



ISRAEL'S 144,000

BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #18

A most amazing parallel exists between what happened to ancient Israel on a literal and local scale and what will happen to the Christian church—spiritual Israel—on a world-wide scale in a spiritual sense in the last days.

NOTE THESE PARALLELS:

ANCIENT ISRAEL

Jer. 50:33, 34
 Dan. 3:13
 Dan. 4:30
 Jer. 51:13, 14
 Isa. 44:27, 28
 Jer. 51:6-8
 Isa. 45:1
 Isa. 41: 2, 25

Persecuted by Babylon
 Forced to worship image
 Called Babylon the Great
 Babylon sits on many waters
 Rescued by drying up Euphrates
 Called out of Babylon
 Rescuer called “the anointed”
 Both rescuers from the “east”

SPIRITUAL ISRAEL

Rev. 17:6
 Rev. 13:15
 Rev. 17:5
 Rev. 17:1
 Rev. 16:12
 Rev. 18:4
 Dan. 9:25
 Matt. 24:27

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are to live our lives as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:22 As Christians we keep God’s commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Hebrews 12:1 As we “run” the Christian race we lay aside the “weights” that hold us back.

1 John 5:4 Our Christian faith overcomes the world.

1 John 2:15 “Love not the world, neither the *things* that are in the world.”

CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

THINGS WE LISTEN TO:

Mark 4:24 Jesus said, “Take heed what you hear.”

Proverbs 18:15 Ears of the wise seek *knowledge*.

Proverbs 23:12 Again we are to listen to that which gives knowledge and *wisdom*.

THINGS WE SEE:

- Isaiah 33:15,16** Those going to heaven are those who stop listening to and seeing bloodshed and evil.
- Proverbs 23:26** Our eyes should observe the Lord's ways (i.e. things that are good and wholesome).
- Ezekiel 20:7** We are to cast away anything that is an abomination to our eyes.
- Psalms 101:2,3** We are to walk within our house with a perfect heart by not setting wicked things before our eyes.
- Psalms 119:37,38** We are to turn from seeing vanity and instead have God's Word established in our hearts.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18** We are changed into the things we behold.
- Philippians 4:8** Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, with virtue and praise, think on these things.

THINGS WE WEAR:

- Genesis 35:1-3** When God's people were consecrated to Him, they put away all "strange gods."
- Genesis 35:4** The result was that Jacob's family put away their adornments.
- Exodus 33:4-6** After worshipping the golden calf, God called for a revival and asked His people to take off their ornaments.
- Hosea 2:13** Another apostate woman who dressed in earrings and jewels and forgot God.
- Isaiah 3:18-23** "In that day"—a dual prophecy that had an Old Testament fulfillment, but will have an even greater fulfillment when Jesus comes. All ornaments including chains, earrings and rings that are on God's professed people (Isa. 4:4 - ZION = God's people; Isa. 51:16) will prove their destruction. Isaiah 4:2 shows God's people in contrast—the fruit of the earth (God's people on that same day) shall be excellent and comely (compare with Jer. 6:2, the daughter of Zion is a comely woman).
- 1 Timothy 2:9** Again our dress is to be modest, without "broided hair" (meaning plated—a custom of weaving gold strands, pearls and beads into the hair) or gold, pearls and costly array.
- 1 Peter 3:3,4** Our adorning is to be modest, not with gold, pearls and costly array, but with a meek and quiet spirit. It is the *inner character* that is valuable to God.
- Titus 2:11-14** As the church looks for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of Jesus, they allow God to purify them in all things as a *peculiar*

people. "Peculiar" should be translated, "God's own," or "God's special possession."