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Ancient Israel was to become God's holy nation and kingdom of priests if it had obeyed Him, but they never did. In a time yet future to our time, the nation of Israel will be offered salvation and those that follow their calling will become part of God's holy nation and kingdom of priests in embryo or God's Church along with all those called, chosen and faithful from the day of Pentecost. Are they the kings and lords over which Christ will rule?

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 **[Christ]** Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no biblical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but o to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he **[God’s Son]** might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he **[the glorified Christ]** is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the ex-

pression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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In this study, we will examine who are the ones that are made kings and priests unto God and who shall rule on the earth. It was considered in the days of the Worldwide Church of God under the leadership of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong that God's church in the resurrection would be the kings and priests mentioned in the book of Revelation.

It was thought they would rule over the the presidents, prime ministers, kings, etc. of the nations of this world during the Millennium. Let's see if we can shed more light on this matter which is of great interest to many.

Let's start off by looking at Rev. 5:10. where God's kings and priests are mentioned.

Rev 5:10 And hast made **us** unto our God kings and priests:
and we shall reign on the earth.

Who is the "**us**" mentioned in Revelation 5:10 that is going to reign on the earth?

Let's start from Rev. 5:6 and work our way up to Rev. 5:10.

Rev 5:6 And I [John to whom this message is given in a vision]
beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four
beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb [Christ is
the perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind, the Lamb of God

the Father] as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. [Christ is in the midst of all 7 church eras through His Spirit.]

Rev 5:7 And he [the Lamb of God, Christ] came and took the book out of the right hand of him [God the Father; He is the one that has the sealed message which needs to be revealed by Christ, the Lamb of God and also God's spokesman] that sat upon the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when he [the Lamb of God] had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Rev 5:9 And they [the four beasts and the four and twenty elders] sung a new song, [the new song they are singing is that while before it was impossible for anyone to know the content of the book, now they know and realize that the Lamb of God is the one that can reveal its content and they worship the Lamb] saying, Thou [the Lamb of God, Christ] art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals [Christ is worthy to remove the seals locking up the secrets of the book and to reveal its message] thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us [who is the "us" here that have been redeemed? [the four beasts and the four and twenty elders are spirit beings and Christ did not die to redeem spirit beings; Christ died to redeem human beings and this salvation process is with those that are called to constitute God's Church. The Lamb, Christ is said to be worthy to unseal the book because He was the perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind] to God [the Father] by thy [the Lamb's blood or Christ's blood] blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; [note who are these individuals who are redeemed here i.e., they went through a process of conversion (were redeemed) and became converted and they are from every kindred, tongue, people and nation]

Who are the non-spirit beings that are redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation by the blood or death of Christ? Would they be flesh-and-blood human beings under the penalty of death for sin; aren't they the ones for which Christ was sacrificed? As we learn from Paul

in Romans 3:23, all of mankind is guilty of sin and in need of a redeemer.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Now, going back to Revelation.

Rev 5:10 And [Christ] hast made us [those redeemed unto God the Father by the death of Christ as the Lamb of God and which are from every kindred, tongue, people and nation] unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Who are those that are redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation are also made by the Lamb of God (Christ) kings and priests unto God?

Who is this group of people to be redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation to be commissioned to become kings and priests unto God reigning on the earth?

Let's start off by looking at the ancient physical nation of Israel.

Old Covenant Ancient Israel

If we go back to the Old Testament, in the Book of Exodus chapter 12 we read the familiar story of the nation of Israel coming out of its captivity under the Egyptians where they had become slaves. After many years of hard labor, God heard their plea and He delivered them and placed Moses at the head of the newly-freed Israelites.

Why did God free Israel from its captivity under the Egyptians? Did He have a purpose for Israel? Let's see what the Scriptures have to say about it.

Exo 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. [in the 3rd month after having left Egypt, Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai]

Exo 19:2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. [Israel was encamped at the base of Mount Sinai.]

Exo 19:3 And Moses [God, the Logos, the Spokesman, the one who became Christ, ruled over ancient nation of Israel through a flesh-and-blood human, Moses] went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; [God calls Moses to give Him a message for Israel; Moses is the mediator of the Old Covenant.]

Then, in the following verses, we see God telling Moses what covenant He wishes to make with Israel. God promises to make Israel a peculiar treasure above all people or nations and they would also become unto God a kingdom of priests and a holy nation if they kept His covenant.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: [if Israel obeys]

Exo 19:6 And ye [the nation of Israel] shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou [Moses, God's mediator to the ancient nation of Israel] shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

These Scriptures make it clear beyond any possible doubt that Israel, if it would obey God and keep His covenant, it would be a kingdom of priests unto God and His holy nation.

As we know from many other Scriptures, ancient Israel did not obey God and consequently never became a kingdom of priests unto God and a holy nation. The Old Covenant did not hold the promise of ancient Israel being given access to the holy spirit God the Word which would have made it possible for Israel to correctly know the difference between good and evil. This would have been revealed to them by the holy spirit God the Father upon being called and those following their calling would have been taught by the holy spirit the Word who is God the Father's Spokesman to His chosen ones.

Israel, not as a whole but on an individual basis, would then have been able to make the choice to commit themselves to obey God or not based on God's truth. In other words, ancient Israel was not called nor could be called as the holy spirit God the Word was not then yet available. The following New Testament scripture makes this very clear.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; **because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)

Ancient Israel was, as surprising and unbelievable as this will seem to many, a carnal-minded nation that could not obey God.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

The state of mind of the nation of Israel regarding God's law is made plain to us by Moses in his final address to Israel before his death.

Deu 31:24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

Deu 31:25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

Deu 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Deu 31:27 For **I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck:** behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Deu 31:28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

Deu 31:29 For **I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you;** and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

Deu 31:30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

A New Covenant

In the days of ancient Israel, Christ had not yet qualified to replace Satan on the throne of the earth and He had not yet given His life in payment for the sins of mankind. The holy spirit God the Word who teaches the Father's called and chosen ones all things (John 14:26) was not then available to mankind as Christ had not yet been glorified as we have previously read in John 7:38-39 and which I again quote below.

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Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Christ came in New Testament times and died to redeem mankind and make possible the making of a new and better covenant with Israel. At the time when Christ came to Israel, only Judah, the southern kingdom (Benjamin, Levi, Judah known collectively as the Jews) remained visible in history; the northern kingdom, the so-called lost 10 tribes, had gone off into captivity and had disappeared from history.

Christ came among Judah who had also gone off in captivity under the Persian Empire. You will recall that some of the Jewish captives returned to Jerusalem following the proclamation made by Cyrus, King of Persia to allow whoever wanted to go back to Jerusalem to do so to rebuild the city and its walls, and the temple.

In Hebrews, we see Paul explaining to the Jews returned from captivity, which are here a type of all Israel, why there was a need for a new covenant.

Heb 8:6 But now hath he [Christ] obtained a more excellent ministry, [anciently the Logos or Spokesman who became Christ ministered to ancient Israel which could not be called but now since His death as the Lamb of God, access to the holy spirit God the Word could be made part of a New Covenant which has to be entered into on a personal and individual basis. Conversion is not of nations but of individuals.] by how much also he [Christ] is the mediator [the means whereby a better covenant can be made] of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. [Forgiveness of sin, access to the holy spirits of the Godhead (God the Father and God the Word) and

the potential for eternal life in God's kingdom upon remaining faithful when called and chosen.]

Heb 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, [Israel and Judah] he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the **house of Israel** and with the **house of Judah**:

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their **fathers** in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

A new covenant is to be made with flesh-and-blood human beings who are the physical descendants of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah.

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After this New Covenant is made at the completion of Christ's 2nd part (3 1/2 years) of His 7 year ministry after His 2nd Coming to Israel at the beginning of Millennium, salvation will be extended to all nations when the holy spirit God the Father will call all men to salvation.

Those physical Israelites, descendants of Jacob who enter into the New Covenant become part of God's New Testament spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church. But, not all of them will enter into the New Covenant for many are called but few are chosen (Mat 22:14) and of the chosen few remain faithful (Mat 7: 13-14).

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereto:

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Those of the physical nation of Israel who will follow their calling, and those from all the nations of the world who became converted since the day of Pentecost, and those that will convert during the Millennium, are God's New Covenant nation composed of **every kindred, tongue, people and nation.**

God's spiritual nation of Israel or God's church, since its foundation on the day of Pentecost, is a New Covenant church. Their calling, repentance and belief are by the holy spirits of the Godhead as it will be for the physical nation of Israel at the beginning of the Millennium.

In NT times, God's nation is a spiritual one, not a physical one, where one becomes part of it by being born into it as was the case for the physical nation of Israel. Those who are part of God's NT spiritual nation are all those from the nations of the world who have been called, chosen by the holy spirit God the Father and who are remaining faithful.

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he **[Christ]** is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

H Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, **[the promises of the Old Covenant]** he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: **[a process of conversion]** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

God's law is written by God in the minds of New Covenant Christians and it is what guides them in the decisions they make as they go about living their lives in this present, evil world. God's government is by God's law

in the minds of the truly converted; not by any man or organization of men. God's government exists between the 2 ears of Christians, it is within them.

God's New Covenant nation has existed since the day of Pentecost and the physical nation of Israel will only become part of it at the time when Christ at His 2nd Coming to Israel will complete His ministry to them. Christ is the promised Elijah to come who was to restore all things to Israel.

Mat 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

To whom were the scribes saying Elias (Elijah) must first come? Were they thinking about God's spiritual nation (God's Church) which did not then exist and of which they knew nothing about? Or, were they saying that Elias was to come again to the physical nation of Israel as he had done the first time?

Mat 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. [to the physical nation of Israel]

Mat 17:12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

Elijah, the first time, came to physical Israel not to God's church which did not then yet exist. The story of Elijah begins in 1 Kings 17. The second Elijah is also to come to the physical nation of Israel. It will not be the Elijah of 1 Kings 17 whose resurrection will occur at Christ's 2nd Coming. It will be a resurrection to immortal spirit existence which is invisible to human beings. He will not be restoring all things to Israel.

Now, going back to our review of the verses of Hebrews 8 and the making of the New Covenant. Those who enter into the New Covenant will have their sins forgiven.

Heb 8:11 And they [those with whom the New Covenant is made] shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. [speaking of those who enter into the New Covenant (Not all will); they will then all know the Lord; the law will be in their minds (heart); they won't

have to teach their converted neighbors who will also know the law.]

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, [to a physical nation of Israel that did not exist in the days when Paul wrote this epistle and which will not become part of God's New Covenant nation until after Christ's 2nd Coming; and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. [those becoming part of God's New Covenant nation will have repented and committed themselves to obeying God and their sins will have been forgiven. God will dwell in them and His holiness will be in them and they will thus become part of God's holy nation; the spiritual nation of Israel composed of every kindred, tongue, people and nation.]

Heb 8:13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

The New Covenant is yet to be made with the physical nation of Israel which is the House of Israel and the House of Judah i.e., with a nation of Israel which for the first time since its breakup as a nation after the death of Solomon, and since the house of Israel and the house of Judah went into captivity, will all be back together in their homeland of Palestine as the one nation of Israel.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

This New Covenant will only be made once Israel and Judah again become the single nation of Israel. Presently, they are not that nation and, the time when the New Covenant is to occur as we read on in the Scriptures under the next sub-heading, is at a time when Israel and Judah are restored to their homeland.

Israel's Scattering Among the Gentile Nations?

Ezekiel was sent to Old Testament Israel as clearly stated in the following Scriptures:

Eze 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth

month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

Ezekiel was with Israel which was in captivity under the Persian Empire.

Eze 3:11 And go, get thee [Ezekiel] to them of the captivity, [Israel in captivity under the Persian Empire] unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

Those with whom Ezekiel was in captivity, were the tribes of Benjamin, Levi and Judah (the Southern Kingdom). The 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom had gone into captivity under the Assyrian Empire some 100 years before the Southern Kingdom and to this day, they are lost to the world.

They are scattered among the Gentile nations, living as Gentiles.

Ezekiel was charged by God to give a warning to Israel, the Southern Kingdom, in captivity not to a nation of Israel that would exist far in the future. God stirred up the spirit of the King of Persia to let those captives who wanted to, to go back to Jerusalem.

2Ch 36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2Ch 36:23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

The three tribes of Benjamin, Levi and Judah making up the Southern Kingdom came to be known as the Jews. Ezekiel gave them the following warning while they were in captivity.

Eze 5:1 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

Eze 5:2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the [siege](#) are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

Eze 5:3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.

Eze 5:4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

Eze 5:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; [This is Jerusalem](#): I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

Eze 5:6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

Eze 5:7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;

Eze 5:8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

Eze 5:9 And I will do in thee [[Israel](#)] that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, [[unto you](#)] because of all thine abominations. [\[Sabbath breaking and idol worshiping \(Ezekiel 20:24\)\]](#)

Eze 20:23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that [I would scatter them among the heathen](#), and disperse them [through the countries](#);

Eze 20:24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

Following the proclamation made by King Cyrus, some of captives of the Southern Kingdom went back and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and built a second temple. How can we know that those members of the Southern Kingdom (Judah) who were allowed to go back to Jerusalem are Israel? All we need to do is look at what the Bible says. Here are a number of verses where those returned to Jerusalem from their Persian captivity are called Israel.

Mat 2:19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

Mat 2:20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the [land of Israel](#): for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

Mat 2:21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the [land of Israel](#).

Mat 8:10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

Mat 9:33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in [Israel](#).

Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

These verses show that Ezekiel's warning message was to the tribes of the Southern Kingdom in captivity under the Persians (Eze 3:11). Once reestablished in the land of Israel, those who came back from captivity are referred to by Christ and Peter, the chief apostle as being Israel even though they are only a part of Israel.

Eze 3:11 And go, [get thee to them of the captivity](#), unto [the chil-](#)

dren of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

But there is a time coming when God will restore all of Israel to the Promised Land. The 12 tribes of Israel (13 if we count the 2 sons of Joseph adopted by Israel (Jacob)). Joseph then represents 2 tribes. Presently there are only 3 tribes of Israel living in the orginal Promised Land. The other 10 remain scattered across the nations as well as many members of the 3 tribes (Benjamin, Levi and Judah) collectively known as the Jews who are not all living in the modern-day nation of Israel.

Eze 20:33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

Eze 20:34 And I will bring you out from the people, and **will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered**, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. **[not on Israel but on their captors]**

Eze 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

Eze 20:36 Like **as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt**, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, **[to become subject to the law]** and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: **[the New Covenant]**

Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD

A very important point to note here is that Joseph's 2 sons, Ephraim and Manasseh did inherit the blessings given them by Israel but though being part of Israel, they are not all of Israel (13 tribes). When God restores Israel at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming, Ephraim and Manasseh will be only 2 of the tribes of Israel which will be restored to the original Promised Land. Though having become great and powerful nations they do not con-

stitute the entirety of the OT nation of Israel that God will restore to the land of Israel, there's 11 other tribes that also need to be restored.

They and the descendants of the other tribes of Israel will be gathered from the nations where they have been scattered since the time they went into captivity in OT times and restored to the land of Israel by Christ at His 2nd Coming. The 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom are still scattered and so are many of the members of the Southern Kingdom; they have yet to be restored to the land of Israel.

No Warning to be Given to Modern Day Israel

All the tribes of Israel, along with the whole world, will experience the worldwide disasters that will occur during the Great Tribulation. God is not bringing about these disasters because people or a specific nation are not converted; no, It is simply because God is angry as He was at the time of the Deluge with this difference that this time He will not destroy all of mankind except a specially chosen family, Noah's.

God's wrath is not punishment on the nations of the world because they are unconverted. And, it is certainly not punishment of any of the current day descendants of ancient Israel because they have not responded to a warning message that was supposedly to be given to them by an organization of men claiming to have an Ezekiel warning type message for them.

It is a complete misunderstanding of the Scriptures to believe Ezekiel's warning message to ancient Israel is to be delivered to the present day descendants of the OT nation of Israel.

Whether or not a warning is given to the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh (assuming it is necessary to do so) or not, it will make absolutely no difference as the Great Tribulation will occur anyway. It is God's wrath upon the nations of the world not just Israel.

Many will die in the Great Tribulation but God will call them all at the time of the second resurrection at the beginning of the Last Great Day. Those dying during the Great Tribulation are not forever lost.

Restoration and Conversion of End-Time Israel

In Ezekiel, we also find verses showing that end-time Israel will be restored to its own land and that they will become God's people following a process of conversion.

Please note that the process of conversion explained in the following

verses of Ezekiel is exactly the same process that God has been using when since the coming into existence of His NT spiritual nation of Israel, God's Chuch.

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and **from all your idols**, **[as mentioned in Ez 20:24]** will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **[This is the time when Israel will be called.]**

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do **them**. **[On their return to the land of Israel from the different nations where they were living, those Israelites entering into the New Covenant (not all will) will become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel.]**

Eze 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. **[Those Israelites that enter the New Covenant will be God's Holy Nation.]**

How is this Conversion Process to Occur?

In order to find this out we have to turn to the Book of Daniel where we read in Daniel 9 that Christ will confirm the covenant for a 3 ½ year period with end-time Israel returned from among the Gentile nations where they had been scattered.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** **[Christ]** be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof **shall be** with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he [the Messiah, Christ] shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Christ's original ministry to Israel was to last 1 week or 7 days which in prophetic accomplishment is a year for a day. We find this principle in the following Scripture.

Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

After 3 1/2 years Christ's ministry with Israel was cut short by His dying as God's perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind; it was to last 7 days or in prophetic accomplishment 7 years so there is still 3 1/2 years of Christ's ministry that has yet to be fulfilled.

It is very important to realize that Christ will minister to Israel for another 3 1/2 years in fulfillment of the prophecy of Dan 9:27. Christ at His 2nd Coming to Israel (Christ did not come to the world the first time nor is He coming to the world the second time) will teach the physical remnant of end-time Israel (the 13 tribes of Israel) returned from among the Gentile nations where they had been living in the same way He taught His disciples for 3 1/2 years at the time of His First Coming to Israel. Please see the following study where this is fully explained: [Administration of God's Plan of Salvation During the Millennium](#)

Christ at His First Coming came to start God's church by training specially chosen men and teaching them truths that Paul calls the foundation (1Co 3: 10).

1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Christ returned to His Father but the Church He founded continued on the earth. At His Second Coming Christ gathers end time Israel from the gentile nations where they have been living, resettles them in the original Promised Land and spends 3 1/2 years confirming the covenant with them.

The purpose of His 2nd Coming to Israel (not the world) is to make a new covenant with them and before this new covenant can be made, it will be necessary to restore all things to Israel because the end-time nations constituting Israel has been living among the Gentile nations of the world and in most cases as Gentiles.

The in-person ministry of Christ to end-time Israel returned to the land of Israel is the time of restitution of all things mentioned in the book of Acts.

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the **presence** of the Lord; [**Christ at His Second Coming is returning to Israel.**]

Act 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: [**Israel**]

Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times [**that is the times of end-time Israel's return from among the Gentile nations**] of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

How will this conversion process be possible with end-time Israel when it wasn't with ancient Israel?

A New Spirit

Again, in Ezekiel, we are given the answer to our question.

Eze 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will **put a new spirit within you**; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: [**This new spirit is the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who teaches all things to the holy spirit God the Father's called and chosen ones.**]

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and **a new spirit will I put within you**: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. [**All of Israel will be called**]

Israel will be called but not all of Israel will follow God the Father's calling in the same way that of all those called since the day of Pentecost, many have not followed their calling. The holy spirit God the Word will come

and dwell in those of Israel who accept their calling (Matt 20:16; 22:14) at the end of Christ's 3 1/2 year ministry which is the time the New Covenant will be made.

What Will be the Result on Israel of Receiving this New Spirit?

Eze 11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. **[will be God's Holy nation]**

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 A new heart **[a changed mind]** also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and **ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation

You will recall that ancient Israel had been called to become God's kingdom of priests and holy nation.

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

We have seen that ancient Israel was never able to become that kingdom and that nation because the holy spirit God the Word was not then available as has already been explained (John 7:37-39).

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Joh 7:38 **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

When the remnant of the modern-day nations constituting end-time Israel are gathered from among the Gentile nations where they had been living, God will bring them back to their own land, the original Promised Land and there, those of Israel who convert following Christ's 3 1/2 year ministry to them, will become God's holy nation and kingdom of priests in embryo i.e., begotten but still to be born, as we will see as we continue our study.

Isa 14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave [abide, gather together] to the house of Jacob.

Israel to Become a Kingdom of Priests

This end-time nation of Israel is made up of many of today's great nations which include the USA, (Manasseh) Great Britain (Ephraim), the descendants of the tribes of Benjamin, Levi and Judah, some of whom are living in the modern state of Israel and 10 more tribes of Israel whose location in the world is not known.

Upon the 13 tribes of Israel being restored to the original Promised Land, they will be the original nation of Israel come back together since their separation into 2 different kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Christ at His Second Coming will spend 3 1/2 years confirming the covenant with them (Dan 9:27) and those that enter into the New Covenant will become God's holy nation in embryo.

In other words, they will become part of God's Church which in the resurrection of the Great White Throne Judgment (the third resurrection) will become God's born holy nation and kingdom of priests. The conversion of end-time Israel begins after Christ's 2nd Coming to them.

The members of God's spiritual nation of Israel will include not only the remnant of end-time physical Israel but also those that will come to conversion during the Millennium and the Last Great Day. They will, like all those called and chosen, only exist in this life as spiritual embryos. They will become an actual holy nation and kingdom of priests at the time of the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind when the current heavens and earth are burnt up and God creates a new heaven and a new earth.

God's faithful saints, which will include everyone (Israelites and Gentiles) who have been called, chosen and faithful from the nations of the world, will then all have become glorified spirit beings and constitute God's holy nation living on the new earth with God as their king, God's law as the law of the land and themselves as the subjects of God's Kingdom.

They are to rule on the new earth over the new heaven created by God. The reward of God's saints is not to rule over the unconverted nations of the current earth during the Millennium; the reward of God's saints is to rule over the new heaven and the new earth.

Heb 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Heb 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: [The new heaven and the new earth not the current ones which are to be burnt up at the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind.]

Heb 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

This holy nation and kingdom of priests will only actually exist after the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind when God's Kingdom comes into being.

We now have to look at what it means to be a priest unto God. In the WCG and some of the offshoot "churches of God" after the WCG ceased to exist, a great deal of emphasis was placed on what was said in the book of Malachi about what was the role of the priesthood in OT times. In OT Israel, the priest were to be the custodians of God's law given them by God through Moses and to teach it to the people.

Mal 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

This verse, along with many others, was used to put forward the idea that after Christ's 2nd Coming, First Resurrection saints would have the task of

teaching the law to the nations of the world. So we have to examine a little closer what is the fundamental responsibility of being a priest of God. Is teaching the only thing that defines what it is to be a priest unto God?

Role of a Priest?

The Levitical priesthood of Aaron was instituted primarily for the purpose of serving God with Moses being the mediator between God and the priests. In OT times, the priests served God by teaching and administering God's law over the unconverted physical nation of ancient Israel and by being responsible for conducting different physical rituals and ceremonies as instituted by God for Israel. The Word then ruled over Israel through Moses as His human level spokesman to the Levitical priests (Aaron and his sons).

In NT times, God's nation of Israel is a spiritual nation whose members are from all over the world and who are taught by the holy spirit God the Father (when He calls men to repentance) and by the holy spirit the Word and Spokesman who teaches all things to the holy spirit God the Father's faithful chosen ones.

At the time of its foundation, God's spiritual nation had apostles, evangelists, pastors, teachers and elders who taught newcomers to the faith the foundational truths of His Church and who were to be helpers of the joy of those already converted.

2Co 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

However, the understanding of God's spiritual truth is always by the work of the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman working in the minds of the truly converted (1Co 3:6).

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

The apostles had been appointed personally by Christ, not by men and they appointed, evangelists, elders, pastors, teachers and deacons. But since the death of the original apostles and of the evangelists, elders, pastors and teachers they appointed, much of the truth given the apostles by Christ became lost. The Church came under attack from the very beginning and eventually the persecutions became so intense it had to flee into the wilderness.

A great false Christian religion rose up and persecuted all other religions. It was the little horn that rose up among the 10 horns of a prophetic and symbolic beast that Daniel saw in a vision from God.

Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;**

Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and **shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Since the death of the early church who had God's truth there is no one to-day who can claim that he has the truth given to the apostles and through them to the early church. The only truth they can have is from studying their Bible. No man can or could ever claim to have absolute truth that no one can ever question.

Nowadays, the most men can be is students being taught by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman as they study God's truth as recorded in the holy Bible.

Christ at His Second Coming will have to restore to Israel the truths He had taught the apostles and which they had taught to those God the Father called and chose when the Church first began.

A New Priesthood

In New Testament times, with the coming into being of God's spiritual nation of Israel, there is a change in the priesthood. A new priesthood which is not of the order of Aaron i.e., they are not his physical descendants, is needed in NT times because perfection i.e., the forgiveness of sin was not possible under the Aaronic priesthood.

Heb 7:11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priest-

hood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Heb 7:19 For the law [of animal sacrifices, ceremonial washings, and of physical rituals) made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; [the hope of eternal life made possible by Christ's sacrifice] by the which we draw nigh unto God. [so as to receive it.]

A different priesthood was needed administering a different law (a spiritual rather than a physical law) which made perfection (the forgiveness of sin) and the hope of eternal life possible.

God's new spiritual nation of Israel which came into existence on the day of Pentecost (God's Church) has a new priesthood whose high priest is the resurrected Christ.

Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

Heb 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. [the temple in which God the Father and the Word live in NT times are God's called, chosen and faithful ones not buildings made by men]

Each member of God's Church is a priest unto God in that their mission after having been called and chosen is to serve God by obeying Him in all things to the best of their abilities. The sacrifices that they offer as priests of God is themselves dying to their old lives of sin and striving to live in newness of life.

1Pe 2:9 But ye [NT Christians] are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now

the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. [Are now God's holy nation.]

The called, chosen and faithful from all over the world are God's holy nation and kingdom of priests in embryo which will be born in the resurrection as immortal and holy spirit beings.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

They are taught by their High Priest the resurrected Christ who is God the Father's Spokesman to all NT Christians.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past [in OT times] unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us [those called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father] by his Son, [the holy spirit who is God the Father's Spokesman to His chosen ones] whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Joh 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye [the disciples] know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you [the disciples], and shall be in you [the disciples and all true Christians].*

Joh 14:18 *I will not leave you comfortless: I [Christ] will come to you. [and comfort you as I did while I was with you]*

Joh 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, [spirit] whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

Truly converted Christians are taught all things by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman as they study their Bible. In NT times they are not being taught by men or organizations of men who claim to have been commissioned by God and who say they have absolute truths that no one can question.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; [it is not any man or organization of men calling themselves “church of God”]

Christ is the mediator, the High Priest between God the Father and the men called out chosen by Him in God’s new spiritual nation of Israel or kingdom of priests in embryo while Moses was the mediator between God and the Aaronic priests in God’s unconverted physical nation of ancient Israel.

God’s spiritual nation of Israel is God’s holy nation in embryo (begotten but not yet born) for each member of this nation has dwelling in them the holy spirit God the Father and the holy Spirit the Word and Spokesman.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

God the Father’s and Christ’s holiness is imputed to God’s called, chosen and faithful ones which is what makes them God’s holy nation. You can review the following study for more information on what it means to have something by imputation: [Salvation by Imputation](#)

Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

God’s Church or God’s spiritual nation of Israel made up of converts from the nations of the world including Israel is God’s holy nation and kingdom of priests *in embryo*, which is to be born to glorified, immortal spirit life in God’s Kingdom at the time of the resurrection of God’s saints. In the resurrection they will become perfect servants or ministers unto God while this is not possible in this life.

Ancient Israel will be given the opportunity to become a part of this holy nation and kingdom of priests when they are called during the Last Great Day when the holy spirit God the Father will call all men (John 7: 37).

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

The conversion of Israel will start after its restoration to the land of Israel from among the Gentile nations of the world. Christ at His Second Coming

will spend 3 ½ years confirming the covenant with them at the very beginning of the Millennium. Those that enter into the New Covenant become members of God's Church and of God's holy nation and kingdom of priests in embryo.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he [the Messiah] shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Throughout the Millennium and the Last Great Day a conversion process will be ongoing with the nations of the world. Those who follow their calling (not all will; it has always been this way) will be taught by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman (John 14:26).

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Please note that one must first be called before it becomes possible for him to learn God's spiritual truth; the unconverted are unteachable (Rom 8:7).

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

God the Father not men, calls men and gives them sufficient knowledge of the truth for them to be able to make the decision to commit themselves to obeying Him or to return into the world. After having committed themselves to obeying God, the called out one becomes chosen and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman then becomes responsible for teaching them all things.

Preachers and Teachers

The early church had the full truth Christ taught His disciples. So did, those appointed by the apostles to different ministerial offices. They could teach them to those called by the holy spirit God the Father. After the death of the apostles and of the ministry taught by them, the truth given the apostles began to be lost. The long years of persecution finally caused all the original truths to be lost. This is why they will have to be restored at the time of Christ's Second Coming to the physical nation of Israel.

Who is now teaching the spiritual nation of Israel?

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

In NT times, there are no more apostles, prophets and evangelists to come (Heb 1:1-2).

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath [in these last days spoken unto us by his Son](#), whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Apostles and prophets are commissioned directly by God as clearly shown in the OT; evangelists are there to assist apostles; and when there are no apostles, there can be no evangelists. Nowhere in the NT do we have an example of God commissioning any man to be an apostle, an evangelist or a prophet and Heb 1:1-2 tell us why. More information is given on this topic in the following study: [Are There More Apostles to Come?](#)

God said He was dissatisfied with human pastors and that He would cause them to cease feeding the flock.

Eze 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

Eze 34:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and [cause them to cease from feeding the flock](#); neither shall the shep-

herds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

In the following verses, God is saying that there will come a time when David will feed His flock.

Eze 34:23 And I will set up **one shepherd** over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

Eze 34:24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

David is dead and will not be resurrected until Christ's Second Coming. He will then become part of the Bride of Christ and be with Christ in heaven, not on the earth. All first resurrection- Christians will be one with God the Father and God the Word and Spokesman. In this way they will participate with Christ in teaching God the Father's flock. David will not actually pastor or feed God's flock who are the physical human beings who have been called, chosen and are remaining faithful. This responsibility has been given only to the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman.

Why God's Church?

The reason why God founded His Church was not to be a college for the development of teachers to be used during the Millennium and the Last Great Day. There will be no massive conversion of the nations of the world following Christ's 2nd Coming. A detailed study on this topic can be found by clicking on the following hyperlink: [Mass Conversion of the Nations During the Millennium?](#) The mission of God's Church, when it had true ministers in the days after its foundation, was to develop the babes-in-Christ, the newly-converted, into spiritually mature adults who can no longer be shaken by the false doctrines of false prophets some of whom would arise right within God's Church itself (Act 20:30).

In other words, their mission was to make men independent of them so they would not fall victim to the many false prophets that will always be in the world and some even in God's Church.

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the

measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

After some 2,000 years after Christ's First Coming the truths He taught the disciples have been lost. We do have the Bible but it does not contain everything Christ taught the disciples. We know that there is a second Elijah to come to the physical nation of Israel to restore all things to them. If this knowledge was already in the Bible as we have it today, there would be no need for this 2nd Elijah.

There are therefore today no men who can truly claim that what they teach is the absolute truth of God. No man had Christ nor angels appear to him in a vision or a dream to give him absolute knowledge of the Scriptures.

If anything, all of God's called and chosen ones have to be studying their Bible as opposed to listening to men who say they have a commission from God to teach His called and chosen ones.

God's Church is all those called and chosen and who are being taught by the holy spirit God the Word. In God's church, all are students and all have as their teacher the holy spirit God the Word.

What the Bible says must be done is that true Christians are to fellowship with other true Christians and compare among themselves the truths they are finding as they study their bible as a means of verifying their validity. Sometimes it will be possible to confirm a certain belief, sometimes not, and sometimes, the matter will have to remain unresolved until some other supporting Scriptures can be found that confirm the finding, if ever.

All members of God's Church are priests just the same. Their priesthood primarily and foremost involves serving God to the best of their abilities with there being occasions when in the early days of the Church those with the natural abilities to do so were given a teaching role in the congregations of God's Church by God when such teachers were possible.

Rom 12:1 **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

A priest is someone dedicated to serving God which for some also involved being teachers. Serving God as a pastor, or a teacher are only different ways of being priests unto God. Nowadays, there are no preachers and teachers for the reasons already given.

If to be a priest requires one to be a pastor, an elder or a teacher then God could not be talking about His called, chosen and faithful being a kingdom of priests i.e., a kingdom where each of its members is a priest.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal **priesthood**,
an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth
the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his
marvellous light:

Finally and most importantly, God's Church has no teaching responsibilities toward the unconverted of the world for whom it is impossible to understand God's spiritual truth. During the Millennium even though all will be called, it is the few that will remain converted. Neither God's First Resurrection saints nor God's flesh-and-blood saints will or can teach the unconverted nations of the world.

When God's Kingdom is fully established, His glorified saints will be His holy nation and kingdom of priests unto Him and none of them will have teaching responsibilities. Priests in this life and in God's kingdom are first and foremost, dedicated servants of God and secondly, in the early Church; some, in this life as chosen by God, were teachers and pastors to the members of the congregations of God's Church. The primary role of God's called and chosen ones since the death of the apostles and the loss of the truth they received is to serve God in all things as best they can by living their lives as living sacrifices.

God's NT Church Partaking in the New Covenant

Ancient Israel rejected God and God says He would do the following because of this rejection.

Rom 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

Rom 10:20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I **[God]** was found of them that sought me not; I **[God]** was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

Rom 10:21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

God would turn to the Gentile nations of the world to which He had not revealed Himself and that were not seeking Him and He would extend salvation to them instead of Israel until the time of Christ's 2nd Coming when God would make a New Covenant with Israel i.e., the end-time nations constituting Israel on their return from their dispersion among the Gentiles.

The New Covenant that will be made with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah after Christ's 2nd Coming is the means by which men are called and, if following their calling, chosen. (Eze 36:22-28)

Eze 36:22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

Eze 36:23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Eze 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This process of conversion has been ongoing since the day of Pentecost with respect to the Gentile nations of the world.

Ancient Israel was under the Old Covenant which did not forgive sin nor made salvation possible. Understanding of God's spiritual truth is required for salvation. This is only possible through the holy spirits of the God family. These holy spirits will be made available to end-time Israel as they are now being made available to those whom God has been calling since the day of Pentecost. It is the only way salvation becomes possible.

The New Covenant to be made with the descendants of physical Israel will give them access to the holy spirits of the God family which was never possible with ancient, physical Israel because God the Word made flesh, Christ had not then yet died for the sins of mankind and been resurrected by God the Father (John 7:37-39).

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Joh 7:38 **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: **for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)

Christ had to be resurrected to the glory He had before becoming a man to assume His role as God the Father's Spokesman to His called and chosen ones (Heb 1:1-2).

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;**

This is why on the day of Pentecost at the time of the foundation of God's NT Church, or spiritual Israel, those called and chosen could be and would be given access to the holy spirit in the Godhead that would teach them all things, the resurrected and glorified Christ. This is precisely what will happen to end-time physical Israel come back from the Gentile nations where

it had been scattered. Those who follow their calling and are chosen then become participants in the New Covenant in the same way as all those called and chosen since the Day of Pentecost.

What is God's Church

What is elusive and makes it difficult to get a correct understanding of many important Scriptures is the concept of what is God's Church. Whenever, the words "God's Church" are used, in just about everyone's minds, up pops the image of a group of people sitting in a hall in a building with a ministry of some kind preaching/teaching them; who provide spiritual leadership to the Church and administers its financial and material needs as prescribed by a Headquarters Church to which all Church congregations are to report.

God's Church, a spiritual organization not a physical one, started in Jerusalem but spread all over the world after its foundation. It was not to be found or limited to a specific geographical location (Jerusalem, Israel). In our days; now as I write this study, God's Church continues to exist and its members live unnoticed among the nations of the world. God the Father does the calling and conversion is by the combined work of the holy spirits of the Godhead, God the Father and God the Word.

God's Holy Nation and Kingdom of Priests

Let's now go back to answering the question of who are the individuals who were redeemed and who are to become God's holy nations and kingdom of priests mentioned in Rev 5:10.

The Scriptures that explain the role of a converted end-time Israel also make mention of other information which needs to be addressed and this lead us on, more or less lengthy but necessary, tangents.

As we have seen in Malachi, teaching was one of the responsibilities of the Old Testament priesthood which was Aaron and his sons.

Mal 2:4 And ye [Israel] shall know [in a time yet future; ancient Israel had fully departed from God's ways at the time this was written] that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

In the future, God's covenant will be with Levi. The Levites were set apart by God to tend to the physical tabernacle and Aaron and his sons who were Levites were the priests in the days of ancient Israel; not every Levite was a priest.

Mal 2:5 My covenant was with him [Aaron the priest] of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. [God's covenant was with Levi because he obeyed God]

Mal 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. [Levi, the Levites who were priests, Aaron and his sons, taught the law of God correctly to the people; he did not lead them into error.]

Mal 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

This last verse of Malachi is used by men as their justification for saying that priests are needed to teach the truth to those called and chosen by God the Father.

In order to understand how salvation will come to the nations, we need to consider what are the means being used by God to teach His spiritual nation of Israel.

Administration of God's Plan of Salvation

In the Bible we see God calling men and using some of them to accomplish different tasks necessary for furthering His plan of salvation for mankind. We read in several Scriptures that since the beginning God has worked out His master plan of salvation through specially chosen men with Jesus Christ being the greatest human being through which God the Father worked.

The Bible was written by men inspired by God; God did not write the Bible Himself; He used men to do so as demonstrated by the Scriptures quoted under this paragraph. We also know that God's Church will exist during the Millennium and the Last Great Day; Christ said it would never die out (Mat 16:18). As long as there will be men on the earth, God will have His Church and there will be men on the earth until the end of the Last Great Day and some of them will be converted individuals constituting God's Church.

Luk 11:49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, [human beings not spirit beings]

and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the **apostles and prophets, [human beings not spirit beings]** Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto **his holy apostles and prophets [human beings not spirit beings]** by the Spirit;

The apostles were instructed by Christ, who was fully man and fully God and the prophets, were instructed in dreams and visions. The writings of the apostles and the prophets, all flesh-and-blood human beings inspired by God, constitute the foundation of God's Church (Eph. 2:20).

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, **[please note that the saints are flesh-and-blood human beings; not glorified spirit beings; a key point to keep in mind]** and of the household of God;

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

The Old and the New Testament were written by God through men: the prophets and the apostles. He did not write it with His own hand nor was it written by angels or other types of spirit beings. It contains knowledge for use by those whom God would call and choose.

No spirit being taking on a human form has ever had the mission of teaching God's Church; no Scriptures can be found to prove that God ever taught His Church by angels or other spirit beings or that He ever intended it to be so but there is proof that He used flesh-and-blood human beings to teach His Church at its foundation as we can see in the following verses.

1Co 12:28 And **God** hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. **[In NT times these ministerial offices no longer exist as no one has the knowledge to fulfill them. (Heb 1:1-2)]**

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up

far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, [saints are flesh-and-blood human beings NOT glorified spirit beings] for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

This is a description of the offices of responsibility found in God's Church at the time of its founding however because of persecutions much of the original truths Christ taught His disciples have been lost and will have to be restored to physical Israel by Christ at His Second Coming. He is the promised Elijah to come that would restore all things to them. In our times, there are no men who have the absolute truth given the apostles and taught to the early Church of God.

The only true teachers and pastors of God's Church now possible are the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 14:26).

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

This is why God's Church or those people called and chosen by God who are doing their best to obey Him, is a spiritual organization. They were called and chosen by God and are being taught by God the Word; 2 spirit beings.

Saint and Holy — What is the Difference?

In the Bible whenever God speaks of His saints, he is talking about human beings; He is not talking about spirit beings.

A person becomes holy when he has the holy spirits of the God family dwelling in him; the holiness that the person then has is God's holiness. It is impossible for humans to have any of God's holiness which only God has and which only God can impart.

A saint is a holy human through the imputation of God's holiness.

For the sake of brevity, I am not using all the Bible quotes in which God speaks of His saints. I encourage the reader to do a Bible search on the term which will yield over 90 verses where the word "saint" or "saints" are used.

It is clear in over 90 verses where the word "saint or saints" appear, that but for a very few verses, the word "saints" is clearly referring to a human being, not a spirit being.

Psa 106:16 They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

Php 4:21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

Why spend time defining what is a saint?

In the WCG under HWA it was considered that the saints were the spirit beings that would rule over the kingdoms of this world. But, as we have just seen, the word "saint" refers to flesh-and-blood human beings, not spirit beings.

Will Glorified Saints Rule over the Nations and Teach Them?

A passage of Scriptures with which many are very familiar is the following which says that the saints of the most High are to be given dominion or rulership over the nations. Let's start reading in Daniel 7:20 and make our way up to Daniel 7:27.

Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; **[the horn, the great false church, could not have made war with the saints if saints are**

glorified spirit beings and it could not have prevailed against them.]

Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the **saints** of the most High; and the time came that the **saints** possessed the kingdom.

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, [**the saints are flesh-and-blood human beings; not glorified spirit beings; if they were spirit beings, they could not become worn out**] and think to change times and laws: and they [**the saints of the most high**] shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. [**1260 years**] [**If the saints were glorified spirit beings, they could not be given into the hand of the horn that made war with the saints.**]

Dan 7:27 And the **kingdom and dominion**, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is **an everlasting kingdom**, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

The kingdom which is everlasting mentioned in Daniel 7:27 is the kingdom of the most High. When God's plan of salvation has been completed; all those who were converted and remained faithful from all dominions or governments will serve and obey God. Only the converted can know and serve God and they will do so perfectly in God's Kingdom.

God's saints are not to rule over the nations of this world who for the most part though called, will remain unconverted. And, even if they were converted, they are ruled by God's law written in their mind and taught by the holy spirits of the Godhead as they study their Bible, the Word of God, Christ in writing. They are obeying God because they want to not because they are being forced to do so. God will not force the unconverted nations of the world to obey Him (Rom 8: 14) as a step in bringing them to conversion.

Those called and chosen by God the Father will be taught by God the Word, not by God's saints become glorified spirit beings in the first resurrection at Christ's Second Coming. God the Word is God the Father's teacher to those He calls and chooses. This is the way it has been since the day of Pentecost, the way it is now and the way it will be during the Millennium and the Last Great Day.

King of kings and Lord of lords

We can now get back to focusing on who are the lords and kings that Christ will rule over as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and on where they will be located, in heaven or on earth?

The applicable verse is quoted here under.

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Will these kings and lords that Christ is to rule over be the kings and lords of the unconverted Gentile nations?

The rulers of the nations of the world are unconverted which means that it is impossible for them to obey God (Rom 8:7).

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Also, as we know, God will not force anyone to obey Him (Rom 8:14).

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Those that obey Him must freely choose to be ruled by God.

And, though the many will be called during the Millennium, it will continue to be the few that follow and remain with their calling (Matt 22:14; Matt 7:13-14).

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

And,

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereto:

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it.

Then, Christ can't possibly be the King and Lord of the rulers of the nations of the world which even when all called during the Millennium, to a large extent, will remain unconverted.

So, who are the kings and lords over which Christ will rule?

Is there a nation that was called to become God's holy nation and a kingdom of priests?

Exo 19:6 And ye [[Israel](#)] shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Will Christ be the King of the kings and, the Lord of the lords of those of the remnant of end-time Israel who enter into the New Covenant (not all of them will), become converted and part of God's kingdom of priests and His holy nation which at that moment will exist only in embryo. They are begotten (conceived) but not yet born to glorified spirit existence through a resurrection from the dead. At the time of the resurrection, God's elect will be rewarded according to their works and be given greater or lesser positions of authority as kings and lords in God's Kingdom.

Those of Israel who become converted and remain faithful become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel and it is that nation that God and the Word will rule over when it is born by a resurrection from the dead in the first and in the third resurrection.

The parable of the minas gives us an example of how the process will work.

Luk 19:16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

Luk 19:17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luk 19:18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

Luk 19:19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

As we know, Christ spoke in parables not to make things clearer to those listening to him but to hide the essential spiritual message from them (Matt 13:10-13).

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

The resurrected saints in God's Kingdom will not exercise rule over the cities of this world; they are to inherit the new heaven and the new earth in which there are no longer any flesh-and-blood human beings in existence.

Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, [God's Kingdom] whereof we speak.

Heb 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Heb 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: [God's physical creation]

Heb 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

God's resurrected saints in God's Kingdom will hold different levels of authority according to their works (parable of the minas) where some will have king level authority and others will have lord level authority, and Christ will rule over all of them as King of kings and Lord of lords.

And, in all likelihood, there will be many other levels of authority or offices of responsibility under the kings and lords of God's Kingdom for a Christ

said to His disciples, there are many mansions or offices of responsibility in our Father's house (John 14:2).

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: [offices of responsibility at different levels] if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Where will the converted nations constituting end-time Israel be, in heaven or on the earth?

Eze 36:24 For I will take you [the end-time nations making up Israel] from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Eze 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

When God says ancient Israel is to become His holy nation and kingdom of priests, it means that there will come a time when it will be offered salvation (during the Millennium and the Last Great Day) and those that follow their calling and remain faithful will become part of God's holy nation and His kingdom of priests in embryo which began on the day of Pentecost.

Conclusion

God and the Word will only rule over those individuals from the nations that convert during the Millennium and during the Last Great Day in the same way God the Father and Christ today rule over their spiritual nation, His Church. He rules over them by their willing submission to His law which is written in their minds. God then and now will not rule over the unconverted of the nations of the world but only over His Church.

God is not in the business of ruling by force or of forcing men to convert.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led [not forced] by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

God does not **now** rule His Church by having a headquarters on earth made up of spirit beings taking on non-scary physical appearances to teach those who convert at God the Father's calling. There is no indication in the Bible that God would ever use spirit beings (His First Resurrection saints) to teach those coming to conversion or that they would overthrow the unconverted governments of this world during the Millennium and

teach the people God's law against their will as a first step to bringing them to conversion.

The nations of this world descending from the tribes of Israel and who will be alive at the time of Christ's Second Coming will be given their first and only opportunity for salvation when He spends 3 1/2 years confirming the Covenant with them. The people of the other nations who are not Israel, the Gentiles, who will be alive during the Millennium, will all be called and in the same way used by God since the day of Pentecost.

Those that accept their calling and are chosen (the few) and who also remain faithful, (the few of the few called and chosen) will become part of God's holy nation and kingdom of priests in embryo which started on the Day of Pentecost. Upon being born again by a resurrection from the dead as glorified spirit being with immortal life they will become part of God's Kingdom. Under God the Father and Christ they will be the the kings and the lords over which Christ will rule and themselves, they will rule over God's new creation, the new earth and the new heaven God will create after the Great White Throne Judgment.

The reward of God's faithful saints is to rule over the new heaven and the new earth.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us [those who repent and believe] unto our God kings [will rule over God's new creation] and priests [will faithfully serve God in all things]: and we shall reign on the earth. [which will be the center of God's new creation]

God the Father and God the Word and Spokesman will inhabit the New Jerusalem that comes down to earth from heaven.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

The "men" mentioned here are God's saints who have become immortal spirit beings. The new Jerusalem comes down to earth from heaven after the Lake of Fire has consumed all flesh-and-blood human beings who lost

their salvation. There are only spirit beings left alive.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit **all things**; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Those of the original 12 tribes of israel and their descendants and those of the Gentile nations who accepted their calling and remained faithful become God's born (not only in embryo) kingdom of priests and holy nation.

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

The physical nation of Israel must become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel to become part of God's holy nation and kingdom of priests. They are the "us" spoken of in the the book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 And hast made **us** unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

And, they are the ones that will reign on the earth. They will rule under God the Father and God the Word and Spokesman over the new earth and the new heaven that God will create at the close of His plan of salvation for mankind.

The reward of God's kingdom of priests and holy nation is not to rule over the unconverted Gentile nations of the earth during the Millennium but over the new earth and the new heaven. This new earth is to become the center of the new universe created by God at the end of His great master plan of salvation for mankind.

