

Chart Lesson: Rightly Divided Inheritance

- Introduction
 - In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1)
 - God created mankind through Adam and Eve and placed them in the garden of eden where they lived in a perfect and glorious environment. They disobeyed God's instruction not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17; 3:1-7). This brought sin, death and evil into the world (Romans 5:12).
 - Because of this God made a plan to restore the heaven and earth to its former glory (Revelation 21:1)
 - Despite the disobedience of Adam and Eve God decided to call out for himself a nation of people amongst a sinful world.
 - That nation would come through Abram who was given promises from God (**Gen. 12:1-3; Gen. 13:15-17**)
 - God finalizes this promise with Abram through a covenant (**Genesis 15:5-21**)
 - Inheritance = "The reception of an estate by hereditary right, or the descent by which an estate or title is cast on the heir; as, the heir received the estate by inheritance."— *Webster's Dictionary 1828*
 - Inheritance = the receiving of an estate by hereditary right or divine right. In scripture the inheritance God gives is glorious
 - Estate = land, home, personal possessions, Fortune, anything that someone has ownership of
 - Heir = the one who receives the inheritance (traditionally the firstborn)
 - The covenants & promises given to Abraham, along with the promised inheritance, is eventually passed down to Isaac and then to Jacob (Genesis 28:1-4)
 - Jacob was also given the name Israel (Genesis 32:28; Genesis 35:10). He had 12 sons that become the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel. These 12 tribes become the nation of Israel.

- The Nation of Israel's inheritance
 - Israel is God's firstborn and heirs of the inheritance of this promised land on earth (**Exodus 4:22**)
 - What right does God have to give the land of Canaan for an inheritance? (**Exodus 19:3-6**)
 - He calls Israel a people of inheritance (**Deuteronomy 4:15-21; Exodus 32:11-14**)
 - Moses -> Given the law at Mt. Sinai and this set more terms and conditions for Israel's inheritance (blessing and cursing **Deuteronomy 11:26-28**)
 - Before Israel entered into the promised land the Lord had Moses and Eleazar count the number of people in each tribe to split up the land inheritance (**Numbers 26:1-4; Numbers 26:53-54**)
 - Because of Moses disobedience Joshua led the nation of Israel across the river Jordan and began the conquest of the promised land (**Joshua 11:23**)
 - Joshua chapters 13-19 details the inheritance being divided up amongst the nation of Israel as they were making their conquest.
 - Israel settles into their land and they begin to desire a king. We are introduced to king David who is promised the kingdom on his throne as an everlasting covenant (2 Samuel 7:12-13)
 - David sings about the inheritance of the land of Canaan (**1 Chronicles 16:8-18**)
 - Ezekiel talks about the division of the land of their inheritance in Ezekiel 47:13 through 48:28 (**Ezekiel 48:29**)
 - Jesus comes preaching the kingdom of heaven at hand and he speaks of those who will inherit the earth (**Matthew 5:5**)
 - The little flock gets the kingdom (**Luke 12:32**)
 - The nation needed to be reborn by faith in Jesus Christ as their messiah (John 3:3-5 Jesus tells Nicodemus that the nation needs to be born again)
 - Jesus speaks of eternal life on the earth in the kingdom (**Matthew 19:16-24**)
 - The disciples not only inherit eternal life. They inherit a special

seat on the earth (**Matthew 19:25-30**)

- Even peter and the disciples continue this theme of inheritance of the earth (**Acts 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Hebrews 6:10-12; Hebrews 13:14**)
 - Sounds eerily similar to what Jesus told His disciples (**John 14:2-3; Revelation 21:1-3**)
- The Inheritance of the Body of Christ
 - God interrupts this prophetic program by giving Paul the dispensation of the grace of God concerning the mystery of Christ (**Ephesians 3:1-9**)
 - According to this mystery dispensation given to the Apostle Paul you have been baptized by the Spirit into Christ (**Romans 6:3; 1 Corinthians 12:13**)
 - You are now part of a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:26-28)
 - Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead (**Colossians 1:18**)
 - There is an inheritance that we have obtained according to the dispensation of the grace of God (**Ephesians 1:3-14**)
 - This inheritance is not on the earth (**Ephesians 2:4-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17**)
 - We have been blessed with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3)
 - We are heirs and joint heirs with Christ (**Galatians 3:29-4:7; Romans 8:15-17**)
 - Heirs of eternal life (**Titus 3:7**)
- Conclusion
 - It is not until the Apostle Paul that you know that you are a people destined for heavenly places. Our inheritance as the body of Christ is different than that of Israel's.
 - God's mystery will will be fulfilled (Ephesians 1:9-10)

- According to prophecy Israel inherits eternal life on the earth
- According to the mystery the Body of Christ inherits eternal life in heaven with a heavenly seat
- BOC -> Inherits heavenly seat and yet we are alive on the earth before we fully receive our inheritance
- Israel -> Inherits the earth and can still live in heaven while they wait for their inheritance