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JOHN 4:3-43

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1 Corinthians 10:11 "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Not only are there types in the Old Testament but there seems to be hidden types in the New Testament as well. We need some background to help us understand what the Lord was revealing in the account of the woman at the well near Sychar. **Acts 15:18** "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."

ONLY TO ISRAEL

Matthew 10:5-7 "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:** But go rather to the lost sheep of the **house of Israel**. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." The ministry of the Lord and his disciples was to be unto the nation of Israel and the message was "The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand." The Samaritans and Gentiles were excluded from this message. In **Matthew 15:21-28** a Gentile woman of Canaan came asking for help, "He answered her not a word." (vs. 23) Jesus also told her in **Matthew 15:26** "..It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast *it* to dogs."

ISRAEL WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND

Isaiah 6:9 "And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not." The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in the days of the ministry of Jesus Christ. **Matthew 13:14** "And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:"

ISRAEL'S APPOINTMENT

The Nation of Israel rejected Jesus Christ the corner stone, therefore the kingdom of the heavens was taken from Israel and given to Gentiles who would produce the fruits of eternal life. **Matthew 21:42, 43** "Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner:.... Therefore... The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." **1 Peter 2:8** "And a stone of stumbling, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also **they were appointed.**"

GENTILE'S APPOINTMENT

1 Peter 2:9, 10 "But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an **holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past *were* not a people, but **are now the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." **Acts 15:14** "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name." In Acts 10 Peter went to Cornelius' house with some resistance. He had learned Matthew 10:5 well. **John 10:16** "And **other sheep I have, which are not of this fold**: them also I must bring, and **they shall hear my voice**; and there shall be **one fold**, *and* one shepherd."

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THE PLAN

John 4:3 "He left **Judea**, and departed again into **Galilee**. And he **must** needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a **city of Samaria**, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son **Joseph**."

When Jesus left Judea, he was leaving those who were the leaders of Israel. **1 Chronicles 5:2** "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came the chief ruler...*" It was the chief rulers that rejected Jesus Christ and it was the chief rulers that hindered the others by taking away the key of knowledge. The spiritual leaders of the nation of Israel had rejected Jesus as being the Messiah. Son of God.

When Jesus and his disciples left Judea they were going to Galilee. Galilee was described as the land of Cabul in **1 Kings 9:12, 13** "And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities [IN GALILEE, vs.. 11] which Solomon had given him; and **they pleased him not**. And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul [worthless, sterile, a fettered land] unto this day." **Matthew 9:10** "And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, **many publicans and sinners** came and sat down with him and his disciples. The publicans and sinners know they can not help themselves so the Lord ministered to them. **1 Corinthians 1:27 - 29** "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."

MUST GO THROUGH SAMARIA

The Lord did not go to Samaria to stay. He was on his way to Galilee, but the citizens of Samaria were outcasts and needed his help. **John 4:4, 5** "And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph." Jesus and his disciples came to the well of the city of Sychar but did not go into the city. This area is where the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and half the tribe of Manasseh, were given their inheritance. **Genesis 46:20** "And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him." Joseph's wife, Asenath, was a Gentile, therefore Ephraim and Manasseh could be considered Samaritans because a Samaritan was half Jew and half Gentile.

HIS DISCIPLES WERE GONE

John 4:7, 8 "There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)" The disciples were not present when Jesus begins his dialogue with the woman at the well. Jesus had charged his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah, yet the Lord told this woman that he was the Messiah, as well as many other truths.

HE WAS THE MESSIAH: John 4:25, 26 "The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.**"

GIFT OF GOD: John 4:10 "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the **gift of God**, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water.**"

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EVERLASTING LIFE: John 4:14 "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into **everlasting life**."

WORSHIP OF THE FATHER: John 4:23 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship **the Father** in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." **Luke 10:22** "All things are delivered to me of my Father: and **no man knoweth** who the Son is, but the Father; and **who the Father is**, but the Son, and **he to whom the Son will reveal him**."

HIS DISCIPLES RETURN

John 4:27 "And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?" They did not hear what He had taught the Samaritan woman. His disciple wondered why he would even talk to a Samaritan.

DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER

John 4:32 "But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of." This meat was hidden from the disciples. **John 4:34** "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." **Mark 14:36** "And he said, Abba, **Father**, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless **not what I will, but what thou wilt**."

HIS WORK IN THE FIELDS

John 4:35 "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and **look on the fields**; for they are white **already** to harvest."

REBEKAH WAS FOUND IN FIELD

Isaac met his bride, a type of the church, in a field near the well of Lahairoi. (Lahairoi means well of life and vision.) **Genesis 24:63, 24** "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac..." Rebekah also knew how to draw water from a well, and could draw more water than just a drink. (**Genesis 24:19**).

RUTH WAS FOUND IN A FIELD

Ruth 2:3 "And she went, and came, and gleaned in the **field** after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the **field belonging** unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech." **Ruth 2:5** "Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this?" Ruth was a Moabite, a descendant of Lot.

WHO DO YOU FIND IN FIELDS

Joshua 15:13 "And unto Caleb (His name means dog in Hebrew and it seems that Caleb is a Gentile.) the son of Jephunneh he gave a part **among the children of Judah**.." A Gentile inheritance is described in **Ezekiel 47:22** "And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you... they shall have inheritance with you **among** the tribes of Israel." A Gentile inheritance was among the tribe in which they dwelt. Caleb's inheritance was **among the tribe of Judah**. The cities of Hebron were

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given to the children of Aaron. **Joshua 21:11, 12** "And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it." **Joshua 21:12** "But the **fields of the city**, and the villages thereof, **gave they to Caleb** the son of Jephunneh for his possession."

ALREADY TO HARVEST

It seems that the Lord was telling his disciples that the Gentiles were ready to be harvested. The mandate was to enter into those fields and work, and you will receive a reward, even fruit unto eternal life. **John 4:36** "And he that reapeth receiveth **wages** [REWARD], and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may **rejoice together**." **Acts 1:8** "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses** unto me both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea**, and in **Samaria**, and unto the **uttermost part of the earth**." Our necessary food should be that of doing the will of the Father and finishing his work. **1 Corinthians 15:58** "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, **always** abounding **in the work** of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labour is not in vain** in the Lord." **Matthew 25:21** "His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and **faithful servant**: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **enter thou into the joy of thy lord**."

TWO DAYS

John 4:39,40 "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days."

2 Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." How long should we labor in the Gentile fields? Two thousand years. Those two thousand years are nearly completed

FROM JUDEA TO GALILEE

Hosea 5:15 "I will go *and* return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early." At this time the Lord is in a far country calling out of the Gentiles a people for his name. During the Tribulation period, the Nation of Israel will be torn and smitten. This great tribulation will convince the nation of Israel to return unto Jehovah.

Hosea 6:1 "Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up." After two thousand years the Lord will return **again** unto **Galilee** and revive the nation of Israel, healing and binding them in the third day. **Hosea 6:2** "After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." The third day is the 1,000 year period that Jesus Christ the Messiah of Israel will rule and reign in righteousness. Nearly two thousand years have past sense Jesus left Judea. He has been working in the fields. Jesus Christ will be soon working in Galilee, returning to Israel.

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