

Who Preaches the Gospel?

Eschatology: Study of God Developing People in His Image
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Schematic of Church & Tribulation

- Church is with Jesus
 - Bema Seat
 - Marriage Feast
- Tribulation on Earth
 - Revelation of Christ's Gospel
 - Revelation of Anti-Christ's gospel



Rapture of the Church Leaves a Void

- The gospel can only be preached by men who believe
 - The angels do not understand and therefore cannot preach the gospel
 - The Church has been raptured so all who believed the gospel are gone
- This leaves the very legitimate question, "Who will preach the gospel and how will they receive the gospel without the church?"

Glimpses from the Past

- Adam received truth from Christ (Re 2:14, 2:26, 2:28)
- Abram received truth from Christ (Re 14:1, 14:4, 14:9)
- Moses received truth from Christ (Re 18:21)
- Paul received truth from Christ (Re 19:9, 21:1-3)
- Yet, Christ is with the saints at the
 - Bema Seat
 - Marriage Feast

If not Christ, then Who (Whom)?

- The Gospel is NOT intuitive (Re 1:3, 1:7, 1:8)
- Christ is not depicted giving the gospel to anyone in Revelation
- How do the 144,000 receive the Gospel?



Bible Books Dedicated to the Jews

- Old Testament
 - Prophetic books detail
 - Messiah
 - Jacob's Trouble
 - Coming Kingdom
 - All books touch on the Gospel and find completion in the Millennial Kingdom



Bible Books Dedicated to the Jews

- New Testament
 - Gospels discuss Messiah
 - Several books dedicated directly to the Jews
 - James
 - 1 Peter
 - Hebrews
 - Revelation



New Testament: Near & Far View

- Revelation is almost exclusively addressed to those left after the Rapture of the Church
- James and 1 Peter have lessons for the First Fruit dispensation but much more so after the Rapture emphasized by their strongly Jewish imagery
- Hebrews is the major handbook for the Jews in the post-Rapture world

Hebrews: For Tribulation Jews

- Details how the Old Testament pointed to the New Testament without violating the truths of either book
- Interpretation of Hebrews requires understanding Jewish Law, and their failures
- Some application to the Christians but more so as a primer on how gentile Christians can understand the Jewish Law imagery

Bible alone is not enough!

- The Bible must be taught to be understood
- Holy Spirit does teach but not directly as Christ does (1Co 2)
- Prophets did teach both believers and unbelievers



Patterns in the Bible

Old Testament

- Moses
 - Leader
 - Prophet
- Aaron
 - High Priest

Revelation

- Antichrist
 - Leader
 - Spirit Guide
- False Prophet
 - Priest of the one "new" religion that unifies all previous religions

Two Prophets of Revelation

Old Testament

- Two Olive Trees (Ze 4)
 - Joshua, High Priest
 - Zerubbabel, Governor
- They reestablished the Temple and worship {Lamp Stand, light of the world} (Ze 4)

Revelation

- Two Olive Trees and Lamp Stands (Re 11)
 - Two prophets of God
 - Publically prophesize during first 3.5 years
 - Publically killed then resurrected to Heaven

Two Prophets Ignite the Light

- The public ministry of these two prophets
 - Teaches those called of God how to understand the Bible in light of the times – reignites Gospel message
 - Their Gospel message is rejected by the lost, violently!
- Able to protect themselves with the word of God until their ministry is ended

Then the Commissioning of People

- It is only after sufficient time to learn the true gospel message that God appoints His witnesses to proclaim the Gospel to the world (Rev 14:1-5)
- Their ministry (144,000) is during the final 3.5 years of the Tribulation
 - Antichrist has declared himself the true Guide to God
 - All other religions are absorbed into Gnosticism
 - Persecution of all who accept and teach Christ's Gospel

Continuity is Maintained



- This formula given in the New Testament and valid for all times (1st Cor 1:9)
- Without this formula a Pre-Tribulation Rapture is impossible to support

Choice is Clear – Which Light?

Gospel-Jesus



Gnosticism-Satan

