; Is. 62:4-5; Jer. 31:31).
- e. The Kingdom will include super-abounding physical blessings for national Israel (Deut. 8:7-9; Lev. 26:10; Ezek. 34:25-31).
- f. Israel is identified as a vine in the OT (Is. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:8-15; Jer. 2:21), and Jesus will be the True Vine (Jn. 15:1). Mary came looking for the fruit of the vine but found none, a picture of Israel’s ruin.
- g. Jewish purification water pots of VRS are completely ineffective apart from Christ, whom makes them effective by infusing them with His Word, Life and Spirit.

11. Even though Mary did not fully understand, she responds in complete faith and confidence in reliance on the Word of Jesus and pointed Him out to others: Do what ever He says.

-- So too, the Believing Remnant does not immediately understand but receives Jesus's words and points others to Him.