

Course 131
The Dispensations of Man
A teaching of the Global School of Ministry

Continuation of the topics in Course 111: Dispensations, Seasons and Times

Texts: Genesis Chapter 9: 18 – 28; Genesis 10: 1 – 32; Genesis 11: 10 – 32

A. Course Objective

This course is designed to enable participants understand the prophetic time line of God's dealing with humanity – from Adam till the Kingdom is fully restored. The dispensations are presented from both the divine and the human perspectives. Even within the context of the Church, there is an incisive analysis of the dealings of God with the sons of men, explaining how the gospel programme has progressed from a Semitic activated through a Japhethic driven to the present Hamitic pre-dominated project.

B. Introduction.

When we open up our hearts to the Holy Spirit, there is no limit to His capacity and ability to give us insight into the mind of God and grant us understanding of even the most complex of life issues. Since the beginning of time, certain things have shaped the course of world history which on the surface, appear isolated. When however we put all that has happened in the right context, we begin to see the amazing fact that God has worked out the end from the beginning and is ever willing to reveal the deepest secrets of the ages to those who are ready to hear and understand, just as Daniel, Joseph and other vessels who sought His face for clarity on hidden issues of life.

One of the most neglected portions of scripture which many actually skip is the story of the fresh beginning of life after the flood. It is a fact that even little children know and understand the story of Noah and how he and his family escaped the destruction that came upon the world via the great flood in Genesis 7 and 8. However, only a few people realize that Genesis chapters 9 and 10 are as significant as Genesis chapter 1. These two chapters outline, in clear terms, the fresh beginning God granted human kind after the flood. They document how the whole of mankind sprung up from the new Adam, Noah AND HOW HIS SONS TREATED HIM IN A MOMENT OF MOMENTARY FALL AND HOW HIS RESPONSE TO THEIR ACTIONS ON THAT FATEFUL DAY HAS SHAPED THE COURSE OF HISTORY FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS (Perhaps as much as 5 - 6,000 years)!

We will therefore prayerfully study Genesis chapters 9 and 10 in detail to understand what God is saying concerning the dispensations of man. We refer the three dispensations as the Semitic, Japhethic and Hamitic eras relative to the gospel programme or God's dealings with mankind for the purpose of reconciling mankind to Himself.

C. Answers to critical life questions

This topic will enable us to receive answers to these life questions:

1. Why Africa has suffered servitude on many fronts
2. Why our Lord Jesus Christ, in His earthly incarnation, descended from the race of Shem
2. Why Europeans have been adventurous, imbued with the frontier spirit that enabled them to expand civilization in all fronts.
4. Why the black race seems to dominate the gospel programme in this end time and what is in store for Africa as a result.
5. What kind of gospel God expects from Africa and its diaspora.

D. Topical Outline

Let us take note of the following sequence in the story of Genesis chapter 9

1. Verses 18, 19: The whole earth was repopulated after the flood with Noah, his three children and their spouses. In other words, **EVERY BODY ON EARTH TODAY and ALL PEOPLE GROUPS** have their ultimate root in any of the three children of Noah. This is the import of these scriptures: Genesis **9:18, 19**; Genesis **10: 1, 32**.

2. Verses 20, 21. Noah stumbled and was drunk unto a stupor. The man who God bore testimony in Genesis **6:9, 18, 22** as the ONLY RIGHTEOUS MAN in the whole earth and who God purposed to establish a covenant with became drunk and as he slipped into a stupor, had his clothes uncovered. He was naked at home where there were other people! Even righteous people can stumble. Secondly, we see that Noah's failure as an authority was NOT an acceptable excuse for any of his children to misbehave or take advantage of his vulnerabilities.

3. Responses of Noah's 3 Sons to His nakedness (Genesis 9:21 – 23)

3.1 Ham. Ham responded to the ugly sight of his father's nakedness as follows:

- i). He saw it, meaning, he did not just chanced on his naked father's nakedness but actually looked intently or gazed at it.
- ii). He mocked his father's condition – took advantage of his father's weakness.
- iii) He called on his brothers to join him in his sin.

Significance/implications of Ham's action/sin: i). Absence of son ship spirit; ingrained spirit of rebellion and lack of respect and honour for authority.

ii). His willingness to invite his brother's to join him in mocking their naked father is indicative of a severe moral failure and profane spirit akin to those of other people who despised authority like Reuben, Esau and Saul. They missed it once and never really had a second chance (Hebrews 12:14 – 17). How sad!

3.2. Shem and Japhet. Shem and Japhet responded differently.

- i). They acted with utmost nobility and respect for their father, even if he did not seem to deserve honour by his drunken conduct.
- ii). They refused to partake of their brother's sin when he called them to come and behold the uncovered Noah
- iii). They sought for, obtained and took a garment, marched backwards and covered their father without seeing his nakedness.

Significance. Though they were born of the same parents and lived in the same house, their attitude to the same challenge were different. Never follow a multitude to do evil nor allow yourself to be swept away by the besetting sins that afflict your friends or generation. Even in church, do not be a partaker in the sins of rebellion, evil speaking against authority or profanity. Do not be amongst the numbers who carry magnifying glasses looking for weaknesses in leaders. Certainly avoid brethren who sow seeds of discord amongst brethren and are bold to speak against authorities God has set in His house in the name of boldness.

NOAH'S Reaction to his son's conduct.

Curse on Ham (Genesis 9: 25, 26, 27). A curse is a negative pronouncement made to constrain the destiny of an individual or people. Curses are verbal pronouncements that have their potency derivable from the spiritual standing of the person making the declarations **Proverbs 26:2**. The curse of Noah on Ham had these dimensions:

i). **an accursed destiny.** This meant a life of struggle, hard labour and sweat to obtain the basic necessities of life

ii). A life of servitude to Shem and Japheth. This meant Ham and his off springs were going to serve both Shem and Japheth

Significance: It must be borne in mind that Noah was the patriarch of the entire human family. He was the authority which God set over the world. His words were bound to be powerful carrying the full weight of his standing as God's delegated authority. God did not curse or bless any of Noah's children. Noah exercised his own discretionary wisdom and God's only role was to endorse whatever His authority proclaimed. We should bear in mind that like wise, we have the power, with our tongues, to bless or curse and the way we exercise it will affect the destiny of our children and those we lead!

It is noteworthy that David recognized the power of authority in Saul. Even when he had lost the kingdom in God's sight, David refused to take advantage of Saul and his weaknesses **1 Samuel 24: 6 – 12; 1 Samuel 26: 1 – 16**. Beware of crossing lines with delegated authority. Beware of the sword in their hands **Romans 13: 1- 7**. If you cannot function in good conscience under a delegated authority, the best option is to quit rather than to stay on and fight, directly or indirectly. If the authority falls into sin, intercede and share what you know with his or her covering only, leaving them to take it up. Even in a family setting, the authority of husbands (**Ephesians 5:22-24**) and fathers and or both parents towards their children is unassailable (**Ephesians 6:1 -3**).

Ham's one time sin and its consequences reminds us of the fate of Reuben in **Genesis 49: 3, 4; 1 Chronicle 5: 1** and King Saul who half obeyed God **1 Samuel 15:22, 23**.

Blessings on Shem (Verse 26, 27)

A blessing is a positive pronouncement from one in authority which projects into the future of a recipient to create an atmosphere conducive for prosperity to flourish. Blessings lead to destinies that have the benefit of the spiritual and moral weight of the one pronouncing the blessing. Specifically, this is the blessing pronounced on Shem:

- i). To produce the Messiah promised in **Genesis 3: 15** who would be Lord of humanity
- ii). The mantle of prosperity whereby everything they lay their hands to do will flourish any where he and his off springs live (in tents connotes no specific dwelling place but a global mindedness!)
- iii). Access to cheap labour from Ham and his off springs.

Significance: When a duly constituted authority pronounces a blessing, his covering is in effect released to ward off evil that wants to come against the person who is blessed. **Hebrews 13:7, 17** tells us that all authorities have the option to render a report of joy or grief to God concerning those who are under their charge. In any place you find yourself, please endeavour to connect to the mystery of blessing in the hand of the delegated authority God has placed over your life.

Blessings on Japheth

To his son Japheth, Noah pronounced in verses 26 & 27, these blessings:

- i). Divine enlargement of territory
- ii). Divine prosperity to attend his endeavours
- iii). Access to cheap labour from Ham and his off springs.

D. Tracking the off springs of Noah; locating them in world history Genesis 9: 18, 19; Genesis 10:1-32, Hebrews 11; 10 - 32

It is astonishing that so called bible scholars are shy to engage head long with the very significant turning point in the affairs of mankind offered by Genesis chapters 9 and 10. It is strange that history, archaeology, economics, exploration, the world of inventions, military exploits and everything else have borne out the validity of Noah's epic encounter with his three sons yet most Christians prefer the ostrich approach, afraid to step on toes. Here are the historical and geographical dispersion of the sons of Noah, through whom the whole world was repopulated.

Shem: His main lineages, counted from his first born Arphaxad, are the Semites of whom the Jews are the most prominent. Apart from the Jews, other people groups that hail from Shem include the Chaldeans, Assyrians, Persians (modern day Iran), the Arameans(modern day Syria) as well as many of the tribes that live between the Mediterranean and Caspian Seas. Their geographical spread is very small. However, they tend to be highly mobile and feel at home all over the world where they prosper in commerce and industry, the professions and in self employment generally.

Ham: Descendants of Ham are generally called the Hamites or the Hamitic people. The bulk of them who moved south to Egypt and Ethiopia are called the Cushites, named after Ham's first born, Cush. They also include some of the tribes that lived in Canaan before Abraham came to start a lineage of God's elect people, the Hebrews. The Canaanites today include such specific people as the Philistines, people of Gaza and Sidon, the Hittites and Amorites. Africa and the Middle East is the geographical homeland of Ham and his offspring's.

Japheth: Japheth's descendants settled westward to occupy the territory now known as Europe and Asia Minor. This encompasses the various tribes of East and West Europe; include parts of Russia, the people called the Thracians and Scythians.

It must be stated that over the course of history, inter-racial marriages and plunder of captives from war and slavery have created a situation where there are many people groups who are simply of mixed origin. That notwithstanding, the bulk of descendants of Ham are the black race with Africa as their homeland; the bulk of Semites are in the Middle East while the bulk of Japheth are found in Europe.

Effects of Noah's Curse and Blessings on World History

No single event has affected world history as the events of **Genesis 9**. We need to forget emotion and survey world history in order to situate the precision of Noah's words. A summary of key events and realities reveal the following facts:

1. Effect of Noah's blessings on Semites

- i). In the fullness of time, the Messiah that Noah spoke of "**The Lord God of Shem**", even our Lord Jesus Christ, was born of that lineage in Bethlehem **Luke 3:36**
- ii). There is great favour of wealth creation and multiplication on the Semites, especially the flag ship people group of this race, the Jews.
- iii). Semites are highly unsettled. Apart from those living in the nation of Israel, Jews are highly dispersed, world wide. (Live in Tents).

2. Effects of Noah's curse on Hamites.

The servitude pronounced by Noah has been outstandingly fulfilled. Let us explore the various dimensions of the fulfilled prophecy:

- i) Canaanites are in bondage till today with a severely constrained economy and surviving on aid.
- ii) Indigenous Hamitic people of North Africa (Egyptians and other tribes of North Africa whose great achievements in science, technology and architecture evidenced by the Great Pyramids) were totally subdued by the Arabs.
- iii) The Slave Trade ravaged Africa on two fronts:

- The Trans Saharan trade and that of East Africa led to displacement of millions of blacks into forced slavery in the Middle East and Gulf coast.
- The Trans Atlantic Slave Trade led to displacement of **25 – 40 million** young African men and women to work the plantations of North & South America and the Caribbean as slaves.

iii) Colonial rule in Africa was a period of real slavery as great African civilizations finally crumbled before European fire power.

iv). Neo- Colonialism still holds sway in various parts of Africa as bad leaders mortgage the future of their peoples to the hands of their masters in Europe. The resource rich continent of Africa is hungry, poor and wracked with such debilitating diseases as HIV Aids, Malaria, Tuberculosis and various water borne diseases while the wealth is used to build global economies located in Europe

v) The worst slavery is that of tyrants and tin pot dictators who seat as locusts and palmer worms ravaging the well being of their people.

3. Effect of the Blessing of Noah on Japheth's off springs

According to the blessings of Noah on Japheth, we see that through the course of history that:

i). Europeans have been imbued and wired with a frontier spirit. They tend to be restless, seeking to push the frontiers of ignorance back. In the process, they have recorded significant breakthrough in almost every realm of knowledge. In science, technology, military might, Japheth has excelled.

ii) Another dimension of expansion is in the area of exploration of new lands. Europeans expanded their land area through the labours of people like Christopher Columbus and other explorers. From Europe, Japhethites today control North and South America, Australia and many other lands far beyond what was originally allotted them. The Great nations of North America including USA and Canada are, biblically speaking, off springs of Europe!

iii) In the same way, the civilization that predominates the world system today – the western civilization is a Japhetic one. European values rule the world. From the core languages for global transaction (English, Spanish, French, Italian), to the judicial system, commercial and maritime standards; internet protocol, telecommunications to the Greenwich Mean Time, the world today is ruled by the values of Europe!

Significance: Scripture is to be read, meditated on, understood and taught faithfully in spite of how or what we feel! In any case, the story of Genesis chapter 9 is not the end of the story. It is but the beginning of a process which, though sad for the black race, for instance, offers a glimpse on what we need to do to escape the curse of Ham and tap into the full blessings offered by the eternal sacrifice of Christ at the Cross which cancelled all handwriting of ordinances that was against us and contrary to us! **Galatians 3:13 – 18; Colossians 1:12, 13, 2:11 – 15.**

Next week we will explore how the curse was broken, the process of rebuilding the broken tabernacle of Ham and the key to glorification of people of African descent in the gospel!

The Dispensation and Mantle of Shem

Genesis 9:26; Genesis 10: 21 – 25; Genesis 11: 10 – 26

A. Introduction

Recently, we began a ground breaking study of the Dispensations of Man. We allowed the Holy Spirit to grant us revelation on the obscure incident of **Genesis 9:20 – 27** and saw how it has affected the history of mankind. We saw the effect of blessing and curses from a delegated authority, in this case, Noah, who was patriarch of the entire human family. Today, we shall proceed to examine **the Dispensation of Shem**, the first born of Noah and how the mantle of that branch of the human family came to rest on the Jews, making them an elect people of God.

B. Definition of Terms

A mantle is the symbol of authority. It is, literally speaking, a piece of specially designated cloth that is used to indicate the pre-eminent status of one on whom it is wrapped upon. In **1 Kings 19: 15 – 21**, Elijah cast his mantle as the National Prophet of Israel on Elisha and the issue of his successor was settled! We use the term here to refer to the flagship people within a race who receive special privileges that define their redemptive mission.

C. Outcomes:

We expect these outcomes from today's study:

1. A deeper understanding of the Word of God
2. An insight into how the Jews came to receive the mantle of Shem and the implications of this solid foundation on their destiny as a people.
3. An understanding of how Shem's lineage has run its lap of the gospel race which is to manifest the mystery of godliness and reconcile fallen humanity with the Creator.
4. An understanding into why anti-Semitism flourishes in every generation and the dangers thereof
5. A deeper understanding of why the baton of God in the human relay race slipped off the Semitic race at a specific point in history and who received it.

D. How the Mantle of Shem came on the Jews

The mantle of Shem came upon the Jews through three avenues:

1. **Election** – The sovereign decision of God in exercise of His own free will to choose a people for Himself. Election has always been a controversial topic because human beings try to figure out the things of God carnally. Election of a people or person for a specific purpose cannot be faulted by human beings other wise He would not be the Supreme Ruler of the universe. Who has known His mind to be His counsellor? Of His own sovereign will He elected the Hebrews, even the offsprings of Shem to be His oracles, teach His ordinances and show the world His ethical standards. He called them and set them apart as a people to shine as a bright light amongst the darkness of fallen humanity.

2. Inheritance of the First Born. Genesis 11: 10 – 32

The accounts of Shem's lineage varies in **Genesis 10: 21 -32 and Chapter 11**. No reason is given for this discrepancy. It is open to question therefore whether biologically speaking, Elam or Arphaxad is the actual first born. What is very clear however is that Arphaxad received the mantle of Shem ultimately as **Chapter 11** indicates. We need to bear in mind that in the bible, there have been instances when first born children lost their inheritance and mantle due to gross sin or carelessness. The best known are Cain (**Genesis 4: 1- 15**); Esau (**Genesis 25: 30 - 34**), Reuben (**Genesis 49: 3, 4 and 1 Chronicles 5: 1-3**). We need to also remember the strange events of **Genesis 38: 1 – 26** where Judah, who took over the inheritance of ruler from Reuben, in turn passed the mantle of first born to Pharez, the product of his incestuous relationship with Tamar, his daughter in law. It is also instructive that in addressing Pharaoh, God categorically referred to Israel as His firstborn **Exodus 4: 22-23**.

In **Exodus 13: 1, 2, Exodus 34:19, Numbers 8:17** God instituted the ordinance of the first born, an ordinance that carries the same weight as tithing and first fruits offering. It is interesting to note that the Church which ought to manifest the fullness of the divine counsel for instruction, edification, correction and guidance is filled with half knowledge. Virtually every preacher knows the power of release of the first fruits and tithing to God. **Proverbs 3: 10 and Malachi 3: 6 – 12** are very well known and used to motivate people to give to God first before using the balance for personal needs. Shall we not much more recapture the holy essence of consecrating our first born children wholly to Him who gave them in the first place?

From **Arphaxad**, the lineage of Shem moved through **Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah** and Abraham with whom God made a specific and definite covenant that was to establish the election of Hebrews as God's special covenant people. **See Genesis 11: 1 -26; 1 Chronicles 1: 24 – 27. Luke 3:24 -38** traces the genealogy of Jesus Christ through this lineage of God's First Born.

Recommended Reading: The Mystery & Power of the First Son by Festus O. Azarah, published by Berith Link Int'l Ltd, Lagos.

3. Faithfulness, Consecration and Commitment of Abraham: Through faithfulness, Abraham secured for his off springs, by an immutable oath of God, a place of pre-eminence and honour among all the people groups of the world. **Genesis 12: 1 – 4; Genesis 13; Genesis 15: 1 – 21; Genesis 17: 1 – 27; Genesis 22: 1 – 18**. It is significant to note that because Abraham passed all the tests set before him by God, he secured a place of honour and pre-eminence for his off springs in God's dealing with humanity. **Romans 4: 1 – 25** exposit on the concept of faith as the real deal in the story of Abraham's walk with God. Because faith is superior to works, Abraham's exercise of strong faith in God during those early days of human existence enabled him to become the father of faith to not only the Jews but also to all Christians who access him through Jesus Christ. This is because, Abraham's covenant with God preceded and pre-dated the Law and is therefore of a superior standing to the Mosaic Law. This is the inheritance that **Galatians chapter 3** propounded so powerfully.

E. Main Assignment of Shem in God's programme. Romans Chapters 9, 10, 11; Galatians, Acts 7

1. To be the blood line through which the Seed of the woman (Messiah) manifests in the flesh. Genesis 3: 15; Romans 9: 4, 5. This is why the devil fought the bloodline with all ferocity, seeking to pollute it by all means, especially sexual sin and perversion. It is note worthy that the giants who left their first estate to mate with women had this demonic objective in view **2 Peter 2: 4; Jude: 6**. The heavy sexual setbacks that hit the lineage include the case of Judah and Tamar (**Genesis 38**); David's great moral fall with Bathsheba;

Amon's sin with his father's concubine; Solomon's proclivity to many women were all part of Satan's strategy to pollute the blood line.

2. They were ordained to exclusively hold the oracles of God, practicalized by the Law and covenant which was designed to be a school master to hold mankind in check until grace came by Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:15 – 24)

3. They were to be God's ambassadors amongst the nations and peoples of the earth. They were in effect, a peculiar people whose lifestyle of worship of the only true God and devotion to Him marked them out as His own people.

4. In effect, the lineage of Shem through the mantle carriers, the Jews, was to provide humanity a model of the coming Church of Jesus Christ which is the "ecclesia" or called out ones.

5. Thus, the Jews and their Mosaic religion was ordained to preserve the revelation of God to humanity. By that measure, all nations and peoples who sought God were required to acknowledge the God of the Hebrews; be proselytized and circumcised as a sign of buying into the covenant rights exclusively enjoyed by them.

6. In the same way, the only acceptable place to worship God in that dispensation was the place presided over by Jewish priests and Levites. The first of such places was the Tabernacle in the wilderness wherein God communed with mankind at the Mercy Seat that covered the Ark of the Covenant. From the Tabernacle, God's point of contact with humanity became the Temple that Solomon built and its successors down to the last, built by Herod the Great. Here, the Lord God of Israel manifested Himself through the Shekinah light behind the veil into which The High Priest went once a year, offering sacrifices of blood for himself and the entire nation. Hebrews 9: 1 - 7

7. The blood sacrifice was required to atone for the sins of the people so that they may be acceptable in God's sight. Without the shedding of blood, no ones sin was atoned. However this was for a season until the perfect sacrifice would come, even Jesus Christ. Hebrews 9: 1 – 28; Hebrews 10: 1 – 22.

F. An understanding of how Shem's lineage has run its lap of the gospel race

This is to manifest the mystery of godliness and reconcile fallen humanity with the Creator. According to a BBC team study, on the history of Judaism, on the Corporation's website, ***"God chose the Jews to be an example to the world"***. Continuing, the BBC team asserts that ***"God chose Abraham to be the Father of a people who would be special to God and who who would be an example of good behaviour and holiness to the rest of the world"***. We need to understand that Holiness is based on two inter-related concepts, namely:

i) Separation from evil or carnal use and

ii) Total consecration unto God.

The lineage of Shem has run its lap of the gospel race with fairly mixed results. It gave the world Judaism, one of the great religions that is almost exclusively tied to an ethnic group, the Jews. Let us examine their contributions to the knowledge of God in two broad categories: Positive and Negative.

Positive

To their credit, the Hebrews of Israel and the Diaspora have been consistent in holding the revelation of God that they received from the days of Abraham nearly 4,099 years ago (Abraham is believed by authors

of the Life Application Study Bible NLT to have entered Canaan about 2,190 years before Christ). The gamut of what God revealed to the sons of Abraham through His prophets and rulers still constitute the essential character of their national life as a people.

It must be noted that God essentially gave them those rules and regulations to set them apart from all other people groups of the world so that their light will shine so brightly that other nations will desire to connect to their God and be reconciled to Him.

Let us see some of the old revelations of God that Jews have clung to till date.

i). Circumcision. In **Genesis 17: 1 – 27**, circumcision of all males was set as the sign of God's covenant with Abraham. Till today, Hebrews world-wide observe this ritual 8 days after their sons are born. Neither the passage of time nor advancement of civilization nor the dangers of infection have in any way altered this process of dedicating their male off springs to God.

ii). The Law. The Laws that Moses received from God at Mount Sinai about 1445 B.C and subsequent rules for ceremonial worship have remained the mainstay of Jewish life. The Jews regard themselves as a religious commune rather than an ethnic group. I was boldly told by an official of the American Jewish Council in Detroit, Michigan about four years ago that ***you cannot be a Jew and a Christian at the same time!*** The fact that is painful to acknowledge is that Christians are strongly resented and persecuted by ultra orthodox Jews in Israel!

In fact, the Jews so cling to rules God gave to Moses to guide them as a school master that even when the ultimate revelation of divinity appeared on the scene, their hearts were so blinded that they rejected Christ. John 1: 11; Galatians 3: 17 – 25.

iii). Sanctuary/Worship Centre. The children of Israel had the exclusive preserve and custody of the Ark of the Covenant designed exclusively by God Himself. On top of the Ark was the Mercy Seat of pure Gold where God met with the High Priest to receive atonement for the sins of the people and release blessings on them. The Ark was warehoused in a structure called the Tabernacle. While in the wilderness, this was the focal point of the lives of the people and all Israel was camped around this mobile structure.

When Israel became a kingdom, David stored up materials while Solomon built the first of the Temples in Jerusalem about the year 959 B.C (In secular history, the Celts of Spain invaded Britain about 900 B.C, barely 59 years after this glorious event). The temple became the focal point of life in Israel. When dedicated, the covenant was strong: whatever happened to Jews, if only they could cast their gaze to its location and direction, God would hear from heaven (**2 Chronicles 6: 1 – 42**). No wonder that even when in exile, Daniel and other faithful Jews still prayed towards the temple in Jerusalem! **Daniel 6: 10**. Due to the fury of oppressing nations, the temple of Solomon was destroyed. A new one was completed in Jerusalem about 515 B.C (6 years before Rome became a Republic in the year 509 B.C).

In the year 169 B.C Antiochus IV desecrated and plundered the temple when he committed the first abomination of desolation by sacrificing a pig at the altar.

About 20 B.C, Herod the Great began the process of remodelling the Temple. It was a short lived project however because time was running out on Judaism. When Christ died about A.D 30, **Matthew 28: 50, 51** records that on giving up His Ghost, the veil of the temple rent in two signifying the taking away of the restrictions and hierarchical structure of Judaism which limited access to God. The winding down of the dispensation of Shem had entered the last lap. God was bringing into place the fullness of divine revelation

wrapped up in a human personality (Seed of the Woman), even Jesus Christ of Nazareth. This was too hard for the sons of Shem to receive: that God could ever be made flesh! **John 1: 11, 12** became reality.

In AD 70, Roman General Titus completed the siege of Jerusalem with a brutal crushing of their resistance. He and his troops proceeded to fulfil the specific prophecy of Jesus Christ in **Matthew 24:1**. The invading army had heard that the walls of the temple at Jerusalem were embedded with precious stones. The army of General Titus therefore proceeded to take apart the temple, brick by bricking seeking the hidden treasure. The rest is history: not one brick was left on top of the other! By this deed, God signified that Judaism had run its full course. The cloud of Gory had moved. Those who clung to the old were on their own. They were clinging to religion and dead works!

G. Contributions of Jews to the Christian Faith

To the glory of God, Shem's contribution to the assignment of reconciling mankind to God was not limited to the religion of Judaism. They went beyond that. The Jews were used of God to accomplish these.

1. Through the written word, they faithfully documented God's dealing with mankind and His regulations for living. The Old Testament thus provided Christianity the vital solid root on which it stands. It has been proved, beyond reasonable doubt, that without understanding the Law and its demand on frail humanity, Christians cannot fully appreciate Grace. Grace is not cheap! It is simply free, having being purchased at a great price, even the precious blood of Jesus Christ!

2. The Ten Commandments which God gave Moses at Mount Sinai about 1445 B.C are the basis of almost every law, regulation and judicial system in civilized society.

3. Jesus Christ, the revelation of God in the flesh was, in His incarnation, a Jew.

4. The 12 disciples were all Jews.

5. The gospel was first preached exclusively to Jews only **Matthew 10:5, 6**

6. On the day of Pentecost, when the Church was birthed, Jews were those present in the Upper Room, and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

7. The Great Commission was first accepted and executed by Jews. The glorious first century church was essentially Jewish driven until the baton was handed over to bearers of the next dispensation.

8 All the Books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation were written by the Sons of Shem. They indeed held the oracles of God.

We can now understand why Paul lamented their falling away from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as He explained in Romans 11: 11 – 36.

H. On the Negative Side

Clash of Religions: The exclusive nature of the Jewish religion of Judaism in itself spawned a wide degree of other religions. As other people, firstly within the lineage of Shem revulsed at the exclusivity of Judaism, the tendency was for them to seek to be also "*people of the book*". This religious rat race had a definite toll on the human story. The Arabs for instance that through Ishmael are half brothers of the Jews have their own religion, **Islam**; their own holy book, the **Quoran** and their own sacred temple, the **Kabbah**, their own Holy City, **Mecca** and synagogue, the **Mosque**. Many of the other world religions have strong links to

Shem. It is believed that knowledge of the mysteries of spirituality handed to Shem may have suffered corruption amongst the peoples in this branch of the human family.

Through this study, we can now see why anti-Semitism flourished over the years.

We have also been able to gain a deeper understanding of why the baton of God in the human relay race had to slip off the Semitic race at a specific point in history.

I. Conclusion

What has happened with the Jews in the present dispensation with the falling away of the Jews from the centre of God's gospel programme is an aberration of sorts. **The strategic purpose was for the opening of the doors of God's grace and mercy for a remnant of all branches of the human family to come into the Kingdom through the Church age.** God still has a special place for the Jews as His first born of the human family. Even during the Great Tribulation, provision has been made already for at least 144, 000 to be specially preserved to embrace Jesus Christ! This is the mystery of the present age which only a handful of people have knowledge of. Therefore, we must avoid a sense of triumphalism over them. We must love the Jews, intercede for them and invest all we can in money and time for their evangelization and preservation as a people. We MUST NOT PARTAKE OF THE SPIRIT OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ANY WAY! At the same time, we must not be of the numbers who elevate them beyond the bounds of what the New Testament teaches concerning their present and future state.

J. Suffering, Pain, Destruction in the hands of Christians: A need for representational repentance!

The Jews have always suffered oppression and jealousy at the hands of their neighbours and empire builders. In fact capturing Jerusalem has always been one of the greatest acts of triumph of all world rulers. ***It is sad and worthy of representational repentance that Jews suffered some of the worst sufferings at the hands of so called Christian nations and Churches.***

I). The Roman Catholic Church was severely anti-semitic for many years.

II). The Crusaders slaughtered the Jews as well as Moslems when they went to "liberate" the Holy Land.

III). Several nations of Europe at various times, including Spain, Britain and France dealt heavy handily on the Jews and even expelled them en masse.

IV). Even Martin Luther, founder of the protestant movement was believed to be anti Semitic.

V). Nothing in all these compared with what they suffered in the hands of Adolph Hitler in Germany who sought to exterminate them as a people. During the Holocaust in the 1930`s and 1940`s, 6 Million Jews perished in industrial scale pogroms in Germany, a supposedly Christian nation.

Recommended further study: BBC website. Check out Religion & Ethics and click on History of Judaism.

*****Extract from Wiki Answers on wiki.answers.com *****

According the JudeoChristian Bible, Judaism began with Abraham in Genesis 12. Abram was a citizen of Ur of the Chaldees, a region in what is now in Iraq. It is said in Genesis 12 that God made promises to Abram and told him to pack up his family and move to an undisclosed location.

Based on Abram's faith, he packed up his family and travelled west, eventually crossing the Jordan river and ending in the land of Canaan; the region that is now near the disputed territories of modern day Israel. In the land of Canaan, God promised the land to Abram and there changed his name to Abraham, meaning Father of many nations.

There is a tradition in Judaism that Abraham was born in the year 1948 BCE. This tradition is very old in Judaism, and it is an amazing coincidence that modern Israel was founded in 1948 CE. It is also interesting to note that Abraham was called the Hebrew in Genesis 14:13. This is the first mention in the Bible of Hebrews.

Because Abraham trusted God and obeyed HIS commands, it is said that Abraham is the father of Judaism. The complete story of Abraham, his journeys and his eventual death is recorded in Genesis from Genesis 11:27 through Genesis 25:9

Abraham's covenant with God was specifically for his son Isaac the younger son, not for his elder son Ishmael. This division has become the contention between what is now the Arab nations who also (rightly) claim Abraham as their father. God promised to Abraham the land of Canaan to the son Isaac, although HE also promised that Ishmael would be prosperous and a great nation in himself.

Isaac was the father of Jacob who was renamed Israel in Genesis 32:28. Notice that Jacob's name was Israel, the name of the Hebrews of the Judeo Christian Bible. Jacob/Israel had 12 sons, among them Judah. While not the eldest son, Judah is figured prominently in the Genesis account as the responsible brother. Therefore, in the blessings of Genesis 49, his name is named as the ruler of Israel until "Shiloh comes".

Judah means Praise. Leah his mother named him Praise, so the descendents of Judah are the people of Praise. Judaism is the religion of Praising God, and since Judah is the "ruler" of Israel in Genesis, Judah's faith is identified with Israel as children of the covenant of Abraham

The Dispensation and Mantle of Japheth

Part 3 of the Study: The Dispensations of Man

Genesis 9: 18 -27; Genesis 10: 1- 4; 1 Chronicles 1: 5 -7; Isaiah 66: 19; Ezekiel 27: 13; Ezekiel 38:2-3,6

A. Introduction:

Japheth was the youngest of the three sons of Noah. All accounts of Noah are off springs puts him last. These things stand out in his favour

- i). He joined Shem to cover his fathers nakedness and
- ii). He refused to partake of the sin of his brother Ham.
- iii). Even though he grew up in the same environment as Ham and was of the same parentage, he was able to resist the temptation to follow another to do evil
- iv). Even though he was the youngest of the three, he exercised a strong sense of responsibility.

In so doing, Japheth secured an extra-ordinary blessing that still speaks today, long after his off springs backslid from the gospel.

B. The Blessings of Japheth. Genesis 9:27

The blessings pronounced on Japheth by his father Noah were profound! They were intensely practical in nature and had to do with release of what it takes to occupy this earth and dominate it according to **Genesis 1: 27 – 30; Genesis 9: 1 – 3; 7**. Let us break down the proclamation of Noah on Japheth who had the good portion of receiving a triple portion: His own, part of Shem's and part of Ham's. According to the NLT Life Application Study Bible, Noah pronounced these specific blessings on Japheth:

1. May God expand the territory of Japheth
2. May Japheth share the prosperity of Shem
3. May Canaan be his servant

C. Locating Japheth's lineage in Geography and world affairs

In Genesis 10: 4, we are told that some of Japheth's off springs "***became the sea faring peoples that spread out to various lands***". In effect, very early in their history, God wired them with the capacity to fulfil the prophetic mantle on their lives.

Japheth's descendants veered westward from the place where The Ark landed after the flood, believed by Bible Scholars to be Mount Ararat region in modern day Turkey. They spread across the vast expanse through conquest and sheer frontier spirit to cover the face of Europe up to Britain and Ireland, including parts of Eastern Europe and Russia and the Isles of the Mediterranean Sea. The Continent of Europe is the core portion of Japheth.

D. The Mantle of Japheth

It is significant to note that the Bible took time to document the genealogy of Shem, who as Noah's first born became God's first born also. The genealogy of Shem clearly established the Jews through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as bearers of his mantle. As we saw in Exodus 4: 22, 23 God Himself called Israel His first born.

In Japheth's case, his mantle or rested on different members of his family according to times and seasons. Circumstances threw up a dominant ethnic group at any given point in time. This is understandable, given the frontier spirit the people of Japheth are imbued with. Rather than speculate, we will utilize the evidence of history and self evident prophetic fulfilment to situate those who have borne the mantle of Japheth at various times.

Fulfilment of Prophecy

Let us consider some critical portions of world history to see how the sons of Japheth have fared:

1. World Ruler ship: Of all the world empires that have risen in the last 3, 000 years, 3 have been essentially of Japhetic origin or influence:

i). **In 330 B.C** the youthful star of Japheth, **Alexander the Great** led the Greco-Macedonian army to defeat the Persian empire and seal the dominance of the Greek or Hellenistic culture world wide. His kingdom stretched across Europe, North America and Asia, up till India. This kingdom was the Belly and Thighs of Bronze in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel 2: 31 – 44. And the swift leopard which had four heads (the Kingdom of Alexander the Great was divided into 4 at his premature death at the age of 33). It is instructive to note that Alexander the great conquered the then known world in just 4 years 334 – 330 B.C!

In his time, the mantle of Japheth apparently rested on the Greco-Macedonian people. This led rise to the Hellenistic Civilization that spawned the military, literary and religious worlds. Unfortunately, it essentially led people away from God. In His stead, idolatry flourished as well as humanism propounded by the great intellectual minds of the era.

ii). from **146 B.C till 476 AD**, all of 622 years, the tiny republic of **Rome led by its Caesars ruled** the world. Conquering with an iron fist and ruling with great wisdom, they became the Leg of Iron in Nebuchadnezzers` dream in Daniel 2: 31 – 44 and the terrifying beast of Daniel 7: 7.

iii). Virtually all prophecies of the end time in Daniel and the Book of Revelation show that **elements of Rome will play a key role in what will be the final Kingdom ruling the earth at the imminence of the eternal kingdom of God!** In **Daniel 2: 40 – 43**, the final Kingdom before Jesus returns to set up His everlasting Kingdom is pictured as one which will have the character of a mixture: part Iron and part clay. This connotes any or all of the following:

- Part of the features of Rome and its strength will be present
- Part of the empire will comprise weak elements with very limited strength. This is the picture of Europe with some strong democracies and weak ones; some strong economies and weak ones.
- The European Union is the clearest picture of this mixture.

The Rump Roman empire will play a key role in the emergence of the anti Christ and the attempt to corrupt God`s programme for the end time.

The Mantle of Japheth and European Powers

European people have enlarged their territory and reach more than any other racial group. At various times, different European Nations had the pre-eminence in this regard. Rome, Portugal, Spain, France at various times in history seemed to have borne the mantle.

- **Geography:** The discovery of the New World and other lands by Christopher Columbus and other explorers ensured for the sons of Japheth an expansion of territory outside Europe to North America, South America, Australia and the Islands of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- **Enslavement of the Sons of Ham:** The European Powers were the chief instigators and profiteers of the terrible Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. According to **Genesis 9: 26, 27**, Ham was to be enslaved to Shem. This was fulfilled with the Trans Saharan, North and East Africa slave trade even up to the ugly events of Darfur and Sudan today. In the same scripture, Noah prophesied that Ham`s off springs would be enslaved to Japheth`s. Even sceptics of prophecy cannot dispute the bare evidence of history: 12 – 40 million people from Africa were forcibly displaced and sold, through the transatlantic slave trade to serve the economic and social interests of sons of Japheth (Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, etc).
- **Apartheid Rule in South Africa.** Apartheid rule was one of the worst incidents of man`s inhumanity to fellow men. The Dutch Reformed Church was believed to have disingenuously used the story of Ham to justify why European settlers should reduce Black Africans to second and third class in their own country. This attitude gave the Christian faith a bad name as scripture was twisted for selfish economic gain. Here is an extract from Wiki pedia concerning Apartheid:

Apartheid (meaning *separateness* in [Afrikaans](#), [cognate](#) to [English](#) *apart* and *-hood*) was a system of legalized [racial segregation](#) enforced by the [National Party](#) government of [South Africa](#) between 1948 and 1994. Apartheid had its roots in the history of [colonisation](#) and settlement of southern

Africa, with the development of practices and policies of separation along racial lines and domination by European settlers and their descendents... Apartheid legislation classified inhabitants and visitors into [racial groups](#) (black, white, [coloured](#), and Indian or Asian). South African blacks were stripped of their [citizenship](#), legally becoming citizens of one of ten tribally based and nominally [self-governing bantustans](#) (tribal homelands), four of which became nominally independent states. The homelands occupied relatively small and economically unproductive areas of the country. The government based the homelands on the territory of Black Reserves founded during the [British Empire](#) period, akin to the US [Indian Reservation](#), Canadian [First Nations reserves](#), or [Australian aboriginal reserves](#)

- **Colonialism:** European powers were the chief perpetrators of colonial rule. Whether in the dimension of direct or in direct rule, European Powers forcibly subjugated indigenous peoples in Africa, North and South America, Australia and various nations of the earth and proceeded to impose their civilizations and world view on such people. In 1888, European Powers met in Berlin and formally partitioned Africa, carving out their respective spheres of influence over this great continent.

- **Economic Might:** In the same way, the European powers have been very successful in sucking out the economic strength of various nations with which they build up their own. Whether it is drilling for petroleum and natural gas or other minerals and precious stones, European Companies basically control the world's resources. They either own them through conquest or through subterfuge. Today, Western European nations are the most prosperous group of people enjoying the highest standards of living; high per capita income and other indices of good living.

- **Social Well being:** Western Europe is the preferred place, outside the US where most people in the world would like to be. The reason is multi faceted. The security of lives and property is good; educational standards are high.

- **Science, Technology:** The sons of Japheth are far ahead of their contemporaries in the fields of Science and Technology. They have virtually secured a commanding lead over the races.

- **Military Might:** The Sons of Japheth are the prevailing military might of the present dispensation. From the days of Alexander the Great through the rule of the Caesars (The Legs of Iron in Daniel 2) through the feet made of clay and iron (the European powers and their institutions), WE SEE AN UNBROKEN DOMINANCE OF THE WORLD BY MILITARY MIGHT OF THE SONS OF JAPHETH FROM ABOUT 331 B.C TILL TODAY. This totals 3,339 years of dominance that was challenged briefly by the Othman Turks who tried to build a pan Mediterranean empire that extended to Spain. Today, the North Atlantic Organization and its allies remain the worlds greatest military might

- **Religion:** The sons of Japheth received the baton of the gospel relay race from the sons of Shem. When Paul reproved Jews for the hardness of their hearts in Acts 28:28, he warned that it was time to go to the gentiles. WHILE THE GOSPEL BATON WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE JEWS, *it was largely limited to people of their ethnic stock* until Paul the Apostle was raised. He eventually prepared the ground for the hand over to Japheth when he successfully groomed young people like Timothy, whose father was Greek. The gospel programme on all fronts – Roman Catholic and Protestant blossomed when the sons of Japheth took over. The Popes and organization of the Catholic Church was a Japhetic construct. In the same way, the major instruments of preserving core truths of the bible were sons of Japheth: men and women like Martin

Luther, John Wycliffe, John Wesley, Smith Wiggles worth, Charles G. Finney, Kathleen Kulman, Aime McPherson, down to the current era – Oral Roberts, Kenneth Hagins, Reinhard Bonnke, etc

The Mantle of Japheth and the British: It is however on the English and the other tribes of the United Kingdom and Ireland that the greatest manifestation of the Mantle of Japheth have been apparent. Consider these statistics:

1. United States of America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are among the most prosperous nations of the world today. They are all off springs of Great Britain.

2. Among the vessels God has used to keep the gospel flame alive are these greats from the UK

- PATRICK OF IRELAND; COLUMBA OF IONA; CUTHBERT OF LINDISFARNE in the distant past.

- John Wycliffe who liberalized access to the gospel; John Knox who took on Bloody Mary; George Whitfield the great soul winner; John Wesley the reformer; Hugh Bourne the reformer; Charles Spurgeon the expositor; William Booth who through the Salvation Army; William Carey who evangelized India; The Jeffrey brothers and others too numerous to mention.

3. Major visitations of the Holy Spirit were ignited: the Ulster, Welsh and Hebrides revivals.

Recommended: Land of Hope and Glory by Bruce Atkinson: Dove well Publications, London, 2003

The present world order is hinged on Western Europe's treasured values. The present world order is essentially Japhetic.

Redemptive Gifts of Japheth

These are some of the redemptive gifts and characteristics that empowered the sons of Japheth:

1. A STRONG SENSE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COLLECTIVE

2. Willingness to pay the price to secure a better future

3. The frontier spirit that is restless; always seeking for new territory to possess

4. Willingness to take risks, even at possible expense of life

5. Early understanding of the fact that time is the most precious resource and the one asset which can not be replaced; hence deep respect for time. Time consciousness is a natural quality.

6. Spirit of Courage and ability to dare

7. 100 percent commitment to whatever they lay their hands to do

8. An internal wiring not to play second fiddle to any one

9. Ability to plan and organize and hence to give form to ideas and build structures out of nothing

Failures of the Japhetic dispensation

1. Blood guiltiness. Japheth's sons have been responsible for the premature death of over 200 million people in wars instigated by or fought for gain or glory in different parts of the world.

2. Savagery. Japheth's sons destroyed wholly or partly, civilizations in North America, South America, Africa, and Asia and all over the world in order to plant theirs.

3. Pride/Hubris. There has been a tendency by the sons of Japheth to think that their achievements are a result of superior wisdom and intellect

4. Despising other people God created. This was the root of the Holocaust, Apartheid and other forms of discrimination. Racism is a major sin that needs to be atoned for.

5. Allowing the devil to have right of way in suggesting there is no God and they are what they are by their own ability. Through strongly pushing the theory of evolution, Japheth's off springs have beguiled humanity out of God's way. By questioning the existence of God and taking Him out of their consciousness, the sons of Japheth have laid the foundation for the last dispensation to emerge! The unfolding dispensation will see the emergence of the unlikely; the dark horse of history.

6. Organized Religion It is important to note that the sons of Japheth deployed their famous organizational and planning skills to transform the Christian faith into an organized religion. It was **Emperor Constantine whose embrace started the process that made the Roman Catholic Church a state religion.** It was **Henry VIII who created the Church of England where he would be supreme head, subject to no one else.** It was Japheth's children who over organized and thus put off the revival fires that the Lord ignited at Pentecost and over the years leading to the Laodecian age.

In effect, the failure of Japheth is the very key to the emergence of the final mystery of the ages: the rehabilitation of the broken tabernacle of Ham in the closing age of the gospel.

Rebuilding the Broken Tabernacle of Ham – 1

Part 4 of the Study: The Dispensations of Man

Genesis 9: 20 – 27; Gen. 10: 20; Gen.11: 1 - 9Psalm 106: 21, 22; Psalm 11:3; 2 Timothy 2: 19 – 21,

Prelude

The phrase “broken tabernacle of Ham” is used to connote the desolation which the off springs of Ham in the Middle East and Africa have suffered since the events of Genesis 9: 20 – 27. To the glory of God, there is still hope. Ecclesiastes 9: 4 – 6 says, in colourful prose, “A living dog is better than a dead lion”. Micah 7: 7 – 9 says to Satan “rejoice not against me o mine enemy for when I fall, I shall arise”. And in verses 18 – 20, we are told that God casts sins into the depth of the sea. The curse of Noah was not supposed to be a perpetual one, for as much as it was pronounced by man. Our God is a God of second chance. However, God has ordained a process for all who want to tap into His mercy. The starting point is to know the truth, no matter how ugly or bitter that truth is. The reason is that truth has the power to set us free. John 8: 32. No matter how bitter the events of Genesis 9: 20 – 27 are to brethren of the black race, our key emphasis is to discover what happened, undertake representational repentance and follow the thread of God's grace and mercy to obtain that which He promises the penitent in 2 Chronicles 7: 13, 14.

There are 3 Reasons for the broken Tabernacle of Ham

1. The Sin of Ham in disregarding/dishonouring and despising AUTHORITY of Noah (Gen.9:20-27)

Noah was not just a man, but the Patriarch of the human family. His words of blessing or cursing carry great weight! Ignoring this foundational sin of the original ancestor of the black race amounts to self serving delusion.

– History has borne out the potency of the blessings pronounced on Shem and Japheth and the curse pronounced on Ham (or as many bible translators put it, Canaan). Our earlier study in this series graphically brought home the facts of life for the three branches of the human family.

It is necessary to remind ourselves that Africa was referred to as the land of Ham **Psalm 106: 21, 22**

2. Humanistic Control over others; Idolatory and Rebellion which were activated by Nimrod, a grandson of Ham

Genesis 10: 6 – 12; He became a mighty hunter before the Lord. ***Nimrod set out to hunt for souls to control them to do his bidding.*** This kind of control took away the power of choice and necessity to exercise the will which God wired into every living creature. God made it so that human beings will be accountable for their actions. **Nimrod set out to subdue souls for his own pleasure.** This tendency is behind the religious systems of this world as well as the tyrannical rule of most African dictators. Mystery Babylon is structured to TRADE ON THE SOULS OF MEN. **Revelations 18: 9-13.**

In addition, he was the first person to exceed the bounds of his habitation and proceed to build the very first human kingdom. Nimrod was, in effect, the first world ruler recorded in the post flood era.

Thirdly, **Nimrod apparently motivated the world to resist the ordinance of God in Psalms 115: 16** as he instigated them to build the Tower of Babel to **challenge the very Authority of God. Genesis 11: 1 – 9**

3. Enslavement of the off springs of Abraham by the Black Pharaohs of Egypt. Genesis 15: 13, 14

When God made the strong, immutable covenant with Abraham, He fore told that the Hebrews would be enslaved in Egypt for 400 years and that He (God) would judge the oppressors. It is on record that after using Hebrews as slaves to build the Great Pyramids and other public structures, the Black dynasties that followed the Exodus account have been in remission. The decline went into fast motion when various Semitic and Japhetic empires subdued Egypt and made it a vassal state. Even Alexander the Great, a son of Japheth ravaged Egypt as well as the Caesars of tiny Rome. The final chapter of humiliation was the over running of the entire North Africa Region by Arabs (Sons of Shem)

A. EVIDENCE THAT AFRICA AND THE FAMILY OF HAM ARE PART OF GOD`S PROGRAMME

1. Abraham found shelter and food in Egypt when famine ravaged the land of Canaan. He also married an Egyptian, Hagar who bore Ishmael for him. By this deed, Abraham extended his seed to Africa.
2. Isaac was to follow his father to seek shelter in Egypt at a critical juncture of his life
3. Jacob and the entire house of Israel was preserved from hunger and destruction in Egypt
4. Moses, the great deliverer of Israel was born and groomed in Africa; received his commission and married an Ethiopian lady, Zipporah ignoring opposition by Miriam, his sister.

5. Jethro, an African father in Law of Moses was eyes for Israel to guide them in the wilderness. **Numbers 10: 29 - 32** He also gave him the strategic leadership plan for managing the millions of people under his charge. **Exodus 18:1- 27.**

6. David received protection and assistance from off springs of Ham during his travails with Saul.

7. When Christ was born, it was to Egypt that God sheltered His life when Herod sought Him. **Matthew 2: 13 – 26.**

8. When Christ was on the way to Golgotha, forsaken by His disciples, it was an African, Simon of Cyrene that helped Him to carry the Cross, the most critical part of His redemptive mission **Matthew 27: 32**

9. People from Africa were present on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit empowered and activated the Church **Acts 2: 10**

10. The Ethiopian Eunuch was supernaturally saved and became a missionary to his country in the first few years of the Church. **Acts 8: 26 – 40.**

The Critical Questions

Shall we ignore these strong issues of a faulty foundation and pretend all is well because we are having our personal needs met. Shall we ignore the accounts of scripture that what happened is of critical import to the history of the world and the destiny of Africa and Africans at home & Diaspora?

Psalm 11:3 throws the question to us what shall the righteous do?

1. Walk in Understanding of the root issues concerning the destiny of Africa

2. Representational Repentance: We need to stand in the gap weeping between the porch and altar

3. We need to see that GOD has made one all sufficient provision for destroying the yoke over the black race: The Power of the Gospel to save and transform lives and situations. The blood has taken away the handwritings of contrary ordinances; the blood ushers us into the inheritance of Abraham according to **Galatians 3: 13 – 18**

4. The gospel is no longer by natural inheritance. It is according to the principle of whose ever believes John 1; 11, 12. God will now Judge the nations according to their relationship with Christ!

5. Sons of Ham who are washed by the blood should conscientiously offer restitution for the treatment Hebrews received in Egypt. In the same vein, Africans in the homeland should offer apologies to those in the Diaspora (The Caribbean, Africa America and Black Europe) for the way their forefathers cooperated with slave masters and profited from the misery of their kinsmen. A starting point is the Global Day of Reconciliation series coordinated by Dream Africa www.dreamafrica.org.uk; www.globaldayofreconciliation.org . The next one is due on November 22, 2008 at Atlanta Georgia when African Chiefs and senior clergy formally apologize for the sins of their forefathers.

Ham's Only Hope

Part 2 of the topic ***rebuilding the Broken Tabernacle of Ham Psalm 20:7; 118:8, 9***

We are now at the point when we need to tie up History and the Bible to present a clear understanding of how the curse of Noah on Ham/Canaan was broken and how this can be appropriated to change the black man's lot as the inheritor of a faulty foundation. It is important that all members of the human family, regardless of race or colour, should be interested in what the Lord is saying here. The reasons are simple:

- 1. If we are true believers, WE MUST BE CONCERNED WITH WHAT HAPPENS TO ANY PART OF THE Body of Christ.** If one part is suffering, we cannot pretend it does not concern us. **1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 26.** The Black Race has suffered for too long and all racial groups must be equally concerned that this situation be reversed.
- 2. From a natural point of view, compassion and the grace of empathy requires us to connect with the sufferings of others.** The suffering of the black race world-wide is an open shame on humanity.
- 3. Scripture is filled with the concept that dry bones shall rise again;** graves can give up their victims; **a LIVING DOG is better than a DEAD LION** and that a champion is not one who has not been knocked down before, but one who is able to get up 7 times from certain defeat and knock out decisively his opponent. **Ezekiel 37; Ecclesiastes 9: 4 – 8.**
- 4. The Lord has promised that there will be a time of Restoration and Restitution of ALL THINGS. Acts 3: 19 – 21.** This includes making right things that went awry in the course of history such as Ham's dishonour of Noah and the consequent curse. Furthermore, TIME is a great healer of all things, including curses.

The Jesus Factor in Ham's metamorphosis

Having said that, we need on to systematically present the thesis that ***the only hope for Ham's tabernacle to be rebuilt and his star to shine in this dispensation lies in the whole hearted embrace of Jesus Christ.*** Why? **Jesus is the ultimate curse breaker and giver of a new beginning!** **1 John 3: 8, Acts 10:38; Luke 1: 74, 75.** Whoever embraces Him, irrespective of past life, background or unresolved issues are given the immutable promise of both a new beginning as well as access to the blessings of Abraham the friend of God. **2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3: 13 – 18.** In Christ, race, gender and other natural divisions are inconsequential **Galatians 3: 26 – 29.** In these last days, we see that the centre piece of the gospel has moved to Africa, the Black Community world-wide and Asia. ***With this embrace comes induction into the New Covenant of God which was sealed with the precious blood of Jesus at the Cross of Calvary.*** This process started less than 200 years ago, discounting the earlier works of the Ethiopian Eunuch of **Acts 8.**

At Azusa Street in 1904, the Black Dispensation in the gospel received a strong impetus when the baton of revival came into the hands of William Seymour, a semi literate carpenter whose visage

was reprehensible to many. Yet God chose Him to be instrumental in activating a revival which affected the whole world.

Core Spiritual Issues confirming that Jesus is the only hope of the Race of Ham.

It is important to state the obvious once again: **at the Cross, God brought the old order from Adam to Christ, including the saga of Genesis 9: 20 – 27 to a logical end** and said emphatically: **IT IS FINISHED John 19:30**. It makes sense therefore for us to understand the contents of the **BILL OF RIGHTS in John 19:30**. Inability to fully understand what was purchased at Calvary can cause a Christian or worse still, a group of Christians to miss their inheritance. **Galatians 4: 1 -7** warns against childishness, lest Christians miss their lot.

What Happened at the Cross? Ephesians 1: 1 – 11; Ephesians 2: 11 – 22; Ephesians 3:1-6

1. All Curses that altered the course of humanity were broken. These include:

- The curse on Adam and Eve and the Earth in **Genesis 3: 16 – 19**
- The Curse of Noah on Ham/Canaan in **Genesis 9: 20 – 27**
- The curse of the Law of Moses which pronounced woe on those who fail to observe any jot or tittle. **Deuteronomy 27: 11 – 26; Deuteronomy 28: 15 – 68.**
- Hand writing of ordinances that was against any one for any reason **Colossians 2:13, 14**

2. The veil of exclusion that Judaism represented was rent apart so that God e a new and living way was made whereby **ACCESS TO GOD IS THROUGH ONLY ONE SOURCE, JESUS CHRIST!**. Who ever has Christ, therefore, has life. **Hebrews 10: 11 – 22. John 14:6.**

3. Since that day when the ultimate sacrifice was made, God now judges ALL MEN AND ALL THINGS by JESUS CHRIST whom He sent. **1 Timothy 2:5-7**. Those who repent of their sins and put their trust in Christ are shielded from condemnation. Those who reject Christ, for any reason at all, take the condemnation upon themselves. **Romans 9, 10, 11**

4. The old classification of men as JEWS and GENTILES has been set aside. Individuals are now classified as **RIGHTEOUS**(receiving eternal life not on their own merit but as a gracious gift from God) and **SINNERS** (who reject the gracious gift and prefer to remain in their sins thus making the crucifixion of Christ useless for themselves). In the same way, Races, Tribes, Kindreds and all humanity are classified as **SHEEP and GOAT NATIONS** who will appear before Him for separate rewards. **Matthew 25 – 31**

5. Because of the Cross, God is raising SONS out of CHILDREN for manifestation to the world as evidence and fruits of the propitiation of Christ at Calvary. **Romans 8:19**. Sons are Christians whose identity and badge of honour is the marks of Christ they bear identifying with His crucifixion. **Galatians 2: 20; Galatians 6:14**. Such people are no longer to be known by any carnal profile such as Age; Sex; Family background; Nationality; Race.

Such people are to put their hands on His plough and proceed to reap the harvest of souls knowing whom they believe and not accepting any limitation any man may want to put on them. They walk with deep understanding of the ordinances of God and are reliable co-labourers with Him. **1 Corinthians 14: 20 ; John 15:14 – 16; 1 Timothy 4: 12 – 16; 2 Timothy 2: 1- 6.**

Understanding this mystery of Christ will make us see the essence of the Cross as the ultimate place glue that binds together all that is God's own out of the entire human family. This was a key reason why Paul the Apostle was specially commissioned to share this deep mystery with the so called gentiles who before the cross were aliens to God's Common Wealth. **Ephesians 1: 1 – 23; Ephesians 2: 1 – 22; Ephesians 3: 1 – 21.**

6. The Kingdom which Christ died on the Cross to Usher in operates on a different paradigm from the Kingdoms of this world. The value system is also different.

In the kingdom, one crucial principle is that of **SERVICE**. Kingdom minded people therefore are known for the willingness to emulate Christ and always put on the robe of service as He showed by example and precept. **John 13: 1 – 17; Luke 22: 24 – 27.** Only those who have been dealt with by the Cross can live this life of service.

It is a thing of deep reflection to note that ***what Noah pronounced as a Curse is now a mark of true spirituality!*** God has turned a situation of trash to a treasured lifestyle! It is in line with this that God says that those who will be promoted publicly are those who serve sincerely in obscurity and that gifts we esteem lightly are critical to sustenance of the corporate good. **1 Corinthians 12: 22 – 24.** The Black Race will play a critical role in the end time move of God, utilizing the Redemptive gift of service. There is no shortage of need for servers. There is always room for people who have the grace to serve. There are limited places for bosses however; for people who expect others to serve them!

7. The Cross redefined the course of humanity. The core Agenda of God today involves Identification and connecting His Remnant from various racial and ethnic stocks that make up His Church. These are people saved by grace and not works **Romans 11: 1 - 6;** these are people who yearn to connect with those who are of like mind: impassioned with restoration of the glory of God and for the Kingdom to come to come speedily. **Matthew 6: 9, 10.**

Role of the Elect out of Ham

The elect of God are those who have responded to the three dimensions of their calling and remain steadfast to the end. They are the **CALLED; CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL**, found fit to join forces with the Lamb to rout every remaining power of the wicked one in this dispensation and at the end. **Revelations 17: 14.** Because they are redeemed out of their faulty foundations, cultural hindrances and situations, the elect of God are not ashamed to acknowledge where they are coming from. They are those whom God will use to:

- 1. Stand in the gap for redemption of the Black heritage and homeland 2 Chron. 7: 13, 14**
- 2. Restitute for any wrongs of the past that have been swept under the carpet Prov. 28:13**
- 3. Live for the Lord in Holiness, total consecration and separation Romans 12:1, 2, Ps.50:5**

4. Live as chief instrument of the Great Commission Acts 1: 8

5. Use the plumb line of the Word to ensure that the House of God is built according to His master plan. 1 Corinthians 3: 3 – 15. This requires: i). Taking away all traces of spirit of (rebellion) Ham that caused him to miss it and Nimrod who was a hunter of souls; ii). Taking away the hardness of heart and religious spirit that blinded Shem from recognizing and receiving the Messiah III). Giving no room for manifestation of the spirit of secular humanism, reliance on arm of the flesh and over organization and shutting out the Holy Spirit which caused Japheth's off springs to turn the Church into an Organization.

The Omega Chapter

The final segment of Course 111: Dispensations, Seasons and Times

Texts: Acts 1: 6 – 8; Acts 3:19 -21, Romans 2:16, 28, 29; Romans 3:22-31 Ephesians 5: 27

A. Course Objective

Course 111 of the Arise School of Ministry Curriculum is designed to enable participants understand the prophetic time line of God's dealing with humanity – from Adam till the Kingdom is fully restored. The dispensations are presented from both the divine and the human perspectives. Even within the context of the Church, there is an incisive analysis of the dealings of God with the sons of men, explaining how the gospel programme has progressed from a Semitic activated through a Japhetic driven to the present Hamitic pre-dominated project.

B. Introduction.

When we open up our hearts to the Holy Spirit, there is no limit to His capacity and ability to give us insight into the mind of God and grant us understanding of even the most complex of life issues. Since the beginning of time, certain things have shaped the course of world history which on the surface, appear isolated. When however we put all that has happened in the right context, we begin to see the amazing fact that God has worked out the end from the beginning and is ever willing to reveal the deepest secrets of the ages to those who are ready to hear and understand, just as Daniel, Joseph and other vessels who sought His face for clarity on hidden issues of life.

C. First things First: Definitions

Before we move into the depth of today's teaching, let us define what we mean by **the Omega Chapter**. Jesus is called the **Alpha and Omega (Revelations 1: 11)**. This is the Greek word for beginning and ending. In effect, by the Omega chapter, we mean, firstly, the End Chapter or Final Chapter of man's tenure as God's assign on planet earth (**See Genesis 2:15 and Psalms 115:16**). Secondly, we mean the Chapter in which the Jesus Agenda will come to full fruition in both the Church and the world which He created. We will essentially concentrate, in this study, on the time before the rapture of saints and the full manifestation of the man of sin, even the anti-Christ. Events after this time will be dealt with in another study.

D. Key Features of the Omega Chapter

The Omega chapter will be dominated by 4 principal features which will be clear to all who are in the Spirit, which is the safest place to be. These are explained here.

1. Strong anti-Semitism on a global scale and desire by some for annihilation of Israel

What the world saw during Nazi Germany's time is about to manifest again. Many people will have a wrong understanding of the conflict in the Middle East and from that ignorance, conclude that Israel is the aggressor, that Jews are the problem of the world. As a matter of fact, taking the Jews out as a factor in this world will be a satanic inspired article of faith in the hearts of some people. Jerusalem will be a tough burdensome stone for the world!

Already this is happening across the world as satellite television flashes images of Israeli tanks demolishing houses or missiles destroying homes of those who attack them. Without the benefit of full knowledge and out of sympathy, many people are blaming the Jews and deeming them aggressors. This situation is setting the stage for a global army as has never been assembled before to march on Israel for the ultimate final solution. Unfortunately for the devil, this will be the very act that will provoke the Second coming of Jesus Christ to rescue God's covenant people! **Revelations.....**

2. Expansion of the scope of the Mystery of Lawlessness 2 Thessalonians 2: 12;

There will be widespread sins at all levels. Sin and sinning will become the norm rather than the exception. The restraining influence of the Laws of God incorporated into many national constitutions and governing documents will be jettisoned. Men will set aside God's standard of righteousness and institute their own secular-humanistic laws so that legal license to sin will be the order of the day across the world.

Some of the things considered abominable just 50 years ago will be the very celebrated lifestyle of mankind in the Omega Chapter. The reason why God allows this is so that the wine press of His wrath will be full and He may be justified to bring to a final end this present world order like He did in the days of Noah. As a matter of fact, **Genesis chapters 6, 7 & 8**, which described the global flood that destroyed all, save Noah and family, a type of the present day and season, is about to be re-enacted like Jesus prophesied in **Luke 17: 26 – 27. 1 Thessalonians. 5: 1-11**

3. The Corrupt Church will come to Zenith of Affluence and Trading in Souls of Men

The Church that Jesus died for is different from the corrupt church that predominates consciousness of the average Christian. The corrupt Church is like the fig tree of **Mark 11:12 – 20** which is ordained for condemnation for refusing to bear two principal fruits: **the fruit of righteousness/fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-25, Matthew 3:8) and the fruit of genuine converts into the Kingdom John 15:16**. The corrupt church is more concerned with accumulating souls of men and women for statistical manipulation; for trading in the souls of such people and giving them a false sense of security when they are actually hell bound! The corrupted church will manifest these tendencies:

- **Ephesians Church** which though originally part of the Body of Christ, has actually lost its first love and bearing and is now preoccupied with so much activities and programmes that the Holy Spirit has been shunted aside. **Revelations 2:1 – 7**. The Ephesians Church ends up in denominations vying for influence and power and creating walls of division which turn God's church into a battle field of theological thought!

- **Laodecian Church** which is prostituting with the spirit of Baal. It is the prosperity gospel which replaced supreme love of God with love of money and material acquisitions. **The Laodecian church has need of nothing because it esteems its strength by its wealth and the multitude of sinners who are on the membership register but have no place in the Lamb's Book of Life**. Men are manipulated for selfish purposes; empires are built; people remain babes in the Lord or worse still, sinners who never achieve victory over sin because they are giving a sop of the Word to keep them ever immature. They are programmed to believe that they need the "servant of the Lord" to deal with every issue of life. They cannot pray for themselves and expect healing until a servant of God lays hands on them. They cannot hear from God but need an intermediary, the "servant of the Lord", to hear and tell them what God is saying.

The Laodecian Church will not accept the true priest hood of all believers according to **1 Peter 2:9**. It is ruled by the same spirit that was in Nimrod, the son of Cush in **Genesis 10: 8-10, Genesis 11: 1 – 9** as men seek to hunt after and to control other people and project their egos and selves so highly that people

may see no need of independent access to God! The Laodecian church of **Revelations 3:14 19** ignored the solemn warning of our Lord Jesus Christ and ended up as **mystery Babylon in Revelations 18** whose principal feature is trading in the souls of men. See **Revelation 18: 13**.

The Laodecian church will elevate worldliness to a high art and cause men to forget that the Lord is coming soon. With that dangerous amnesia, God's people will be like their unbelieving neighbours in almost everything and that includes sinning and other worldly lifestyles. They will still have a form of godliness but the power of the cross to deliver from sins shall be lacking. To make matters more complicated, great "Christian religious leaders" will be used of the devil to advocate for a new world order based on the shared values of all faiths which, they will claim, worship the same God! In this setting, the true gospel will not be preached but a watered down version which emphasises good works and charitable deeds in the community and in response to human suffering world-wide and being nice.

To any true child of God, the Lord says, unequivocally: come out from amongst them and be ye separate! **2 Corinthians 6:14 – 18**

E. Glorification of the True Church. Ephesians 5:27; Revelations 2:8 – 11; Revelations 3: 7-13

As iniquity abounds within the world and the corrupt church, God will begin to unveil His witness who will show forth His marvellous light to dispel gross darkness. **Matthew 5: 13 -16** speaks of the true Church as salt that flavours and preserves its environment from corruption. To this agrees the words of **Philippians 2: 14 – 16**. The Lord Jesus by Himself is undertaking the assignment of preparing the Church, His own Body for the Rapture. The preparation process is as follows:

1. Exaltation of the Ministry of the Word of God once again. God does nothing contrary to His Word which He exalted above His very name. The Lord considers His Word central to the Reformation of the Church because His Word is forever settled and will not pass away! We cannot therefore in these last days build our faith on miracles, signs and wonder; on just prophecies, word of knowledge or indeed any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts have their duly appointed place. They are meant to (i) convince unbelievers that God is real (**1 Corinthians 14:**) (ii) To empower believers to fulfil their priestly office wherever they find themselves (iii). Ensure that believers live above natural laws as God supernaturally intervenes in all issues of their lives from the spiritual to their practical needs for healing, health, provision and fulfilment.

The Word of God is ordained to fulfil these ministries in the life of believers so that they come to the point of maturity in knowing the will of God and in fulfilling same: (i) Keep us in the knowledge of God's standards and thus away from sin **Psalms 119:5,6,9 – 16**. (ii). A fire that burns off chaff from the lives of His people. **Jeremiah 23:29**; (iii). A hammer that breaks off all rough edges in the live of His people (**Jeremiah 23:29**); (iv) Water that washes off filth deposited in the mind and consciousness by the corrupt things we see daily (**John 15:3**); (v).A sword that pierces through to reveal the secret thought and intents of the heart (**Hebrews 4: 12, 13**); (vi). A Mirror which reflects and shows all the things we would preferred to hide from God like Adam did (**James 1:22 – 25**) and (vii). Pure Milk for nourishing our hearts and souls daily to know, meditate and do the will of God (**I Peter 2: 1 – 3, Colossians 3:16**).

The end time **Revival**, which will endure until the coming of the Lord will be one therefore where the Word of God is so magnified that God's people will know, accept and do the will of God! They will learn to love His Word, Meditate therein and be powered for day to day victory through and by it. **Psalms 1: 1-3; Joshua 1:8**. Christians will thus be able to live for God according to His standards of righteousness without struggle and supervision. They do so because they love the Lord passionately and want to please Him. The Omega type Christian is thus in love with His Lord Jesus so much so that any straying from the righteous part imputed to him immediately registers on the conscience and he or she rushes into the pool of the blood for cleansing. Omega Christians do not therefore live in sin! 1 John 3: 1 – 10.

Brethren, why is the Word of God exalted? Jesus Christ is the very Word of God! **John 1: 1** and **1 John 1: 1- 3**. Any where the Word is not exalted or where it is presented craftily to suit the mood of men or to win their acclamations, Jesus is clearly not in charge. Any thing can happen. The spirit of error can take over and the anti Christ can manipulate feelings of people to deliver a pseudo gospel which gives people a false sense of security!!!

2. There shall be a fresh universal outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower and guide

Joel 2:28, 29; John 14: 12 – 18; 23 – 26; John 15:26, 27; Acts 1:8

Jesus never intended to leave His Church comfortless or at the mercy of the devil or for men to operate it as a humanistic organization. In scripture after scripture, **the Lord made it clear that His physical demise was necessary to pave the way for the final dispensation of Divinity's manifestation to humanity: The Holy Spirit would come down from heaven and instead of occasionally visiting to use men and women as temporary vessels, He will now indwell the saints permanently!** The same way Divinity and Humanity united in Christ, so has the Lord ordained that Divinity will unite with Humanity in ALL the saints of Jesus Christ. This is ordained as a special mark of separation that will mark out the saints of God from unbelievers and empower them to live as Witnesses for Christ.

The critical question every believer should ask him or her self is **“have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?” Acts 19:1 – 2. We cannot do the work of the Lord by and with carnal materials, mindset and humanistic plans. They will only produce dead works because the carnal mind is a natural opponent of the spiritual. Romans 8: 5 – 14.** We need the Holy Spirit not just on the day of being baptised by and in Him, accompanied with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. We need Him 24/7 for this is the dispensation of Divinity assigned to Him. **Because He is a Spirit, He has the capacity of reproducing Christ's Life and Power in every saint, world-wide, simultaneously AND THUS BRING MANY SONS TO GLORY FOR MANIFESTATION! Romans 8:19.**

The Holy Spirit will ensure that His fruit or the Life of Christ is made manifest in yielded souls **John 15:1 -8; Galatians 5: 22 – 24.** It is Him who works in us to will and to do the will of God and brings us to perfection. **Philippians 1: 6; Philippians 2:13.** In effect, the Holy Spirit and the Word are the principal instruments of making us live holy lives that glorify God.

He also dwells to release any of the Offices of Christ in Ephesians 4: 11, 12 which it pleases Him to graciously bestow on any one so elected. **According to Ephesians 4: 7, 1 Peter 4: 10, 11; Romans 12 : 3 – 8 and 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 31,** the Holy Spirit releases specific gifts that enable Christians to fulfil their priestly and kingly office wherever they live, work or visit.

In the Omega Chapter, we do not need to try to generate the presence of the Holy Spirit through any external means including music, lighting, aesthetics of a building or promotional effort to whip up frenzy in people. No, we begin to see His Presence and Power any where and every where. He helps us in the Kitchen and all domestic challenges. He helps us to Know the Will of the Master in every situation even in business. He enables us to manifest the resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead on the trains, in the tube, on buses, on street corners, in public squares, in schools and in factories. Her will create the dispersed presence and power of God which will cause the world to know that Jesus is indeed alive and well in His Body and that solutions to the problems of life are still with Him as of old, when He walks the streets of Galilee!

We need to do away with the present laborious order of confining the Holy Spirit to our ornate Church buildings or to certain segments of our services. He is in truth, the Divine personality assigned to take us to the Promised Land. O! That the Church will receive Him to this degree!!! In this dispensation, as God's remnant follows the Lord wholly, just as in the early Church, so shall signs and wonders follow them Mark 16: 15 – 20.

3. in the Omega Chapter, the True Church will be reformed to have the divine outlook according to the Master plan of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 3: 10 - 15

The divine plan of the God for the Church is clearly spelt out in **Ephesians 4: 7 – 16**. This envisages a situation where every Christian is regularly fed with the Word of God and receives impartation from ALL the Five Fold offices of **Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers**. **This is the ONLY GUARANTEE OF THEIR PERFECTION AND FULL ACTIVATION TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST AND WHO HE IS IN THEM TO THE DEGREE THAT THEY ARE TRULY ABLE TO TAKE THEIR SPECIFIC, HEAVENLY ORDAINED PLACE IN THE BODY AS PRIESTS AND KINGS ON EARTH. 1 Peter 1: 9; Revelations: 5, 6; Revelations 5:9, 10**. When this is done, the Lord will be glorified once again as His Church frees itself from the present organizational construct to recover the concept of the Church as a Living Organism, even the true Body of Christ.

4. There will be a Restoration of the Lordship of Jesus Christ over the individual lives of His Saints as well as in His Church.

Men and women, no matter how anointed, will not loom large over the Church. They will emulate John the Baptist who realized that he was not the groom and therefore had no right to interfere with the glory ascribable only to Jesus. **John 3: 27 – 36**. Ministers will know and accept the limits of their grace and anointing and avoid over exaltation which leads to manipulations as they seek to back up their claims to power through carnal means. **Romans 12: 3**.

5. There will be no separation of life on certain carnal basis to warrant special treatment or justify discrimination Galatians 3: 11 – 17, 26 – 29

There will be no division of spiritual and carnal life. Our lives are destined to be streamlined so that we serve the Lord any time, any where, in whatever we do. **Colossians 3: 17, 23, 24**

There will be **no division between Pulpit and pew** as we all are simply brethren saddled with different assignments. Truly, some will be called into 5 fold offices to provide godly leadership. However, they will ever be conscious that they are mere vessels it pleased the Lord to lay hold of!

There will be **no division between Jew and Gentile Galatians 3: 26 - 28**.

There will be **no specific advantage any one will have over another because of Gender differences Galatians 3: 26 - 28**.

The same Lord is over all. He has broken down the middle wall of partition and is gathering up all things in Himself **Ephesians 1: 3 – 14**;

6. In effect, there will be divine exaltation of the unlikely, the despised and unworthy in the eyes of man. Isaiah 66: 1 – 2. James 4: 6,7, 10; 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 29; Joel 2:28,29

This is season God will abase the proud and exalt the humble. It will be a glorious season wherein the following classes of people will receive extra impetus to shine to prove that it is not by might or by power but by His spirit::

1. Women
2. Young people
3. Those who have suffered racial and ethnic discrimination
4. Those that had no name or identity
5. Sinners who are willing to surrender all and embrace Jesus as their only hope
6. Those that live in love
7. Those that is able to break through the barrier of total trust and put all their faith and confidence in God.

7. The Omega Chapter will see the networking of the Elect Remnant of God. Romans 11: 1 – 6.

What we have said so far will hinge on one fact: The Omega Chapter of the Dispensations of Man will be a time when God will connect His remnant scattered all over the world and hidden in various denominations. The remnant is those with the Spirit of the Church in Philadelphia **Revelations 3: 7 – 13**. God has, by a supernatural process, ensured that He has a remnant in every Race, Culture and Ethnic Group for they will make up the **glorious Assembly of the First Born** on the last day. **Revelations 7: 9 – 12; Hebrews 12: 22 – 24**. The elect remnant of God is also located in every kind of Church. They can be found in churches with the spirit of **Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia or Laodicea**. There are those whose hearts are right with God seeking Him in truth and in Spirit. They may have been trapped where they are by manipulative tendencies of those possessed with the spirit of Nimrod. Nevertheless, the Lord sees their hearts and accepts them.

In every city and in every country and region, God will supernaturally order their paths to Cross. God will orchestrate their connecting and sticking together for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom together, taking the battle to the gates of the enemy and ensuring that every need – spiritual or physical or financial of God's people is supernaturally met. This is because they will learn to love each other and abide in His love. **1 Corinthians 13: 1- 13** and have deep understanding of the times in which we live **1 Chronicles 12: 32**.

As they meet, they will recognize the anointing and standing of each other. They will accept each other. They will march in formation, not breaking ranks or building self centred religious empires. **Joel 2: 6 – 9, 1 Chronicles 12: 38**. They will realize that they are all servants of the same master and co-labourers in the same vine yard. Thus there will be no strife, competition or rivalry! Any where you find yourself therefore, let loose your spiritual antennae to pick up the spirit in the remnant who you may meet even in unusual places like shopping malls!

Final Word

The Omega Chapter will see the emergence of a Church without spot or wrinkle or other such thing. It will be a season of restoration of all things. It will see the manifestation of God's remnant in a dimension that has never been seen for nearly 1, 500 years. The Church will once again concentrate on the two most critical functions: **Equipping the Saints for the Work of the Ministry and taking the Great Commission of preaching the gospel as the principal things to live for while waiting for the return of the Lord!**

On the day of Manifestation: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-3, 7, 11, 14

On a day like this, every one with a true hearty who the Lord is stirring up will receive these equipments for the work:

- 1. A New Name.** God will by Himself, make your name great so that those who are occupying your space can leave out of fear
- 2. A Voice.** The Lord will invest you with a strong voice which is majestic and will be distinct amongst many voices. That voice will distinguish you! The sheep assigned to you will hear the voice of the Lord in you and respond. As they come, they will abide and as they abide, they will abound! **John 10: 16, 27 - 29**
- 3. A Spiritual Identity.** The Lord will invest us with the identity of Christ so that those who see us will actually see Him. **Romans 13:14**
- 4. A peculiar message.** It is not in the length of words or how many scriptures you are able to quote. The message is what God has ordained to make you a peculiar minister of the new covenant.