

Sunday Session 2 Bible Study – August 10, 2014
"Racial, Religious, Regenerate" – (Revelation 3:9)

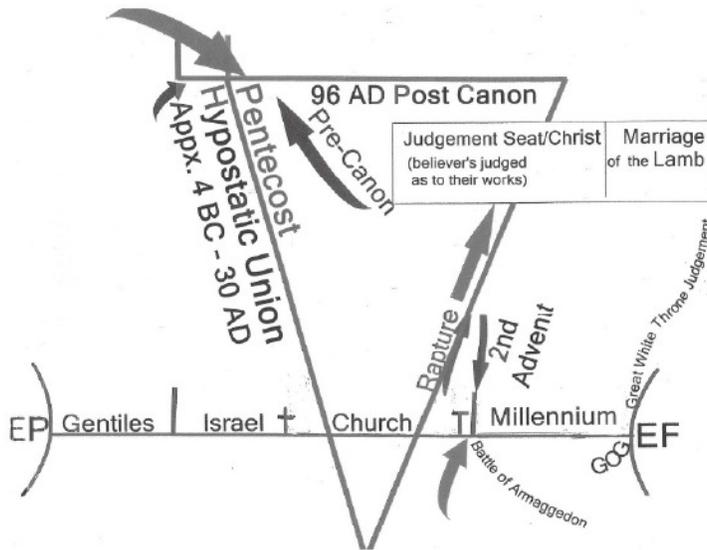
Read Revelation 3:7-13

Read Revelation 3:9 – “Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, the Ones calling themselves Jews, and they are not, but they lie; Behold, I will make them come and worship before your feet, and they shall know that I have loved you.”

Note the 10 verbs of verse 9:

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| (1) ἰδοὺ Behold (AMImp. 2nd p.s. of εἶδον) | (6) ποιήσω Do/make (FAI 1st p.s. of ποιέω) |
| (2) διδῶ Give/make (PAI 1 p.s. of δίδωμι) | (7) ἔξουσιν Come (FAI 3rd p.pl. of ἔκω) |
| (3) λεγόντων Calling (PAP g.m.pl. of λέγω) | (8) προσκυνήσουσιν Worship (FAI 3rd p.pl. of προσκυνέω) |
| (4) εἶναι To Be (PAInf. of εἰμί) | (9) γινώσιν Know (AASubj. 3rd p.pl. of γινώσκω) |
| (5) ψεύδονται Lie (PMI 3rd p.pl. of ψεύδομαι) | (10) ἠγάπησά Loved (AAI 1st p.s. of ἀγαπάω) |

Biblical timeline:



The Spirit of God is using John, out on the island of Patmos, to write God’s message to the Church. We’re living between the time of Pentecost and the day of the “Rapture”. It is a magnificent time of *Power* for believers, the Church Age.

In this age, we have the unique opportunity not only to become *tricotymous* – body, soul and spirit – but also to *advance* in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Jews presented in Revelation 3:9 are not regenerate. But they fall into 3 groups.

JEWES – THREE GROUPS:

- I. PEOPLE BORN TO A JEWISH FAMILY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY FOLLOW THE RELIGION
- II. THOSE WHO HAVE SOME JEWISH ANCESTRAL BACKGROUND OR LINAGE
- III. PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO JEWISH BACKGROUND OR LINAGE, BUT WHO HAVE CONVERTED TO JUDAISM AND ARE FOLLOWERS OF THE RELIGION.

RACIAL – Born Jews

RELIGIOUS – Pharisees

REGENERATE – Believers in the LJC

JUDAISM...

1. Is a monotheistic faith.
2. Basic laws and tenets derived from the Torah – the first 5 books of the Bible.
3. Emphasizes that all people are to do what is just and merciful.
4. All people are to be treated with dignity and respect.
5. They serve God by study, prayer and by the observance of the commandments set forth in the Torah.
6. They say that it is by deeds, not creeds that the world is judged.
7. Judaism is not an active missionary religion.
8. Jewish Sacred writings consist of the books of the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings.
9. Following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD, Jewish religious scholars in the land of Israel compiled the six volumes of the *Mishnah* in order to record and preserve the canon of Jewish religious legislation, laws and customs.
10. During the next 5 centuries, this was supplemented by the *Gemara*, by rabbinical scholars in the land, and in Babylon. The *Mishnah* and the *Gemara* form the *Talmud*.

“ALL ISRAEL IS NOT ISRAEL” – Romans 9:6-18

Many are Jews by race – but not by Grace.

Israel has a RACIAL heritage – beginning with Abraham

Israel has a SPIRITUAL Heritage – Genesis 15:6 – “*Abraham believed in the Lord and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*”

In Abraham there are two great areas:

One is the physical descent – Abraham is the father of a lot of Arab tribes – beginning the Jewish race.

The other is the spiritual descent – the pattern of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The negative adverb (*ouk*) in Revelation 3:9 describes those who have not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. These are of the *physical* heritage of Abraham, but the *spiritual* heritage of Abraham.

Israel is the focus of God the Holy Spirit in Romans 9:6-12, who were very proud individuals. The true descendants are called the children of *promise*, not the children of *flesh*.

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- I. As a nation the Jews failed.
- II. Being blood kin to Abraham, their pride blinded them and caused them to have a false security of *son-ship* based upon *kinship*. But Paul, the “Hebrew of Hebrews”, a converted Jew, knew better: he knew it was son-ship based upon *faith alone in Christ alone*.
- III. God has not changed His plan for the Jew or the Gentile in the Old or New Testaments.
- IV. God’s choice has never been based upon physical descent – Romans 9:6-7. Did the bloodline back to Abraham ensure a right standing with God? NO! Abraham had two sons, one by Hagar, and one by Sarah, *flesh* on the one hand (Ishmael) and *faith* on the other hand (Issac – Romans 9:8; Galatians 3:7). Romans 9:9 takes us back to Abraham’s 13 silent years (Genesis 16:16 – Genesis 17:11) In Genesis 17:5, we see the renaming of Abram to Abraham as he attained the capacity to receive God’s promise.

The Jews were proud of who they *thought* they were, and they were proud of what they *thought they could do for God*.

Israel has a racial heritage (Genesis 12) and a spiritual heritage (Genesis 15:6).

No matter our background the Bible makes clear the way of salvation is THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our existence is *no accident*. God has a great plan for each and every one of us.