

Israel, the second coming? End of the World or end of the Age?

(This list may be a test of your faith. For many, the Second Coming of Christ has become a joke, but here are some scriptural facts.)

The promises given and then fulfilled

Gen. 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Deut 26:3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

Deut 26:8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: 9 and he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that flows with milk and honey. (KJV)

Josh 24:12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 and have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

Josh 21:43 So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their forefathers, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their forefathers. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD handed all their enemies over to them. 45 **Not one of all the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled**. (NIV)

Josh 23:14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. (KJV)

Deut 4:1-21 And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, giveth you. 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you.

If the Israelites break the Covenant...

4:25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image in the form of anything, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah thy God, to provoke him to anger; 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against

you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over the Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 and Jehovah will scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither Jehovah shall lead you away.

Jeremiah 24:9 I will even give them up to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

Israel DID break the Covenant

Dan 9:11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even turning aside, that they should not obey thy voice: therefore hath the curse been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for we have sinned against him. 12 and he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 7:12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13 and now, because ye have done all these works, saith Jehovah, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not: 14 therefore will I do unto the house which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. 15 and I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim. 16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession...

Jeremiah 26:6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

When John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah and when Jesus came, Israel rejected them both, hence a curse came upon the land of Israel.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth (land), with a curse.

Now, Christians inherit the original promises, who walk in the faith of Abraham.

- Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. 16 and as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.
 - Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
 - Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
 - Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
- 1 Pet 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is

precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Fleshly, Carnal, Disobedient Israel is not it

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

First Cor 10:18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? (KJV)

An End Came to Carnal, Disobedient Israel

Matt 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Matt 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

There is no message in the NT that speaks of a later rebuilding of Israel or their physical temple.

Luke 19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. (KJV)

OT foretold the greater situation yet to come

Isaiah 65:14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for vexation of spirit. 15 and ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen; and the Lord Jehovah will slay thee; and he will call his servants by another name:

- Micah 3:.12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field and Jerusalem shall become heaps and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.
- 4:1 In the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it. 2 and many nations shall go and say, come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem;

New Testament reveals the fulfillment of OT Prophecy

Heb 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (KJV)

Acts 6:14 ... for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered unto us. (ASV)

John 12:34 The multitude therefore answered him, we have heard out of the law that the Christ abideth for ever, and how sayest thou, the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? 35 Jesus therefore said unto them, yet a little while is the light among you. Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not: and he that walketh in the darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light. These things spake Jesus and he departed and hid himself from them.

14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater (works) than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do. 15 If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, 17 (even) the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized by (with or in) the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

Acts 2:16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.... 2:19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Does everyone who believes and calls on God receive His salvation today? If this is happening it means the "days" Peter spoke of happened.

One (singular) Kingdom was to be established forever-never to end

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace **there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

Matt 2:6 and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel.

To some who were then standing in His presence, listening.

- Matt 16:28 I tell you the truth, **some who are standing here** will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
- Mark 9:1 And he said to them, "I tell **you** the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."
 - Luke 9:27 I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God." (NIV)
- Mark 14:61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Jesus said I am: and **ye** shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. (KJV) (Present and past tense.)
- Matt 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV)
 - Matt 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
- Mark 1:15 And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is **at hand**: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
- Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.
- Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and **every man presseth into it**. (KJV)
- Luke 17:21. Nor will they say, 'Look, here {it is!} or, 'There {it is!} For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst." (NAS)
 - Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (KJV)
 - Col 1:13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, (NAS)

Who was looking and what about the "Elements?"

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. (KJV)

Elements = something orderly in arrangement. (Principles. Systems.)

- Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the **elements** of the world:
- Gal 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly **elements**, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? 10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.
- Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the **rudiments** of the world, and not after Christ.
- Col 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the **rudiments** of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,
- Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first **principles** of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (KJV)

Generation means-?

- Matthew 24:34 "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation (**Age, period of the people**) will by no means pass away till all these things take place. (NKJV)
- Matt 1:1 The book of the generation (**Nativity, Genesis**) of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation (**Offspring**) of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
 - Matt 11:16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? (**Age, period of the people**) It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,
- Matt 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation (**Age, period of the people**) seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:
- Matt 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, (**Age, period of the people**) and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.
 - Matt 23:36 Verily I say unto you, all these things shall come upon this generation. (**Age, period of the people**)
- Luke 21:32 Verily I say unto you, this generation (**Age, period of the people**) shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. (KJV)
- Matt 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, this generation (**Age, period of the people**) shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

(Mark 13:30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation (Age, **period of the people**) shall not pass, till all these things be done.

Luke 11:50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; (**Age, period of the people**) 51 from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, it shall be required of this generation. (**Age, period of the people**) (KJV)

Gospel Preached

Matt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached **in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye **into all the world**, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name **among all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 and ye are witnesses of these things.

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes verily, **Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.**

Rom 16:25 Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made **known to all nations** for the obedience of faith:

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 6 which is come unto you, as **it is in all the world**; and brought forth fruit, as it does also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which **was preached to every creature which is under heaven**; whereof I, Paul, am made a minister;

Do we believe what Paul said? Do we believe what Christ said? Do we believe the Bible?

Revelations 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give glory to him; for **the hour of his judgment is come** and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (KJV)

Revelations 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must **shortly** take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, (NAS)

1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the **time is near**. (NAS)

- 1:19 "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what **is now** and what will take place later. (NIV
 - 1:19 Write down what you have just seen and what will **soon** be shown to you. (TLB)
- 1:19 "Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things. (NAS)
 - 2:25 "But hold fast what you have TILL I COME. (NKJV)
 - 3:11 I am coming **soon.** Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.
- Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 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. (KJV)
- 22:6-7 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants THE THINGS WHICH MUST **SHORTLY** TAKE PLACE. 7 "Behold, I AM COMING **QUICKLY!** Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

 (NKJV)

Paul spoke of NT believers already being in the new situation

- Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,
- 23 to the general assembly and church of the first-born who **are** enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,
- 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than {the blood} of Abel. (NAS)

Jesus said for the NT first century Believers to look for the Abomination spoken of by Daniel.

- Matt 24:15 When **ye** therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
- Mark 13:13 And **ye** shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 But when **ye** shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let **them that be in Judaea** flee to the mountains: (KJV)
- This fact is missed because Christians do not believe the Gospel Was Preached to All nations during Paul's life time.

Daniel's OT prophecy was sealed, but Revelation was not to be sealed

- Rev. 22:10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the **time is** near.
 - Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal** the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (KJV)

22:12 "And behold, I AM COMING **QUICKLY**, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." (NKJV)

22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. 18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues describe in this book.

The glorious positive revelation of Jesus to first century believers via this book has *now* been changed to one of speculation and doom and gloom.

Rev 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming **soon**." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (NIV)

Luke 18:6 And the Lord said, hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 and shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (KJV)

Did Christ find faith when He returned? Do you believe He is here and ruling and reigning?

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. 16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." 17 Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" 18 They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." 19 Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? 20 I tell you the truth; you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

Rev 19:6

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent **reigneth.**

The following passages are out of the Weymouth NT for emphasis on the Greek word <u>Mello</u> (3195), which means "about to" or "before long":

- Acts 23:3 "**Before long**," exclaimed Paul, "God will strike you, you white-washed wall! Are you sitting there to judge me in accordance with the Law, and do you yourself actually break the Law by ordering me to be struck?"
 - Acts 24:15 and having a hope directed towards God, which my accusers themselves also entertain, that **before long** there will be a resurrection both of the righteous and the unrighteous.
- II Tim. 4:1 I solemnly implore you, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is **about to** judge the living and the dead, and by His Appearing and His Kingship:

- Hebrews 10:27 There remains nothing but a certain awful expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which **before long** will devour the enemies of the truth.
- 1 Peter 5:1 So I exhort the Elders among you-- I who am their fellow Elder and have been an eye- witness of the sufferings of the Christ, and am also a sharer in the glory which is **soon to be** revealed.

The Church of the first century was living during the time of the end of the OT world (age)

- Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
 - First Pet 4:7 But the **end of all things is at hand**: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. (KJV)

Now what are we to do?

- Eph 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
- 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)
- Eph 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, **world without end** Amen. Eph 3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, **for ever and ever!** Amen. (NIV)
 - Ps 119:90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
 - Ps 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: 5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should **not be removed for ever**. (KJV)

Christ is here and reigning in those who are born from above.

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John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, how can these things be? 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (KJV)

This should not be a mystery to those who know the Word. Remember - those who are outside of the kingdom can see us sitting down with the patriarchs.

Matt 8:11-12

And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.