

The Mystery About the Spiritual, Biblical Israel

*“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 fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so **all Israel shall be saved**“ (Romans 11:25-26).*

Listen what God's prophet has said about it:

The Bible said, *“All Israel's will be saved.”* Now, **Israel is not Israel which is of the flesh, but Israel of the Spirit**, for *“Gifts and callings are without repentance“* (Romans 9:6-13; 11:29). Isn't that what the Bible says? All right, **all of Israel will be saved**. Every one of them is saved. **How do we become Israel? - Being dead in Christ, take on Abraham's Seed, and we're heirs according to the promise** (Gal. 3:29).

Paul said, *“That which is outward is not a Jew, but that which is inwardly is a Jew“ (the promised ones), and we are Abraham's Seed*, by the promise through Christ, accepting Him as our personal Saviour (Romans 2:28-29). [1]

Brother Branham is referring to Romans 11:25-32 and to Galatians 3:27-29 and mentions especially verse 29: *“And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”*

Further we read in Romans 2:28-29, *“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**“*

Please read also Acts 7:51, and especially Philipians 3:3,

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”

The Greek word *Deuteronomy* means “two different laws.” And that's just what God has, two different laws. **And one of them is a law of death, and the other one is a law of Life. God has two laws. To follow Him, and serve Him, and worship Him is Life, to reject it is death.** There's two laws in God.

Now, one of those laws was made to recognize to the world at Mount Sinai. **God gave the Law to Moses and Israel** (Exod. 19). Not that the Law can help them, **but the Law only pointed out to them that they were sinners** (Rom. 7:7-25). **Until that time they didn't know what sin was, till they had a law. There cannot be a law without a penalty.** A law's not a law without penalty. So therefore, **the transgression of the law is sin, and the wages of sin is death** (Rom. 6:23). So therefore, until God made them a law,

there was no transgression reckoned to them. If there's no law here that says you can't run over twenty miles an hour, then you can run over twenty miles an hour. But when there's a law saying you can't do it, then there's a law and a penalty behind it.

Now, the law of death was the commandments given on Mount Sinai **which told man that he was a sinner, and to transgress God's Law, he died. But there was no salvation in the Law.** It was only a policeman that could put you in jail; it had nothing to bring you out with. **But then He gave another Law. That was at Mount Calvary, where sin was reckoned in Jesus Christ. And there the penalty was paid, and not without law, but by grace you are saved, by the grace of God through predestination of God's foreknowledge of your being** (*Eph. 2:8-10*).

Now, we see these two laws, **Deuteronomy, speaking of two laws.** There were two laws; one was the law of death and the other one, the law of Life.

There were also two covenants given to the people. One of them was given to Adam on condition: "If you do this and don't do that..." **But that law was broken.** Adam and Eve broke that in the garden of Eden (*Gen. 3:1-13*). **Then God made the second covenant, and gave that to Abraham; and that law was unconditional.** "It isn't what you've done or what you will do;" He said, **"I have already done it."** (*Gen. 13:14-18*). **That's grace; that's the law of Life** (*Rom. 8:1-2*). **God did that for Abraham and his seed after him.** That's all of Abraham's seed, as the Bible said, *"All Israel will be saved."* But that doesn't mean Jews, as Paul said, **"That Israel which is inward or Israel outward."** **Outward, it was Isaac's children, by sex. But the Law of God was through Christ, which was Abraham's Royal Seed, that by grace all Israel is saved. That's all that's in Christ is saved, God's second covenant.** But all these things foreshadowed Christ. [2]

Question: *Is it true that every Jew born since Christ came will be saved?*

No. **Nothing will be saved, only those whose names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, Jew or Gentile. That's all; the Book holds that mystery, and the Book is only unfolding it now--not each one's name, but what the mystery of the Book is while it's calling those names.** Do you understand that now?

The Book doesn't say, "Now, Lee Vayle is to be saved in the time of this church age," or, "Orman Neville..." or whoever. No, it doesn't say that. **It just shows the mystery, unfolds the mystery of what the thing is. But we, ourselves, by faith believe it.**

Someone said, "Well, there's no need in me trying it. Brother Branham said there's only going to be one saved out of Jeffersonville." Now see, it's showing a parable. That isn't it. There might be thousands saved. I don't know. I hope everyone of them is saved, see, but I don't know. **But here's the way I want to believe it: I'm that one. You believe the same for you.** If you don't, then

there's something wrong with your faith. You're not sure what you're doing.

How can you walk up there in the face of death when you're not too sure whether you're saved or not? How can you go down here and say to this crippled man laying here, blinded and twisted up, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, rise up! Jesus Christ makes you whole"? How can you stand that little cold stiff body laying there; it's dead and been dead for hours and hours--laying there cold and stiff. And say, „THUS SAITH THE LORD, rise up to your feet“? **You have to know what you're talking about**, see.

Well, you say, "Death claims everything. It's all gone." Yeah, **but when the Word of God is revealed and you know it's God**, that changes things. That's right. Now, **not all the Jews will be saved**. No, sir! They will not be saved, only those who...

When He's speaking of Jew... Jew just as a name that was given to them after they left, I believe, Nebuchadnezzar begin to call them Jews first because **the tribe of Juda was taken then and given the name of Jew**; now, because **they came down from Judaea**. But now, Israel is different. **Israel and Jew is altogether different. Every Jew isn't an Israelite**, see. No, he's just a Jew. Paul never said all Jews will be saved; **he said all Israel will be saved**. Why? **Israel's name--that's the name of redemption all the way back**. And all Israel will be saved, but not all Judaism will be saved.

Just like Gentiles... There's thousands times thousands of people, yet literally millions of these organizations that are called Christian--Church of Christ, and all such names as that. That doesn't mean one thing, doesn't mean they'll be saved. People say, "Now, you've got to belong to this or that, an organization, a certain organization. If your name isn't on our book, you're lost." Now, that's cult. There's only one way you can be saved, and that is not him that willeth or him that runneth, that is God Who shows mercy (*Rom. 9:14-23*). [3]

But the only way you are saved, is by know Him by revelation! His church is Himself revealed. By the revelation that God has revealed the Word to you! He is the Word. How do you know It's revealed? It lives Itself and expresses Itself through you. [4]

And God, by His foreknowledge, predestinated a Church to His glory, and that's the ones that's saved. That's right. Now, your faith is so anchored there...

You say, "Well, my faith is anchored there"; and **look what kind of a life you're living**. You see you're not even fit for there. Your anchor is wrong; you got it on sand instead of a rock. The first little wave will throw it off.

Let the Word be revealed in something: "My church doesn't teach that!" That shows right then you weren't anchored on no rock; you was in sand (*Matt. 7:24-27; 16:13-19*).

Now the 144,000, are they the predestinated ones? - **Yes, sir! That's Israel-- spiritual Israel.** Just think, there will be millions of them in there. I don't know how many is in there now. I guess the whole group, **but they will not all be saved, because they are in Judaea**, see.

So, now, notice this: 144,000 — are they the predestinated ones to be sealed by the Holy Ghost? (Rev. 7:2-8) - Yes, sir, that's exactly right! Now, if I didn't answer it to suit you, why, maybe I could be wrong. See, **but it's just to the best of my knowledge.** [3]

Once more: Who is the seed of Abraham? - **We are Abraham's seed, for we being dead in Christ, we take on Abraham's seed and are heir with him under the same sworn promise.** We are Abraham's seed, and are heirs of every promise that was given him. **But when the testings come, that's where we fail. But I don't believe that the true seed of Abraham will fail,** they'll stand just as gallant and loyal as Abraham did.

Men are not infallible, but God is. Man, you get your mind on a man, he will make a mistake. Maybe not wilfully, but he will do it. **God permits him to do it so that He can shake your faith away from man.** Our faith is not in the wisdom of man, but in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That's where the true seed of Abraham rests their promise, **because they can only be the seed of Abraham when they receive the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:13). Without the Holy Spirit they're not the seed of Abraham. And that same faith that was in Abraham comes into the believer (Gal. 3:9).** No matter what takes place or how contrary, the believer marches right on. [5]

A mystery is Scripture, is a previously hidden Truth now Divinely revealed, but a supernatural element still remains despite the revelation. The greater mysteries are:.... The fourth is the **mystery of the New Testament Church as one Body composed of both, Jews and Gentiles.** Ephesians 3:1-11, Romans 16:25, and also Ephesians 6:19, Colossians 4:3. [6]

Galatians 6:15-16, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."

Reference:

[1] "Hebrews Chapter 6, Part 2" (57-0908E), par. 437-438

[2] "God's Chosen Place of Worship" (65-0220), par. 21-25

[3] "Questions & Answers on the Seals" (63-0324), par. 113-125

[4] "Christ Is the Mystery of God Revealed" (63-0728), par. 250, 252, 255

[5] "Possessing the Enemy's Gates" (59-1108), par.18+35

[6] "Is This the Sign of the End, Sir" (62-1230E), par. 244, 248

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There's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It.

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