

A LOST CAUSE

FINDING THE BODY OF CHRIST IN REVELATION

*“For God hat not appointed us to wrath,
but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”*

~1 Thessalonians 5:9

1. Defining the Body of Christ

- a. Members of a spiritual body (not a nation) - 1Cor 12:27, Eph 1:22-23, Col 1:24, Gal 3:27
- b. Justified freely by grace (not of works) - Titus 3:5, 2Tim 1:9, Eph 2:8-9, Rom 4:5 & 5:8-11
- c. To preach reconciliation/peace (not judgment/wrath) – Rom 5:1, 2Cor5:19, Col 1:21 & 2:13
- d. Destined for heavenly places (not earthly) - Eph 2:6, Col 3:1-2, 1 Thes 4:17
- e. Kept secret since the world began (not prophesied) – Col 1:25-27, Eph 3:3-6, Rom 16:25

2. The Revelation of Jesus Christ – “the beginning and the ending” (Isa 48:12-13)

- a. God’s servants – Rev 1:1 & 22:3, Lev 25:55, Deut 32:43, Mat 24:44-46, Gal 4:7
- b. The testimony of Jesus Christ = prophecy – Rev 2:2-3, 19:10, 22:6-10 & 12:17, Acts 3:20-25
- c. Kings, priests, clouds, kindreds – Rev1:6-7, Exo19:6, Mat19:28 & 24:30, Dan7:13, Zec12:10
- d. A righteous judge (of men’s works) - Rev 1:13-16 & 22:10-14, Isa 11:4, 2Thes2:8, Heb 4:12

3. “The seven churches which are in Asia” – Revelation 1:11

- a. “Church” does not always refer to the mystery Body – Acts 7:38, Acts 2:44-47, Col 1:24
- b. Works – Rev 2:2-7, 9, 13-16, 19-23, 3:1-4, 8-11, 15-16; John 5:28-29, Jas 2:14, Acts 10:35
- c. Ears to hear – Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22; Mat 13:9-17, Zec 7:9-12
- d. Prophetic references galore – (see opposite side of outline)
- e. Other statements contrary to mystery doctrine:
 - i. Eating meats offered to idols – Rev 2:14 & 20 vs 1Cor 8:8, Rom 14:17,
 - ii. In the temple or ARE the temple - Rev 3:12 vs 1Cor 3:16
 - iii. In an earthly throne or seated in heavenly places – Rev 3:21 vs Eph 2:6

4. Other passages where the church is NOT (but people think it is)

- a. “redeemed us out of every kindred”(Rev 5:9), but read on... - Isa 11:11-12, Ezk 6:8, Acts 8:1
- b. “if any man worship the beast” (Rev 14:9), but read on... - Rev 14:12
- c. “the Lamb has come, and his wife” (Rev 19:7-9) – 19:17?...nah, how about Rev 21:2, 9-27
- d. “the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him” (Rev 22:1-3)
 - i. This wrong teaching is in some mid-Acts circles based on 1Thes 4:17
 - ii. If the BoC returns to earth, what is its function? Eph 3:10, 1Cor 6:3, Rev 21:24

Passages from Revelation chapters 2 & 3 that are direct references to Israel's prophetic scriptures:

Revelation Reference		Prophetic Reference
Rev 2:1	"who walketh in the midst"	Lev 24:12
2:4	"thy first love"	Jer 2:1-2, Deut 7:6-8, Ezk 14:4-6
2:7	"eat of the tree of life"	Gen 3:22, Prov 11:30, Rev 22:14
2:9	"blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not"	Zec 5:4
2:14	"thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel,"	Num 31:16
2:17	"will I give to each of the hidden manna"	Exo 16:14-22, Mat 6:11
2:17	"a new name written, which no man knoweth"	Isa 62:2
2:26	"to him will I give power over the nations"	Psa 2:8, Isa 61:6 Mat 19:28
2:28	"And I will give him the morning star"	Num 24:17, Rev 22:16
3:3	"I will come on thee as a thief"	Joel 2:1-11, Zec 5:4, Mark 13:35-37
3:5	"clothed in white raiment"	Dan 12:10
3:5	"blot out his name out of the book of life"	Dan 12:1, Rev 6:11 & 20:15
3:5	"I will confess his name before my Father"	Mat 10:32
3:7	"he that hath the key of David"	Isa 22:22
3:10	"keep thee from the hour of temptation"	Luke 11:4 & 21:35-36, Jas 1:12, Ps 95:8
3:12	"I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name"	Isa 62:2, Rev 14:1 & 22:4
3:16	"I will spue thee out of my mouth"	Lev 20:22-24
3:20	"I stand at the door, and knock"	Psa 7:6 & 110:1, Jas 5:9, Luke 12:36
3:21	"sit with me in my throne"	Dan 7:9-10, Jer 22:4, Rev 7:10