

The Human Family and Bible Prophecy

~ 3 credits

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Course Purpose, Description and Introduction:

SCOPE OF THE COURSE

Course Description - An analysis of Bible prophecy as it relates to the three groups comprising the human family: Gentiles, Jews, and Christians. God's prophetic program for each of these family groups is examined.

Learning Objectives - Learn how God's prophetic program is worked out among the three members of the Human Family.

Know how God's plan has played out through history and will play out into eternity future.

Understand how historical events impact future events.

Identify the three main events of the future.

GOALS

In exams and assignments the students will be expected to:

1. Take notes for each session, to be graded by teacher at end of course.
2. Be able to explain the importance of God's message to Christian people as it relates to the events of today.

PROCEDURES FOR THE COURSE

A final exam will be given over the material discussed in class or a special project must be completed.

ASSIGNMENTS

Eight to Ten Page Paper: There are three members of the human family, Gentiles, Jews, Christians. Understanding the distinctions of these three groups helps one to understand to whom God is communicating during any specific age. Why is this important? Contrast and illustrate God's different prophetic programs for each of these three groups.

Introduction

The Three Strands of the Human Family

The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 10 that God has made three strands of the human family.

It lays the foundation for understanding the prophetic truth of God's Word. 1 Cor. 10 is a great message by Paul. A text out of context becomes a pretext. That is not the case here. The passage lays out the 3 strands of the human family and the bible deals with these 3 strands.

1 Corinthians 10:32, "Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God."

For the first 2,000 years of human history (Genesis 1 - 11), there was only one of those strands, the Gentiles, upon the face of the earth. When God created Adam, He created a Gentile. From Adam to Abraham, everyone in the world was a Gentile.

Then in Genesis 12, God calls one of those Gentiles named Abram (who would later become known as Abraham), out of Ur of the Chaldees, down into Canaan and into the Promised Land. He then takes this Gentile and establishes a new strand of the human family, the Jewish people. Abraham was mentioned in Genesis 14 as the first Hebrew; his grandson, Jacob, became the first Israelite (his name changed from Jacob to Israel in Genesis 32); and then his great-grandson Judah would be referred to as a Jew (2 Kings 16:6). So, for the second 2,000 years of human history from Abraham to the Apostles (Genesis 12 - Acts 1), there were two strands of the human family – Gentiles and Jews.

On the Day of Pentecost, God takes the wall of partition out from between Jews and Gentiles, who had been at enmity with each other (Acts 2; Ephesians 2). With the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God brings Gentiles and Jews together as a new people, one people, a new creation – Christians. And now, for the past 2,000 years, there have been three strands of people: Gentiles, Jews, and Christians.

During the first 2,000 years, there were only Gentiles (Genesis 1-11). During the second 2,000 year period of time (Genesis 12 - Acts 1), there were two strands of the human family, Gentiles and Jews. Now, for the last 2,000 years of human history the Apostles to the Antichrist, we have all three strands of the human family: Gentiles, Jews, and Christians (Acts 2 - Revelation 22).

There are three books in the Bible that cover the timelines for these three strands of the human family. The book of Daniel starts at the Babylonian captivity and takes the history of the Gentiles into Eternity Future. Daniel is a timeline for the Gentiles. The book of Ezekiel also starts at the time of the Babylonian captivity and takes the Jewish people into Eternity Future.

God will divide the land that He has promised to give them which is 10 times what they have today (Ezekiel 47-48). Ezekiel is the second timeline for the second strand of the human family, the Jewish people.

The book of Revelation starts with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and takes Christians into Eternity Future. That makes Revelation the timeline for the Christians.

Note: This introduction was taken from the book, Revelation: A Chronology by Dr. James DeYoung

Course Instructor:

Jimmy DeYoung, Jr., having lived and worked in the Mid-East, has an exceptional knowledge of the land of Israel and the region. He has worked with Day of Discovery Television, the John Ankerberg Show, and Prophecy Today.

His work with Prophecy Today has included co-hosting numerous Israel and Jordan "Prophecy Tours" and he leads all of our Israel Project youth mission trips to Israel. As a former college All-American and professional soccer player, Jimmy is a much sought after youth conference speaker who has ministered to youth and college-age adults in the US and internationally.

Course Outline:

Session 1 – “Three Strands of Human Family”

- A. Timeline
 - * Rapture
 - * Revelation
 - * Great White Throne Judgment
- B. What are the three groups that make up the human family?
- C. Looking at the Biblical timeline, when did each of these family groups come into existence?
- D. What events immediately preceded and/or ushered in each of these family groups?

Session 2 – “Gentiles”

- A. Gentiles ~ the first 2000 years of history ~ only gentiles on the earth
 - * Genesis 1-11
 - a. Genesis 1 ~ Creation
 - b. Genesis 2 ~ Special events of Creation
 - c. Genesis 3 ~ Fall of Man
 - d. Genesis 4 ~ Cain and Abel
 - e. Genesis 5 ~ Genealogies
 - f. Genesis 6,7,8 ~ Noah and the flood
 - g. Genesis 9 ~ Noah after the flood
 - h. Genesis 10 ~ Genealogies
 - i. Genesis 11 ~ Tower of Babel
 - j. Genesis 12 ~ Call of Abraham
- B. Which family group was created first and when did its exclusivity end?
- C. Men like Seth, Enoch, and Noah were great men of God but would you consider them Christians? Explain.
- D. After the introduction of the Jews, what role do the Gentiles now play? When will their role come to an end?

Session 3 – “Origins and personalities of God’s Chosen people”

- A. Origins and personalities of God’s Chosen People
 - * Genesis 12,13,15; Deuteronomy 32; Genesis 32; 2 Kings 16:1-6
- B. Explain how the first Jew was a Gentile.
- C. Discuss how God developed a special relationship with Abraham and his descendants in the "line of promise."
- D. Why did God bring into existence a new people? How does their existence fit into His eternal plan?
- E. Are there ways that this special people and their relationship with God could be negated?

Session 4 – “The Christians ~ The Church”

- A. The Christians ~ The Church
 - * Acts 2
- B. Gentiles and Jews have been the two groups existing up to this point. We now have Christians. How are these two groups brought together into this third group called Christians?
- C. Define the distinctions and similarities between Christians and the Church.
- D. Why would the people of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts 1 not be included in the new creation called the Church?
- E. What is the time period of the Church Age? That is, the Church Age goes from what point to what point?

Session 5 – “From Two Come One”

- A. From Two Come One
 - * Ephesians 2:11-15
- B. Ephesians 2:11-22 says "from two comes one." What did Paul mean by this?
- C. In light of the truth of Ephesians 2, are God's promises to Jews and Gentiles different than those given to the Church?
- D. How are these truths (from two comes one) manifested in the study of prophecy?
- E. Do these truths give us insight into the messianic Jewish movement?

Session 6 – “The ‘Fullness of the Gentiles’ ”

- A. The Fullness of the Gentiles
 - * Romans 11, Acts 10, 15, 2 Peter 3
- B. When does the "fullness of the Gentiles" come?
- C. What is happening to the Jews during this period?
- D. What is keeping Jesus from calling us up, the Rapture of Church, right now?
- E. What way could Christians hasten the coming of the Lord?

Session 7 – “Jacob and Esau”

- A. Jacob and Esau
 - * [Genesis 25, 27, 36, 37](#); [Jeremiah 49:7-22](#); [Ezekiel 35](#); [Obadiah 1](#); [Malachi 1](#); [Romans 9:10-14](#)
- B. How is God's promise to Rebecca concerning her two sons being played out in history?
- C. What part does "sovereign selection" play in the lives of Jacob and Esau?
- D. What is the ultimate destiny of the descendants of Esau?
- E. Is it possible to identify the two peoples spoken of in [Genesis 25:23](#)?

Session 8 – “Origin of the Arab World”

- A. Origin of the Arab World
 - * Genesis 10, 16, 17, 25
- B. Why is it incorrect to think of Ishmael as the "Father" of the Arab World?
- C. How does [Genesis 10](#) give us further proof that Ishmael was not the Father of the Arab World?
- D. From extra-Biblical writings, define present day thinking of what nations make up the Arab World.
- E. How does a nation qualify as an Arab nation?

Session 9 – “Ishmael’s Islamic Invasion”

- A. Ishmael’s Islamic Invasion
 - * Genesis 16, 17, 25; Daniel 11:40-45; Ezekiel 38; Psalm 83:1-8; Joel 2:1-3; Ezekiel 39:1-6
- B. Moslem and Islam are not mentioned in the Bible.
- C. How can we recognize the role of Islam in the Last Days? From extra-Biblical writings, describe the eschatology of Islam.
- D. Again from extra-Biblical writings, how do current events reveal the role of Islam in the End Times?

Session 10 – “Esau and the Palestinians”

- A. Esau and the Palestinians
 - * Gen. 25,27,36; Exodus 17; 1Samuel 15; Esther 1-3; Malachi 1; Obadiah
- B. Summarize the history from Esau to the Palestinians and their ultimate destiny.

Resource Websites:

**Arutz Sheva, <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/>
<http://www.prophecytoday.com>
<http://www.thesanhedrin.org>
<http://www.templeinstitute.org>
<http://www.jpost.com>**