

As we begin this study of the Prophetic Word of God, we open with the fact that the Bible is not a product of man's wisdom but is inspired by God Himself and is indeed the Word of God.

**ZECHARIAH 7:8-12** *'And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying...and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.'*

**2 SAMUEL 23:2** *'The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue.'* David was inspired by the Holy Spirit; the Bible has Divine origin coupled with human instruments in the actual writing.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17** *'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...'* The Greek word means **'God-breathed.'** The Bible (both the Old and New Testaments) is inspired by God and has Divine authority for our faith.

**2 PETER 1:16-21** *'For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.'* God used humans in the process of writing His Word, but the human wills of the authors were not the originators of God's message. The word **'moved'** (**'carried along'**) is the Greek word **'phero'** – to carry, to move by bearing. The word is also used in ACTS and will help amplify its meaning: **ACTS 27:13-18** *'So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive [phero]...they struck sail and so were driven [phero].'* The ship was being driven or carried along and directed by the wind, the human sailors could not navigate the ship. In like fashion, the human authors were driven and directed by God the Holy Spirit in writing the Word of God; He had complete control over the human authors.

**MATTHEW 4:1-4** *'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'* Scripture has Divine authority. **MATTHEW 5:18** *'...till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.'* Scripture is eternal.

**JOHN 10:35** *'If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken)'* Scripture is infallible. **JOHN 17:17** *'Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.'* Scripture is inerrant (without error).

**MATTHEW 12:38-40** God's Word is historically reliable, the events recorded were actual historical events.

**MATTHEW 24:34-39** Jesus confirms the Flood and Noah. **MATTHEW 15:1-6** Scripture is the source of God's teachings; man's traditions are not the source. With these facts in our hearts, we can study prophetic Scripture and rely upon its accuracy and trust what

God says about the future. God has a Divine purpose for every age including the time frame we are in today. All that is happening now is building to the next events on God's prophetic calendar: the Rapture, and the ensuing Tribulation. **2 PETER 3:10,11** *'But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise...Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.'*

#### God's Purpose for Israel:

From the time that Israel rejected Jesus in the first century, it has experienced God's judicial blindness and a hardening of their hearts as a judgment. **ROMANS 11:25-32** *'...that blindness [hardening] in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.'*

Israel has sought God's righteousness by their own deeds, which no person is capable of. **ROMANS 9:30-33** *'For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.'* **ROMANS 11:11-15** nationally this judicial blindness will end; God is provoking Israel to jealousy by having the Gospel preached to Gentiles. God has temporarily set aside Israel nationally, and now His Church is made up of believing Jews and Gentiles: **EPHESIANS 3:1-9; COLOSSIANS 1:26,27.** This blindness does have a terminus, as the horrible Tribulation to come nears its end, Israel will recognize Jesus as their Messiah **ZECHARIAH 12:1-10; 13:1** Praise God!

#### God's Purpose for the Church:

The church knows no distinction of nationality, gender, wealth, or social status. One enters the true church by Spirit baptism, becoming born-again by faith in Jesus, and then we become one people in Christ. **1 CORINTHIANS 12:13; GALATIANS 3:23-29; EPHESIANS 4:1-6; 2:8-10** *'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.'* **ACTS 16:30,31**

The word **'church'** is the Greek word **'ekklesia'** – to call out from among. It is used 118 times in the Greek manuscript of the NT; it describes a living assembly of those called out from the world to be part of Jesus' Body. This includes all who put their faith in Jesus for forgiveness of sins, both Jew and Gentile. The church was born at Pentecost, it has not always existed, it is not just a continuation of national Israel. **MATTHEW 16:13-18** *'I will build My church'* the Greek tense is future, proving the church did not yet exist when Jesus spoke. We will continue this in our next study. **JOHN 11:17-27; COLOSSIANS 3:1-4** Our faith is Jesus, live for Him!

# **End Times**

**Studying  
The Prophetic  
Word Of God**



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**INSPIRED BY GOD**

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**2Sam 23:2** The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and His word was in [on] my tongue.

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**2Tim 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**2Pet 1:21 (NIV)** For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

'moved' ('carried along') - 'phero'

- to carry

- to move by bearing

**Acts 27** ...let her **drive (phero)**...and so  
were **driven (phero)**...



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# FATHER

sanctify them by Your

# TRUTH

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John 17:17



- God's Word is historically reliable...
- Scripture is the source of God's teachings; not man's traditions...
- God has a Divine Purpose for every age (time frame) including the age we are in today...

➤ **The Rapture** (next event)

➤ **The Tribulation**  
(after the Rapture occurs)

**2Pet 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

**2Pet 3:11** Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

# God's Purpose for Israel

**Rom 11:25** ...that blindness [a hardening] in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

**Rom 9:32** ...For they stumbled at that Stumblingstone...

## Rom 11:11 (Amp Ver)

So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step and transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

-Ephesians 3:6

Zech 12:10 ...then they will **look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, they will mourn for Him...

# God's Purpose for the Church

**Gal 3:28** There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave nor free**, there is neither **male nor female**; **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**1Cor 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

**Eph 4** There is one  
body...one  
Spirit...one  
hope...one Lord, one  
faith, one  
baptism...one God  
and Father of all...



He asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household".

Acts 16-30

'church' **'ekklēsia'** {ek-klay-see'-ah}

**'ek'** - out from among

**'kaleo'** - to call; to utter in a loud voice

**'ekklesia'** - to call out from among

- Used **118x** in the Greek manuscript of the  
KJV

'Ekklesia' is translated 'church' (115x)  
and 'assembly' (3x)

- A living assembly...
- Both Jew & Gentile...
- Dispensationalism Or  
Covenant Theology???



**Acts 2** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come...And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

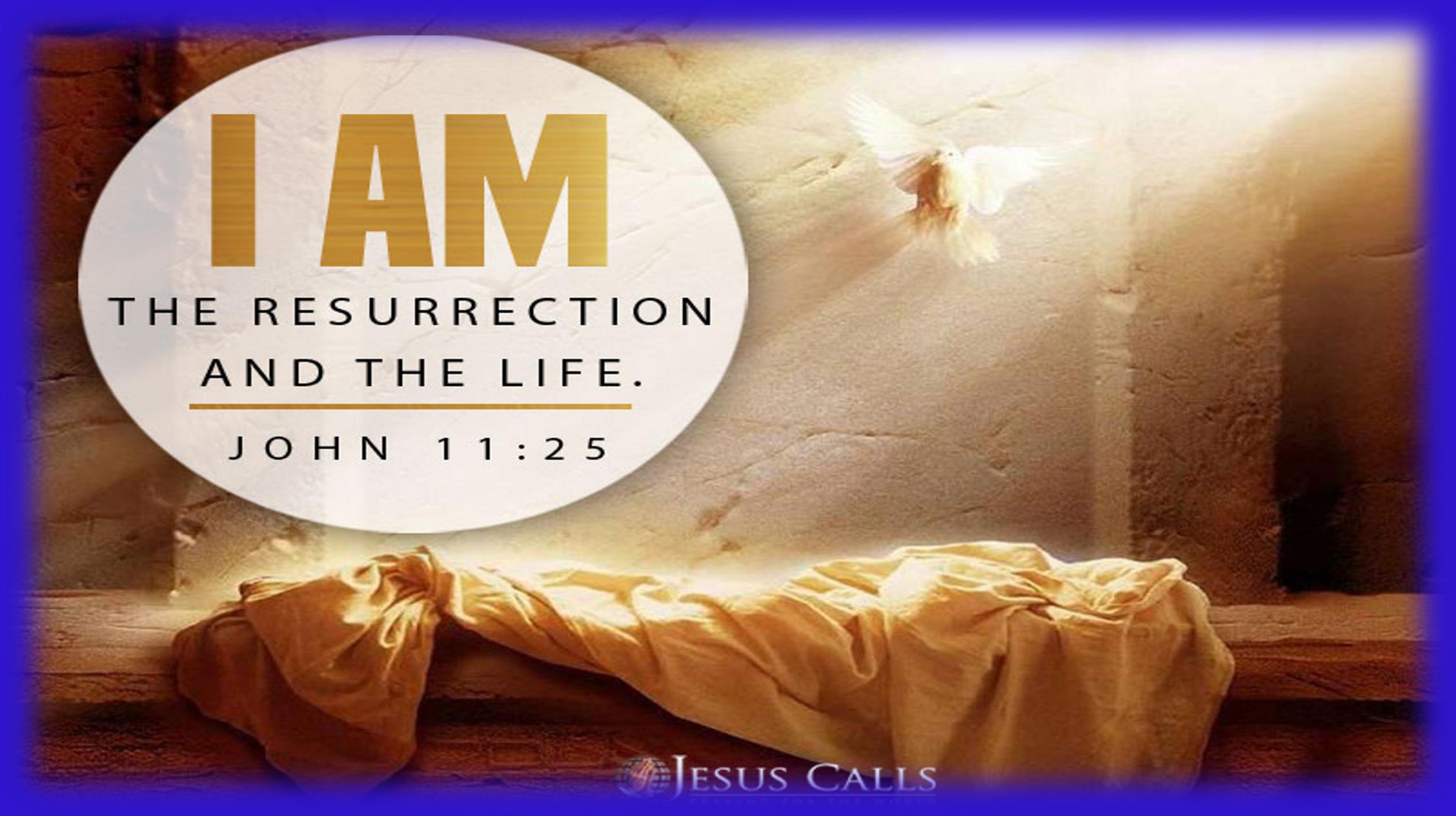
Who do **you**  
say that  
Jesus is?

Mat 16:18 ...I will build My church...

'oikodomeō' {oy-kod-om-eh'-o} -

**Greek Future Tense:** indicates the contemplated or certain occurrence of an event which has not yet occurred.

Israel and  
the Church  
are distinct

A white dove is shown in flight, emerging from a bright, sunlit opening in a stone wall. In the foreground, a rolled-up yellow cloth lies on a wooden surface. The scene is set within a stone tomb, with the light from the opening creating a dramatic, hopeful atmosphere.

**I AM**

THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE.

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JOHN 11:25

A scenic landscape featuring a valley with mountains on either side and a line of evergreen trees in the foreground. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on the scene.

COLOSSIANS 3:4

WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, APPEARS,  
THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH  
HIM IN GLORY.