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# Right Division

(An Overview of Dispensational Truth)

*by* — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Part 14

# ISRAEL'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

A Brief Survey of the Greek Scriptures:

THE CIRCUMCISION EPISTLES: JAMES

s with all of the Circumcision Epistles these letters are not our mail. They are not a part of the Secret Administration revealed by Paul.

In this letter the *barrier wall* is up ("the middle wall of partition," Ephesians 2:14, KJV; "the central wall of the barrier," CV) emphasizing the distinction between the Circumcision and the Uncircumcision, the Jews and the Gentiles, Israel and the other nations.

This epistle springs forth from "times past" finding its fulfillment in the "ages to come"

# WRITTEN BY JAMES

In the very first verse of the book the author is identified; it was written by James, the Lord's half-brother (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; Galatians 1:19), the prominent "pillar" of the Jerusalem ecclesia (Acts 12:17; 15:13-21; 21:18; Galatians 2:9, 12).

## WRITTEN TO THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Just as importantly, the first verse also identifies to whom the letter is addressed; it was clearly written "to the Twelve Tribes which are scattered abroad." There-

fore, this epistle is not addressed to Gentiles, let alone members of the Body of Christ. It is *not* our mail. It is a Circumcision epistle.

Note that James does not address his letter simply to "Israel," or to "the Jews," but more specifically and encompassing – to the "Twelve Tribes." This dispels the common myth of the so-called lost tribes of Israel. None of the "Twelve Tribes" were ever really "lost," for nothing can be truly lost to God. As E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913) has written in his Companion Bible,

No suggestion of the separate houses of Judah and Israel. Note the complete number.

According to James, the Tribes of Israel were "scattered" (KJV), "living abroad" (TCNT) "in the dispersion" (Concordant). The Greek word for these translations is διασπορά (diaspora), meaning a "resident in Gentile countries." <sup>1</sup>

1. Strong's G1290.

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This scattering of the Twelve Tribes among the nations was a fulfillment of Deuteronomy 4:27, "the LORD shall scatter you among the nations."

# **FURTHER JEWISH ELEMENTS**

Additionally, consider briefly a few more of the distinctively Jewish elements of the *Epistle of James*.

# The Jewish Synagogues

Notice 2:2. In the *KJV* we find the word "assembly." However, in literal translations (such as CV, ED, REB, YLT, etc.) we have "synagogue." Of course, even the KJV renders the Greek word  $\sigma v v \alpha \gamma \omega \gamma \dot{\phi}$  (sunagoge) as "synagogue" most elsewhere in its translation.

The context of this epistle surrounds those who attended the Jewish synagogues.

# Allotment in Israel's Kingdom

Also notice that, in 2:5, James addresses his readers as being the "heirs of the Kingdom" (KJV) – i.e., the "enjoyers of the allotment of the Kingdom" (CV). He

writes to those who are recipients of the long history of Israel's prophetic Kingdom on Earth.

# Healing & Forgiveness of Sins

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church [ecclesia]; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him (James 5:14-15).

Here we see that the nature of healing and forgiveness are presented within the context of God's dealings with Israel.

By stark contrast Paul writes to Timothy,

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your often infirmities (I Timothy 5:23).

In this verse we find a remarkable instruction given by Paul, the Apostle, to Timothy. The dispensational

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This *free* electronic publication is dedicated to:

- the absolute sovereignty and deity of God (Romans 11:36);
- the proclamation of the riches of God's abundant, exceeding grace (Romans 5:20; 11:6; Ephesians 1:7);
- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3, 4; 4:10; Titus 2:11);
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the Body of Christ (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
  - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);
  - union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seat-

ed position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6); – adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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light which is given by this passage on sickness is often overlooked.

Timothy, according to this Scripture, was plagued by stomach problems and "often infirmities." These could have been easily relieved under the program of the Kingdom (i.e., that of the Twelve Apostles) and during the priestly ministry of Paul, but in Paul's latter ministry he no longer had such powers (cf, Philippians 2:24; II Timothy 4:20).

Paul's instruction to Timothy *was not* that he should call for the elders of the church and have the anointing with oil. *No!* Paul gives Timothy *only* one piece of instruction: he prescribed the common medicine of that day – *wine*.

It must be remembered that Luke, "the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14), was a companion of Paul. Therefore, Paul's instruction was for medical attention – or, more accurately, nutritional remedies – to be given for the weakness and frailty of Timothy's corruptible body. Paul gave no further hope than that which could be received through nutritional resources.

It is interesting to note that:

Luke, the physician, although he wrote the account of Christ as the Son of Humanity [the Gospel According to Luke], and the Book of Acts, his profession is noted *only* in Colossians (4:14). During the era of the miraculous healing there was no room for his profession. At that time it might have

been considered unbelief to consult a physician.

During our Lord's ministry and that of the twelve apostles, miraculous healing was so essential to the heralding of the Kingdom that the physician had no place. If this had continued, Paul would never have introduced Luke as a physician. ... For the apostle, or rather for God Himself, it was another opportunity to point out that we no longer can depend on miracles. Now it is quite right to consult a physician, instead of leaving the ailing lie, on the ground that only divine healing is according to the Bible. This mistake may have truly tragic consequences.<sup>2</sup>

# Justification by Faith and Works

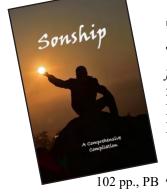
Without question, the most outstanding theme of James is his insistence on the essential element of works.

James stresses the need for good "works." For the devout Israelite, personal righteousness depended on a strict adherence to faith (love of God) and good works (love of neighbor). To James, faith without works was not a living faith, but a dead one (2:26). Within the existing code of Judaism, this attitude was perfectly good and understandable.<sup>3</sup>

Therefore, in 2:14 we read James' bold inquiry,

(see RIGHT DIVISION, page 6824)

- 2. M. Jaegle, Unsearchable Riches, Volume 47 (1956).
- The Apostolic Letters, K.D. Hutton (1906-1995), <u>Bible Student's Notebook</u> #668.



See order form.

# Sonship: A Comprehensive Compilation

The Romans 9 "sonship" is the exclusive prerogative of "Israel according to the flesh," the Galatians 4 "sonship" extends to the spiritual seed of Abraham who are not "after the flesh" (:23), but was associated with "Jerusalem which is above" (:26). However, the Ephesians "sonship" has no relationship whatsoever to Abraham or Israel. It has no connection with the promises made unto the fathers, it is not founded on an earthly inheritance (allotment). The Ephesians "sonship" extends back before the disruption of the world, and extends "far above" all heavens. These three "sonship" distinctions correspond to the three distinct spheres of blessing. This book contains 14 works from 10 authors, spanning 100 years.

Authors include: Tom Ballinger, John H. Essex (1907-1991), M. Jaegle, A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., George L. Rogers (1869-1947), Russell H. Schaefer (1919-1999), C.R. Stam (1909-2003) and Charles H. Welch (1880-1967).

# "Teachers

*by* — André Sneidar

have, in the past, tried to read "Christian" books that I thought sounded like they might be good; however, in the end I was disappointed, because, while such a book may make one or two good points, the rest of it is (if I may be blunt) just spiritual "dung," as they throw in so many typical/traditional denominational teachings.

Many "Christian" authors/teachers may attract large audiences because it seems that they are saying some good things, but this becomes a trap by which many are blinded by the incorrect application of Scripture. The vast majority (if not all) of their teaching, including that on Paul's epistles, is not rightly divided (II Timothy 2:15) and is based on "Judeo-Christian" principles (which, technically, are not real and are just a misrepresentation of Jewish principles of law which are contrary to grace, Romans 6:14; cf. Galatians 2:21; 5:4).

You can't simultaneously base most of your teaching on the "Gospels" and Hebrew epistles and then claim that you are preaching/teaching grace. Most of these teachers do NOT recognize Paul as their apostle, the apostle for this present dispensation, so they can't be depended on to present a consistent message of truth.

One of my biggest personal realizations concerning the Salvation of All and the Sovereignty of God (SoA/ SoG) was this: salvation is a done deal, so we don't have to worry about anyone "getting saved"; Dad not only gives faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), He also gives it in measure (Romans 12:3) - and conversely, therefore, He also withholds it (Romans 11:7-8). His purpose today is not "saving souls" - since He's already accomplished that – but rather calling people whom He has previously determined to be in the Body of

Christ for the eventual work of reconciling the celestial beings (Ephesians 2:6; 3:10; Colossians 1:20). This calling has nothing to do with our own abilities, achievements or anything "special" about us (in fact, just the opposite is true, I Corinthians 1:26-28) but has everything to do with His determination before the world began for the accomplishment of His purpose for the ages (Ephesians 1:4-10). So some eyes He opens, while the rest He keeps blinded. One day ALL will believe, but that time has not yet come.

We are vessels today for Dad's purpose of bringing others into the faith of the truth in His own time. That's why we should just relax and "enjoy the ride," since He is the One doing the work. When one gets upset with the advice just to relax (and I speak of myself as well, since I have been there before), it's because Dad hasn't given them the full realization of the SoA/SoG. If they do know about it, then it's just a matter of time before Dad brings them into the fullness of the truth, and since it is His work, we who do know it should also just relax, as there is nothing

(see TEACHERS, page 6824)

# A DICTIONARY OF SCRIPTURE PROPER 92 pp., PB

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# A Dictionary of Scripture Proper Names

by — J.B. Jackson

Modern English translations of the Bible do not typically translate the names found therein. Instead, the translators only transliterate the names. This means English language readers cannot understand the meaning of the names used in the Bible. This is a shame since so much meaning is captured in the names. This work provides a way to find out the meaning of those names.

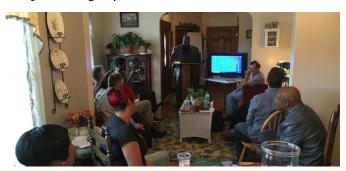


# Editor's Zesk

# Our Fall Fellowship in Windsor, MD

In June we enjoyed an afternoon of study and fellowship in the home of Bob and Julie Steele. They were wonderful hosts to the saints. It was a very precious time.

In addition to me, the teachers on this trip were Mark Vogt, Kevin Snowden and Bob Steele. Those present enjoyed valuable instruction from the Sacred Scriptures, rightly divided.





Kevin Snowden teaching in the Steele's home.



Our wonderful hosts in Windsor, Bob & Julie Steele.

After our time in the Steele's home we all went to a local restaurant to continue our fellowship.





Keep an eye on the *Bible Student's Notebook* and *Daily* Email Goodies, as well as our online itinerary (http:// pilkingtonandsons.com/itinerary.htm) for our next fellowship.

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**TOPICS**:

Major: Editor's Desk; Meetings; Pictures



# Collected Works of Earl M. Brown

A collection of articles that set about to bring to the student's attention some thoughts on texts that have been often overlooked by so many.

136 pp, PB

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# We Continue to Need Your Help

We will gladly return them back to you as soon as we are done with them. This is a serious work of preservation, and we ask that you please take our request to co-labor with us in the same way.

There are some materials for which we have been searching for years. We desire and request your assist in helping us to preserve valuable literature. If you do have any materials please contact us to see if it is what we are looking for, and we'll discuss how to proceed. You can send me an email at: clyde@studyshelf.com

Even if you don't have any of these materials, would you *please* assist us in putting out the word to other saints? We know that there are many valuable resources out there in the homes of believers that may be lost as they later fall into the hands of those who do not appreciate their value.

#### Examples of What We're Looking For

The materials that we are looking for are those that are:

- 1. rich in Scripture research;
- 2. out of print and;
- 3. in public domain, or for which permission to reprint is available.

What follows here is a list of some of the authors, titles and publishers we are specifically seeking. We regularly add to this list. We appreciate others who would join us in being on the lookout for as many

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valuable materials, old and out of print, as possible. No doubt there are many grand treasures of which we are not yet aware, and we would gladly welcome being introduced to these as well.

#### **Authors & Titles**

Though there are specific titles that we are looking for in this section of the list, we are also interested in any other titles that these authors may have written.

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Author	Title
George Aldridge	Spiritualism Tested by Revelation;
	Theosophy: Its Theories vs. Bible
711	Truths
Elder A. Benta	The New Approach to the Study of the
	Sacred Scripture
D. Buchanan	Love's Triumph
Lewis Sperry Chafer	Grace
T.A. DeSilva	The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
M.L. Dodds	The Wider Gospel
Joseph A. Fox	Pre-Millennial Perspective
H.W. Fry	God's Plan of the Bible
Arthur Charles Lamb	The Glory Of The Happy God
Kenneth McKay	Various <sup>2</sup>
William Mealand	Christ and God; This Era of Grace
John Milton	Last Thoughts on the Trinity
J.G. M'Vicker	Selected Letters with Brief Memoir
Arthur Overbury	The People's New Testament
R. Roe	A Short Help and Incentive to an
	Unbiased Inquiry into the Scripture
	Truth of Universalism or the Final
	Restoration of All Things
George (Geo.) L. Rogers	Dispensational and Other Studies <sup>3</sup>
Nathaniel Scarlett	A Translation of the New Testament
W.B. Screws	Handbook for Beginners
T.J. Silva	God's Perfect Plan
Dansey Smith	The Eons and the Reconciliation

- 2. Here are titles that we are aware of by this author:
  - Grace, Glorious Grace, for the Present;
  - Universal Reconciliation at the Consummation;
  - Justification the Assurance of It
  - Conciliation the Enjoyment of It
  - Is Annihilation the Teaching of Scriptures?
  - Is Everlasting Punishment a Truth of Scripture?
- We do not know how many lessons that there were in this series, but we have Series One, Number One and Series One, Number Three.

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Stewart Speers Follow After Divine Love
Agnes A. Sterling A Personal Witness to the Truth
Martin Stuckrath The Lord was Really Roused
W.H. Griffith Thomas Notes from Romans 5
William Thomson The Land and the Bible
Bishop Ussher Annals of the World

T. Walden Metanoia or Repentence, Which? Thomas Whittemore Modern History of Universalism,

Volume 2

J.W. Williams A Primer of Predestination
J.F. Witherell Partialism Shaken and Removed

George H. Wulfken Let There Be Light!

### **Periodicals**

The Babbler <sup>1</sup>	The Pilgrim's Messenger <sup>13</sup>
The Bible Gazette <sup>2</sup>	The Promise <sup>14</sup>
The Christian Fundamentals	Reconciliation <sup>15</sup>
Magazine <sup>3</sup>	The Religious Iconoclast <sup>16</sup>
The Differentiator⁴	The Revelator <sup>17</sup>
Echoes of Grace <sup>5</sup>	The Roundtable <sup>18</sup>
Freedom <sup>6</sup>	The Saint's Messenger <sup>19</sup>
The Investigator <sup>7</sup>	The Spirit of the Word <sup>20</sup>
Grace and Glory <sup>8</sup>	Study-Prove-Teach <sup>21</sup>
Grace and Truth <sup>9</sup>	The Torch <sup>22</sup>
The Lantern <sup>10</sup>	Treasures of Truth <sup>23</sup>
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Our Faith <sup>12</sup>	<u>-</u>

# **Topics**

The authors we are looking for are dealing solely with *scripturally related topics*. We have found that there may be authors with the same names, but their books are on other topics.

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# **Publishers**

Bethabah	Philadelphia Bible
Bible Truth Press <sup>25</sup>	Testimony
Biblical Information Bureau	Pittsburgh Bible Institute
Buffalo Bible Institute	Saviour of All Fellowship
Caledonia	School of Dispensational
California Scriptures	Bible Study
Publications	Scripture Research Society
Colton Bible Press	Scripture Studies Concern
Concordant Publishing	Scripture Study Ecclesia
Concern	Sacred Literature Concern
Evangel Publishers <sup>26</sup>	Truth Research Fellowship
Faith Fellowship <sup>27</sup>	Union Bible Class
Morgan & Wallace	Universalist Publishing
	House

#### (Endnotes)

- 1. Published by H.A. Harrop.
- 2. Published by James Webb from August, GA.
- 3. Published from Los Angeles, CA.
- **4.** Published by E.A. Larsen (Tacoma, WA), Alexander Thomson (England).
- Published by George Addair, Phoenix, AZ. We have issue #4 and #5.
- **6.** Published by L.H. Cracknell in England.
- 7. Published by H.L. Carver, Kissimmee, FL.
- 8. Published by Alan Burns.
- First published in New York, NY (by Leon A. Bynoe), then in England (by John H. Essex).
- 10. Published by R.H. Bigg and S. V. E. Clark from London.
- 11. By William Rebmann from Zion, IL.
- Published in Rock Island, IL, later in Seffner, FL, by Harold L. Carver.
- **13.** Published by W.B. Screws from Glennville, GA.
- 14. Published by G. (Gustavus) E. Hiller.
- 15. By Joseph E. Kirk. We have Volume 1, Number 1 through 10. We are looking for any other issues.
- 16. Published from Grand Rapids, MI.
- 17. Published by Louis Finley in Kansas City, MO.
- 18. By Wesley J. Ladwig in Milwaukee, WI.
- 19. Published by Victor Vernon Gager in Hopkins, MN.
- 20. Published by A.P. Adams. We have Volume 1 (1886). We are seeking the remaining 20+ volumes.
- 21. Published by A.J. Borrello in Fredonia, NY.
- 22. By Frank Neil Pohorlak from Waxahachie, later Fort Worth, TX.
- 23. Published by Cecil J. Blay and Melvin E. Johnson. We have a complete set of the years 1971-1974 (Installments 1-12). We have a handful of other random ones. We are looking for a complete set.
- 24. By Otis Q. Sellers. We are unsure how many volumes and issues that there were of this periodical. We have a complete set of Volume 12. We are looking for the other volumes.
- 25. From New York City.
- 26. From Boise, ID.
- 27. From Kalamazoo, MI.

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#### TOPICS:

Major: Facsimile Project

# The Unveiling of Jesus Christ by — A.E. Knoch 605 pp., PB See order form. Study on the Book of Revelation, commonly called The Revelation of St. John. Including: The Mystery of the Seven

Stars, The Mystery of God Finished, The Mystery

of Babylon.

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# **TEACHERS** (continued from page 6820)

in and of ourselves that we can do to improve His plan or work. Granted, we may need to phrase our advice carefully. Even Paul said that he had to withhold spiritual meat from those who couldn't handle it, and rather gave them milk instead, likening it to the difference between spiritual babes and adults, the immature and mature in faith. It must be remembered that everyone is on a different path and are at different levels of understanding.

So, we don't have to worry about *anything*, since it is Dad Who is

Operating **ALL** in accord with the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11).

All of this is not to say that there isn't a place for these other teachers; they are, after all, Dad's servants for His purposes, whether for good or for evil, whether to enlighten along the path of faith or to keep people blinded. Yet, every child must be weaned from the milk and introduced and gradually brought to a full diet of meat in order to proceed to the state of mature adulthood; otherwise, growth is stunted, and an unhealthy state of being results.

#### **TOPICS:**

**Major:** Maturity; Right Division; Teachers *Minor:* Salvation of All; Sovereignty

# RIGHT DIVISION (continued from page 6819)

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?

James firmly necessitates faith *AND* works – and NOT faith alone (:14-26), which stands in striking contrast to the teaching of Paul:

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith **without** the deeds of the law (Romans 3:28).

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned as of grace, but as of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness (Romans 4:4-5).

For by grace are ye saved through faith ... **Not** of works lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).

These contrasting messages of James and Paul do not harmonize, but must be *rightly divided*. As our beloved brother André Sneidar has aptly written, "We don't invalidate **any** part of the Bible but only distinguish the application."

[**Editor**:] For more information on the Book of James see: – *Paul vs. James*, F.L. Fallis, <u>Bible Student's Notebook #215</u>.

#### TOPICS:

Major: Israel; James, Book of; Right Division

Minor: Works



88 pp., PB,

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# Nothing Will Be Lost! The Truth About God's Good News

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Is the Creator wasteful? Has He brought His creation into existence just to abandon it to a "Christless eternity"? No! God is the true Savior of His Own creation, and nothing will be lost. The realization of this truth about the true nature of our Father will completely change the way we look at Him and everyone around us.

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"Nothing Will be Lost was one of the most edifying studies I have read in a

very long time. It brings real joy to my heart when I see someone stand for the truth of Christ's total victory over sin. We do not have a weak Savior Who hopes to save only a few; rather, we have a Savior Who saves all!" – NY