

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

February 3, 2019

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *If We Are Not Under The Law, Does That Mean
We Don't Have To Keep The 10 Commandments?*
(Romans 6:14,15)

Announcements:

Please pray for Sue Klepper, who had to return to Ingalls Hospital due to complications following her recent surgery.

Please pray for Pastor Don Webb, recently diagnosed with terminal Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Next Sunday we will have a special luncheon observing Pastor's 40th anniversary at our church. See Lori for details!

Midweek Bible Study: call Steve if the weather is bad.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone
ICo.4:1 *What Are The Mysteries We're The Stewards Of* 6

To figure out what "the mystery of His will" is (Eph. 1:9,10) we'll have to define "the dispensation of the fulness of times." The fulness of Israel is when they'll get their kingdom (Rom.11:12), and the fulness of the Gentiles will come when we get *our* kingdom (Rom.11:25), so the fulness of times must have to do with kingdoms as well.

Especially since Daniel uses the word "times" that way when he says that God "changeth the times," and defines that as removing and replacing kings (Dan.2:20,21). This is what Daniel's prophecy is all about (2:37-40; 8:19-23). Antichrist will think to replace earth's kings with himself (7:25). Instead, God will replace them with *His* kingdom. When the 12 asked about it, the Lord told them it wasn't theirs to know "the times or the seasons" (Acts 1:6,7).

So "the dispensation of the fulness of times" must have to do with a change God plans to make in His kingdom. He plans to gather the kingdom of the Body of Christ in heaven together with the kingdom of Israel in the earth (Eph.1:10).

When and where? Well, we know the Jews will reign with Christ in the kingdom on earth for 1,000 years (Rev.20:4). "When the thousand years are expired" (Rev.20:7) *the New Jerusalem* descends from heaven to earth (Rev.21:2). We call that *the eternal state* for nothing comes after that in Scripture. That's where we will live with redeemed Israel.

We know this because New Jerusalem is compared to a bride (Rev.21:2) and called the Lamb's wife (21:9,10). The people of this city will include Israel (Isa.54:5; Mt. 9:15; 25:1-10 cf. John 3:29) *and* members of the Body of Christ (Rom.7:4; IICor.11:2). Some good men say we can't be part of the bride because we are part of the groom, but that oneness is Paul's point in Ephesians 5:31,32.

The Bride and New Jerusalem started out pertaining to Israel, but God broadened them to include us Gentiles, the way the sacrifice of Christ originally only pertained to Israel, but God broadened it to include us (Mt.20:28; ITim.2:5,6). Similarly, the New Covenant was made with Israel but God broadened it to include us (IICor.3:6). Abraham also

originally pertained to Israel but God broadened him to include us Gentiles (Rom.4:16). Jerusalem also originally pertained to Israel, but God broadened her to include us when Paul says that she is “the mother of us all” (Gal. 4:26). God said He would live in Jerusalem “for ever” (Ps.132:13,14). So if we are going to “ever be with the Lord” (IThes.4:17) it will have to be in New Jerusalem.

So how we will “judge angels” (ICor.6:3) if we are living with the Jews on earth in New Jerusalem? The answer is in John’s description of this celestial city. He says it will be 1,500 miles *tall* (Rev.21:16). That means it will jut out past earth’s atmosphere (which tops out at 300 miles high), past the first heaven where the birds fly (Gen.7:23), into the second heaven where the stars are (Isa.13:10). That means we can judge angels from the top of New Jerusalem while redeemed Israel judges the Gentiles from her base on earth, and we can have fellowship with them in between

I’m often asked how we’ll fellowship with David and the other prophetic saints if they’re on earth and we’re in heaven. We can if we are all gathered together in New Jerusalem! We’re all part of “the household of God” (Eph.2:19), and God has never been in favor of households living apart, so I doubt *His* house will be divided eternally. It doesn’t seem right that God would encourage us to study the prophetic saints (Rom.15:4) and not let us fellowship with them.

New Jerusalem will probably be mountain shaped (Rev.21:9,10) as opposed to cube shaped, for mountains in the Bible are types of kingdoms (Isa.65:25). That’s why Satan inspired the followers of Egypt’s gods to make pyramids to imitate God’s mountains.

If we *won’t* live in New Jerusalem, *then there is no description of our eternal abode anywhere in the Bible*, and that’s an omission of which I don’t think God would be guilty, especially after going into such detail to describe Israel’s eternal home, if New Jerusalem is hers alone.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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