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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.					
											Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon		

Why Can't We Understand the Gospels?

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Why it's so hard for us to understand what is going on in the Gospels:

1. The primary reasons are that we have been brainwashed by the errors of most of historic Christianity and society into thinking:
 - a. That God has done away with the literal physical Nation of Israel and replaced it with us. We are the new and true Israel, Spiritual Israel.
 - b. That the whole Bible is centered on one plan, namely, man and his redemption ... That's the sole topic of Scriptures.
 - c. In addition, we live in an extremely individualistic society where exercise of assumed personal, individual rights is paramount to all else.

2. God has replaced the literal physical Nation of Israel with us, spiritual Israel. This error/lie is particularly effective at destroying God's Word while allowing us to think we are spiritual in doing so.
 - a. If when God wrote "Israel" in His Word He didn't really mean physical Israel but spiritual US, then every time we see Israel in the Scriptures the next logical step is to replace it with ME or US.
 - b. And if Israel isn't really Israel, then when God wrote Jerusalem He didn't really mean Jerusalem (how foolish)! He meant your hometown!

- c. And if God says Christ will sit on the throne of David, He didn't really mean a literal physical throne (how foolish)! He meant the throne of your heart.
- d. This is all just a particularly deceptive way to get you to throw away God's Word and replace it with man's while thinking you are spiritual doing it.
- e. As long as we operate according to this false teaching, **WE WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND CHRIST'S EARTHLY MINISTRY AS RECORDED IN THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS.**

3. The error that the whole Bible is centered on one plan, namely, man and his redemption ... That the sole topic of Scriptures from beginning to end ... Has permeated all of historic Christianity.
 - a. This false teaching is based on one fundamental egregious error. They begin their theology in Gen. 3:15. But the Bible doesn't start in Gen. 3:15 it begins in Gen. 1:1!
 - b. The result of beginning in Gen. 3:15 is that they conclude the rest of the Bible from there on is solely concerned with man and his redemption. They call it God's redempto-historical plan.
 - c. If there is only one plan revealed in the Bible, then there is no need for the distinct apostleship of Paul and no need for the Mystery that reveals a second plan, purpose and people! In short, it does away with all that God is doing today in the Disp. Of Grace.

d. Of course, the instant rebuttal and corrective to this error is to remember that the Bible, in fact, does NOT begin in Gen. 3:15. The Bible begins in Gen. 1:1 with the creation of 2 spheres of existence—the Heavens and the Earth--and ends with the re-creation of those 2 spheres of existence. Therefore, there is a need for 2 purposes, programs and peoples:

--One whereby God will re-establish His Glory on the Earth
—God's Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel spoken about since the world began.

--And another whereby God will re-establish His Glory in the Heavens—God's Mystery Program with the Body of Christ kept secret since the world began!

4. In our individualistic society, it is almost impossible for us to comprehend Israel's National—corporate, communal--salvation.
 - a. In our self-absorption, we focus on individual, personal salvation—I'm the center of the universe and everything must be about me and for me. But the Scriptures say, in fact, that God is the center of the universe and everything is about Him and His Glory!
 - b. Our pattern is Luther's individual personal moments of crisis of guilt and judgment remedied by Paul's teaching in Romans.
--But as important as this is, it is not everything.
 - c. Of course, the corollary of this when it comes to Scripture is that everything in the Bible must be about ME too (and if its not, it is not "practical" and I DON'T CARE!)

- d. Israel and other ancient societies didn't primarily think this way. Because of the frailty and precariousness of human existence in ancient times, they primarily focused on communal, corporate, national salvation. When the community was saved, the individual citizen would be safe as well.
5. The Gospel Accounts are primarily about how God has now sent Jesus Christ AT THAT TIME to accomplish Israel's NATIONAL salvation, restoring Israel and making her the head of all other nations in the Kingdom, fulfilling all the promises God made to the Nation of Israel's patriarchal fathers. This is the most common everyday concept:

- a. Someone recently said Jimmy Carter destroyed America and Ronald Reagan saved America. It is obvious that they were not talking about individual personal destruction or salvation. They were talking about NATIONAL salvation. When the NATION was destroyed or saved the individual citizens suffered or flourished, respectively.
- b. When the Nazi's brought the NATION of Germany to ruin it brought every individual citizen of Germany into suffering, even decades later, whether they participated in it or not.
- c. When Christ came AT THE PROPHESED TIME was not primarily to offer individual personal salvation (He had been doing that throughout Israel's history!). God sent Him specifically AT THAT TIME to accomplish Israel's NATIONAL salvation. It was time to restore and re-unify the NATION.

6. Let's look at some examples that show how the false teachings and assumptions of most of historic Christianity get us to throw away God's Word, replace it with the traditions of men, all the while we think we are spiritual in doing so thereby making God's Word of no effect (Mk. 7:13).
 - a. Lk. 1:14-17—JohnB points to the Lord, who has now arrived to confirm by beginning to fulfill all God's promises to Israel's patriarchal fathers with their children in Christ's day (Rom. 15:8).
 - b. Lk. 1:30-33—The King of Israel has arrived, who will reign on David's throne in Jerusalem in Israel's long-promised physical Kingdom on Earth as promised to Israel's Fathers—Jesus=Israel's JEHOVAH (LORD) YOUR (Israel's) SAVIOR—the LORD YOUR SALVATION.
--not on the throne of your heart in your hometown in the inner spiritual kingdom of your soul!

- c. Lk. 1:46-56—Christ's coming AT THAT TIME is to dispense the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name, offering mercy (the benefits of the Davidic Covenant) to Israel so believing Israel can be "SAVED" from and through the coming wrath of the Tribulation Period and be ushered into the Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace and made into God's ruling NATION on the Earth in accord with God's promises to Abraham.
- d. Lk. 1:68-79—Christ's coming AT THAT TIME is to manifest God's Righteousness in destroying His enemies and saving His friends, providing remission from Israel's NATIONAL debt of sins (Acts 2:37-42).

e. Lk. 2:25-32, 38—Christ's coming AT THAT TIME was to bring Israel into her NATIONAL salvation--the consolation of Israel —the reflectors of God's Glory making the Nation a light to the Gentiles (Acts 3:12-26). Simeon—CONSOLATION of Israel-
-Anna REDEMPTION of Israel=SALVATION of Israel.

7. In short, all these people were looking for salvation but NOT individual personal salvation (they already had that!) but to participate in Israel's NATIONAL salvation. Christ's 1st at that time to prepare Israel and provide for her NATIONAL salvation in fulfillment of all God's promises to Israel, so He could rule the Gentile nations through them thereby re-establishing His Glory on the Earth.

--If you want to know the full manifestation of all that is involved in God saving individual sinners from their personal sins, you need to go to Paul (Rom. 3-4).