

FORESIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURE, #2

INTRODUCTION

- I. In this lesson, we continue in our study of the “Foresight of the Scripture.”
 - A. The NT refers to the OT writings as “scripture.” Ro.15:4; Gal.3:8
 - B. These references have to do with the church and blessings therein.
 1. It was **future** when first written. Gen.12:3
 2. It had to do with **blessings** from God. Text
 3. It had to do with justification or **salvation**. Gal.3:8
 - a. This justification was to come after the period of Moses' law. v. 10-15, 23
 - b. This justification is in Christ, or His spiritual body—the church. Ep.2:16; 1:22f; Ac.2:47
 - c. This justification is for the non-Jew, or Gentile as well. Ga.3:8
- II. Now let's examine a few of the prophecies of the OT as they “**foresaw**” the one church, as revealed in the NT.

DISCUSSION

I. **1st, let's examine ISAIAH'S PROPHECY. Isa.2:2f**

- A. Isaiah named the **time** of the events under consideration—the “last days.” cf Joel 2:28; 2:16f; He.1:1f..
- B. Isaiah also named the **place** for these events--“Jerusalem.” cf Lk.24:45-47; Ac.1:3f,8; 2:1,5
- C. Isaiah also identified the **people** involved--“all nations” which included the “heathen” or Gentiles. Cf Ga.3:8; Mk.16:15f; Mt.28:19; Ac.10:34f
- D. Isaiah also identified the **object** of prophecy—the “house” of God, or the church. Cf He.10; 21; 1Pe.2:5; 1Ti.3:14f; Col.1:18

II. **2nd, let's examine ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY. Zech.6:12f**

- A. Zechariah identified the **builder** of the temple—one known as the “branch”. Cf Isa.11:1; Jer.23:5; Ro.1:1-3 ...
- B. Zechariah said this Branch (Jesus) would build the **temple** of God—the church. Cf 1Co.1:2; 3:16; Eph.1:22f; 2:13,16,19,21; Mt.16:18
- C. Zechariah also said this Branch would rule jointly as **king** and **priest** over the temple. Cf He.8:1..

CONCLUSION

- I. While there are hundreds of religious bodies claiming to please God as they follow the doctrines and commandments of men, the scripture speaks of only **one** that pleases Him, as it follows the NT scripture.
- II. Entrance into the church today is the same as it was in the 1st century. Ac.2:36-38,47