

GOD'S CURSE ON ISRAEL

Luke 2:9-14

Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2 The time and person that the nation of Israel had been waiting for had finally come. God announced it loud and clear to the shepherds through His heavenly angels. All Israel had to do was verify through the scriptures the time and place and believe the signs God will give them.

John 1:10-11 The Prince of Peace had come into the world to set up His great Kingdom but the Jewish nation as a whole rejected Him because He was not who and what they expected so the Kingdom was postponed. Before going to the cross, Jesus pronounced several judgments on Israel.

ISRAEL'S UNTIL JUDGMENTS

Matthew 23: 37-39 – (**1st Until Judgment**) Before Jesus Christ returns to earth and sets up His earthly Kingdom all Israel must come to the place that they finally recognize who Jesus Christ is and with one voice call out to Him and shout “blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 30: 1-3 Israel was forewarned of the blessings and curses that would come to them because of disobedience. The prophecy speaks of the people being dispersed throughout the world but returned to the land and to the Lord spiritually after obeying His voice in salvation.

Revelation 7:4 The fulfillment of this prophecy in Deuteronomy is found in Revelation as God has great mercy on Israel and ordains and seals 144,000 missionaries from the nation of Israel to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the Jewish population and all the Gentile unbelievers, - **See Matt. 24:14**.

Luke 21:24 - (**2nd Until Judgment**) The “times of the Gentiles” began with the captivity of Jerusalem under Nebuchadnezzar in BC 606. These “times of the Gentiles” began with the Babylonian Empire and will continue through the reign of the Antichrist until the end of the tribulation. At the conclusion of the tribulation period Jesus will return and set up the Kingdom, - **See Luke 21:27-28**.

Daniel 7:7, 19-22; 11:41-45; Revelation 11:2 According to Daniel's prophecies and John's Revelation writings the Antichrist, heading the ten nations (Gentile nations), will dominate the world and Jerusalem for the last 3 1/2 years of tribulation then Jesus will come and destroy Antichrist.

Romans 11:25 - (**3rd Until Judgment**) The “fullness of the Gentiles” should not be confused with the Times of the Gentiles”. The “fullness of the Gentiles” is the completion of the purpose of God in this age of Grace. The purpose is the calling from among the Gentiles a people for Christ's name, (**Acts 15:14**). When the last Gentile is added to the church, (the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ), at this point in time it will be referred to as “The fullness of the Gentiles”. When this happens the Rapture occurs and the church is taken out of the world and Israel has entered into the judgment period of God.

THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

Jeremiah 30:4-7; Daniel 9:27 The Time of Jacob's Trouble is known to the Christian world as the Tribulation period. There will be much fear and suffering during this time period. It will last seven years according to Daniel's prophecy and will be a time of great persecution such as never been seen.

Matthew 24: 21-22 Jesus Himself emphasizes how terrible those days will be. The emphasis is upon a specific period of time. Jesus says that so great will be this tribulation, so devastating that if God does not intervene not one person would be saved among them.

Zechariah 13: 7-9 Amazingly two thirds of every living Jew at this time period will be killed! We read of Hitlers killing of millions of Jews but nothing has happened yet like the tribulation period! Only one third will be left but it will not be easy for them either as we read in verse 9.

Zechariah 12:9-10; Romans 11:26-27 At the end of the tribulation period the remnant of Jews left will cry out to God and to Jesus Christ and see Him coming from heaven and He will save them.