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Jesus Christ Second Coming – Lesson 07

Tribulation – 01- History

When we attempt to study the second coming and the tribulations attached with that, first, we need to understand the history behind it so that we will be well informed.

Acts 7

This chapter, I call it bible history in one chapter. Please do take time to read this with this understanding then you will get the golden nuggets of the Bible.

Let us look at the typology then you will know what had happened in the past and what will happen in the future to the nation of Israel.

Personally, I have been wanting to go to Bible college to study the bible but somehow, I never felt comfortable in my spirit to go. One day, early 2009, I was so much pestering the Lord, like Moses, then God spoke to me check all the curriculum of systematic Theology.

The well-known authors of the systematic Theologies were written by **John Calvin, Louis Berkof, Herman Bavinck, Francis Turretin, Wayne Grudem** etc.,

But most of them have the following categories to teach in their seminary for their future pastors.

- **Theology proper** – The study of the character of God
- **Angelology** – The study of angels
- **Biblical theology** – The study of the bible
- **Christology** – The study of Christ
- **Ecclesiology** – The study of the church
- **Eschatology** – The study of the end times
- **Hamartiology** – The study of sin
- **Pneumatology** – The study of the Holy Spirit
- **Soteriology** – The study of salvation
- **Theological Anthropology** – The study of the nature of humanity.

What you don't find is revelation about Israel and Jerusalem. 5 verses out of 6 verses in the Bible talks about the nation of Israel and Jerusalem. Yet the current systematic theology does not teach about Israel or Jerusalem.

Jesus first coming and His second coming depends upon the nation of Israel. Please do understand I am NOT

against Bible college or Theological seminary. But this is my observation. This is also one of the main reason why we have so many erroneous theologies on Israel and Second coming of Jesus Christ.

People are being encouraged to go on a pilgrimage to Israel, there are many pastors who take their congregation to Jerusalem but they miserably fail to show why Jesus came and How He is going to come again to Jerusalem.

Typology of Jesus

If we study the scriptures carefully we will find many typologies to understand the way in which God designed to reveal Himself to the desiring people.

Joseph and Jesus

There are over 75 details which completely matches both Joseph and Jesus. A small chart is given below.

Comparison of Joseph and Jesus	
Joseph	Jesus
Joseph was Loved by His Father - Genesis 37:3	God said about Jesus "this is my beloved son" - Matthew 3:17
Joseph's brothers did not believe him and hated him - Genesis 37:4-5	The Jews Did Not Believe in Christ -- John 7:5 and they hated him - John 15:24
Joseph's brothers rejected his right to rule - Genesis 37:8	The Jewish leaders said, "we will not have this man to rule over us" Luke 19:14
They stripped Joseph of his garments - Genesis 37:23	They stripped Jesus - Matthew 27:28
Joseph was sold for silver - Genesis 37:28	Jesus was sold for silver - Matthew 26:15
All things were laid into Joseph's trust - Genesis 39:4-8	God hath given all things into his hand - John 3:35
Joseph's own brothers did not recognize him.	The Jews did not recognize their Messiah
Joseph was tempted and did not sin - Genesis 39:9	Jesus was tempted in all things yet was without sin - Hebrews 4:15

Joseph was condemned with two criminals - Genesis 40:2, 3	Jesus was crucified with two criminals - Luke 23:32
One criminal was given life and the other was condemned (Genesis 40:21-22)	Jesus told one of the criminals "Today you shall be with me in paradise" - Luke 23:43
Joseph was trustworthy and wise - Genesis 41:39	God said about Jesus "this is my beloved son in whom I well pleased" - Mark 1:11
Joseph was 30 years old - Genesis 41:46	Jesus was "about 30 years old" - Luke 3:25
God planned the suffering of Joseph in advance to save many - Genesis 50:21	Jesus said, "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall be saved" - John 3:16
Joseph married a foreign bride who shared his glory - Genesis 41:45	Believers in Christ are "joint heirs" with him in his glory - Romans 8:17
Joseph was cast into a pit and then later delivered out of it - Genesis 37:24, 28	When Jesus died he descended into the lower parts of the earth, and later ascended into heaven - Ephesians 4:9

Joseph was imprisoned based on false charges - Genesis 39:19, 20	During the trial of Jesus false witnesses were brought in testifying against him - Mark 14:56
Joseph's brothers later repented for what they did to him - Genesis 42:7	"and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn" - Zechariah 12:10

Joseph's own brothers did NOT recognize him when they met him for the first time.

Jesus was Not recognized by His own race and He was rejected. **John 1:11**, *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

Joseph revealed himself to his brothers the second time. (Genesis 45:4, &16)

Acts 7:13, *And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.*

Jesus will be revealed as the Messiah of the Jews at His second coming.

Moses and Jesus

Moses comes to save his brothers thinking that they will understand that God would use him to deliver them.

Acts 7:25-28, *For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. ²⁶ And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' ²⁷ But he who did his neighbour wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?' ²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?'*

But they did Not understand, then he ran away for his life and was hiding in Midian for 40 years.

Moses Prophesied that God will raise up a Prophet like him in the future.

Deuteronomy 18:15 & 18

¹⁵ *"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,*

18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

When Jesus came very few people recognised Him as a Prophet spoken by Moses.

John 7:40, *40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."*

Moses second coming

When Moses came back after being visited by the Lord in the burning bush then they recognised him as the deliverer through him God will bring them out of slavery and bondage.

Acts 7:35-36, *35 "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush. 36 He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.*

Same way Jesus will be revealed as the deliverer of the nation of Israel whom they have rejected.

Zechariah 12:10, ¹⁰ *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

So, in Acts 7, first martyr Stephen finishes his history lesson to the Israelites with this statement.

Acts 7:52, *Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,*

We know that Jesus will reveal Himself to the nation of Israel when He comes the second time.

Jesus and Israel

Jesus spoke of this through parable.

Luke 20: 9-19, ⁹ *Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ Again he sent another*

servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’ ¹⁴ But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.”

And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!” ¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people — for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

The characters in this Parable:

Owner of the Vineyard	God
The Vineyard	Israel
The tenant farmers	Religious leaders
Servants of the owner	The prophets
Son/Heir of the owner	Jesus Christ

When the chief priest and scribes heard this parable, they knew Jesus is talking about them and He is quoting from Isaiah 5:1-7.

God spoke through Prophet Isaiah saying as a vineyard owner

- He had dug it up,
- Cleared out the stones,
- Planted with choicest vine,
- put a fence,
- built a tower,
- made a winepress,
- looked after it and
- Did his best to the vineyard.

Expecting a great fruit but it had only produced worthless grapes.

So what will I do? Is the question God asked the Israel!

Answer in Isaiah 5:5-7, He says that

- Take away the fence, (protection)
- It will be burned, (Judgement)
- Break down its walls, (removing the security)
- Trampled down, (despised)
- It will lay waste (useless)
- It will bring thorns (enemies will raise up) and
- No rain (No blessings from God)

So, they will be judged.

Jesus shows that God expects fruit from His vineyard. But Jesus emphasized to them about God's great patience and love by sending many messengers. Because of His love for them finally God sends His Beloved Son.

If His people produce no fruit and kill His Son, they will face His terrible judgment. But even though they kill His Son, He will triumph by becoming the chief cornerstone.

Look at V19, that very moment they were raging with such anger they want to kill Jesus.

The triumph is that they have rejected Jesus and HE will become the cornerstone.

Jesus also said this parable to encourage the faithful to be patient in enduring the pain in ministering. Jesus

wanted to encourage His faithful servants who get beat up and thrown out of the vineyard to keep on being faithfully. He owns the vineyard and the main thing is for His servants to bear fruit for Him.

Luke 20:17, ¹⁷ *Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone’?*

Can you see the hardness of the people in rejecting Jesus Christ?

John 1:11, *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

You can see how much it would have been painful for the messiah to go through in enduring the cross.