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This is a continuation

- The Church & The Bride
- The Overcomers
- The 144,000

A people not only "called" but "chosen" There will be two resurrections – The 1st – THE 144,000 Overcoming Bride – the wise virgins -This is THE HIGH CALLING for which Paul had not considered himself to have obtained The 2nd is for the Church Carnal, the foolish virgins and for the sinner – THE JUST & THE UNJUST

Down Payments

- What is Earnest money?
- What is a Down Payment?
- The Earnest "holds or seals the property" until the time of actual REDEMPTION
- Sadly, in God's church we are more focused on THE SEAL than the FULL INHERITANCE
- That which is perfect HAS NOT COME and yet we are not preaching about THAT WHICH IS PERFECT! I Cor 13:10 – there's a reason we only see PARTIALS in miracles, signs and wonders

The God of Motion

There is a programmed and perfectly timed plan of God for THE AGES of TIME.

This plan is working itself to completion in the 7th day, the Sabbath reign of Yahshua

This plan is perfectly timed in something known as ages or stages of completion.

Yahweh has a blueprint – Present Day Truth II Pet 1:12

Chase the cloud and cherish the rock

Relationship causes us to follow God to the next phase of His plan

Religion causes us to stay at the rock or the mountain where God once moved and memorialize that move rather than realize the next move.

Tonight we are going to learn about the 3 stages of God's developing PLAN FOR THE AGES – Did that plan stop at Pentecost? Remember Buzz Light Year?

The visions of the Prophets

- What day were all of those visions about?
 The Day of Pentecost or The Day of the Lord
 - Zech 14:1-9
 - Joel 2 the whole book is about This DAY Isa 11:6-9
 - Isa 24:23 the book of Isaiah details the Millennium
- The whole Bible is about THE LORDS DAY

The prophets future Day

- Isaiah 2:2; 9:6-7; 2:4; 11:4-5; Isa 42:3-4; 2:3;
 33:17-22; Isa 32:1; 49:22-23; 60:1-62:7; 40:3-5;
 52:13-15; 61:3; 66:18; Isa 4:2-4
- Jeremiah 3:17-18; 23:5-6; 30:9-11; 30:18-19; 31:13
- Ezekial 11:19-20; 16:60-62; 28:26; 29:9-16; 34:23-24; 37:24; 34:26-29; 37:26-27; 39:21;
- Daniel 2:44-45; 7:27; 12:11-12
- Hosea 1:10-11; 2:14-20; 14:4-7; 5:15-6:2

The last days of Jesus

Jesus gathered his Apostles together before his ascension for 40 days of training.... And what day was he preparing them for? Acts 1:3; 1:6-7

What was about to happen at the Day of Pentecost was NOT THE END OF THE PLAN – it was the middle of the plan and yet so many have camped out here with NO EXPECTATION of the next step.... They are in religion rather than relationship

A horrible injustice

The church that I love and grew up in and so many today suffer from a sad injustice – our lack of Old Testament understanding

It is absolutely impossible to understand the New without a deep understanding of the Old

In the Old Testament we find the answers to New Testament questions hidden in AGRICULTURE

The plan is REVEALED in the OT



Three Festivals = Three Ages

Passover, (Unleavened Bread)

Exodus 23:14-17

Pentecost (Feast of Harvest or Weeks)

Tabernacles (Feast of Ingathering)

Israel Leaving Egypt Justification from Sin

On our way to the Promised Land

Giving of the Law Fire of God Sanctification **Crossing Jordon Great Ingathering** Redemption of the Body

Romans 8:23 — Something is still missing! Something is still imperfect We are busy preaching on the imperfect rather than announcing the perfect

BARLEY HARVST WHEAT HARVEST GRAPE HARVEST

The plan is REVEALED in the OT



The Barley Harvest – 1st Harvest

In the land of Palestine, Barley was the first harvest to ripen each year – When they came to Jerusalem for the Passover they were to bring a handful of barley to the Lord Lev 23:10-14

Remember, the FIRST FRUITS symbolized the consecration of the whole harvest. This was an earnest or pledge that the full and greater harvest yet to be gathered was guaranteed to the Lord.

The Barley Harvest continued

Only barley could have been used, because the wheat had not yet ripened at Passover in that part of the world

The Bible tells us that the hail destroyed the barley, because it had already eared out (ripened), but the wheat was not destroyed, because it had not ripened yet. Exodus 9:31-32

³¹ Now the flax and the barley were ruined, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud.³² But the wheat and the spelt were not ruined, for they ripen late.

The Barley Harvest - continued

- The wheat ripened later around the time of Pentecost.
- Just as barley was offered to God on the first day of the week after Passover, so also was wheat offered on Pentecost seven weeks later. This is made clear in <u>Exodus 34:22</u>, which reads,
- ²² And you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

The Barley Harvest - continued

The grapes ripened at the end of the growing season, in late summer. The grapes were harvested and thrown into the winepresses to be trodden down, and the juice was collected. On each of the seven days of the feast of Tabernacles a pitcher of grape juice from this harvest was poured out before the Lord as a drink offering in the temple (<u>Lev. 23:27</u>).

The Three Harvest explained

- And so we see there were three main feast days of Israel: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Each of these called for temple ceremonies involving a different product of the harvest: barley, wheat, and grapes.
- The first two are grain; the last is a fruit. These are harvest festivals at the three times in the year when all the males were to stand before the presence ("face") of God.
- These three festivals are prophetic of the "harvest of souls," where the divine command goes forth for men to stand before God

Biblical significance of Barley

If we were to study the passages in the Bible where barley is mentioned, we would find much valuable information about the first resurrection and the character and calling of those who qualify for it.

The fact that barley matures early tells us that the "barley firstfruits" are the first people to mature spiritually to bring forth the fruits of the kingdom that God requires. Barley also can survive drought, heat, and cold much more easily than can wheat.

The Barley Calling

Jesus fed the five thousand. It occurred at the time of Passover (John 6:4), and the lad brought five *barley* loaves and two fish (9). After multiplying the bread, Jesus told his disciples to "*gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost*." Later in the same chapter, Jesus gives us the lesson in this story three times, saying, "*I will raise him up at the last day*" (6:39,44,54).

In other words, even as twelve baskets of barley fragments were gathered so that nothing would be lost, so also the barley company, which was broken to feed the people, will be raised up at the last day of this present age. Twelve is the Biblical number of divine government. The barley people are called to rule and reign with Christ.

The Barley Calling

As for the calling of the barley company, we read that Gideon and his army were called "*a loaf of barley bread*" (Judges 7:13).

God is raising an army of overcomers who will rule with Christ to subdue all nations under His feet. Their weapons are a trumpet and a clay pitcher with a torch hidden inside. Gideon gave his army instructions that they were to remain quiet until the trumpet sounded. Then they were to smash the earthen jars and reveal the torches inside.

The Barley Calling

The trumpet signifies resurrection, for Paul tells us that the dead will be raised "at the last trump," (<u>1 Cor. 15:52</u>) that is, the seventh trumpet.

As for the clay pitcher and the torch inside, Paul says that the glory of God is hidden within us for a time, and that "*we have this treasure in earthen vessels*" (<u>2 Cor. 4:7</u>).

A time is coming when the last trumpet will sound, and these bodies of death, the "earthen vessels," will be broken to reveal the light of the glory of God. This will occur at the first resurrection.

The Wheat Harvest – 2nd Harvest

The firstfruits of Pentecost signify the second resurrection, when the Church is raised up to stand before the face of God

The feast of Pentecost focuses upon people who are leavened. Israel received the law at Mount Sinai on the day of Pentecost. On this day they were formed into a kingdom, as God spoke the Word to them. The people were afraid of the fire and ran from the voice of God

The Partialness of Pentecost

The people were leavened and did not want to step into the fire of God to stop the leaven. So Pentecost was not fulfilled in the days of Moses.

In the second chapter of Acts, Pentecost was finally fulfilled because the disciples did not run from God, but embraced the fire. **Yet a basic problem remained-the Pentecostal Age was still leavened**, and the Church in general has followed Israel's example under Moses by refusing to hear God's voice and by running from His fire.

Pentecost was not designed to bring perfection, i.e., an unleavened condition. Pentecost gave us only an "earnest" of the Spirit, a downpayment, rather than the fullness. The NASV calls it a "pledge." <u>Ephesians 1:13</u> and <u>14</u> says,

The Age of Leaven

- This is affirmed in <u>2 Corinthians 1:22</u> and <u>5:5</u>.
- As a consequence, we presently live in an age of leaven, an age of an imperfect kingdom of priests who lack the fullness by which they may bring the kingdom to perfection.
- If there is one thing we have learned in the Pentecostal Age, it is that we cannot inherit the perfected kingdom on the basis of a mere earnest of the Spirit.
- Only those with the fullness of His Spirit can fully inherit the promise. THIS IS WHAT JESUS HAD
- This is frustrating to the barley company, of course, who live in a Pentecostal Age, yet desire the fullness of the Spirit. But all must await the appointed time. It is a corporate blessing that God will give to the entire barley company at the same time, and this must await the time when all those of the barley company have been born again of SPIRIT and have come to full maturity.

Joshua and Caleb is the type

All of Israel "loved God" they were zealous after their "church traditions" BUT THEY WERE FAITHFLESS ----out of relationship with their GOD.... But two men REPRESENT THE BARLEY of that WHEAT HARVEST!!!!

God allows the twin spirits of the church – the barley and the wheat to all grow together until the TIME OF SEPERATION!!!!! The first Ressurection

Joshua and Caleb

They wanted their inheritance early; they believed every promise in the book... they doubted nothing... they were like KAREN VAUGHN.....c r a z y FAITH

These people get FRUSTRATED because THEY WANT TO ENTER IN... into the fulness and while they may do so in their own lives.... The BODY will not enter in until the appointed time!!!!!!

Leave this moutain

The Day of Pentecost was the 2nd trip for Gods people to Mt. Sanai – they had fire, smoke, wind... and law.....

However, they too.... Have wandered in the wilderness 40 jubilee years – 50 x 40 – 2,000 years ----- this is when the OLD DAY is setting and the NEW DAY is manifesting in our spirits before it's manifesting in the earth realm – THE FULNESS IS UPON US>.. THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS NIGH!!!! And then all The PARTIALS shall be done away with

The Barley Ressurection

 So many of the Joshua and Calebs of the Pentecostal Church era have desired to ENTER IN but have only been allowed TO SEE IT.... One day soon, at the 7th trumpet that entire Barley, Joshua, 144,000, Overcoming, Wise Virgin company shall meet together to RULE AND REIGN over the earth....

The Saul Syndrome

- Saul was to Israel what the Church was in the New Testament era. He was crowned on the first day of Pentecost - Harvest
- Saul started out doing what was right, but in the second year of his reign he disobeyed God, and as a result he became
- Nonetheless, God allowed him to continue ruling Israel for another thirty-eight and one-half years.
- This followed the pattern of Israel under Moses precisely. Recall that under Moses the people refused to cross the Jordan in their second year as well, and as a consequence, God made the nation wander in the wilderness for another thirty-eight and one-half years

The Saul Syndrome

In the New Testament, the same pattern held true once again. At Pentecost the Church had a fine start, but the people (as represented by their rulers in the Sanhedrin) refused to obey God. The focal point came in the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7), who fulfilled the part of Caleb and Joshua in urging the people to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. Even as the people nearly stoned Caleb and Joshua, so also did theyactually stone Stephen. This was the New Testament era's refusal to "cross the Jordan," and it resulted in a 40-Jubilee wandering in a wilderness again.

But there is an AWAKENING

- There is a cry being made at the last hour to the sleeping Bride ----- AWAKEN TO THE LAW OF GOD – cleanse yourself
- This past age has been the era of Saul's rule. The kingdom was indeed established at Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts. But it was not the perfected kingdom, typified by the Davidic rule. It was instead an imperfect kingdom, full of leaven, as history has shown, typified by the reign of Saul in the Old Testament. As in the days of Saul and David, the nation must await the end of Saul's reign before the Davidic reign can begin.

Judgement of the House of God

It is the age of the Church, the wheat harvest. Those of the barley harvest, like Caleb and Joshua, must await the completion of the Church age before inheriting the first resurrection

The second resurrection will, of course, be a great blessing to all the believers who were not raised earlier in the first resurrection.

Nonetheless, because all those believers are yet mixed with leaven, there is also an element of judgment that comes at the same time. Paul speaks of this judgment in <u>1 Corinthians 3:15</u>

Works tried by fire

- This speaks of men in whom the foundation of Jesus Christ has already been laid. It speaks of believers. But because these people are a carnal mixture of wheat and leaven, their works must be tried by fire. The good works (done by faith in obedience to hearing God's voice) will abide; the rest will be burned.
- The bread must be baked in order to stop the leavening action. This is judgment, but the purpose of the fire is not to destroy the carnal believer, but to purify him, even as we have shown in earlier chapters.

The Fire of God is to purify

The Church in general will be raised in the second resurrection. Jesus calls them "the just" who receive Life at the same time the "the unjust" are judged at the beginning of that final age in "the lake of fire." In either case, the fire that judges is the same fire poured out on Pentecost. God's judgment is designed to "thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn" (Matthew 3:12).

The Grape Harvest

- Tells us the fate of the unbelievers. The winepress depicts God's wrath, judgment, and the lake of fire.
- God harvests His barley, wheat, and grapes in different manners, even as nature teaches us. The chaff from the barley falls away very easily, so barley is said to be *winnowed*. That is, the action of the wind itself (by means of fans) are sufficient to get rid of the chaff. This speaks of the barley company, who so quickly respond to the wind of the Spirit.
- To remove the chaff from the wheat requires threshing. This is a more severe action, but it does the job. It depicts the fact that the Church will be harvested by means of judgment, or tribulation. The Latin word, *tribulum*, is a threshing instrument.
- Finally, to obtain the juice the grapes must be trodden under foot. Grapes do not have chaff, but they do have "flesh" that must be pressed severely in order to obtain the wine. This represents the most severe form of judgment upon the unbelievers

The Final Age - Tabernacles

At the beginning of this age God will pour out the fullness of His Spirit upon the overcomers. They will rule with power in the earth and bring all things under the feet of Jesus Christ. Their ministry will bring righteousness and the fullness of truth into the earth. It will signal the greatest revival the world has ever seen. This age will last a thousand years, during which time the Kingdom of God will spread until it fills the whole earth. Habakkuk 2:14

Quit Driving in Reverse

- While we should glimpse back at Pentecost... our MESSAGE should be what is COMING – The KINGDOM of GOD
- What does Paul say?
- I Cor 15:22-23
- I Cor 15:24-28
- How many harvest do you see here?
 Notice the phrase "Under His Feet"...exactly where grapes are harvested