ONE HOLY NATION

1. WHO IS THE CHOSEN ELECT OF GOD?

- 1. Some questions to consider.
 - 1. To whom will the glory and blessings of God be give?
 - 2. Who will be used to manifest his glory to the world?
 - 3. Who are the saints of the most high God who shall possess the eternal kingdom of God forever and ever?
 - 4. The book of Revelation speaks of the saints in excess of 20 times. Who are they?
 - 5. Who is the elect of Matthew 24?
- 2. The purposes of God.
 - 1. That there might be a people who will be a praise in the earth.
 - 2. That there might be a people who will destroy the works of the devil and to restore creation.
 - 3. That there might be a people who will be conformed into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 4. That there might be a people who will be the manifestation of the glory of God in the earth.
- 3. The word Aelect@ in Mat. 24 is the same as the word chosen in 1 Pet. 2:9. (1588. eklektos, ek-lek-tos'; from G1586; select; by impl. favorite:--chosen, elect.)
 - 1. (Mat 24:31 KJV) And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
 - 2. (1 Pet 2:9 KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2. THE CHURCH IS NOT GOD=S APLAN B.@

- 1. God had an eternal plan in Christ Jesus from the foundation of the earth.
- 2. When Adam sinned, God immediately had plans to raise up a seed unto himself who would bruise the head of the serpent.
- 3. God always had in mind a peculiar people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and a chosen people.
 - 1. (Exo 19:5 KJV) 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: (Exo 19:6 KJV) 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.
 - 2. (Deu 14:2 KJV) For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.
 - 3. (Titus 2:14 KJV) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
 - 4. (1 Pet 2:9 KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

3. GOD=S ETERNAL PLAN IS TO REVEAL HIMSELF THROUGH THE CHURCH.

- 1. The church has been in the earth through the centuries, but was a New Testament revelation.
- 2. The church is a called out people unto the Lord; a people raised up for His name sake.
- 3. Church is Aecclesia @ which means a congregation called out from a larger group.
- 4. The word Aassembly @ in Acts 19:32 referred tot he gathering of the hostile people who were angry with Paul for being responsible for destroying the idols of Diana.
- 5. **The church in the wilderness.** (Acts 7:38 KJV) This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:
- 6. Abraham=s call was the beginning of the church.
- 7. *God=s promise to Abraham*. Your seed shall be as the stars of the heaven and the sand of the sea.

4. WHO IS THE SEED OF ABRAHAM?

- 1. It is not enough to say you=re the seed of Abraham.
 - 1. The Arabs and Jews both can make this claim.
 - 2. We as believers can make this claim, and we=re neither Jew nor Arab.
- 2. They are not all Israel who are of Israel.
 - 1. (Rom 9:6 KJV) Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:
 - 2. (Rom 9:7 KJV) Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. (Rom 9:8 KJV) That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

3. We be Abraham = s seed.

- 1. (John 8:32 KJV) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:33 KJV) They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?
- 2. (John 8:37 KJV) I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

4. Distinction between Aseed@ and Achildren.@

- 1. (John 8:39 KJV) They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.
- 2. (John 8:42 KJV) Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

5. The devil is your father.

- 1. (John 8:44 KJV) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
- 2. Jesus recognized their natural lineage as being the seed of Abraham, but their spiritual lineage was identified with the devil.

3. Bloodline is not enough. Recognized only on the basis of spiritual relationship.

5. THE SEED OF ISAAC--THE SON OF PROMISE.

- 1. (Rom 9:8 KJV) That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.
- 2. (Gal 4:22 KJV) For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. (Gal 4:23 KJV) But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.
- 3. **Two covenants.** (Gal 4:24 KJV) Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. (Gal 4:25 KJV) For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. (Gal 4:26 KJV) But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.
 - 1. Allegory of natural seed and spiritual seed of Abraham.
 - 1. Jews and Arabs.
 - 2. Natural Jews and spiritual Jews.
 - 2. Jerusalem which now is (the natural city).
 - 3. Jerusalem which is above (the spiritual city). (Heb 12:22 KJV) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- 4. (Gal 4:28 KJV) Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.
- 5. (Gal 4:31 KJV) So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

6. HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE.

- 1. *If ye be Christ=s.* (Gal 3:29 KJV) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
- 2. Promise through faith.
 - 1. (Rom 4:13 KJV) For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. (Rom 4:14 KJV) For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
 - 2. (Rom 4:16 KJV) Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
 - 3. (Gal 3:7 KJV) Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
- 3. **Promise to seed--Christ.** (Gal 3:16 KJV) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
- 4. (Eph 2:19 KJV) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

7. GOD HAS ONE NEW MAN.

1. **Nigh by the blood of Jesus.** (Eph 2:12 KJV) That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:(Eph 2:13 KJV) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:14 KJV) For he is our peace, who hath

made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

2. One new man.

- 1. (Rom 9:23 KJV) And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, (Rom 9:24 KJV) Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? (Rom 9:25 KJV) As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. (Rom 9:26 KJV) And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God
- 2. (Rom 10:12 KJV) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- 3. (Gal 3:28 KJV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 4. (Eph 3:5 KJV) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (Eph 3:6 KJV) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
- 5. (Col 3:10 KJV) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (Col 3:11 KJV) Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
- 3. **You are a chosen generation.** (1 Pet 2:9 KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (1 Pet 2:10 KJV) Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

4. There are two groups.

- 1. God is not dealing with a natural seed and a spiritual seed as his elect. He is dealing with two groups of people--believers and unbelievers.
- 2. The blessings of the Lord are to the Jews and Gentiles who have been born again.
- 3. Born again Gentiles do not become a part of the inheritance of God with unregenerated Jews.
- 4. They become fellowheirs with regenerated or born-again Jews.

8. GOD HAS NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN A BLOODLINE!

- 1. He has always been interested in a spiritual lineage.
- 2. Proselyte Jews.
- 3. Yes, God is interested in a pure race.
 - 1. (2 Cor 6:14 KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
 - 2. (2 Cor 6:17 KJV) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

9. WHERE DOES THE NATURAL NATION OF ISRAEL STAND TODAY?

1. The same as all nations.

- 1. Righteousness exalteth a nation, sin a reproach to any people
- 2. Ps. 9:17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God."

2. They need God.

- 1. They must accept the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2. They must come by grace through faith. There is no justification except through faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Grafted in.

- 1. (Rom 11:1 KJV) I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
- 2. (Rom 11:23 KJV) And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. (Rom 11:24 KJV) For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?
- 4. *A great revival.* (Rom 11:12 KJV) Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

10. THE CHURCH--ONE HOLY NATION.

- 1. One elect; one group of saints.
 - 1. One purpose of God.
 - 2. One witness to the world.
 - 3. (Rom 2:28 KJV) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (Rom 2:29 KJV) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.
- 2. *There is one body of Christ--the Church.* It is made up of all races, kindreds, and tongues of the earth.
- 3. **This Church is purchased by His blood.** (Acts 20:28 KJV) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- 4. *Glory in the church.* (Eph 3:21 KJV) Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.
- 5. **Revelation of the mystery.** (Eph 3:3 KJV) How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, (Eph 3:4 KJV) Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (Eph 3:5 KJV) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (Eph 3:6 KJV) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (Eph 3:7 KJV) Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (Eph 3:8 KJV) Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; (Eph 3:9 KJV) And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: (Eph 3:10 KJV) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of

God, (Eph 3:11 KJV) According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: