

The Day of Pentecost: A Day in Eternity

Pentecost is a day which never ended. It is the acceptable day of the Lord. It is an enigma, a day in eternity, where the Kingdom of God, an eternal kingdom, is present in mystery form on planet Earth. It will end one day soon. It will end on a future day of Pentecost.

On June 4, 32 A.D., the Holy Spirit came to man in the Upper Room, in Jerusalem¹. It was a day of spiritual restoration where those who belong to Christ were reconciled to the Lord God.² It is a day which continues suspended in eternity hanging in time and space. It is a day which will end when Jesus comes for His own³, the Body of Christ.⁴ It is a day when ALL who have called on the name of the Lord will have their physical bodies redeemed.⁵ This event will complete the redemption transaction, the spiritual transaction followed by physical transaction, the completed purchase by the blood of the Lamb of God.

This Day of Pentecost is a day of six mysteries. Pentecost is a "Perfect Sabbath" because it followed seven Sabbaths. It is a very special day, a High Holy Day. A mystery is a truth which had not been previously revealed to man. During this day, Christ's own are ministers of the mysteries of God.⁶ These are the mysteries of the Pauline epistles⁷, the mysteries which are doctrinally relevant to the Body of Christ. These include: (1) the mystery of godliness, (2) mystery of Christ indwelt, (3) the mystery of Christ and the Church, (4) the mystery of the resurrection of the dead and translation of living, (5) the mystery of Israel's blindness to Messiah, and (6) the mystery of iniquity.

When Israel, the nation of Jews, nationally rejected the King of the Jews, Lord Jesus, God temporarily, suspended his redemptive focus on national Israel and suspended His plans for establishing His Kingdom on Earth⁸. As a result, the Jew lost the opportunity for the Kingdom which God had promised throughout the Old Testament. The Scriptures are principally about The King and His Kingdom.

God is Pure⁹. His Word is True¹⁰. It is the sure word of prophecy¹¹. He made an oath to the seed of Abraham¹². He cannot lie.¹³ God will restore the Kingdom to Israel in the future,

¹ Acts 2:2

² 2 Corinthians 5:18,20; Colossians 1:21

³ 1 Corinthians 15:23

⁴ 1 Corinthians 12:27

⁵ Romans 8:23

⁶ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

⁷ 1 Timothy 3:16 "the mystery of godliness: God manifest in the flesh"; Colossians 1:27 "Christ in you, the hope of Glory"; Ephesians 5:32 "Christ and the Church"; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, the resurrection of the dead and rapture of the living in Christ, the Second order of the Resurrection of righteousness as taught in 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. Romans 11:25 "Israel's unbelief in Christ (blindness)" [the mystery is that God has only suspended Israel's election as the chosen nation until the "fullness of the Gentiles" has come in]; 2 Thessalonians 2:7 "the mystery of iniquity which is already at work" during the Age of Pentecost.

⁸ Revelation 20:4;

⁹ Proverbs 30:5

after the Time of Jacob's Trouble, when Israel's remnant turns from "transgression in Jacob"¹⁴. Jacob's transgression was the rejection of Messiah Yeshua/Jesus. The Scriptures of Truth¹⁵ teach that God will graft Israel's believing remnant back into the Olive Tree¹⁶ and finish His Kingdom plans.

Before God restores Israel, His redemptive work in the world must be finished, the salvation which is come unto the Gentiles.¹⁷ The True Church must reach its fullness. The iniquity of man must reach its fullness. The mysteries at work in this Age of Pentecost will be completed when the Day of Pentecost is completed. Interestingly, this day is also known by Jews as the Feast of Completion and Feast of First Fruits. Pentecost is the Day of Salvation¹⁸. This was Jesus' proclamation in Luke 4. On the Sabbath he entered the synagogue in Nazareth¹⁹ and read from Isaiah 61:1-2a²⁰. He taught that He was the fulfillment of this Isaiah passage. This initiated His ministry to the Jews. The "acceptable time" is the Day of Salvation".²¹ This "acceptable time", this Day of Salvation, is effectively a day of spiritual Jubilee, when all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved²².

The Day of Salvation, as we know it during the Age of Pentecost, will end suddenly, in the twinkling of the eye²³. God has set the date. It is an appointed time. God visits His own at "appointed times"²⁴. These are specific dates foretold in the sure word of prophecy²⁵.

God is outside of time and space. He sees the end from the beginning²⁶. Seek the Lord and be saved from the coming wrath²⁷.

The Day of Pentecost Ends

¹⁰ John 17:17

¹¹ 2 Peter 1:19

¹² Hebrews 6:17

¹³ Hebrews 6:18

¹⁴ Isaiah 59:20

¹⁵ Daniel 10:21; John 17:17

¹⁶ Romans 11:24

¹⁷ Romans 11:11

¹⁸ 2 Corinthians 6:2

¹⁹ Luke 4:16

²⁰ Isaiah 61:1-2a: 1The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2^(a) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, ^(b)and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; Note: Jesus stopped short and did not read (b) because it is reserved for the Day of the Lord and His second coming.

²¹ Isaiah 49:8

²² Romans 8:23

²³ I Corinthians 15:52; Romans 11:25

²⁴ Genesis 18:14; Exodus 9:5, 23:15, Joshua 8:14; Job 7:1; Psalm 81:3; Jeremiah 8:7; Daniel 8:19, 10:1, 11:27; Habakkuk 2:3

²⁵ 2 Peter 1:19

²⁶ Isaiah 46:10

²⁷ Colossians 3:6

At the fullness of the Gentiles, the Day of Pentecost will end. The Day of Pentecostal salvation will end. No longer will an unsaved Jew or Gentile be able to call on the name of the Lord and be saved by faith alone apart from works²⁸. The Scriptures of Truth teach that during the Time of Jacob's Trouble, the seven-year period known as the Tribulation and Daniel's 70th Week requires more than faith alone.

During this seven-year period, salvation reverts to a modified Old Testament form of salvation. Jesus teaches that salvation during this time requires keeping the commandments of God and having the testimony of Jesus.²⁹ During this period, salvation can be lost if works are not worthy or if one takes the mark of the beast.³⁰ Salvation will be works and faith based. This is the literal doctrinal teaching of salvation during the Tribulation period according to the revelation of Jesus Christ, as given to John on Patmos.

The Day of Pentecost will end on the Feast of Pentecost in a future year. This is part of the prophetic pattern taught in the Scriptures. The Seven Festivals of the Lord are a prophetic picture of God's redemptive plan for mankind. The festivals are (1) Passover, (2) Unleavened Bread, (3) First Fruits, (4) Pentecost, (5) Trumpets, (6) Atonement; and (7) Tabernacles.

The Scriptures teach that there are three components to the first resurrection, the resurrection of the righteous. Paul teaches that God has an ordered plan. The type of plan was first implied by the three pilgrimage feasts of the Lord³¹. These three feasts are to be distinguished from the other four. The seven festivals of Leviticus 23 are Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. However, three of these festivals are defined as pilgrimage feasts. They are Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and Tabernacles. Unleavened Bread includes First Fruits as it is a 7-day feast.

Paul teaches these three feasts linking them to the three orders of the resurrection of righteousness.³² The resurrection to life was known to the Jews. It was not a foreign teaching. Daniel³³, Job³⁴ and Mary³⁵ all believed in the resurrection at the end³⁶, the latter day.

Paul teaches about the Rapture at the end of 1 Corinthians 15. The context of Chapter 15 is the resurrection of righteousness, all three orders, Christ, Christ's own and those at the end, the Second Coming. Each of these resurrections occurs on a literal pilgrimage feast day. Jesus was resurrected on First Fruits (during Unleavened Bread), Christ's own (Body of Christ: the True

²⁸ Romans 3:28

²⁹ Revelation 12:17, 14:12; 19:10

³⁰ Matthew 25:1-13 where the oil is works, the commandments of God

³¹ Exodus 23:14-17

³² 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

³³ Daniel 12:2(a)

³⁴ Job 19:25

³⁵ John 11:25

³⁶ 1 Corinthians 15:24 "then the end comes"

Church) will be raised at Pentecost³⁷ and on Tabernacles when the dead Tribulation saints are resurrected to earth to live during the Millennial Kingdom with those who survived the seven year Tribulation.

Moses Prophecy: Israel Provoked to Jealousy by the Gentiles

Moses³⁸, Isaiah³⁹ and the Apostle Paul⁴⁰, all taught that at some time in the future, Israel would be provoked to jealousy by Gentile believers in Messiah Jesus' atoning works on the cross.

Jesus speaks to this matter in Luke 4. He said that a prophet is never accepted in his home town. He said that Isaiah and Elijah both left Israel in times of need and ministered to foreigners. The synagogue audience was enraged by Jesus' references to their prophets' going to minister to foreigners. Although jealousy was not the result in those instances because the events had long passed, the Rapture of the Church on a Jewish Feast day could certainly qualify as an event certainly provoking questions. Think about this scenario.

For the sake of argument, let us speculate about a Jewish response to a Pentecost Rapture next year on May 15, 2016⁴¹. May 13/14 will be celebrated as the Feast of Weeks or Shavuot by the Jews. Although Jews now celebrate this day as the day on which God gave the Law to Moses, it may be known as the day in which millions of Christians vanished. Why would Christians vanish on a Jewish Perfect Sabbath celebrating the Law? Questions would continue to be raised. Why would millions of Christians vanish the day following Israel's national Independence Day, May 15, 2016? Was God sending a message to the Jew? Why did this group of people vanish on the day following our Feast⁴² and Independence Day.

The Rabbis will dig into the Tanach, their version of the Old Testament. Perhaps they will find Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 and begin to wonder if this Jewish Jesus was in those passages. Dare they read the New Testament. Surely, God wrote a good portion of the New Testament for Jews during the Time of Jacobs Trouble. All four Gospels are fully Jewish. Paul, Peter and James doctrinally wrote to the Tribulation Jew in their writings.

³⁷ See Authors articles: The Three Pilgrimage Feasts to the Lord; A Scriptural Case for a Pentecost Rapture.

³⁸ Deuteronomy 32:21

³⁹ Isaiah 65:1

⁴⁰ Romans 10:19, 11:11

⁴¹ Pentecost 2016 falls on Sunday, May 15, 2016, although the Jews will celebrate it on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The Pharisees changed the manner of counting the Omer from the regular Sabbath following Passover, to the High Sabbath. As a result, Pentecost is set on Sivan 6, rather than a date unknown counted as the 50th day following the regular Sabbath after Passover. The practical effect of this was to remove the association of Jesus being resurrected on the festival of First Fruits when the priests would be conducting the wave sheaf offering to God. Jesus was that wave offering which was accepted by God as the first fruits of the dead, the lamb sacrificed once for all.

⁴² Israel will celebrate Pentecost on May 14, 2016. (See note 34)

Will Israel be provoked to jealously "with those which are not a people" [not Jewish]⁴³. Will they be provoked to jealously by a "foolish nation"⁴⁴, the Gentile Christian. Was the foolish nation, the nation that preached the "cross" ? Preaching the cross of Christ is foolishness to them that are perishing.⁴⁵ The Jew has stumbled on the stumbling stone.⁴⁶ Elijah prophesied that [a people] that sought God not, found God.⁴⁷ God has said that He has "stretched forth His hands all day long unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."⁴⁸

If your God, the covenant God of the chosen people, had just visited planet Earth, and removed millions of people on the day following Israel's Feast Day and their Independence Day, could jealousy be a response ? Surely, it might appear as though the God of their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had just taken Christians out of the world and abandoned the chosen people. They might think that something would be desperately wrong with their understanding of God's redemptive plans for Israel.

It could happen. God's visitation is imminent. It is a date which He has set on His calendar. His prophetic plans and ordered actions are predictable. He hides nothing from His people. His prophets have spoken.⁴⁹ God wants to challenge your faith. He wants to see your heart in action. Search out and study the Scriptures of Truth.⁵⁰ He hides nothing from us. He does hide things for us. We must take the initiative and search and seek.⁵¹ The Rapture of the Church, the Body of Christ, will not come as a surprise to the remnant of true believers who are searching out the Scriptures.⁵² He wants us to be workman who study His words rightly dividing His word of truth.⁵³ Studying and learning requires division of information organized into intelligible units so that understanding and wisdom is the result. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for DOCTRINE, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.⁵⁴

Seek the Lord with all your heart, body and soul !

⁴³ Deuteronomy 32:21

⁴⁴ Ibid

⁴⁵ 1 Corinthians 1:18

⁴⁶ Romans 9:32

⁴⁷ Romans 10:20; Isaiah 65:1

⁴⁸ Romans 10:21; Isaiah 65:2

⁴⁹ Amos 3:7

⁵⁰ John 5:39 KJV; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV [KJV because the command to "search" and "study" have been removed from all other Bibles.

⁵¹ Proverbs 25:2

⁵² 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 5

⁵³ 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

⁵⁴ 2 Timothy 3:16 KJV [KJV because the word "doctrine" has been removed from all other Bibles.