

A Foreword From Billye Brim

Here are important keys to understanding The Book of Revelation before we begin with the Scriptures themselves.

Judgment

The Future is as Bright as God Can Make It!!!!

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F. W. Grant (page 289)

- 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 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 out.

The Peoples of the Book

2Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

The Bible is the Word of Truth. But it must be rightly divided.
A key to rightly dividing the Word of Truth is to determine which of the three groups of peoples are written to, or about, in any passage.

1Cor. 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the *Gentiles, nor to the Church of God:

The three groups to or about whom Scripture speaks are:

- 1) The Jews
- 2) The Nations (The Gentiles)
- 3) The Church

Original manuscripts say *Greeks, because the Gentile world had been Hellenized after the conquests of Alexander the Great. In the O.T. the word translated “gentiles” is the Hebrew word, *goyim*. *Goyim* means nations. The nations are introduced in Genesis 10.

One must rightly divide the Book of Revelation according to the specified group of peoples.

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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 (Israel's) undoing**, especially with regard to Israel, His people (Jer. 31:35, 36), and that, even as to the new heaven and the new earth (Isa. 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. (page 273).