

The People of the Apocalypse "The Master's 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 men He always merges one time period or economy/dispensation into the next while not making any abrupt changes in His manner or methods.

The six Bible dispensations, or economies, if you will, economy being the Biblical word: Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law and Grace have all 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 Conscience, Human Government, Promise, and Law are also still continuing to run alongside of Grace and are still effective today in principle to varying degrees.

There are those who would even say that Innocence is the condition of an infant at birth, however, the Word of God clearly teaches that man is 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 known as 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 human bridge over this final period of time being that great multitude who are called "the 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 70th Week when God once again deals with the nation of Israel, completing Daniel's prophesied 70 Weeks or 490 years (Daniel 9:24), during which time God eventually pours out His Day of the Lord wrath on an unbelieving world.

This bridge group of 144 Thousand Jews are seen on Mount Zion with the Lamb of God, our precious Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ, at the end of the 70th Week of Daniel having the Father's and the Lamb's name written on their foreheads (Revelation 14:1).

They are referred to on a number of occasions in the book of the Revelation. They are included in "the rest of her seed" (Revelation 12:17) then at the time they are sealed (Revelation 7:3), again when they are protected during the Day of the Lord (Revelation 9:4) then on "Mount Zion" (Revelation 14:1) with the Lamb having the signature of God in their foreheads as mentioned above, and finally they appear "with Him" (Revelation 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 "holy covenant" (Daniel 11:28-32) restoration by Elijah the prophet (Malachi 4:5,6; Matthew 17:11; Mark 9:12; Acts 3:21) as the Lord reverts to the practices and principles of the Old Covenant during the 70th Week of Daniel when He will once again deal with the nation of Israel under the Law economy just as He did during the first sixty-nine weeks which are now recorded history.

Therefore, in order for the 70th Week to take place there must be:

1. The people of Daniel [the Jews] (Daniel 9:24)
2. Who are in the promised land (Deuteronomy 30:1,5-9; Ezekiel 36:24-26,37:21ff; Matthew 24:16)
3. Occupying Daniel's "holy city" Jerusalem (Daniel 9:24)
4. The sending of "Elijah" (Malachi 4:5,6; Matthew 17:11; Mark 9:12)
5. "The holy covenant" restored (Daniel 11:28-30)
6. "The temple of God" rebuilt (II Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:1,2)
7. The "holy place" included (Matthew 24:15)
8. The "daily sacrifices" reinstated (Daniel 8:11,12, 9:27; 11:31, 12:11)
9. "The Sabbath" restored (Matthew 24:20)
10. "The tribes of the children of Israel" recognized (Revelation 7:3-

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At this point in history [2006] only three of these events have taken place, the Jews have become a people, they, Daniel's people, are in the promised land of Israel and his holy city Jerusalem is presently occupied by the Jews.

These are the first in the order of the things required for the Lord to begin this last seven-year dispensation for Gabriel told Daniel that all of the seventy weeks would be upon his people and his holy city (Daniel 9:24).

But, at the present time, Israel does not possess all of their "own land" as is indicated in the above passages. The ongoing struggle with the Islamic fascists will eventually be won by Israel and they most definitely will have control of all of their promised land.

However, the other 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" with its "holy place", and "the regular morning and evening sacrifices" being offered, along with the restoration of "the Sabbath" and the "tribes of Israel" recognized?

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; Mark 9:12).

The Lord said that this prophet would come "first" indicating that Elijah would be sent to "restore all things" before the Lord Jesus Christ returns as Peter also taught in his second sermon:

"And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution [restoration] of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20,21).

Therefore the next event on God's prophetic timetable appears to be

the sending of this mighty Elijah-like Hebrew prophet:

“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...Elijah truly shall come first and restore all things.” (Malachi 4:5,6; Matthew 17:11; Mark 9:12). (Emphasis added)

God will of necessity send him before the beginning of the 70th Week of Daniel for the above mentioned physical and spiritual necessities are precursors of the 70th Week and must 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 of Daniel (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 secure his eventual global domination(Daniel 7:14, 23; 8:23-25; 11:21-45; Revelation 13:1-18).

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

When the prophet Daniel saw in the Scripture (Daniel 9:2; 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 God’s abundant mercy and forgiveness (Daniel 9:1-19).

And so, the saints, must likewise cry out to God in full surrender, praying for the Lord to send laborers into His harvest, realizing that the likely source for this bridge group, the 144 Thousand, (Revelation 7:3-8) is the church of Jesus Christ.

Also, there are other Jews who will be involved in the time of the end who will also come out of the church:

1. “The woman” [faithful of Israel] (Revelation 12:1-17)

2. "The two witnesses" (Revelation 11:3-14)

God will indeed raise up many of these His servants from among the faithful in the body of Christ in order that He might continue merging these last two economies and bring to pass His precious promises to the saints of the church and Israel alike during the fast approaching time of the end.