

The Church

I. A New Species

A. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

B. Neither Jew nor Greek (Gentile, Goyim)
Galatians 3:26-29

C. One Baptism into the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:13

Galatians 3:27

Romans 6:3,4 (newness of life)

D. Out of Two, One

Any Jew, Any Gentile (Goy) who believes in his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and confesses Jesus as Lord with his mouth experiences a new birth and becomes “a new creation in Him.” (Romans 10:9,10)

II. The Temple of the Living God

1 Corinthians 3:16,

1 Corinthians 6:19

2 Corinthians 6:16

Ephesians 2:20-22

III. All the Bible is for the Church, however, not all the Bible is about the Church. Some of the Bible is about other people (the Jews, the Nations).

A. The New Testament Letters are particularly to, for, and about the Church.

B. The Book of Ephesians is filled with God’s purpose for the Church.

For example:

Our place before the Father

Our place as seated with Christ in the Heavens

The Church will be a glorious church.

IV. The Rapture of the Church

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

V. The Judgment Seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10

John 5:24 ...”shall not come into judgment”

1 Corinthians 3:9-15, judgment of works, rewards

VI. Presentation

2 Corinthians 11:2 ...for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present a chaste virgin to Christ

Colossians 1:22, 28 ...to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight...that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 4:14

Ephesians 5:25-27 ...that He might present her to Himself a glorious church

Jude 24 ...to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory

VII. Not Appointed to wrath (the tribulation period)

Revelation 16:1 (tribulation, the wrath of God)

1 Thessalonians 5:9

Romans 5:9

VIII. The Church, the Bride of Christ

Romans 7:4...that ye should be married to another...that we should bring forth fruit unto God

2 Corinthians 11:2 ...for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present a chaste virgin to Christ.

Ephesians 5:25-32

Revelation 19: 6-9 Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 21: Place of the Bride
The New Jerusalem

IX. Throughout Eternity—throughout all ages to come there will be a recognizable body which we know as the church to give God glory.

A. Ephesians 3:21

B. Ephesians 2:7

X. Do not confuse the Church and Israel

For, Israel will exist as a nation as long as there is a sun, a moon, and stars and for as long as one cannot measure creation.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

Isaiah 66:22

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We must not merge Israel and the Church, or forget even the purposes of God as to the earth, in higher and heavenly ones. The true revelation to interpret prophecy can only be found therefore, not in self-imagined canons, but by having before one the great promises of God, remembering how He challenges every thought of their undoing, especially with regard to Israel, His people (Jeremiah 31:35,36), and that, even as to the new heaven and the new earth (Isaiah 66:22). Thus, an interpretation of Revelation which practically, if not theoretically, leaves Israel out, cannot have the needed largeness, cannot give us the mind of God...

(Some interpretations of the Book of Revelation thus)...fall, each by itself deficient in its narrowness of vision....

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...Thus, the Jews are manifestly before us in all this....

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...The future before the world is largely, alas, made up of judgment, although it is true that the judgment is for a blessing which lies beyond it, and which is as bright as God can make it. Yet the judgment is emphatically a judgment of the world as it is, a judgment in which the whole present fashion of it passes away; and how important that we should know *why* it should pass away, and now to apprehend the mind of God with regard to that which He is going to judge! In this way prophecy is of the most practical nature, and a grand help to real holiness; that is, to a separation from evil which necessarily is found in fellowship with Him. If there are things with which finally it will be seen that he cannot allow to go on, then how clearly this must enter into our present estimate of them!...

...God's moral ways...the end will perfectly bring them out....

(Daniel's seventy weeks)...shows us, in the plainest way, how God is keeping Israel before Him, canb never forget her, and that the time of final blessing is one in which that interest in His earthly people will be most manifestly shown.....

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...the Church, Christ's body, is complete; and that all true Christians have been caught up to Christ and are then with Him...that the Lord is now taking up again for blessing Israel and the earth; and we are again in the line of Old Testament prophecy, and going on to the fulfillment of Old Testament promises.

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