

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

BASIC DISPENSATIONAL LESSONS - PART II

*"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing,
nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."*

~ Galatians 6:15

1. One Step at a Time

- a. 120 years ago Scofield wrote a booklet; the road has been traveled before
- b. All Bible for us → God operates differently → what is he doing, what should I do?
- c. Step 1 – You can understand the text (literal) – you can understand the details
- d. The beauty of literal Bible study is that you don't need trained to read a certain way.
 - i. What does Exo 14:21-22, Mark 16:17-18 mean? Just what it says.

2. The Dilemma

- a. Israel = nation promised earthly kingdom; Church= one spiritual body, glory in heaven
- b. Everyone sees a difference between Israel and the church, but how do you explain it?
- c. Everyone thinks they are the church, but what happened to Israel? (Rom 9-11)
- d. More accurately it concerns the prophecy (of Israel) and the mystery (of the church)
- e. When God spoke to Israel was he secretly speaking about you? – Gen 12:1-3
- f. How was the mystery kept secret? Rom 16:25-26, Col 1:24-27, Eph 3:3-9

3. The Key

- a. The key = Israel and the church are different/distinct/ought to be divided.
- b. If 'church' is a "called out assembly", then who is called? What are you called? Why are you called? When are you called? How are you called? – 1 Cor 3:10-11, 12:27
- c. There is a new man – Eph 2:15; "ye were Gentiles" – 1 Cor 12:2, 10:32, Gal 3:28
- d. Is Christ the King over your nation, or is Christ in you the Head of the Body – Eph 1:22
- e. The Body of Christ is a new creature (not old thing) – Ga 6:15, 2Co 5:17, 1Co 10:16
- f. If the church is not prophesied Israel, then Israel has still a future – Ro 11:25-29

4. The Failure to Use the Key

- a. The failure to use the key has resulted in confusion/contradiction/corruption
- b. Prophecy of Israel speaks about a remnant – Isaiah 10:22-23
- c. The last days of prophecy are given to Israel - Joel 2:28-29
- d. The new covenant and the new creature are different – Heb 8:7-13
- e. Israel's nation and kingdom is not the fellowship of the mystery
- f. The mystery of God's will is that ultimately all will be brought together – Eph 1:10
- g. When you know who God has called you to be and to do, confusion disappears.