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# The Word of Truth "Correctly Partitioned"

#### The Divine Line of Demarcation: Heaven & Earth

Part 2 of 2

*by* — Adlai Loudy (1893-1984)

#### THE HEBREWS

After Acts the next book, in order of the Circumcision writings, is Hebrews. The *name* and *character* of the book show beyond the question of a doubt that it was written to Israel. It speaks of "the fathers" (Hebrews 1:1) – and they belong to the Israelites alone – "covenants," and "priesthood," "Kingdom," etc., which unmistakably label it for the people Israel, for the "covenants," "Kingdom" and "priesthood" in both type and antitype belong to Israel and no one else, if we honor God's Word above the traditions of Christendom.

The "new" or "better covenant" is confirmed in chapter 8:6-12, which is for the "house of Israel and the house of Judah." How a Gentile can push in here and appropriate these teachings to himself, without divine warrant or authorization, requires more unmitigated presumption than we desire to possess.

#### **JAMES**

Next we turn to the book of James, and we are by no means left in doubt as *to whom* it is written, for the very first verse contains the address, *viz.*, "To the twelve tribes in the dispersion" (James 1:1). With this plain address at the beginning of the epistle, it seems

difficult to imagine how a Gentile, who merely reads it, to say nothing of studying it, could pilfer its passages for himself – especially when he must do so at a loss. The question we might ask ourselves, is: Do we believe that James *knew to whom he was writing* when he addressed his letter to "the twelve tribes in the dispersion," or do we presume to know better than he, and distort it into covering Gentiles for whose direction it was never intended?

#### I & II PETER

Now consider Peter's epistles, and they will be found to contain the address "To the chosen expatriates of the dispersion." For further evidence as to whom Peter writes, Paul tells us in Galatians that "Peter was entrusted with the gospel of the Circumcision," and that God was "operating in Peter for the apostleship of the Circumcision" (Galatians 2:7-9). All who reverence God's Word above tradition will accept this as sufficient evidence that Peter's writings are confined to the CIRCUMCISION.

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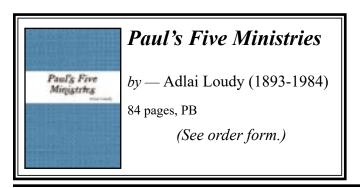
#### JOHN & JUDE

We continue our study with John and Jude, wherein we find sufficient internal evidence to convince those who give them careful consideration, that they are limited to the Circumcision also. In fact, the "Nations" or "Gentiles" are mentioned only three times in the Circumcision epistles (I Peter 2:12; 4:3; 3 John 7) and these in a *negative way!* Peter speaks of those to whom he writes as being "among the nations." John deepens the distinction by declaring that they are "getting nothing from the nations." All of this evidence is enough to confirm the fact that these letters are not intended for Gentiles, and if we have any conscience as to the "approval of our workmanship before God," we will quit pilfering for Gentiles from their writings, and **correctly partition** them to whom they were intended: the Circumcision - Israel.

#### THE UNVEILING

We consummate our study with "The Unveiling of Jesus Christ" or "Revelation," which is the last of the Circumcision writings. It is abundant with proof, to the discriminating reader, that it was written to the Circumcision. Everything is Jewish from the beginning to the end, with the nations subject to them. They are a "Kingdom of priests" (Revelation 1:5-6). The "ark of God's covenant" (Revelation 11:19), which belongs exclusively to Israel is in view. The "Holy City" is inscribed with the names of "the Twelve Tribes of the sons of Israel," and the "wall of the city has twelve foundations and on them the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lambkin" (Revelation 21:12-13).

Now let us take note of the fact that when "nations" are spoken of in connection with this city, they are always outside, and not in the city (Revelation 21:24-26). There is not so much as a hint, in all of the Word



of God, that the nations will have any part in the Holy City, New Jerusalem. Further proof on this, that we, "the church which is the Body of Christ," have no part in this City, is the fact that the foundations of the city are inscribed with only the names of the "Twelve Apostles of the Lambkin." How shall we account for the omission of the other apostles from this honor? Paul, Timothy and Silas (I Thessalonians 1:1; 2:6) were regarded as apostles. Why are they left out? Above all, any foundation which is supposed to support the church must include the apostle Paul, through whom the "revelation" and all the truth concerning the joint Body-church was made known (Ephesians 3:1-9). The absence of Paul's name (for he was **NOT**<sup>1</sup> one of the "Twelve," Acts 2:14; 6:2, Paul having not been converted at this time) is *proof* positive that those to whom he ministered have no part nor lot in the "Holy City." It will contain saved Israel, "the bride of the Lambkin." Our allotment, "the church which is the Body of Christ," is "among the celestials" in Heaven (Ephesians 2:4-7; 3:1-10).

So leaving all of this (the Circumcision writings) for whom it is intended – Israel – let us turn to Paul's writings and taste of the transcendent grace which comes to those *outside* of the covenants – to whom no promises were made - "having no hope, and without God in the world."

#### Paul's Epistles

Roughly speaking, Paul wrote nine epistles to seven churches and four letters to private persons. As may be found in the introduction of his epistles, they are practically all addressed to the *Uncircumcision*, the Gentiles, for whom he was chosen, called, separated and commissioned as a herald, apostle and teacher. In his writings, we, the nations, who constitute the Body-church, receive a "hope of glory" super-exceeding the expectation of the people Israel.<sup>2</sup> On Earth we

- 1. [Editor:] For a closer look at this subject see:
  - Paul Was Not One of the Twelve Apostles, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Bible Student's Notebook #101, also as an article at StudyShelf.
- **2.** [Editor:] For studies on the three spheres, see:
  - The Three Spheres of Future Glory, Dr. E.W. Bullinger, Bible Student's Notebook 596
  - The Three Spheres: Distinguishing Between Them, H.W. Fry, Bible Student's Notebook #613;
  - The Three Spheres, Charles H. Welch, Part 1, Bible Student's Notebook #616; Part 2, Bible Student's Notebook #617;
  - The Hope of the Third Sphere: Manifestation in Glory, Charles



have *no rights* – they belong to Israel to whom they were covenanted. However, *in the heavens* we attain a transcendental station reserved by grace for those alone who have no deserts, "having no expectation, and without God in the world." From this exalted pinnacle of bliss we can look down upon the blessings of the Circumcision and see each one transmuted into celestial splendor for our sakes.

#### Note the Contrast

Does not Israel possess the covenant promises for the Earth? While,

Our citizenship belongs to the Heavens, out of which we are awaiting a Savior, also, the Lord, Jesus Christ, Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation, to conform it to His body glorious (Philippians 3:20-21).

Is not saved Israel "the bride of the Lambkin?" While we are the Body of Christ³ (Colossians 1:18), a far more intimate and vital relationship.

Have they access into the temple courts? We have access with confidence to the Father Himself through Jesus Christ's faith (Ephesians 3:11-12), without the intervention of a priest.

Are their "names written in the Lambkin's scroll of life?" "Christ **is** our life," and "we are hid together with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3-4), a more vital and secure state.

H. Welch, Bible Student's Notebook #626.

Will Israel have an allotment in the Earth as a "Kingdom of priests," "ruling the nations?" We, the Bodychurch, have our allotment "among the celestials, in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-6).

Does Israel look for Christ to come and reign over the entire Earth? While we, the Body-church, will sit with Him on the throne of the universe,

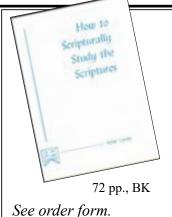
up above every sovereignty and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this eon, but in that which is future, also (Ephesians 1:21-22).

Will Israel be the "royal priesthood" to "fill the Earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord?" While we, the Body-church, will,

make known to the sovereignties and authorities among the celestials the multifarious wisdom of God, in accord with the purpose of the eons which He makes in Christ Jesus, our Lord (Ephesians 3:10-11).

Will Israel be given "the Kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms **under** the whole Heavens" (Daniel 7:27)? While we, the Body-church, will be used,

in the oncoming eons to display the transcendent riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus ... the complement which is completing the entire universe (Ephesians 2:7; 1:23).



## How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures

*by* — Adlai Loudy (1893-1984)

This book deals chiefly with the correct partitioning of the Word of Truth. The seven chapters are titled as follows: God Has Spoken; A Divine Admonition of Endeavor; How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures; Have a Pattern of Sound Words; Distinguish the Things that Differ; Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, and the Conclusion.

"The book should prove extremely valuable in introducing the knowledge of Paul's special ministry to those who are strangers to it." – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

<sup>[</sup>Editor:] see, The Church Which is His Body and the Bride the Lamb's Wife, John Kessler (see order form).

#### Two Spheres of Operation

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis 1:1).

Excepting Paul's epistles, the entire scope of the Scriptures is concerned with God's counsels regarding the earth, and more especially the channel through which He will consummate those counsels: the nation of Israel.

Paul's writings deal with the Heavens, and more particularly with the channel through which God proposes to bring blessings of the Celestial realms – the entire universe - to the church which is the Body of Christ. This will enable us to apprehend what Paul had in mind when he said.

The glory of the celestial is one, but the glory of the terrestrial is another (I Corinthians 15:40).

Israel will have great glory in the earth, in "the oncoming eons,"4 yet ours, among the celestials, will be of super-exceeding transcendence.

- 4. [Editor:] For a further look at the subject see:
  - Eons and Worlds: A Preliminary Overview, Frank Neil Pohorlak, Bible Student's Notebook #446;
  - "Ages" or "Eternity" and the English Versions, John Dokas, Bible Student's Notebook #309;
  - Definition of Bible Terms: Æon and Kosmos, Arthur P. Adams, Bible Student's Notebook #517;
  - Definition of Bible Terms: Eternity, Arthur P. Adams, Bible Student's Notebook #518;
  - Forever, Eternal and Everlasting, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. Bible Student's Notebook #83.

Paul's revelations surpass that of all of the apostles and prophets in both time and space, in that it was given to him to make known "secrets hid from the eons in God." He was permitted to understand and propound "the purpose of God which He made in Christ Jesus" preceding the eons, and which will not be accomplished until they have run their course. It was granted unto him to "fill out" or "complete<sup>5</sup> the word of God," and his writings carry us into a transcendently transcendent grace and blessing of which Israel never dreamed. So let us not be guilty of pulling them down on the level with those of the Circumcision, but with thankful hearts accept the fortunate portion which is ours, and ever seek to keep it separated from Israel's expectation.

#### **Concluding Summary**

The evidence of this cursory glance is sufficient to show that the Great Author has a *purpose* and *plan* so vast as to embrace the entire universe, yet He makes a clear distinction between the two spheres of operation - "the Heavens" and "the Earth." The DIVINE LINE OF DEMARCATION separates the Body-church and the Heavens from Israel and the Earth. Eliminate Paul's epistles and we have a complete revela-

(see **PARTITIONED**, page 5687)

- 5. [Editor:] For more information on the completion of the Word of God, see:
  - God Assembles His Book, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Bible Student's Notebook #207;
  - Daily Goodies (book, August 3-8), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
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## When Did the Secret Body Begin?

by — William B. Hallman (1903-1973)

ery little consensus exists on this question. The answers are many and varied. Some say it began with Abraham, because [Paul] says, "ye are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29); others say it began with John the Baptist, for he came "Saying, repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2), thus making the Kingdom of Heaven and the Church,¹ the Body of Christ synonymous; again, others say it began when Jesus called His twelve disciples (Matthew 10:1-6). These suggested answers are mainly provided by the non-dispensational Bible teachers.

Among the dispensational teachers the answers are just as varied. The majority hold that it began on the Day of Pentecost<sup>2</sup> (Acts 2:1-21); others that it began with the conversion of Paul (Acts 9); others with Paul's First Missionary Journey (Acts 13), or before Paul wrote his first epistle; and finally those who hold that it could not have begun until Israel was completely set aside at Acts

- 1. [Editor:] The Greek word often translated as "church" in most English versions is εκκλησια (ekklesia, or ecclesia). The word is a compound word meaning "called-out" (ek = "out"; kaleō = "called"). The ecclesia is God's "called-out" ones. The ecclesia is not a building or denomination; not a meeting, or doctrinal creed; it is not somewhere we go, or something we do, it is who we as believers are. For more information see:
  - The Outsiders, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
  - The "Ecclesias" (Churches) of the Scriptures, Adlai Loudy (see order form).
- 2. [Editor:] For more information on Pentecost, see:
  - Did the Body of Christ Begin at Pentecost? Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Bible Student's Notebook #1;
  - [14 Reasons Why] Pentecost Was Not the Beginning of the Body of Christ, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Daily Goodies [book], August 28 (see order form).

chapter 28.

We would counter all these suggestions by making two observations. First, Scripture says distinctly that we were chosen in Christ "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). Here then is the actual beginning of the Church,<sup>3</sup> but its experiential revelation could not come as long as God was dealing with Israel as a nation.<sup>4</sup> The two programs must be kept absolutely separate.

— *In the Heavenlies* 

(edited)

#### TOPICS:

Major: Body of Christ; Right Division

- Minor: Mystery; Secret
- [Editor:] For more information on the beginning of the Body of Christ, see:
   Are the Twelve Apostles in the Body of Christ?, Joel W. Fink,
  - <u>Bible Student's Notebook #393;</u>
     When Did the Body of Christ Start? André Sneidar, <u>Bible Stu-</u>
  - dent's Notebook #475;
    The Pody of Christ, Its Regioning and Maturity Child L. Bilking
  - The Body of Christ: Its Beginning and Maturity, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., <u>Bible Student's Notebook #490</u>;
  - Two Bodies or One? A.E. Knoch, <u>Bible Student's Notebook #526</u>.
- 4. [Editor:] For more information concerning the mystery (secret) of Israel's present spiritual blindness, see:
  - Israel's Blindness: When Was It Put Into Full Force?, E.W. Bullinger, <u>Bible Student's Notebook #620</u>;
  - When Was Israel as a Nation Set Aside?, John H. Kessler, <u>Bible Student's Notebook #629</u>;
  - The Temporary Setting Aside of Israel, S. Lee. Homoki, <u>Bible Student's Notebook</u> #642;
  - Christ's Appearing and Israel's Prophetic Clock, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., <u>Bible Student's Notebook</u> #567.



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# Editor's Zesk

#### Honoring the Faithful of the Past

Pay ... honor to those to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7, Weymouth).

Let elders who have presided ideally be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who are toiling in word and teaching (I Timothy 5:17, Concordant).

It is so easy to be self-centered and self-consumed with some enlightenment which we have been granted, even to the despising of those who do not see or appreciate some aspect of truth that we do.

Many dear, diligent students and faithful teachers of Scripture from the past were intensely engaged in battles for some single fundamental facet of truth. Their heroic labors helped lay the groundwork for us today.

Those of us who have benefited directly, or indirectly, from their valiant identification, stand and fight for some element of truth, are significantly indebted to them.

These precious warriors dedicated their lives to "controversial" issues. Their battles consumed them and we are the beneficiaries of their work. We should never diminish the nature of these significant battles that they so bravely waged in faith. Especially so, simply because we would differ with them on some other scriptural truth.

These are not just men of the past, either. Many such men exist today. They concentrate on their own theater of conflict. Some of them we are privileged to know, most we do not. Either way, I am thankful for those faithful men.

We do not agree with any other man on all issues. No one has the current time or capacity to "know it all." However, we do honor others for being who God made them, and for their noble stand for what they do see.

I look forward to the day that I have the privilege of meeting the many whom I already know had a major role in paying the way for us today! I humbly recognize that we are co-laborers together, despite the years, decades and centuries that may have separated us from each other.

Thankful and honored to be a member of such a glorious Body,

Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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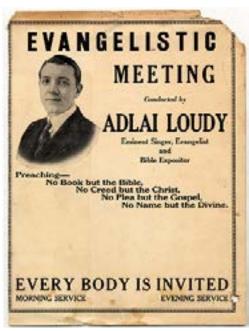
This is a collection of articles from the author's blog. In its pages you will learn of many truths from God's Word that you will likely not encounter in the traditional church setting. No topic is off-limits, as Stephen Hill addresses a variety of biblical truths – many controversial - which will likely challenge you to reconsider many of your long-held

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#### **PARTITIONED** (continued from page 5684)

tion concerning God's plan for the redemption of the Earth, as well as the channel through which He has chosen to operate: the nation of Israel. In Paul's epistles the sphere of blessing is transferred to the Heavens (Ephesians 1:3), and the channel through which He has chosen to operate is – the church which is the Body of Christ.

Further study will reveal to the discerning student many notable differences between Paul's writings and those of the Circumcision, of which we have only given an outline. The greatest profit will come to us when we fully appreciate the fact that Paul's



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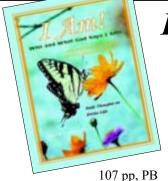
epistles are for the present, and that all of the rest of Scripture finds its interpretation and application before and after the present "secret administration" or dispensation of grace. Paul alone gives the truth for "the church which is the Body of Christ." It is found *nowhere* outside of his writings. All of the other parts of Divine revelation concern Israel and the nations in subjection to them. All Scripture is profitable as a revelation of God's ways, but it must not be applied outside of its proper place.

The system of doctrine developed in Paul's writings is complete in itself, and is so unique that it refuses to be mixed with the Circumcision teachings without confusion and loss.

All Scripture is "for our learning" (Romans 15:4) but not all Scripture was written to or about us.6 Paul's epistles present the truth for the present, and concern the church which is the Body of Christ, with a Heavenly destiny. All outside of his writings has no place nor application for the present; it is for the future, after the Body-church is completed and called to be with the Lord.

May we be led to recognize and strictly observe the DIVINE LINE OF DEMARCATION leaving the Circumcision writings for whom they were intended – Is- ▶

- 6. [Editor:] For more information on Right Division see:
  - The Address on the Envelope, A.E. Knoch, Bible Student's Notebook #326; also found in God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose, Appendix 3, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., also Appendix 5 (Parallel, Not Identical; C.F. Baker) see order form.



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## I Am! Who and What God Says I Am!

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by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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clopedia of faith – the truth about you. It is the truth about you, simply because it is God Who has said it. God has spoken these truths concerning you – the *real* you. Believe His record! Refuse to be the shell of a person, pushed into a mold of Adamic conformity. Be the real you that God has uniquely designed you to be. Refuse to be bullied out of your divinely designed identity that our Father has given you.

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rael – and turn with thankful hearts to the transcendent revelations of Paul's writings and bask in,

His grace glorious which graces us in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6).

Endeavor to present yourself to God, qualified, an unashamed worker, correctly partitioning the Word of Truth (II Timothy 2:15).

— Unsearchable Riches, Vol. 17 (1926)

(edited)

[*Editor:*] Previous articles by Loudy include:

- Destroying the Soul, Bible Student's Notebook #447;
- The Readjustment Administration (Acts 13:2 to 28:28), Bible Student's Notebook #492;
- The Pentecost, Readjustment and Secret Administrations, Bible Student's Notebook #497;
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**Major:** Bible Study; Interpretation; Israel; Paul's Epistles; Right Division

Minor: Jewish Epistles; Kingdom of Heaven

#### Can a Sinner Defeat God's Cove?

Love ... is not taking account of evil (I Corinthians 13:5, Concordant).

I am convinced that God loves all (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-10), and that "love never faileth" (I Corinthians 13:8). Therefore, if one sinner is endlessly lost, that sinner has defeated the love of God, and that is impossible.

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