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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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Ephesians 2:11-22

UNLOCKING THE SECRET OF CHRIST

3:18 Ephesians 3:6 It is helpful to understand the teaching of 2:11-22 if we take a look at the next chapter to catch the understanding of the Mystery of Christ first. "The mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and share together in the promise in Christ Jesus."

5:09 Isaiah 46:8 The backdrop for the instruction in Ephesians 2:11 and 2:12, is taken from Isaiah. God wants us to remember the important things and so he instructs Isaiah in verse 8 "Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart.." So here in Ephesians 2: 11-12 he states that "Remember" - you were once gentiles and outside of the covenants of God to the Israelites, and before belief, outside of Christ and the promises that accrue to that position. But most of the world is not able to remember that they are eligible to inherit the promises. They do not know that they do not know, so they go through life as lost.

When one remembers or realizes that they may partake of the promises then they will also realize that all who believe are one body undivided in Christ. The truth is - that there is no longer any division among God's family.

Eph. 2:11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Eph. 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Eph. 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Eph. 3:6 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.

Is. 46:6 Some pour out gold from their bags
and weigh out silver on the scales;
they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god,
and they bow down and worship it.

Is. 46:7 They lift it to their shoulders and carry it;
they set it up in its place, and there it stands.
From that spot it cannot move.

Though one cries out to it, it does not answer;

it cannot save him from his troubles.

Is. 46:8 “Remember this, fix it in mind,
take it to heart, you rebels.

Is. 46:9 Remember the former things, those of long ago;
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.

Is. 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say: My purpose will stand,
and I will do all that I please.