

## ***Session 04 The Fullness of the Gentiles: Provoking Israel***

### **I. THE MYSTERY OF GOD – THE REVELATION OF GOD'S MASTER PLAN**

*For I do not desire, brethren, THAT YOU SHOULD BE IGNORANT OF THIS MYSTERY...that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved. (Rom. 11:25-26)*

A. God's purpose with Israel is of the highest importance to the End-Time revival.

B. What is God's mystery? The secret plan hidden in God's heart (Eph. 3:5, 9-10).

*To make ALL...the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God...that the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (Eph. 3:9-10)*

### **II. THE RESPONSE OF UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERY (ROM. 11:33; 12:1-2)**

A. Awestruck with the plan of God.

*Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! (Rom. 11:33)*

B. Lifestyle of obedience by renewing our minds with the truths from Rom. 3-11.

*I beseech you THEREFORE...by the mercies of God (Rom. 3-11), that you present your bodies a living sacrifice...which is your reasonable service (inevitable response). 2...be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove (manifest for all to see) what is that good (satisfying) and acceptable and perfect will (plan) of God. (Rom. 12:1-2)*

### **III. THE OVERALL MYSTERY (PLAN) OF GOD FROM ETERNITY**

A. *The end result* – a people living in the fullness of God as Jesus' Bride with perfected unity and love (Eph. 3:19; 4:13; 5:27; Jn. 17:21-23, 26).

B. *The central means* – through God becoming human in order to pay for the just penalty of our sin by experiencing the wrath of God (Rom. 3-8).

C. *The historical necessity* – God functions as the great social architect in leading history to fulfill His purposes without violating man's free will and while dealing with Satan in perfect justice. God oversees the process that provides the necessary social dynamics created through history between Israel and the nations (Gentiles). God changes Israel's position of prominence spiritually, politically, economically etc. with various nations to create the dynamics optimum for the Great Harvest.

#### IV. THE END RESULT OF GOD’S PLAN IS VOLUNTARY UNITY AND LOVE

*That they ALL may be one, AS You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU SENT ME. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one JUST AS We are one 23...that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them AS You have loved Me. (Jn. 17:21-23)*

- A. The purpose of God for His family is to be in perfect oneness with God and with one another. (Jn. 17:21-23; Eph. 1:10; 2:14-16; 3:3, 6; 4:3-4, 13). Unity is the same reality as love and happiness. A unified people are filled with love and happiness without complaint or accusation towards each other.
- B. There are three qualifiers in Jn. 17:21; first, ALL the redeemed are in unity, second, the unity is like the unity in the Trinity and third, it occurs on earth or in context to unbelievers seeing it and believing in Jesus. This voluntarily unity and love will begin to occur in the Great Tribulation and in the Millennial Kingdom.

#### V. THREE DIMENSIONS OF THE MYSTERY – THE END-TIME PLAN OF GOD

- A. Jewish people worldwide have a spirit of blindness related to their Messiah.
- B. Fullness of the Gentiles is God’s means of winning Israel (Rom. 11:11).
- C. All Israel will be saved when their Deliverer comes (Rom. 11:26-27).

#### VI. ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

*“...that blindness in part has happened to Israel...” (Rom. 11:25)*

*Have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! Through their fall...salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 If their fall is riches for the world...how much more their fullness! 15 ...what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? (Rom. 11:11-15)*

- A. Israel has an appointed time to know the fullness of national blessing through divine acceptance as she experiences relationship with her Messiah, Jesus.
- B. Paul's main purpose in Rom. 11 is to give us the assurance of the primary role of Israel in God’s purpose to establish His worldwide kingdom. Paul gives us details about the measure, result, timing and means God uses to release it. **Israel's rejection of Jesus is not total (Rom. 11:1-10) nor final (Rom. 11:11-32).** Rom. 9-11, is a primary part of Paul's message, it is not a theological parenthesis.

- C. The Church must not be ignorant of the supernatural blindness on Israel and therefore, draw wrong conclusions about her role in God's plan of establishing His kingdom on earth. (Many see the small percentage of Jewish people who have responded to the Gospel through history, then conclude that Israel will not be saved in mass or used in a significant prophetic way in the End-Times.
1. Israel's present blindness does not mean that Israel has fallen from the **primary role** that God ordained for her in *salvation history*. In other words, God has NOT given up on using Israel as His primary instrument to establish His Kingdom on earth (Great Commission).
  2. Israel's present blindness means that it is **unusually difficult for Jewish people to accept Jesus**. In other words, the dynamic and unique reality of the Tribulation is necessary to change Israel's view of Jesus and the Church.

## VII. THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

***For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (Rom. 11:25)***

- A. We need revelation that the fullness of the Gentiles will usher in the greatest revival up to date. This fullness includes the full number of Gentile converts (Rev. 7:9) and martyrs (Rev. 6:11) as well as walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:11-13; 5:27). The fullness involves the accumulated experience through history with an End-Time release of anointing in prayer, power and martyrdom.
- B. **The Fullness of the Gentiles** – includes salvation (Rom. 11:11), riches (Rom. 11:12), reconciling of the world (Rom. 11:15) and mercy (Rom. 11:30). In other words, it involves the progressive experience of the riches of the Gentiles.
- C. Salvation speaks of more than the idea of individuals experiencing the new birth but of the corporate purpose of Gentiles as God's temporary primary vessel during 2,000 years of Church history until the End-Times just as Israel has the primary role for 1,000 years during the Millennium (far greater glory and impact).
- D. God will use this coming Gentile harvest in a dynamic way to bring salvation to Israel. The Fullness of the Gentiles will bring untold millions of new radical believers together in the Holy Spirit as a mighty prophetic intercessory weapon in God's hand to break the spirit of blindness off of Israel.

## VIII. ALL ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED – THE FULLNESS OF ISRAEL

*...blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." (Rom. 11:25-27)*

A. The Fullness of Israel describes the measure of the revival to impact Israel.

*If their fall is riches for the world...much more their fullness! (Rom. 11:12)*

B. Israel's fullness includes all Israel begin saved – 100% of the unsaved Jewish people who survive the Tribulation will worship Jesus in the Millennial kingdom.

C. When will all Israel be saved? The remnant of Israel is being saved today in record numbers. However, the full number will not be saved and released into the full power of the Holy Spirit until the Second Coming of their Messiah.

*"I will pour on the house of David...the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him..." (Zech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7)*

*All Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob." (Rom. 11:26)*

## IX. RESULT OF ISRAEL'S FULLNESS: LIFE FROM THE DEAD FOR THE WORLD

*What will their acceptance be but life from the dead? (Rom. 11:15)*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...(Matthew 28:19)*

A. The result of the revival leading to the Fullness of Israel is the establishing for Millennial Kingdom as Jesus' full earthly inheritance (Ps. 2:8-9).

B. All the kings during the Millennium will being saved (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24) and their governments will be based on Scripture.

C. At this time, Israel will lead a worldwide release of God's power and goodness that far surpasses the earlier revival (Fullness of the Gentiles) before Jesus' return.

D. The fullness of the Gentile revival will lead to a full Jewish revival which leads to earth being filled with the knowledge and glory of God. (Hab. 2:14)

**X. WHAT IS GOD’S ACTION PLAN TO BRING ALL ISRAEL TO SALVATION?**

- A. The Scripture outlines at least seven different means that God will use to aid in Israel's fullness (full salvation) i.e., Gentiles provoking and extending God’s mercy to Israel (Rom. 11:11, 30), the ministry of the Two Witnesses (Rev. 11), the ministry of the 144,000 Jewish believers (Rev. 7), Israel's experience of grace in the wilderness (Jer. 31:2), new insight resulting from God’s judgments (Isa. 26:9) and Jesus' Second Coming (Zech. 12:10).
- B. Paul focused on two of these seven means (provocation and mercy). In other words, he emphasized the ones related to the responsibilities of Gentile believers (Rom. 10:19; 11:11, 14, 27). The Apostle John focused on the messianic Jewish witness to Israel through the ministry of the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 in Jewish ministries (Paul probably did not know about these). The Old Testament prophets pointed to the impact Israel would receive directly from God in finding grace in the wilderness and understanding His judgments (Isa. 26:9). All spoke of the ultimate impact of the Second Coming of Christ (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 11:27).

**XI. RECEIVING MERCY AND PROVOKED TO JEALOUSY BY THE GENTILES**

*Through their fall (Israel), TO PROVOKE THEM (Israel) TO JEALOUSY, salvation has come to the Gentiles. (Rom. 11:11)*

*These (Israel) have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you (Gentiles) they (Israel) also may obtain mercy. (Rom. 11:31)*

- A. What causes the blindness to lift off Israel? (The 7 means just listed). In Rom. 11, Paul focuses on two significant strategies in the Father's heart in bringing Israel to her fullness (Rom. 11:11, 30). God will provoke to jealousy and extend mercy to Israel through Gentile believers who function in the Holy Spirit.
- B. For Israel to be provoked to jealousy by Gentiles is one of the most remarkable dimensions of God’s End-Time plan. To be provoked to **godly jealousy** means to deeply desire what Gentile believers have. Israel has been repulsed by the Church through history not provoked to godly jealousy. Rather, Israel has had hostility not jealousy. **What will cause the great change?** God has planned something so drastic to cause Israel to be **jealous**. Paul provides new apostolic interpretation of Moses' prophecy of the Gentiles provoking Israel to jealousy (Deut. 32:21).
- C. Israel will also receive mercy through the mercy shown to Gentiles (Rom. 11:31). The kindness (mercy) shown by the Church to Jewish people in context to the difficulty of fleeing will be supernatural and will bring healing. God has ordained this as His gift of love to them in their weakness during the Great Tribulation.

## XII. THE DYNAMIC AND UNIQUE SETTING AT THE END-OF-THE-AGE

- A. Israel's present blindness *means that it is unusually difficult for Jewish people to accept Jesus*. In other words, a dynamic and unique context worldwide will be necessary to change Israel's perception of Jesus and the Church.
- B. Satan's strategy is to exploit a “loophole” in God’s plan. Jesus bound Himself by prophecy to only come back to Israel after being invited by their leadership.  
*“...you shall see Me no more TILL you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' (Mt. 23:39)*
- C. *Satan wants to exterminate the Jewish people* so that a believing remnant cannot invite Jesus to rule Israel as her Messiah. Satan's main purposes are a worldwide worship movement and the extermination of all Israel (Rev. 12-13). Satan will kill many Christians and Jewish people in the End-Times (Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; 11: 33-35; 12: 7, 10; Rev. 6:9-11; 7: 9, 14; 9:21; 11:7; 13:7, 15; 16:5-7; 17:6; 18: 24; 19: 2; Mt. 10: 21-22, 28; 24:9; Lk. 12:4-7; 21:16-19; Jn. 15:18- 16:4).  
*Now when the dragon (Satan) saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (remnant of Israel) who gave birth to the male Child (Jesus). 14 But the woman... (escaped) into the wilderness... from the presence of the serpent (Satan). 15 So the serpent spewed water... like a flood after the woman (remnant of Israel), that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood (persecution). 16 But the earth helped the woman... 17 The dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring (Church), who... have the testimony of Jesus. (Rev. 12:13-17)*
- D. Satan's attack on Israel will kill 2/3 of the Jewish people.  
*“And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the LORD, “that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one- third shall be left in it: 9 I WILL BRING the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined...” (Zech. 13:8-9)*

## XIII. PROVOKED TO JEALOUSY – PRACTICAL VARIOUS WAYS

- A. Providing refuge – for Jewish people in flight as they are hunted by the nations. In the time of Nazi Germany's persecution of Israel, their laws required the reporting of all Jewish people in flight or be charged as an accomplice to state crime.
- B. Miracles like Elijah – multiplication of food, healing the sick and prophesying.
- C. Godly living – as the whole world embraces immorality and the occult, etc.
- D. Transcendent lifestyle – to walk fearless in the face of death.

#### XIV. FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES UNTO THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL

WE ASK GOD FOR A GREAT REVIVAL IN OUR CITY FOR GOD'S GLORY AND THE GOOD OF THOSE BEING SAVED. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOD HAS YET ANOTHER PURPOSE THAT WILL RESULT IN THE GLORY OF GOD FILLING THE EARTH. THE COMING REVIVAL THAT USHERS IN THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES WILL RELEASE MILLIONS OF ANOINTED INTERCESSORS WHO LIVE IN THE GRACE OF FASTING AND PRAYER AS A LOVESICK BRIDE. THEY WILL OPERATE IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKING MIRACLES AND PROPHECYING TO BRING MANY TO SALVATION. THIS MIGHTY ARMY WILL FEARLESSLY COUNT IT A PRIVILEGE TO FACE MARTYRDOM AS THEY EMBRACE JESUS AND HIS LOVE FOR ISRAEL.

#### XV. ARROGANCE: THE CONSEQUENCE OF IGNORANCE (ROM. 11:18, 20-22, 25)

*(Do not be ignorant of the mystery)...lest you be wise in your own opinion (Rom. 11:25)*

*Do not boast against the branches...20 Do not be haughty, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches (Israel), He may not spare you either. 22 Consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. (Rom. 11:18, 20-22)*

- A. Paul warns us of the consequences of remaining in ignorance. Ignorance often leads to arrogance against God. For to boast against Israel is to be arrogant against God and His plan instead of awestruck (Rom. 11:33). It is arrogant to see our personal ministries as superior in importance to God's bigger purposes.
- B. *The progression of ignorance* – passivity becomes arrogance, which becomes passive resistance (cynical and impatient), then active resistance (progressively cooperating with those who persecute Israel) and then finally apostasy (Rom. 11:22). The challenge facing the Church today is passive indifference. It is based mostly on lack of information, which is the responsibility of Church leadership. If this passivity continues after hearing of God's plan, then it becomes arrogance.
- C. *THE PROGRESSION OF REVELATION* – general revelation of this mystery leads us to prayer for the release of God's purpose in Israel. Prayer and fasting position our hearts to receive more grace. In other words, specific marching orders (action plan from God), strength to stand without compromise in pressure, supernatural love and insight for the Jewish people and the release of anointing to serve Israel.

- D. The End-Times Church has two options – to be a people with ***“anointed action”*** or ***“ignorant arrogance”***. In other words, we become a ***“provoking people”*** or an ***“apostate people.”*** Our standing before God in eternity is impacted by this (Mt. 25:31-46). The Church's response to Israel is best outlined in Jer. 31:7-10 as intercession, celebration, prophetic declaration and comforting Israel (Isa. 40:1-2). There is a special blessing for praying for Israel. (Ps. 122:6; Genesis 12:3).