

# The Gospel: The Kingdom & Jesus Christ

BASF Article XVII – *That the Gospel consists of the “things concerning the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ”*



**“But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women” – Acts 8:12**

**“Paul...received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him” – Acts 28:30**

**(NOTICE THE ORDER)**

# THE GOSPEL IN THE LAW AND PROPHETS

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” – **Luke 24:26** (John 1:45; Mat 5:17-18)

“I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles” – **Acts 26:22-23**

“Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ” – **Acts 17:2-3**

# Foundation of the Gospel: Rooted in Law & Prophets

“There came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified *(1) the kingdom of God, (2) persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the Law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening*” – **Acts 28:23**

This reference shows that details of the Gospel—*the things of the Kingdom of God and Name of Jesus Christ*—can be thoroughly expounded in the entirety of the Old Testament Scriptures; the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. (*The Psalms are referred to as both “the Law” and “the prophets” – Mat 21:42; 13:35; Mar 12:10, 36; John 10:34*)

## **THE GOSPEL: FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION**

Heb 4:1-2 "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it"

Gal 3:8-9 "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham"

**ISRAEL & ABRAHAM: VITAL KEYS TO THE GOSPEL**

**“And he said unto them, *These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures”* — Luke 24:44-46**

**Where in the Law, Prophets and Psalms do we find “all things” concerning the Lord Jesus Christ? The margin provides but very few references!**

**Without an accurate understanding of the Gospel they are impossible to find.**

**How do we find them?**

**By what means are they revealed?**

## How is the Gospel Taught?

“And he taught them many things by parables, and *said unto them in his doctrine*” Mark 4:2

“And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. And he said unto them, *Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God*: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables” Mark 4:9-12

“*With many such* parables *spake he the Word unto them*, as they were able to hear it. *But without a* parable *spake he not unto them*: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples” Mark 4:33-34

# THE GOSPEL IS THE NUCLEUS OF

## ~~PARABLES—~~

*“And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?”* Mark 4:13-14

- **Doctrine of the Gospel is common to all parables**

*“Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom...”* Mat 4:23

Jesus “taught” by *parables*, and He also “taught” the gospel of *the Kingdom*. Thus, our studies include are search for the Gospel in parabolic form—

*“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened ...”* Mat 13:24

“A parable is the setting forth of a certain thing *as a representative of something else*...real actions on a small scale are representative of remoter and grander events...*parables are dark and unintelligible to those who are not skilled in the things of the kingdom; but when once they come to know these, the things they resemble immediately appear*...For certain features of the kingdom to be illustrated parabolically is to speak, or act, allegorically; and is a mode of instruction more calculated to keep up the attention, and to impress the mind permanently, than a set discourse, or formal disquisition. The scriptures are constructed after this ingenious plan, by which they are made so much more interesting...” *Elpis Israel* pg. 274-275

Mat 13:10-13 “The disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, *Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.* For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand”

**The testimony of Scriptures is intended to *reveal* and *conceal*—“we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom” 1Cor 2:7**

John 8:43 “Why do ye not understand my speech? *even because ye cannot hear my word*” (1John 4:5-6)

# THE GOSPEL—IN THE CREATION

Rom 5:14 “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, *who is the figure of him that was to come*” **Adam a figure of Christ**

1Co 15:45-48 “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. *Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.* The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven” **Natural Adam likened to the Spiritual Adam**

# IMPORTANT: ISRAEL—THE CENTER OF THE GOSPEL

Israel constituted the Kingdom of God in the past (1Chr 28:5; 2Chr 13:8; 1Chr 29:23)

Kingdom of Israel to be restored in future (Act 1:6)

Disciples to sit upon 12 thrones of Israel (Mat 19:28)

Saints called to the Hope of Israel (Act 28:20)

Gentiles graft into Israel (Rom 11:1-28)

Gentiles joined to commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:1-22)

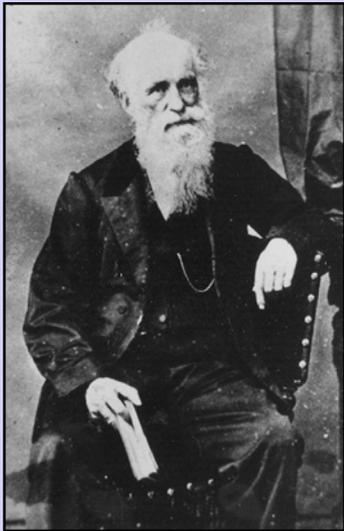
Saints are styled the Israel of God (Gal 6:15-16)

Believers are inward Jews (Rom 2:28-29)

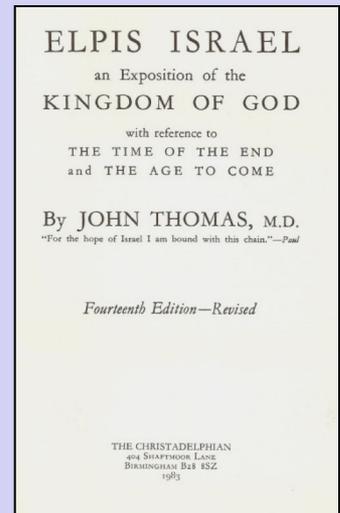
Faithful constitute seed of Abraham (Rom 4; Gal 3)

# Hope Of Israel Must Not Be Lost

**“*Elpis Israel*’s subject-matter is national, not sectarian...It is designed to show men how they may attain to life eternal” – *Preface pg. XX*  
1849**



**“The gospel is not preached when the things of the kingdom are omitted. And this is one grand defect in modern preaching. Either there is nothing said about the kingdom; or a kingdom is preached which is a mere matter of speculation...” *Elpis Israel, pg 192 (John Thomas, 1849)***



# The Creation of the “Heavens and Earth”

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” Gen 1:1

## The Things of the Kingdom

Isa 65:17-19 “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy...”

Rev 21:1-2 “I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...”

# **The Creation of the “Heavens and Earth”**

**Isa 45:17-19** *“But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.”*

**Yahweh has never diverted from His initial purpose in Genesis. The Deity will, in fact, establish a *Heavens and Earth* wherein dwells righteousness**

*“But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD” – Num 14:21*

## **The Creation of the “Heavens and Earth”**

**2Pe 3:8-13 “Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.* The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness ...But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up...we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness”**

**The Genesis account reveals the *parabolic* process for the development of this new heavens and new earth.**

# The Creation of the "Heavens and Earth"

**"LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom He had formed" Gen 2:8**

## The Things of the Kingdom

**Eze 36:24-26, 34-35 "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your *flesh*... O *house of Israel*...And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited"**

# The Creation of the “Heavens and Earth”

Isa 51:1-3 “Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged. *Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD”*

Jer 24:6-7 “For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, *and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them...they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart”*

# The Condition of “the Earth”

“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep” Gen 1:2

Notice your margin: Jer 4:23

Jer 4:22-23 “For *my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light*” (i.e. **Israel in political/religious darkness**)

Jer 4:22-23 “O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah*” (i.e. **no heavens**)

# **The Condition of “the Earth”**

**“In the New Testament ‘the earth’ denotes the land of Judah”—  
Mat 23:35 Online Bible see *Bible Dictionary***

**“From the language of the creation of the literal heavens and earth, Jeremiah draws the analogy of the creation of Israel (Jer 4:23). Here the prophet shows that as God created the heavens and earth in the beginning, and that they had subsequently suffered a catastrophe and chaos, so Israel created by Divine constitution had now also suffered catastrophe, and were involved in darkness”—*J. Martin “Hebrews” pg. 11***

**We will talk about *when* Israel suffered the catastrophe of being “without form and void” in a moment.**

**Remember: the word “The earth WAS without form...” is the same Hebrew word “BECAME”!**

# Israel—"the Earth"—emerges from "the Seas"

"God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas" Gen 1:10 (the conflict between them causes the life upon the Earth)

Isa 17:13 "The *nations* shall rush like the rushing of *many waters*"

Rev 17:15 "The *waters* which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*"

Isa 23:11 "He stretched out his hand *over the sea*, he shook *the kingdoms*"

Dan 7:3, 17 "And four great beasts came *up from the sea* ... These great beasts, which are four, are *four kingdoms, which shall arise out of the earth*" (**Jer 51:42-43; Eze 26:3**)

# Israel—“the Earth” & the Nations—“the Seas”

“And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so” Gen 1:9 (Armageddon)

Zec 12:2-3 “Behold, *I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it*”

Zep 3:8 “*My determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy*”

## Seas “gathered” & Dry land “appears”

Rev 16:15-16 “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. *And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon*” **(this is for Israel’s good: to turn them to repentance—Jer 24:5)**

Joe 3:2 “I will also *gather all nations*, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for my heritage Israel*, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land”

Zec 14:1-2 “Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. *For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle*”

# The “Dry land” and Israel’s Deliverance

The two appearances of the phrase: Israel saved through crisis: **Out of Egypt and Into the Land of Inheritance!**

Exo 14:21-22 “Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, *and made the sea dry land*, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea *upon the dry ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left”

Jos 3:17 “The priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm *on dry ground* in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over *on dry ground*, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan”  
(Israel’s return: coming from Egypt “dry shod”—Isa 11:11-16)

**“And the evening and the morning were the third day.” Gen 1:13**

## **Earth—Israel revives from Waters on Third Day**

**The nation of Israel—the dry land—emerges from the waters to produce fruit on the “third day.”**

Hosea 6:1-2 *“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight”*

**Note carefully: why is this the third day, and not the sixth millennial day? BECAUSE it is marked from the period of Israel spiritually *without form and void*.**

## Israel the Earth—is being formed...

**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters” Gen 1:2**

**“From the language of the creation of the literal heavens and earth, Jeremiah draws the analogy of the creation of Israel (Jer 4:23). Here the prophet shows that as God created the heavens and earth in the beginning, and that they had subsequently suffered a catastrophe and chaos, so Israel created by Divine constitution had now also suffered catastrophe, and were involved in darkness”—*J. Martin***

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***When was this? “In the Beginning”***

## **Former Heavens and Earth Dissolved: AD 70**

**Mar 13:14-20 “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains...For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be”**

- **“Mark 13:19...applies to the Mosaic order” HPM, *James to Jude Expositor, pg. 205***

***Moses addresses Israel as: “Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth” Deu 32:1.***

***Isaiah addresses Israel as: “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me” Isa 1:2.***

## **Former Heavens and Earth Dissolved: AD 70**

2Pe 3:7-8, 13 “But *the heavens and the earth, which are now*, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day...Nevertheless we, according to his promise, *look for new heavens and a new earth*, wherein dwelleth righteousness”

**“Peter has in mind the order of things of the Jewish Commonwealth...The destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 was a day of judgment and perdition (destruction) of ungodly men..” HPM, James to Jude Expositor, pg. 207-8**

***Mosaic “Heavens and Earth” destroyed in AD 70—Judgment.***

## **Former Heavens and Earth Dissolved: AD 70**

**“No other construction can be put upon it than that the end of all Mosaic institutions had approached”**  
*John Thomas, Last Days of Judah’s Commonwealth (see “Book Unsealed” J. Thomas)*

**“...rejection of Messiah by the Jewish people filled the cup of their iniquity...”** (Dan 9:23) *Expositor, pg. 203*

**After Jesus had been “cut off” the Mosaic “Heavens and Earth” we dissolved in AD 70. This followed by the “beginning” of another “Heavens and Earth.”**

***“In his Pentecostal address, Peter had drawn attention to the “Day of the Lord” (2Pet 3:10), and had equated it with the judgment of destruction that would be poured out upon the Jewish Heavens and Earth (Acts 2:19-20)” Expositor, pg. 209***

# Lord Jesus Christ: Beginning of New

**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” Gen 1:1    *John 1:1 “in the beginning was the Word”***

## **The Name of Jesus Christ**

**Rev 3:14 “Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God”**

**Col 1:15-18 “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by (*thru*) him were all things created, THAT ARE IN HEAVEN, AND THAT ARE IN EARTH, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him...he is the head of the body, the church: *who is the beginning*, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence”**

## **The Earth is without form: Spirit moves**

**“And the earth was without form, and void (Israel); and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters (Gentiles)” Gen 1:2 (God’s spirit-word!)**

***Upon rejection of the Messiah, the “Spirit of God”—THE WORD (Heb 4:12; Eph 5:17)—goes out to the Gentiles. (Acts 15:14)***

**Rom 11:25-26 “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; *that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.* AND SO all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob”**

# The Light—Christ—Shines upon Darkness

**“And GOD SAID, Let there be light: and there was light” Gen 1:3 (spiritual awakening)**

2Co 4:3-6 “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, *lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*” (**“Light” reps. Knowledge of Truth, as well as the Lord Jesus Christ—Gospel of John**)

**Herein begins the process of the New Heavens and Earth**

# **Saints: New Creation in Christ to Inherit the Earth**

2Co 5:17 “If any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature*: old things are passed away...all things are become new”

Eph 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, *created in Christ Jesus* unto good works” (Col 3:10-11)

Eph 4:22-24 “put on the new man, which after God is *created in righteousness* and true holiness”

**“It was by ‘the word of Yahweh that the heavens were made’ (Psa 33:6); for it is by the same Word that His ‘new creation’ is likewise moulded into shape (Rev 3:14). Thus the physical regeneration of the earth is set forth in Scripture as typical of the moral regeneration of man by the power of the Gospel”**

*Genesis Expositor*, p. 11

**“And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And *God called the light Day*, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Gen 1:4-5**

## **Division by the Light of the Gospel of Truth**

**1Th 5:4-7 “But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day*: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night”**

**Light represents spiritual awakening through the Word.**

**“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so” Gen 1:6-7**

## **Clouds & Firmament Established**

**Dan 12:2-3 “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness *of the firmament*; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever”**

**Heb 11:39-12:1 “We also are compassed about with so great *a cloud of witnesses*” (see Dictionary)**

**“God called the firmament *Heaven*. And the evening and the morning were THE SECOND DAY” Gen 1:8**

**Like Abraham, Saints separated from nations for 2,000 yrs**

**Eph 2:5-7 “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and *made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus*: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus”**

**“As waters are symbolic of people, mankind is separated into heavenly and earthly waters; the former designed to rule the political heavens of the Age to come...the purpose of the Gospel is to separate a people from out of the nations to occupy the symbolic firmament of the future” *Expositor*, pg. 36**

## **Jerusalem: New Heavens—New Heavenly Rulership**

**Rev 21:1-3 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”**

**Heb 12:22-23 “But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and ecclesia of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect”**

**“And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good. And God said, *Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:* and it was so” Gen 1:9-11**

**No longer *without form and void*, thee aftermath of Armageddon is the “seed” of the Word planted in the “Earth”—Israel—bringing forth “fruit”—i.e. *spiritual qualities*—**

**Luke 8:11 “Now the parable is this: *The seed is the word of God*” (1Pet 1:23-25; Jam 1:18)**

**“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth...” Gen 1:26**

## **The Man Created in God's Image to Inhabit the Earth**

*1Co 15:45-50 “The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

*Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly...Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit*

**“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth...” Gen 1:26**

**Col 1:13-15 “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature*”**

**Heb 1:1-3 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son...Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and *the express image of His person*”**

**“And God said...let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” Gen 1:26**

**Psa 8:4-8 “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him *to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas”**

**(This does not refer to a literal creation. This Psalm is quoted directly for Christ, the Second Adam—Heb 2:5-9)**

Heb 2:5-9 “For unto the angels *hath he not put in subjection the world to come*, whereof we speak... saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: *Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death*” **(Christ: Lord of the Sabbath—Luke 6:5)**

**“So God created man *in his own image*, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” Gen 1:27**

**“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and REPLENISH THE EARTH, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish...fowl... every living thing that moveth upon the earth” Gen 1:28**

### **The Beasts Nations Subdued by Christ and Saints**

Zep 2:14 says “all the beasts of the nations.” Dan 7 depicts the Gentile kingdoms as “four beasts.” (Isa 11)

### **Abrahamic Covenant fulfilled—New Creation**

Gen 25:10-12 “God said...thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name...I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee...And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land”

# THE GOSPEL—THE DAYS OF NOAH

2Pet 3:3-9 “There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were from the beginning of the creation*. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: WHEREBY THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS, BEING OVERFLOWED WITH WATER, PERISHED: *But the heavens and the earth, which are now*, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”

*The analogy of the Mosaic “heavens and earth” being dissolved is likened unto the Noahic Flood—*

## **The Things of the Kingdom**

Mat 24:37-39 *“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away”* **JERUSALEM AD 70**  
*Nazareth Revisited*, pg. 254-256.

Dan 9:25-27 *“From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks...after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood”* **AD 70**

Isa 54:5-9 “For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and *thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel*; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee”

***CONTEXT: “WATERS OF NOAH”—PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL. NO MORE “WATERS” TO OVERCOME ISRAEL.***

**“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” Gen 6:3**

**NOTE THE TIME: “120 YEARS” APPEARS TWO OTHER PLACES**

**Deu 31:1-2 “Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel. And he said unto them, I *am* an hundred and twenty years old this day”**

**Deu 34:7 “And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated”**

**HOW REMARKABLE THAT MOSES WAS “120 YRS” WHEN HE WAS REMOVED! THUS, THE MOSAIC “HEAVENS AND EARTH” WERE ABOUT TO SEE JUDGMENT AND AN OVERFLOWING FLOOD.**

**“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God” Gen 6:8-9**

## **The Name of Jesus Christ**

2Pe 2:5 “(God) spared not the old world, *but saved Noah the eighth person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly” **circumcision**

Heb 11:7 “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” **“The *house of God*, which is the *ecclesia of the living God*”—1Tim 3:15**

“God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch” Gen 6:13-14

1Pe 3:18-21 “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh...Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us...” ***Baptism: End of All Flesh*** (Rom 6)

**“But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee” Gen 6:18**

## **Yahweh's Covenant of Life Resides With One Man**

**The Edenic, Abrahamic, Davidic and Noahic covenants all find their fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the saviour and preserver of Life. Not only for himself, but his family and household that identify with Him through baptism!**

**“Every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep them alive” Gen 6:19-20**

“And the LORD said unto Noah, Come *thou and all thy house into the ark*; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are not clean* by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth” Gen 7:1-3

## The Clean and Unclean enter into the Ark

**NOTE: The Clean—Jews—are given the foremost position above the Unclean—Gentiles. “To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile” (Rom 1:16). The Jewish emphasis of the Bible must be constantly at the forefront. The gospel was spread by 12 disciples (Israel) and the Gentiles enlightened by Jews (Peter, then Paul). The literal scattering of Jews—Gospel to Gentiles.**

**“And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of *all that was in the dry land, died*” Gen 7:21-22**

### **Jerusalem Trodden Down of Gentiles—Luke 21:24**

**Dan 9:26 “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined”**

**Isa 59:19 “When *the enemy* shall come in like a flood”**

**“Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark” Gen 7:23-24**

**“He sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth” Gen 8:8-9**

### **Israel in dispersion without Rest among the Nations**

**Hos 7:10-11 “The pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this. Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria” (Hos 11:11-12)**

**Deu 28:64-66 “And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other... And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest...and shalt have none assurance of thy life”**

**“And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth” Gen 8:10-11**

**“God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be graffed into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, *until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in*. And so all Israel shall be saved...”**

**Rom 11:23-27**

**“And the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake...While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” Gen 8:21-22 *Note the Margin: Jer 33:20, 25***

**“Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; *Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne...If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them” Jer 33:20-26***

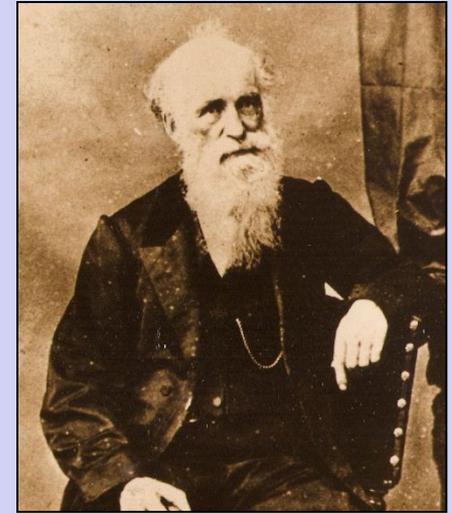
**“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered” Gen 9:1-2**

**The Last Adam goes forth with the redeemed to inherit the Land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—**

**2Pe 3:13-14 “We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, *seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless”***

*“The Scripture method of imparting knowledge is not only the best, but unquestionably the most interesting. It doth not deliver its oracles after the cut and dried fashion of a creed, which states with the abstract and chilling formality the opinions of those who publish it; but it reveals its ‘wonderful things’ in narratives of creation; domestic troubles; of sin and murder; of violence; and apostasy; of physical convulsions; of loves (lawful and forbidden); of famines; pestilence and earthquakes; of invasions; massacres; sieges and sack of towns; religion, politics and superstition; of the foundation and overthrow of kingdoms, states and empires; of family histories in their minutest details; of personal adventure; of personalities, in accusations and vindication of character; etc, etc...*

**“...Hence, while a creed is the driest and most repulsive elaboration of the ‘black art’; the Bible is the most interesting and readable book in the world. *It is intelligible in all its doctrines; but it reveals them so as to make it incumbent on the reader to reason them out...*the language of the Bible is, ‘Come, let us reason together,’ and ‘prove all things’; hence ‘the deep things of God’ are addressed to faith, not implicit, *but resulting from a devout examination of the wonderful details of this most extraordinary of all books.*” *John Thomas, 1847***



**“And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days *reasoned with them out of the scriptures*” - Acts 17:2**