

Israel's History and Church History

- I. *Luke 14:7-11*- Think lowly of service and position, not highly like every denomination or cult does
- II. *Psa 40:1-7*- Old Testament had a deeper hidden meaning
 - A) *Heb 10:1-7*- Shadow of things to come
 - B) *Heb 3:1-6*- Moses House a type of Christ's House
 - C) *1 Cor 10:1-6*- Israel an example for the church
 - D) *Gal 4:19-31*- Allegorical meaning behind Old Testament stories
- III. Patterns of 7
 - A) 7 days of creation
 - B) 1st 7 books of bible
 - C) 7 dispensations or ages
 - D) 7 feasts of Israel
 - E) 7 parables of *Mt 13*
 - F) 7 churches of Asia
 - 1. Notice how the number 7 is often broken down into 4 + 3
 - i. Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter + Spring, Summer, Fall (Harvest)
- IV. Churches in *Rev 2 & 3* were real assemblies in John's day
 - A) Each assembly had the problems written about or else the statements are untrue
 - 1. Yet there can be another application or applications, to each individual at various times, to each assembly at various times, to the various assemblies in a city, and ultimately to the church throughout the dispensation (microcosm)
 - B) Israel's history has been repeated by the church, only worse
- V. The 7 churches as examples of the church throughout the age
 - A) **Ephesus** *Rev 2:1-7* ("desirable, precious, beloved")
 - 1. 30-70ad- Church joined unto Christ, yet departs "first love"
 - i. *Ex 19:4-6*- Israel joined unto the Lord and departed the Lord
 - a) *Hos 11:1*
 - b) *Jer 2:2*
 - ii. Parable of Sower planting seed (beginning)
 - B) **Smyrna** *Rev 2:8-11* ("bitterness")
 - 1. 70-312ad- Church persecuted outwardly and corrupt seed planted inwardly
 - i. *Num 14:33*- Israel persuaded into unbelief by certain men among them
 - a) *Heb 3:7-4:2*
 - ii. Parable of the Tares sown among the wheat (division/corruption)
 - C) **Pergamos** *Rev 2:12-17* ("twice married, tower")

1. 312-500ad- Church joined to Roman state by Constantine and combined with Paganism
 - i. *Num 25:1-3*-Israel joined unto Baal-Peor through Balaam's counsel
 - a) *Num 31:16*
 - b) *Jude 2-13*
 - ii. Parable of Mustard Seed growing into a huge tree and the fowls lodging in it
- D) **Thyatira** *Rev 2:18-29* ("continual sacrifice")
 1. 500-1500ad- Church becomes Holy Roman Empire with doctrine completely corrupted
 - i. *1 Kings 16:28-34*- Israel officially joins the nation unto idolatry by the entry of Jezebel and her false prophets
 - a) *Ezek ch 16*
 - ii. Parable of the Leaven hidden by the Woman and the whole leavened
- E) **Sardis** *Rev 3:1-6* ("remnant, those escaping")
 1. 1500-1700ad- Men begin to revolt against Holy Roman Empire and Protestant Reformation begins, yet they don't fully break from Rome's doctrine and begin to imitate Rome again after time
 - i. *2 Kings 14-17*- Judah goes to war against Israel but still doesn't fully end corruption and idolatry, and ultimately are cast out of the land also
 - a) *2 Chr 26*- Uzziah revolts against idolatry
 - b) *2 Chr 27*- Jotham does right, but the people return to idolatry
 - c) *2 Chr 28:24*- Corrupt King Ahaz shuts doors to temple and makes an alliance with Assyria
 - d) *2 Kings 19:30*- Yet a remnant are there and shall be planted
 - ii. Parable of the Treasure hid in the field
- F) **Philadelphia** *Rev 3:7-13* ("brotherly love")
 1. 1700-1900ad- Remnant escape the continent and bring the Word of God westward
 - i. *Ezra & Neh*- Remnant of Judah depart Babylon and return to the land to build the House of God, sacrifices begin again, people dedicate themselves to the Lord again
 - ii. Parable of the Pearl
- G) **Laodicea** *Rev 3:14-22* ("people justice, or the people judging")
 1. 1900-present- Church becomes consumed by "love of money" and gathers in any who will join and contribute \$\$\$
 - i. *Mal ch 1-4*- Levite priesthood completely corrupted by covetous
 - ii. *John 2:13-17*- Judah turns House of God into a "den of thieves", even adding a court of the women, and a court of the Gentiles to increase \$\$\$
 2. Parable of the Net cast into the water and gathering of all kinds