

Israel's Prophecy Program

With Tests

In Genesis 1:1 the scripture says, **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”**

*** Two Places: Heaven and Earth**

*** Two Programs: Prophecy and Mystery**

*** Two kinds of people:**

A. People with a heavenly destiny

B. People with an earthly destiny

One for each program, and one for each place:

1. Israel for the prophecy program on earth which was under the law.

2. The church for the mystery program in the heavens which is under grace.

Before God created the heaven and the earth, he first created the angels which are referred to as the sons of God in the book of Job and in Genesis chapter six:

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. 2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Sometime shortly after Lucifer's fall found in Isaiah 14:12-15 he became known as Satan (the Adversary).

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the

sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Upon the completion of creation God gave Adam dominion of the earth:

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

This act so enraged Satan against God that he immediately began plotting man's downfall.

Satan tempted Adam and Eve to sin and they lost the dominion that God had given them. Satan then usurped man's dominion over the earth and literally became the god of this world.

Now every person that would ever be born would be born in sin. Satan thought he had won because he knew the wages of sin was death.

It was then that God made an unexpected announcement about a way out of the mess mankind was in and of a future judgment for Satan.

God promised that there would come a deliverer (the Messiah) from the seed of the woman (Eve) that would one day crush Satan's head.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Not long after that Satan launched one of his most diabolical attacks ever when he sent some of the fallen angels (the sons of God) to mingle with the daughters of men. The offspring became the seed of Satan mentioned in Genesis 3:15 above.

Genesis 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

The sons of God, whether fallen or not, were never intended by God to marry and produce offspring because they were all males according to the scriptures.

When the angels fell, they began to lust after what man had and they acted upon their lusts by taking wives of the daughters of men.

The offspring of these two groups would be only half human and so God immediately limited their life span from a 1000 years to only 120. (See verse 3)

This was a great act of compassion on God's part towards the human race to limit the spread of these new wicked beings.

Satan's plan was to pollute every family lineage on earth with this mixed race of half men and half fallen angel to destroy the possibility of Eve's seed (the Messiah) from ever being born.

Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD because his generations were perfect, not diluted by the mixture of these fallen angels and the daughters of man.

God would now have to destroy all of mankind that Satan had diluted with his seed and only eight souls remained untouched by Satan's seed.

Had God not destroyed all of Satan's seed in the great flood then every person that would have ever been born would eventually be a part of this mixed race of man and fallen angels. God severely punished these angels which left their first estate.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

After the flood Noah's sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives were told to be fruitful and multiply and to replenish the earth and subdue it.

Satan then caused mankind to unite against God at Babel (modern day Babylon in Iraq) under Nimrod. Genesis 10

It was there that God confounded their languages and then he launched a very unique offensive against Satan by creating a specific nation (Israel) through the loins of one individual named Abram. Genesis 11

It is through Abram that God initiates his prophecy program which has as its ultimate goal the restoring of mankind's dominion over the earth which will occur during the millennial reign of the Messiah.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The prophecy program has to do with all the prophecies concerning the nation of Israel and their fulfillment that have been spoken of or written down since the foundation of the world.

Abram left Ur of the Chaldees for Canaan and there he had a son named Isaac and his son after him was Jacob who was renamed Israel by God. Israel had twelve sons which became the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel.

They lived in the land until God sent a famine which brought them to Egypt where they grew into a mighty nation of nearly 2 million. They grew so large that the Pharaoh became afraid of their numbers and made them their slaves.

Then after 430 years God sent the children of Israel a deliverer named Moses who led them out of Egypt. Israel received the law at mount. Sinai.

Exodus 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: 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.

Before they entered the land 12 spies went to spy out the land but 10 of them brought back an evil report which scared the children of Israel.

They ended up wandering in the wilderness for forty years because they were afraid of a few giants in the land of Israel:

Numbers 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

After the forty years were ended the children of Israel did enter the land but Satan was there waiting for God's peculiar people with some peculiar ones of his own.

Satan would now focus most of his attention on the land of Israel and its new inhabitants. Satan had once again called upon a new group of fallen angels (the sons of God) to mingle with the daughters of men to create more Nephilim (giants).

He then moved his forces into the land ahead of Israel's exodus from Egypt in an attempt to once again destroy the promised seed which Satan now knew would come from the loins of Abraham.

Under Joshua Israel was commanded to go in and utterly destroy the inhabitants of the land but they did not:

Deuteronomy 7:1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

Israel went into the land and began to conquer but they did not utterly destroy the inhabitants of the land. In fact, there were still giants in the land when David was king.

Israel was later promised a King, and a Kingdom which foreshadowed the kingdom, which would one day be ruled by the Messiah and all nations would then bow to Jerusalem.

It was not until David was king that the last known descendants of the giants were killed but Israel's kingdom was soon divided into two and then it later collapsed when Israel in the north and Judah in the south were taken into captivity because of their sin.

While Judah was in captivity in Babylon the prophet Daniel prophesied their release and return to the land, he also prophesied the coming of Israel's King and his kingdom which would last forever.

After Israel returned to the land Rome came to power and God sent the Messiah's forerunner to prepare Israel for the coming of its Messiah with these words for Israel:

Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand! Matthew 3:2

Six months later Israel's future King came on the scene to announce the kingdom of heaven was at hand to Israel if she would only repent (to turn back and keep the promises she had made with God back at Sinai).

When the Messiah came to Israel, he came to her under the law of Moses and he lived it perfectly and thus fulfilled it:

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

It was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that the Messiah came with his disciples announcing the kingdom was at hand, he did not come to the Gentiles offering the church age:

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Israel had one requirement to enter into their kingdom and that was for them to repent as a nation of their disobedience to the covenant given them at Sinai.

If they did repent, then the kingdom that was at hand would be ushered in immediately after the prophesied time of Jacob's trouble (the tribulation period) and come and gone.

The message that John and Jesus were preaching at this time was called the gospel of the kingdom. (The good news of the kingdom).

They were not preaching the gospel of the grace of God that we preach today, which is faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ because it hadn't happened yet.

That wouldn't be preached until after Paul received it from God and began preaching it to the Gentiles as the apostle of the Gentiles.

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Notice here that the gospel of the kingdom involved signs and wonders to verify to the Jewish nation that the message was from God and the messengers were also from God.

1 Corinthians 1:22 For the Jews require a sign,

Matthew 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

The offer of the kingdom to Israel was accompanied with signs and wonders because the Jew has always required a sign since its conception in Egypt with Moses.

The gospel of the kingdom was for Israel only!

The gospel of the kingdom was rejected by the Jews the first time it was offered by Jesus and the twelve apostles of the nation of Israel:

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

The gospel of the kingdom required obedience to the law just like the way it will be in the actual kingdom:

Matthew 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why cellist thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Matthew 8:4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

The gospel of the kingdom did not include the Death, Burial and resurrection of Christ because it was hid from the disciples understanding until after the cross:

Luke 9:44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. **45** But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

Jesus later recalls this event to his disciples after his resurrection:

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

The consequences of Christ's death, burial and resurrection was deliberately hid from them, as it was from Satan and his princes, so that Satan would not know God's plan of redemption (This secret is a large part of the church's mystery program):

1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: **8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The gospel of the kingdom will be preached again during the tribulation period up until the kingdom is ushered in:

Matthew 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.

The context of Matthew chapter twenty-four is entirely during the tribulation period accept for in the first couple of verses:

Matthew 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:) **16** Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Believers during the church age will not see the abomination of desolation in the temple, but the Jews will during the tribulation period.

The gospel of the kingdom promises an earthly destiny to the nation of Israel, while the body of Christ has a heavenly destiny:

The kingdom's twelve apostles will sit on twelve earthly thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel:

Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

The prophecy program is in two parts, the first is called:

“In times past”

Ephesians 2:3 which refers to Israel's birth as a nation at Sinai through their rejection of their Messiah at the cross and in the early Acts period.

The second half of the prophecy program is called:

"Ages to come"

Which will be here when our current dispensation of grace runs its course and ends with the rapture of the body of Christ.

The prophecy program, and its long-awaited kingdom has now been put on hold due to Israel's rejection of their Messiah (King) (Romans 11) and we are in an un- prophesied time period called by Paul in Ephesians 2:13:

"But now"

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

We have been in the "but now" time period which began with God saving the apostle Paul and ushering in the dispensation of grace through him.

This age will end with the rapture of the church. It is a parenthetical period surrounded by the first and second parts of Israel's prophecy program. Eph 2:13

The second part of Israel's prophecy program begins with the time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble (the tribulation period) and ends after the kingdom. It is called "the ages to come". Ephesians 2:7

Israel and the parable of the fig tree

Luke 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. 7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? 8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: 9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it

Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of his day, and he was telling them they had better repent, or they would all perish and not enter into their kingdom, and he used this parable to convict them.

God is the certain man in the parable and Israel is the fig tree in the world (vineyard), Jesus came for 3 years preaching to Israel looking for fruit (Israel's repentance) and he didn't find it.

God however intervenes and gives Israel another year after the crucifixion to produce fruit meet for repentance and instead the religious leaders stoned Stephen and rejected his message. They also rejected the offer of the kingdom which was made in Acts 3:25.

The End

To submit your test for grading simply copy and paste the test **along with your answers in bold font** and send them to:

Israel's Prophecy Program

1. What is Israel's program called?
2. Where does the prophecy program take place at?
3. What does the book of Job call the fallen angels?
4. Who did the sons of God take wives from?
5. Who is the most infamous son of God?
6. Why did Satan tempt Adam to rebel?
7. What was God's plan to redeem fallen man?
8. Why did God limit man's life span to 120 years?
9. Why did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord?
10. Where are the sons of God now who left their first estate?
11. Who was God's plan for the nations and the earth to be blessed through?
12. God was going to make out of Israel a kingdom of what?
13. What did Satan have waiting for Israel when they returned from Egypt?
14. What was the main purpose Satan had for them being in the land?
15. When were the last of the giants killed in Israel?
16. What happened to Israel's kingdom the first time around?
17. What did John and Jesus say about the kingdom?
18. What did Israel need to do to enter into her kingdom?
19. Was Israel under the law of Moses or grace when Christ came?
20. Who alone was Jesus sent for?
21. What accompanied the offer of the kingdom to Israel? Why?

22. What was the message that Jesus preached called? ,
23. Did that message require obedience to the law?
24. Did that message include the death, burial and resurrection of Christ?
25. Why did Jesus hide his death and resurrection from them before the cross?
26. Why was it hid from Satan and his princes?
27. When will the gospel of the kingdom be preached again?
28. When does most of Matthew 24 take place?
29. Will we in the church age see the abomination of desolation?
30. What does the gospel of the kingdom promise to the nation of Israel?
31. What will the twelve apostles do in the kingdom?
32. What is the first part of Israel's prophecy program called?
33. What is the second part of Israel's prophecy program called?