

The Christian Church did not begin on The Day of Pentecost

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew words Yahoshua (yeh-ho-shoo'- ah) for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and ruah for pneuma (spirit).)

The Age¹ we live in, which I will call the 'Age of the Sacred Secret of the Christ'² (Christ being the Head of a New Creation, the Body of the Christ), did not begin on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts chapter two, but began in Acts chapter ten. Why is this significant? If the Christian Church, which is composed of uncircumcised and unclean Gentiles, began on the Day of Pentecost, as taught by many, then there are scriptures that have some apparent contradictions. These scriptures are Matthew 16:28, 24:34, Acts 2:19-20 and Acts 3:24. Since Yahweh cannot contradict Himself, the error must lie in our understanding of when the Church began. The Christian Church (Jew & Gentile as one Body) was not part of Joel's prophecy, that Peter quoted in Acts chapter two. The Gentiles were not taught by Yahoshua in the four Gospels and they did not receive the spirit on the Day of Pentecost, neither were they told to repent, because the Day of Yahweh was imminent. Actually, the Gentiles were classified by Yahweh as "quadrupeds and creeping things of earth and birds of heaven...common or unclean" (Acts 10:12-14).

Gentiles, also known as the nations, from which the majority of the Christian Church are comprised, were, according to Ephesians 2:

- 1.) Uncircumcised
- 2.) Separate from Christ
- 3.) Alienated from the citizenship of Israel
- 4.) Strangers from the covenants of promise
- 5.) Having no hope
- 6.) Godless in the world
- 7.) Strangers and sojourners

This same group of people were made nigh in the blood of the Christ. Christ made both (Israel and Gentile) one; the two he created in himself, into one man of new mould. This one man of new mould is the Christian Church, the great sacred secret, the Christ. The sacred secret of the Christ, which in other generations had not been made known unto the

¹ See the article "Ages in the Word of Yahweh" under 'Understanding Yahweh's Word.'

² Respecting which ye can, by reading, perceive my discernment in the sacred secret of the Christ,—Which, in other generations, had not been made known unto the sons of men, as it hath, now, been revealed by his holy apostles and prophets, in spirit Eph. 3:4-5 (Read the Article, "This Sacred Secret is Great," under 'Misc' and "The Great Sacred Secret by E W Bullinger" under 'E W Bullinger's Writings.')

sons of men was revealed to his holy apostles and prophets. This sacred secret is “That they who are of the nations should be joint heirs, and a joint body, and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Yahoshua” (Eph. 3:6). We must ask ourselves the question, “When did the nations become joint heirs, and a joint body, and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Yahoshua? The Christian Church would say it happened on the Day of Pentecost. This however is incorrect according to the facts presented in the Word of Yahweh. There is no record of any Gentile receiving the gift of spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The nations, who were without Christ and strangers from the covenants of promise, were not included into Yahweh’s plan, until they were cleansed by Yahweh in Acts chapter ten; the House of Cornelius.

The subject of Acts chapter one to nine is the nation of Israel and not the Christian Church. (See Appendix A) After the spirit had been poured out on Israel on the Day of Pentecost, Peter stated in Acts chapter two that, “this is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel” (Acts 2:16). The prophet Joel did not prophesy about the coming of the Christian Church but about the coming of the Day of Yahweh.³ The Day of Yahweh will be marked by “...wonders in the heavens, and in the earth,—blood, and fire, and columns of smoke: The sun, shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,—before the coming of the great and awful day of Yahweh” (Joel 2:30-31). Peter proclaimed that Joel’s prophesy was presently being fulfilled.⁴ The Day of Yahweh was to last seven years, being divided into two periods, lasting three and a half years each.⁵ Yahoshua also spoke of the Day of Yahweh occurring before his generation would pass away.

What Yahoshua spoke was not his words but the words of the Father.⁶ Yahoshua said, in John 12:50, “The things, therefore, which I speak, just as the Father hath told me, so, I speak.” The following words are recorded in the Gospel of John. “And, as he [Yahoshua] was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him, privately, saying—Tell us, when these things shall be,—and what the sign of thy presence [Parousia], and the conclusion of the age” (Mt. 24:3). Yahoshua then told them that there would be “...Great

³ Joel 2:1 Blow ye a horn in Zion, sound an alarm in my holy mountain, let all the inhabitants of the land, tremble,—for coming is the **day of Yahweh**, for it is near!—

Joel 2:11 And, Yahweh, hath uttered his voice, before his host, for great indeed is his camp, for bold is he who executeth his word,—for great is **the day of Yahweh**, and awful exceedingly, Who then shall endure it?

Joel 2:31 The sun, shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,—before the coming of the great and awful **day of Yahweh**.

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes, in the vale of strict decision,—for near is **the day of Yahweh**, in the vale of strict decision.

⁴ And, even upon my men—servants and upon my maid—servants in those days, will I pour out of my spirit, and they shall prophesy; And I will set forth wonders in the heaven above, and signs upon the earth beneath,—blood and fire and vapour of smoke: The sun, shall be turned into darkness and, the moon, into blood,—before the coming of the day of Yahweh, the great and manifest *day*; And it shall be—Whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh, shall be saved. Acts 2:18-21

⁵ and, the court that is outside the Sanctuary, cast thou outside, and do not measure, it, because it hath been given unto the nations, and, the holy city, shall they tread under foot, forty and two months. And I will give unto my two witnesses, that they shall prophesy, a thousand two hundred and sixty days, arrayed in sackcloth. Rev. 11:2-3, Dan. 7:25

⁶ Joh 8:26 Many things, have I, concerning you, to speak, and to judge; but, he who sent me, is, true, and, I, what things I heard from him, the same, speak I unto the world. Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not, doth not keep, my word; —and, the word which ye hear, is not mine, but, the Father’s who sent me.

tribulation, such as hath not happened, from the beginning of the world, until the present time” and that “the sun, will be darkened, and, the moon, will not give her brightness, and, the stars, will fall from heaven,—and, the powers of the heavens, will be shaken...And, then, will be displayed—The sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and, then, will smite their breasts—all the tribes of the earth; and they will see the Son of Man—coming upon the clouds of heaven, with great power and glory” (Mt. 24:21, 29, 30). Yahoshua then told them that, “Verily, I say unto you—In nowise, shall this generation, pass away, until all these things, shall happen” (Mt. 23:34). He also stated in Matthew 16:28, “For the Son of Man is destined to be coming, in the glory of his Father, with his messengers,—and, then, will he give back unto each one, according to his practice. Verily, I say unto you—There are some of those, here standing, who, indeed, shall in nowise taste of death, until they see the Son of Man, coming in his kingdom.”⁷ It appears that Yahoshua’s parousia would occur in a matter of years after his sacrificial death for the Israelite’s sins. Peter was also expecting the parousia of Yahoshua to occur shortly.

Peter told the Hebrews in Acts 3:17-20, “And now brethren [Hebrews], I know that by way of ignorance ye acted,—just as even your rulers. Howbeit, Yahweh—what things he had before declared, through the mouth of all the prophets, for his Christ to suffer,—did thus fulfill! Repent ye, therefore, and turn,—unto the blotting out of your sins; to the end that in that case, there may come seasons of refreshing from the face of Yahweh, And he may send forth him who had been fore-appointed for you—Christ Yahoshua.” The Day of Yahweh did not occur in the Book of Acts, which meant that the Son of Man would not be coming in the clouds, as it was foretold but now has been postponed until after our Age ends. Our Age ends when Christ meets his One Body, who are neither Jew nor Gentile, in the clouds. The Book of Revelation begins the Day of Yahweh, picking up where Acts chapter two and three and Matthew chapter twenty-four left off.⁸ So why then was Christ Yahoshua not sent forth as promised in Acts 3:20 and Matthew 24:34 and why didn’t the Day of Yahweh occur in the Book of Acts as prophesied by Peter and Yahoshua?

E. W. Bullinger believes that if Israel would have repented as a nation, as called for by Peter in Acts 2:38, 3:19, 3:26 and 5:31 then the Day of Yahweh would have occurred and Christ would have come back as promised in Matthew 24:29-30; “The sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and, then, will smite their breasts—all the tribes of the earth; and they will see the Son of Man—coming upon the clouds of heaven, with great power and glory.” Acts 3:19-20 also states that Christ would be coming back if Israel would repent; “Repent ye, therefore, and turn...And he may send forth him who had been fore-appointed for

⁷ For, whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, of him, the Son of Man, will be ashamed, whensoever he shall come in his glory, and that of the Father, and of the holy messengers. But I tell you of a truth—There, are, some of those, here, standing, who shall in nowise taste of death, until they see the kingdom of Yahweh. Lk. 9 26-27

⁸ And I saw, when he opened the sixth seal, that a, great earthquake, took place; and, the sun, became black as sackcloth of hair, and, the full moon, became as blood, and, the stars of heaven, fell to the earth, as, a fig-tree, sheddeth her winter figs, when, by a great wind, it is shaken, and, the heaven, was withdrawn, as a scroll rolling itself up, and, every mountain and island, out of their places, were shaken. Rev. 6:12-14

you—Christ Yahoshua.” How soon were these events to occur? “Verily, I say unto you—In nowise, shall this generation, pass away, until all these things, shall happen” (Mt. 24:34, Mk. 13:30, Lk. 21:32). Christ was expecting to come back before a generation has passed away, as the Son of Man in judgment on the Day of Yahweh. Christ did not come back before a generation had passed away, so Bullinger concludes that Israel did not repent as a nation. Israel’s refusal to repent, as a Nation, must have held the Day of Yahweh in abeyance while Yahweh inserted a New Age, which no one, including His Son, knew about;⁹ the Age of the Sacred Secret of the Christ. This can be illustrated by the prophet Jeremiah; “The word that came unto Jeremiah, from Yahweh, saying: Arise and go down, to the house of the potter,—and, there, will I cause thee to hear my words. So I went down, to the house of the potter,—and, there he was! making a piece of work, on the wheels. Then was marred, the vessel [Israel] that he, was making, while yet it was clay in the hand of the potter,—so he turned and made of it another, vessel [the Body of the Christ]¹⁰, as seemed right in the eyes of the potter to make it. Then came the word of Yahweh, unto me, saying: Like this potter, can I not deal with you, O house of Israel? Demandeth Yahweh: Lo! as clay in the hand of the potter, So, are, ye, in my hand O house of Israel” (Jer. 18:1-6). A new vessel, the Body of the Christ, has replaced the old vessel, the nation of Israel. Why? The nation of Israel, who crucified the only begotten Son of Yahweh, was told to repent (turn back to Yahweh) but they stiffened their necks that they might not hear Yahweh’s words. This hypothesis would explain why Christ did not come back before one generation had passed away; why the sun has not been darkened and the moon turned into blood and why the Day of Yahweh is now a future event written about in the Book of Revelation.

Christ was with his Apostles for forty days after his death. What significance does this have? During these forty days, Christ spoke to them “the things concerning the kingdom of Yahweh” (Acts 1:3). Christ, it seems, if aware of any new information or doctrine would have taught his Apostles this new information before he ascended to the Father. He taught them about coming events before he was crucified such as the coming of the gift of spirit and the Day of Yahweh. Before his ascension, “...he charged them, from Jerusalem, not to absent themselves, but—To abide around the promise of the Father which ye have heard of me, Because, John, indeed, immersed with water; but, ye, in holy spirit shall be immersed,—after not many of these days” (Acts 1:4-5). There is no mention to the Apostles that a Christian Church was coming into fruition. No hint of the Gentiles being cleansed or even that circumcision was going to be done away with, which was an age-

⁹ [[How that]], by way of revelation, was made known unto me the sacred secret,—even as I before wrote in brief,— Respecting which ye can, by reading, perceive my discernment in the sacred secret of the Christ,— Which, in other generations, had not been made known unto the sons of men, as it hath, now, been revealed by his holy apostles and prophets, in spirit Eph. 3:3-5

¹⁰ There cannot be Jew or Greek, there cannot be bond or free, there cannot be male and female, for, all ye, are one, in Christ Jesus: Gal. 3:28

abiding covenant.¹¹ The outpouring of the spirit and the coming of the Day of Yahweh, as prophesied by Joel, were the only events that were to take place on the day of Pentecost as taught by Yahoshua. Christ must not have instructed the Apostles during these forty days that Judaism was going to be replaced with a new creation; the Christ. Why? This sacred secret, not known by Christ, was still hidden in Yahweh (Eph. 3:9). The Jews, as a nation, must first reject Yahoshua, after being raised from among the dead, as the Messiah before a new unknown age would come about. This new age did not come to pass in Acts chapter two but rather this age came into existence when the Gentiles were cleansed in Acts chapter ten.

To correct our doctrinal mistake, we must first acknowledge that the majority of the books in the Word of Yahweh were not written to us (Gentiles) but to the chosen people of Yahweh, the Hebrews who practice righteousness. This includes all the Books of the Old Covenant, the four Gospels, the book of Hebrews and the book of Revelation. Ninety percent of the Word of Yahweh was written to Israelites, while only ten percent was written to the Body of the Christ.¹² We, as Gentiles, cannot insert ourselves, which we are guilty of, as the subject of these books. For instance many people will quote Jeremiah 1:5; “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” and apply this scripture to themselves. Yahweh was speaking to Jeremiah and not to mankind. We would like to think that if we lived in Yahoshua’s time he would have helped us (Gentiles) but this is not the case because he was only sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.¹³ Our (Gentile) time period began when Peter received a vision from Yahweh, while he was praying on Simon’s rooftop; “And he beholdeth heaven opened, and, coming down, a kind of vessel, like a large linen cloth, by its four corners, being let down upon the earth, In which were all the quadrupeds and creeping things of earth and birds of heaven. And there came a voice unto him—Rise, Peter! slay and eat. But Peter said—By no means, Lord! because, at no time, have I eaten anything common or unclean. And a voice *came* again, a second time, unto him—What things, Yahweh, hath cleansed, be not, thou, making common” (Acts 10:11-15). The creeping things of the earth represented us, as Gentiles. A new age had begun where there is neither Jew nor Greek but the One Body of the Christ; the Age of

¹¹ He must surely be circumcised, born of thy house, or bought with thy silver,—So shall my covenant be in your flesh, for an age-abiding covenant. But, as for the uncircumcised male who shall not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin,—that person shall be cut off from among his people,—my covenant, hath he made void. Gn. 17:13-14

¹² 1,182 pages, in the Rotherham Bible, was written to the Hebrews, while 121 pages was written to the Body of the Christ. The 121 pages begins with Acts 10 and includes all of Paul’s writings (Paul did not write Hebrews); Peter’s writing; John’s writing except for the Gospel of John and Revelation; Jude and James.

¹³ Mt 10:6 But be going, rather, unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Mt 15:24 But, he, answering, said, I was not sent forth, save unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Acts 5:31 Him, as Princely-leader and Saviour, hath Yahweh exalted unto his right hand,—to give repentance unto Israel, and remission of sins.

Micah 5:2-5 Thou, therefore, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though, little, to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee, shall Mine come forth, to be ruler in Israel,—whose comings forth, have been from of old, from the days of age—past time. Therefore, will he give them up, until the time when, one who is to bring forth, hath brought forth,—and, the remainder of his brethren, return unto the sons of Israel. Then shall he stand, and tend his flock in the strength of Yahweh, In the excellency of the name of Yahweh his Elohim, have they endured,—For, now, shall he be great unto the ends of the earth; So shall this one be Prosperity.

the Sacred Secret.¹⁴ Yahweh had always been the Elohim of the Hebrews, until Peter had this vision.¹⁵ Yahweh then became the Elohim of the Nations as well as the Judeans.¹⁶ Yahweh will again be the Elohim of the Hebrews, in the Book of Revelation, after Christ meets his Body in the clouds. The Book of Hebrews, the Book of Revelation and possibly the Gospel of John are the instruction manual for the Hebrews who are left on the earth after we, the Body of the Christ, have been caught away to be with our Lord.¹⁷ (See Appendix B)

The Age we now live in was kept a secret until unveiled to Paul and the other Apostles and Prophets.¹⁸ Therefore this secret was not written in the Old Covenant nor the four Gospels. These books are for the Hebrews and not for the Body of the Christ. Yahoshua also, did not know about this coming Age. The sacred secret was fully unveiled in the book of Ephesians; “Which, in other generations, had not been made known unto the sons of men, as it hath, now, been revealed by his holy apostles and prophets, in spirit; — That they who are of the nations should be joint heirs, and a joint body, and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Yahoshua through means of the glad-message” (Eph. 3:5-6). Our Father’s will is that we grasp firmly, with all the saints,—what is the breadth and length and depth and height of this sacred secret (Eph. 3:18). Also Colossians unveils the glorious wealth of this sacred secret among the nations, which is, The Anointed One (Christ) in you, the Hope of the Glory (Col. 1:27). This sacred secret was not spoken of through the prophet Joel (Acts 2:16). All the prophets,—from Samuel and those following after, as many as have spoken, had not announced these days (Acts 3:24). So when Peter was saying, “But, indeed, all the prophets,—from Samuel and those following after, as many as have spoken, have even announced these days,” then these days were not the days of the

¹⁴ Or, *is Yahweh* the Elohim, of Jews only, and not of the nations also? Yea! of the nations also: Rm. 3:29

Wherein there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, foreigner, Scythian, bond, free,—but, all things and in all, Christ: Col. 3:11, Gal. 3:28

That they who are of the nations should be joint heirs, and a joint body, and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Yahoshua through means of the glad-message Eph. 3:6

1Co 12:13 For, even to one spirit, we all, into one body, have been immersed,—whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free,—and, all, of one spirit, have been caused to drink.

¹⁵ So will they hearken to thy voice,—and thou shalt go in—thou, and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him—Yahweh, Elohim of the Hebrews, hath fallen in with us, Now, therefore, let us go, we pray thee, a journey of three days, into the desert, that we may sacrifice to Yahweh, our Elohim. Ex. 3:18; 5:3; 7:16; 9:1, 13; 10:3

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¹⁷ Because, the Lord himself, with a word of command, with a chief-messenger’s voice, and with a trumpet of God, shall descend from heaven,—and, the dead in Christ, shall rise, first, After that, we, the living who are left, together with them, shall be caught away, in clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:—and, thus, evermore, with the Lord, shall we be! I Thess. 4:16-17

¹⁸ “the revelation of a sacred secret, in age-past times kept silent” (Rom. 16:25).

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Age of the Sacred Secret because it was still a secret. The days Peter was announcing were days that the prophets had written, concerning the coming of the Messiah, his death, his judgment of mankind and him reigning as King. So then, “What exactly occurred on the Day of Pentecost?”

The Day of Pentecost must have been a partial fulfillment of what Joel had prophesied to Israel, however instead of the Day of Yahweh occurring, as recorded in the Book of Joel (the sun, shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood (Joel 2:31)) this Day was delayed and what was inserted in its place was the ‘Age of the Sacred Secret.’ The most likely place for this insertion was in Acts 10; the day the Nations or Gentiles received spirit. These dogs (a term Israel gave to the Nations) were not ceremonially cleansed according to the Law of Moses, neither were they circumcised, nor were they baptized with water but they received the gift of holy spirit! If they were not Israelites then how could they receive spirit, which was only promised to Israel? The Israelites thought the same thing; “And the faithful, of the circumcision, who had come with Peter, were amazed,—in that, upon the nations also, the free-gift of the holy spirit had been poured out” (Acts 10:45). Yahweh told Peter in the revelation given to him upon Simon’s rooftop, “What things, Yahweh, hath cleansed, be not, thou, making common” (Acts 10:15). Yahweh had cleansed the Nations, which was news to Peter and every other Hebrew! The Age of the Christ, the Age where there is neither Jew nor Gentile had begun, while the Day of Yahweh had been put in abeyance.¹⁹ Peter’s prophesy that said, “The sun, shall be turned into darkness and, the moon, into blood...” had been changed by Yahweh.

Yahweh has spoken through the prophets and then changed His original prophecy. Jonah prophesied to Nineveh that, “Yet forty days, and, Nineveh, is to be overthrown” (Jon. 3:2)! Nineveh repented, which led Yahweh to change the prophecy concerning what He had spoken against Nineveh. The explanation was, “And Elohim saw their doings, that they turned from their wicked way,—and Elohim was grieved over the calamity which he had spoken of executing upon them, and executed it not” (Jon. 3:10). In Isaiah is another example of Yahweh changing a prophecy. Isaiah was instructed to tell Hezekiah, “Thus, saith Yahweh, Set in order thy house, for, about to die, thou, art, and shalt not recover” (II Kgs. 20:1). “And it came to pass that Isaiah, had not gone out into the middle court, when the word of Yahweh came unto him, saying: Return, and thou shalt say unto Hezekiah the leader of my people—Thus, saith Yahweh, Elohim of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears,—Behold me! about to heal thee, On the third day, shalt thou go up unto the house of Yahweh; And I will add unto thy days, fifteen years...” (II Kgs. 20:4-6). Isaiah’s original prophecy had been changed from ‘you shall not recover’ to ‘I will add unto thy days, fifteen years.’

¹⁹ “state of suspension, temporary non-existence or inactivity; dormant or latent condition liable to be at any time revived.”
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In certain scriptures, Yahweh has divided his Ages by a mere coma. Yahoshua displayed Yahweh's Ages being delayed for thousands of years in the record of Isaiah. Yahoshua quotes most of Isaiah 61:1-2 when he reads the scroll in the synagogue as recorded in Luke 4:18. Isaiah 61:1-2 reads, "The spirit of My Lord Yahweh, is upon me,—Because Yahweh, Hath anointed me, to tell good tidings to the oppressed, Hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, To proclaim, To captives, liberty, To them who are bound, the opening of the prison; To proclaim—The year of acceptance of Yahweh [One Age], *and, The day of avenging of our Elohim* [Another Age]." In the synagogue, Yahoshua did not read, "and, the day of avenging of our Elohim!" Why? Because he could not say, "This day, is fulfilled this scripture, in your ears" as he did in Luke 4:21. The time period between the comma separating 'The year of acceptance of Yahweh' and 'The Day of Avenging of our Elohim' has so far been over 2,000 years. The year of acceptance of Yahweh and the day of avenging of our Elohim were prophesied by the prophets but in that comma, which separates these ages, is the Age of the Sacred Secret. Neither Yahoshua nor the prophets knew about the Age of the Sacred Secret because Yahweh had not revealed it. Yahweh has kept secrets from His Son; "But, concerning that day and hour, no one, knoweth, neither the messengers of the heavens, nor the Son,—save the Father only" (Mt. 24:36).

The Old Covenant and the four Gospels foretold the Coming of the Messiah for Israel, the Suffering of the Messiah for Israel, the Judgment of Yahweh upon mankind, known as the Day of Yahweh and the Reign of the Messiah upon the New Earth, as King of Israel residing on mount Zion. The coming of the Messiah was to be from the root of Jesse in the town of David. The Nations or Gentiles were not a part of this plan. The Messiah's suffering was to accomplish the redemption of Israel by his substitutional sacrifice; "Him [Yahoshua], as Princely-leader and Saviour, hath Yahweh exalted unto his right hand,—to give repentance unto Israel, and remission of sins" (Acts 5:31); after which the Judgment of Yahweh upon mankind was to occur upon the Earth; "And I will set forth wonders in the heavens, and in the earth,—blood, and fire, and columns of smoke: The sun, shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,—before the coming of the great and awful Day of Yahweh. And it shall come to pass, whosoever, shall call on the name of Yahweh, shall be delivered,—For in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, shall be a delivered remnant, just as Yahweh hath said, and among the survivors, whom Yahweh doth call" (Joel 2:30-32). The Messiah would then Reign as King over a New Earth; "I, have installed my king,—on Zion my holy mountain" (Ps. 2:6); "For, behold me! Creating new heavens, and a new earth,—And the former, shall not be mentioned, neither shall they come up on the heart. But joy ye and exult, perpetually, in what I, am about to create,—For, behold me! Creating Jerusalem an exultation, and, Her People a joy; Therefore will I Exult in Jerusalem, and, Joy in my People,—And there shall be heard in her, no more, The sound of weeping, or the sound of a cry" (Is. 65:17-19). One event that was not made known to Yahweh's prophets was the Age of the Sacred Secret, the Christian Church today, which is why we see the Day of Yahweh being delayed, so far, for over 2,000 years.

The manifold wisdom of our Magnificent Father was unveiled in the Sacred Secret,²⁰ which had been revealed first to Peter on Simon's rooftop and then to Saul on the road to Damascus, although they did not understand it in its fullness until it was fully revealed to the Apostle Paul as recorded in the book of Ephesians.²¹ Peter recounted the events that happened in the house of Cornelius to the Israelites, "And, having heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified Yahweh, saying—Hence, even unto the nations [Gentiles], Yahweh hath granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18). The Gentiles enter Yahweh's plan around Acts chapter ten and now the Age of the Hebrew has been interrupted, putting the Day of Yahweh on hold. This hypothesis could explain Matthew 24:34, Acts 2:19-20 and Acts 3:24. We know absolutely that the Christian Church, the Body of the Christ, the two (Jew and Gentile) he created in himself, into one man of new mould, did not begin on the Day of Pentecost but it began in Acts chapter ten, to people who were unclean, uncircumcised, not of the seed of Abraham and not water baptized. Yahoshua poured²² out spirit, which is power from on high, on the believing Hebrews in Acts chapter two, but not until chapter ten did Yahoshua pour out spirit on the house of Cornelius, the Gentiles, thereby making one man of new mould.

²⁰ And to bring to light—what is the administration of the sacred secret which had been hidden away from the ages in Yahweh, who did all things create: In order that now, unto the principalities and the authorities in the heavenlies, might be made known, through means of the assembly, the manifold wisdom of Yahweh...The sacred secret which had been hidden away from the ages and from the generations, but, now, hath been made manifest unto his saints— Unto whom Yahweh hath been pleased to make known what is the glorious wealth of this sacred secret among the nations, which is Christ in you, the hope of the glory. Eph. 3:9-10, Col. 1:26-27

²¹ But, when Yahweh, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his favour, was well-pleased to reveal his Son in me, that I might announce the glad-message regarding him among the nations [Gentiles] Gal. 1:15-16
But, on the contrary,—when they saw that I had been entrusted with the glad-message to the uncircumcision, even as, Peter, *with that* to the circumcision, Gal 2:7

²² Ac 2:33 By the right hand of God, therefore, having been exalted, also, the promise of the Holy Spirit, having received from the Father, He hath poured out this which, yourselves, do see and hear.

Ac 10:45 And the faithful, of the circumcision, who had come with Peter, were amazed,—in that, upon the nations also, the free-gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out;

Appendix A

The Nation of Israel in Acts 1 thru 9

Ac 1:6 They, therefore, having come together, began to question him, saying—Lord! art thou at this time duly establishing the kingdom unto Israel?

Ac 2:22 Ye men of Israel! hear these words:—Yahoshua the Nazarene, a man pointed out of Yahweh unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs, which Yahweh did through him in your midst, just as ye yourselves know,

Ac 2:36 Assuredly, then, let all the house of Israel know: that, both Lord and Christ, hath Yahweh made him, even the same Yahoshua whom, ye, crucified!

Ac 3:12 And Peter, seeing it, made answer unto the people:—Ye men of Israel! Why marvel ye at this man? Or, upon us, why are ye intently looking, as though, by our own power or godliness, we had made him walk?

Ac 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and unto all the people of Israel: that, in the name of Yahoshua Christ the Nazarene,—whom, ye, crucified, whom, Yahweh, raised from among the dead, in him, doth, this man stand by, in your presence, whole.

Ac 4:27 For they were gathered together, of a truth, in this city, against thy holy servant Yahoshua, whom thou hadst anointed,—both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with them of the nations, and peoples of Israel; —

Ac 5:21 Now, when they heard this, they entered, under the dawn, into the temple, and began teaching. And the High-priest and they who were with him, arriving, called together the high-council, and all the senate of the sons of Israel; and sent off unto the prison, to have them brought.

Ac 5:31 Him, as Princely-leader and Saviour, hath Yahweh exalted unto his right hand,—to give repentance unto Israel, and remission of sins.

Ac 5:35 And said unto them—Men of Israel! be taking heed unto yourselves, what ye are about to inflict upon these men.

Ac 7:23 And, when there was being fulfilled unto him a period of forty years, it came up on his heart to look after his brethren the sons of Israel;

Ac 7:37 The same, is the Moses that said unto the sons of Israel—A prophet, unto you, will Yahweh raise up, from among your brethren, like unto me:

Ac 7:42 But Yahweh, turned, and delivered them up to be doing divine service unto the host of heaven,—just as it is written in a book of the prophets—Victims and sacrifices did ye offer unto me, forty years in the desert, O house of Israel?

Ac 9:15 But the Lord said unto him—Be going thy way; for, a choice vessel unto me, is this man, to bear my name before both [[the]] nations and kings, and the sons of Israel;

Ac 10:36 As touching the word he hath sent unto the sons of Israel, announcing the glad tidings of peace through Yahoshua Christ—the same, is Lord, of all,

Appendix B

The Other Pauline Epistles

(Not Addressed to Churches)

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Having seen and considered the Epistles addressed to the churches by the Holy Spirit through Paul, it remains now only to say a few words on the other Pauline Epistle.

What place do they occupy? What mission do they discharge? The answer is that they are remarkable, not so much for what they contain as for what they do not contain.

When the Church shall have been caught up and gathered to the Lord, the seven Church Epistles will only be of historical interest and use to those who are left on the earth to go through or come out of the Great Tribulation; just as the historical books of the Old Testament are of use and interest to us now. What ever there may be in them then by way of application and interpretation will necessarily go with the Church for whose special instruction they were given.

This then, is the gap to be filled by the other nonchurch epistles, especially that to the Hebrews. There will be those on the earth who will “learn righteousness,” and be saved, though not to the position which the Church will occupy. There are “many mansions” in the Father’s house; and the position occupied by the Church will be occupied by none other.

There will be those who come out of the Great Tribulation (Rev. 7). There will be the 144,000 of Rev. 7 and 14, these will need the Word of God. These will need truth, which they may not only apply to, but interpret of, themselves.

This is where the other New Testament writings will come in; especially John’s Gospel, the Epistle to the Hebrews, and the Epistles to the seven Assemblies in Rev. 2 and 3. While there is every truth in them that they will need, there is nothing that will interfere with their standing in the slightest degree. That is why (we believe) there is no reference to the Mystery, and no mention of the Church of God, or the Body of Christ, in those writings, and no Church truth or teaching as such. Nothing about the members of the Body having died or risen with Christ (for we shall have actually then risen). Nothing about being seated by faith in the heavenlies in Christ (for we shall be actually seated there with and in Christ). Nothing about Jews and Gentiles being “one body” in Christ, “one new man”; (for the Church, composed of both, will be in heaven; and the Jews, as such, on the earth).

Hence it is that in the Gospel of John there is so little in common with the other three Gospels. Nothing recorded in them is repeated in John, which would have interfered in any way with the teaching that will then be required; nothing to mar that teaching, or make it difficult.

So with Hebrews. Paul's name is specially associated with the seven church epistles. He was the chosen vessel by which the Spirit would instruct the Church of God; and make known the revelation of the Mystery, and the truth concerning the one Body of Christ. This, we believe, is the reason why Paul's name is omitted from that epistle; and, though it was written by him, he is thus, personally, dissociated from it.

But let no one willfully or ignorantly mistake our meaning. The whole of John and Hebrews is for us, for the Church here and now, all is needed by us: but, while they do not contain ALL the teaching that we need, so neither do they contain ANY that will not be needed after the Church is gone.

That is why we said that those writings are remarkable and noticeable, not for what they contain, but for what they omit. Why is it that Hebrews 6 and 10 are constant perplexity of uninstructed Christians? Why is it that what is true in Heb. 6:1-8 and 10:26-31, of those to whom they are to be interpreted, is used to upset what is equally true of us in Rom. 8, which is to be interpreted only of the standing of those who are members of the Body of Christ? Both Scriptures are true if we thus rightly divide them, and interpret them of those to whom they are respectively spoken.

Any other explanation of the difficulty (for difficulty it is, and is felt to be by thousands of Christians,) is at the expense of truth. Either Heb. 6 and 10 and John 15:6 are apt to get explained away, and the awful warning made of none effect: of Rom. 8 is explained away; and then we are robbed of the eternal security and preservation of those who are in Christ.

How much better and easier to accept this explanation: which is in obedience to II Tim. 2:15; in harmony with the teaching of the other epistles: and leaves the truth of each untouched and untarnished, to have all its blessed effect and wondrous power? It is an explanation, which rightly divides the word of truth (or at any rate attempts and strives to do so); leaves each truth in the full possession of those of whom it is to be interpreted; yet robs neither party of one truth, or any fraction of truth, which properly and correctly belongs to it.