

The Gospel Before the End Time

Commentary for August 15, 2024 — ... How Will It Be Preached?

With the increasing number of major world events occurring one after another, students of prophecy can easily forget one small fact. The preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God before Christ's Second Coming will follow a process similar to what took place in the 1st century AD, but now the audience to be reached will be about 8 BILLION people.

The future (and final) preaching of the Gospel will not begin in America, or England, continental Europe, or Africa. It will not begin from the evangelical churches of those nations nor from any churches from East Asia or Africa.

The final evangelistic teaching of the Gospel at the end of the age will **BEGIN** where it started in the time of the apostles — from Jerusalem. Jesus said to His disciples:

"Now at His sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, WHEN will these things be? And WHAT is the sign of [1] your presence and [2] of the conclusion of the eon?'"

[Jesus replied] ... **And heralded [preached] shall be THIS EVANGEL [Gospel] of THE KINGDOM in the WHOLE inhabited earth [Why?] for a testimony [Greek, *marturion*] to all the nations, and THEN the consummation [the end] shall be arriving."**

• **Matthew 24:3, 14, CLV**

Yes, the Gospel will be preached even though most in the nations will not accept or believe the testimony¹ about Christ's life, work, death, resurrection and coming return. Later the apostle Paul said that his work of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached to the whole world.

"... in the power of signs and miracles, in the power of God's spirit, so that, from Jerusalem and around unto Illyricum, I have COMPLETED [KJV: "fulfilled"] the evangel of the Christ."

• **Romans 15:19, CLV**

These verses in Matthew, Mark, and Romans are well understood. From where will the preaching of "the Gospel of the Kingdom" begin? At the time of the apostles, the preaching of repentance and remission of sins began from Jerusalem, and THEN it expanded to the entire world, as Christ told His apostles immediately before He ascended into heaven:

"... and said to them that 'Thus it is written, and thus must the Christ be suffering and rise from among the dead the third day, and there is to be heralded in His name repentance for the pardon of sins, to all the nations, beginning FROM JERUSALEM. Now you shall be witnesses of these things.'"

• **Luke 24:46-48, CLV**

"But you shall be obtaining power at the coming of the holy spirit on you, and you

¹ Older English translations (such as the King James Version) render this Greek word as "witness." Many modern translation render the word as "testimony." Both are technically correct.

shall be My witnesses both [1] IN JERUSALEM and [2] in entire Judea and Samaria, and [3] as far as the limits of the earth."

• **Acts 1:8, CLV**

It makes sense. Jerusalem is where the preaching should begin. It was where the apostles began their preaching to the world. They were instructed to remain in Jerusalem to receive God's Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49–53; Acts 1:4–5), and they did as instructed. Then, on the Day of Pentecost (the feast of Firstfruits, Exodus 23:16, 34:22) the Gospel of the Kingdom of God began to be preached **FROM JERUSALEM**. This came after the gift of God's Holy Spirit fell upon the apostles and a large number of Israelites from around the world who were in Jerusalem attending the feast of Firstfruits. They received teaching from the apostles, were baptized, and went back to their homes around the world.

The Final Teaching of the Gospel

The final preaching of repentance and remission of sins shall also begin from Jerusalem. Remember that the law shall proceed from Jerusalem: **"for out of [from] Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord [from YHWH and Christ, through the apostles] FROM JERUSALEM"** (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2), exactly where the apostles began their ministry after that important Pentecost of 30 AD.

Note this description from Hosea, of Israel's situation at our present moment:

"For many days shall the sons of Israel dwell without king and without chief official [priests], And without sacrifice and without altar, And without ephod or Urim and Thummim [this describes Israel at this moment, TODAY]:

Afterward the sons of Israel [1] shall return [this HAS happened!], And they [2] will seek Yahweh their Elohim, and [3] [seek] David their king; They [Israel] will COME IN AWE to Yahweh and to His goodness [WHEN?] in the latter days."

• **Hosea 3:4–5, CLV**

These **"latter days"** have not yet arrived, because the events Hosea prophesied, have not YET occurred. The End Time Gospel will be preached from Zion, from Jerusalem. When that occurs Israelites will again preach the Gospel in years to come by, and most of those will be Jews. They must (and will) accept Jesus as their Messiah, the Christ.

Even more shall return to Israel from around the world. God will open their minds (as your mind has been opened) to receive God's Son Christ Jesus, and accept the written word of God about Him in the Old and New Testaments. They shall seek the Lord their God, and through God's grace the children of Israel shall find Jesus their Messiah.²

Our job is to help many to understand and have available to them the biblical knowledge of the reconciliation of all to God our Father and Christ Jesus, and for them to understand the Mystery of God as revealed to Paul and others in 63 AD. That will be the toughest part because most Christian believers in the later part of the 1st century AD rejected the Mystery when it was given, and some even rejected the apostle Paul (2 Timothy 1:15).

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² Israel seeking **"David their king"** in Hosea 3:5 may refer to discoveries within David's Tomb that will confirm the Word of God, cause them to **"COME IN AWE to Yahweh,"** and link David to Israel's Messiah.