

Israel's Blindness Has Been Our Pardon

We read about this in Romans 9 & 11. Please read the whole chapters.

*"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather **through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles**, for to provoke them to jealousy" (Romans 11:11).*

"... For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all..." (Romans 11:25-36).

When Jesus came, who did He come to redeem? Israel. What did He do in taking Israel? He got the Gentile Bride. Sure, He did, when He took Israel. He went to His Own, He had to (John 1:11). What was the first thing He had to do? Redeem His Own. And the Gentile Church is just a sister to that woman, the Israelite church. Certainly! So He had to redeem Israel in order to get This. And he had to redeem Naomi in order to get Ruth, his bride. [1]

The Book of Ruth gives a beautiful picture of this - how Naomi had lost the estate (*Ruth 1-4*). **Boaz had to become a redeemer, and he was the only one that could... He had to be a kinsman, a near kinsman, and redeeming Naomi, he got Ruth.** That was Jesus--Boaz typing Christ, and when he redeemed Israel, He got the Gentile Bride. So very beautiful...

Now, it must be kinsman. So, you see, an Angel couldn't do it; a man couldn't do it; it must be a man, but he can't be born of a woman--a sex act. So the virgin birth, the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary (*Luke 1:26-38*), **therefore, Jesus was not a Jew. Jesus was not a Gentile. Jesus was God, exactly (I Tim. 3:16).** His Blood didn't come from any sex act. **He was the holy created Blood of God.** And we're not saved by Jewish blood, neither are we saved by Gentile blood. **We're saved by the Blood of God (Rev. 1:5-6).** That's according to the Bible. It says so.

So, you see, **Jesus was God (Col. 1:13-17).** He was no third person, fourth person, second person; **He was The Person. He was God**, see. He was God Emmanuel (*Matt. 1:22-23*). God come down from His glory, revealed Himself... (*Phil. 2:5-11*). [2]

*"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..." (Rom. 11:25-26).*

The last Gentile Bride be brought in for the Bride--the blindness come to Israel for that purpose.

"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness for Jacob:"

Now, they are Israel that's under this altar (*Rev. 6:9-11*). Watch. **Israel was blinded for the very purpose of us being saved.** Do you believe that? Now, who blinded them? **God blinded His Own children.** [3]

Now let's note a few of these mysteries (previously hidden Truth now Divinely revealed).... Now, second mystery is the **mystery of Israel's blindness during this age.** Romans 11:25, with the context. [4]

No wonder Jesus, standing there at the cross, and them Jews howling for His Blood (*Luke 23:13-25; Matt. 27:11-26*) --that was His Own kids, and He was the Scripture. **He was Himself, the Word.** And here He, **knowing that those people would gladly receive Him, and that's the reason He blinded them so they wouldn't recognize Him.** He came in such a humble way and blinded them to it that they wouldn't receive it, see. The Scripture said they would do it; and He was blinded. Jesus pitied them even so much as He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." **They were blind.** Paul said they were blinded for a cause--**for us.**

Notice now, I want you to watch this real close. They were given robes. They didn't have them. They were given white robes, each one of them. Now, the saints now already have one. They get it here (*Rev. 3:5*). But there, they were given robes, and the saints already had theirs and gone on. See, **they had not a chance because they were blinded by God, their own Father,** so that the grace of God could be fulfilled so the Bride could be taken from the Gentiles.

One time they thought God would forget. When the prophet seen that dark thing coming for the Jews, that man standing there and the Word of God poured to him, he said, "Oh, Lord, are You going to forsake Your people?"

He said, "What's that laying there by you?"

He said, "A measuring stick." (*Jer. 31:37; Jer. 33:22*).

"How high is it to Heaven? Measure. How deep is the sea?"

He said, "I can't."

He said, **"Neither can I ever forget Israel."** No, sir! He ain't going to forget her. **He had to blind His Own child. Now, think of that! Blind His Own child to give us a chance, and we turn it down. Now, don't that make you feel about so little** that you could crawl under a concrete block with a ten gallon hat on and never touch it. That's pretty small. Oh my!

Yes, they held for the Word of God. **They were Jews.** They had their Law, they stayed with it, and had the Law, and the Law was the Word of God. They stayed right by it. That's right. And for the testimony they held, they were martyred and here was souls under the altar, after the Church had been gone.

Now watch. They had in their blindness martyred their Messiah, and now they were reaping for it. They realized it. They recognized after it was gone on. They've seen then when they come before the altar of God. **But now the grace of God is to them.**

And those souls that's been martyred now down through here, **real true Jews** down through there, **they had their name on the Book, that lived the right life, and done the right thing, lived Judaism to the dot;** and they were martyred by Eichmann and many others. **Honest people**, millions of them down there and them Germans shot them to death, and murdered them, and killed them, and hung them on fences, and burned them up and cremated them and everything else. That bloodless, **blood-hearted hungry, Hitler and Stalin and Mussolini, and all them people that hated them Jews.**

I think that's one of the things that's holding this nation (the United States) together, **because they have always respected the Jew, give him a place. You honor a Jew, and God will honor you.** Now, there's a bunch of Jews that's renegade, just like there is Gentiles--the same way. **But the real Jew, God put his name on the Book before the foundation of the world,** and here he was murdered down in this time.

Think of it now, how perfect this is. Right after them millions of slaughtered **Jews, innocent people**, by the nations of the world, here the Scripture says, right in this time, that they are each one under the altar, realized what has happened; **and they are given white robes.**

They realized they had murdered their Messiah. And they didn't know it, **but then they realized (Zech. 12:10; 13:6).** They got murdered back to pay for it, for doing the wrong. And now, look what a thing they had to do. See, they were guilty of murder, so they got murdered. They cried out, "His Blood be on us!" See, **they were blinded.** Now, if they hadn't have been blinded, God said, "Let them alone. They are not worthy." **But being that they were blinded by God, His grace reached down to them. Amen, talk about amazing grace!--and give each one of them a robe, because all Israel will be saved. Everyone has his name written.** That's right.

Them Jews, they're the most religious people in the world. God's chosen, but He blinded them to take us, and we turn it down?! What is the judgment of the Gentile church? There you are, see. **Blinded purposely by God, so that He could get us, the Bride,** take them out of there. See, and fore-types it and everything. [3]

Do you see how God had to blind the Jews to keep them from recognizing Jesus? If they knew, if they only knew that that was... seeing the sign that He did, if they had been in their right stage like they were back under the law when God commanded them about a prophet, and they had seen Jesus did that, they would've said, "This is the Messiah." Why was it?

Those in that age who had their names written on the Lamb's Book of Life, His apostles and so forth, they seen it and recognized it. Why didn't the rest of them? See? **They were blinded.** They couldn't see it; they don't see it yet. **And they won't see it until she is born as a nation at one time** (*Isaiah 66:7-9*). The Word can't fail. Remember, the Word can't fail. Don't care how many sensations you have, and what all takes place, yet that Word cannot fail! Going to be exactly the way God said it was.

Now, notice these Jews. Now, **the scales of blindness were on these people's eyes** (*II Cor. 3:12-16*). **They couldn't help it.** It was there, and **God put it there.** And they are on there until the age that they are promised these coming prophets (*Zech. 4; Rev. 11:1-6*). You can send missionaries; you can do whatever you want to--**Israel will never be converted until these prophets (Moses and Elijah) come on the scene, and that will be after the Rapture of the Gentile Church.** No more than the ox age could receive a lion's call--for God has said in His Word that an ox spirit went out (*Rev. 4:7*); and in the reformer's age, a man went out. That's the only thing they could receive. And in there now, they are blinded. That's just all there is to it.

Now notice, but the age is coming when the Gentiles will be done with. There was a tree, and the roots were Jewish, and it was cut off, and the Gentile was grafted in, the wild olive tree, and it's bringing forth its fruit (*Rom. 11:17-24*). Now, when that Gentile Bride is cut off (that Bride tree) and **is taken up in the presence of God**, God will wipe off them unbelieving Gentiles over here to the side, the sleeping virgin, **and graft again.** He promised to do it. And until that time, you just have to know where... If you know where you're going, well, all right. If you don't know, why, **you're stumbling in darkness.**

Now, **that's when the Jews will be converted**, during that age... like the church age. **Under the power of the anointed promise, they will receive Christ; but now, not while the Gentiles are in.**

Now, we can see what kind of a message that these two prophets of Revelations the 11th chapter will preach. Now, you clearly can see exactly what they're going to do. **For the remnant, or the hundred and forty-four thousand predestinated, receive the Seal of God** (*Rev. 7:2-8*). [5]

Reference:

[1] "Revelation, Chapter 5, Part 2" (61-0618), par. 120-122

[2] "The Breach" (63-0317E), par. 134-136

[3] "The Fifth Seal" (63-0322), par. 224-229, 248-257, 264, 286-289

[4] "Is This the Sign of the End, Sir" (62-1230E), par. 243-246

[5] "The Seventh Seal" (63-0324), par. 110-113, 121-126

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]