

The People of the Apocalypse
“The Masters Merging Mentality”

The Lord has dealt with men throughout the ages with a ‘Merging Mentality’. When He is about to make a change in the way He deals with us He always merges one economy with the next while not making any abrupt changes in His methods or manners.

All six of the major dispensations, or economies, if you will, economy being the Biblical word, Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law and Grace have merged one into the other just as we merge into traffic on the highway and run alongside of another lane for a certain distance, so God and His economies have done the same throughout history.

Innocence shows Eve with a Conscience for some period of time with Adam still Innocent, while it can be easily demonstrated that Human Government, Promise, and Law are also still continuing to run alongside of Grace and are still in effect to some degree.

There are those who would even say that Innocence is the condition of an infant at birth, but the word of God clearly teaches that we are conceived and born in sin (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12). Even though there are principles from the previous economies still active, we are presently living in the economy of Grace which is also called the Church Age.

This merging of economies, being the standard method God uses in dealing with men, will continue to be His method at the end of the age when He once again will merge the two, the Old and the New, the Church and the Jew, Law and Grace, with the Bridge over this final period of time being that great multitude called ‘*servants of our God*’ (Revelation 7:3), the 144 Thousand who are sealed from each of the twelve tribes of Israel.

They are born during the New Covenant period, during the economy of Grace, but are saved, sealed and serve under the Old Covenant, during Daniel’s Seventieth Week when God again deals with the nation of Israel, completing Daniel’s prophesied 490 years (Daniel 9:24), during which time God eventually pours out His Day of the Lord Wrath on an unbelieving world with the purpose of purifying the Jew and punishing Jew and Gentile alike!

This Bridge group of 144 Thousand Jews are seen on Mt. Zion with The Lamb of God, our precious Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ, at the end of the 70th Week of Daniel already having the Father’s name written on their foreheads (Revelation 14:1) similar to those that received a mark on their foreheads in Ezekiel 9 who also were protected, faithful Jews in Ezekiel’s vision of God’s judgment of Jerusalem.

They are seen on a number of occasions in the book of the Revelation. Once at the time they are sealed (7:3), again when they appear on ‘*the mount Sion*’ (14:1) with the Lamb having the signature of God in their foreheads as mentioned above, and finally they are again seen ‘*with Him*’ (17:14) the Lamb, the Lord of lords and King of kings as He goes forth to war at the battle of Armageddon!

This unprecedented time at the end of the age brings with it an unprecedented Old Covenant restoration by Elijah (Matthew 17:11; Mark 9:12) as the Lord reverts to the practices and principles of the Old Covenant during this last week or seven years of His dealing with the nation of Israel just as the first sixty-nine.

Therefore, the Jews must be a people (Daniel 9:24), the people must be in the land (Deuteronomy 30:1, 5-9; Ezekiel 36:24-26, 37:21ff, 38, Daniel 9:24), the holy city possessed by the Jews (Daniel 9:24), the temple of God rebuilt (II Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:1,2), the holy covenant honored (Daniel 11:28-30), the daily sacrifices reinstated (Daniel 8:11,12, 9:27; 11:31, 12:11), the holy place recognized (Matthew 24:15),

the prophet Elijah sent to the people (Malachi 4:5,6), the Sabbath restored (Matthew 24:20), and the tribes recognized (Revelation 7:3-8).

At this point in history only three of these events have taken place, the Jews are a people, they are in the land and the holy city belongs to the Jews which are the first in order of the things required for the Lord to begin this last seven year dispensation, for, Gabriel told Daniel that the seventy weeks would be upon his people and his holy city (Daniel 9:24).

However, the events mentioned above are also necessary to begin this last Old Covenant dispensation, for how can the *'holy covenant'* be honored unless there is a *'temple of God'* and *'holy place'*, with *'the regular morning and evening sacrifices'* being offered, along with restoration of *'the Sabbath'* and the tribal system reactivated?

All of these Old Covenant necessities will eventually be restored through the ministry of the last Elijah-like prophet as he has been given the duty of restoring all things according to the prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ: *'Elijah truly shall come first and restore all things.'* (Matthew 17:11)

Therefore, the next event on Gods timetable is the sending of Elijah: *'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.'* (Malachi 4:5,6)

God will of necessity send him before the beginning of the 70th Week for the above mentioned physical and spiritual necessities are precursors of the 70th Week and will be in place before the covenant is confirmed with the many in the nation of Israel by the Antichrist at the beginning of the 70th Week (Daniel 9:27).

The Antichrist will rise to power and world prominence accumulating military clout and political might as he goes forth *'conquering, and to conquer'* (Revelation 6:1,2) in order to build his eventual global domination (Daniel 7:14, 23; 8:23-25; 11:41) giving him the ability to maneuver politically on the world scene.

Yes, the Lord has begun His final merging of economies as He has already put in place three of the prerequisites for the 70th Week (Daniel 9:24) and is presently executing His plan in order to bring to pass those necessary events that He might once again begin to deal with His earthly people and fulfill His promises recorded in His word.

Therefore, as the prophet Daniel saw in the Scripture (Jeremiah 29:10) exactly what God was planning, requiring the necessary prayer of repentance (Leviticus 26:40-46), he prayed confessing his sins, the sins of his fathers, and the sins of his people with deep repentance and contrition requesting Gods mercy and forgiveness (Daniel 9:1-19).

And, so, we too, the saints, must likewise cry out to God in full surrender, asking God to use us, realizing that the seedbed for this Bridge group, the 144 Thousand, and Elijah himself, is the Church of Jesus Christ! For, God will likely raise up many of these His servants from among the faithful families of the Body of Christ in order to bring to pass His precious promises during the end of the age!