

The Revelations to Christ's Holy Bride Church Gospel Scripture Study Workbook

LECTION (LESSON) 7

*Lection is defined as being a lesson.
Read each Verse and pay special attention
to the sections in purple, blue and green.*

THE PREACHING OF IOHN THE BAPTIST

1. NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee (Caiaphas being the high priest, and Annas chief of the Sanhedrim) the word of God came unto Iohn the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.
2. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee; the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Holy One, make straight the paths of the Anointed."

You will recall that in Lection (Lesson) 1, angel Gabriel told Zachariah that Elisabeth, his wife, was not to consume flesh nor strong drink, for the child she would bear would not consume flesh or drink strong drink. As you will soon learn, Iohn the Baptist preached against the consumption of flesh and strong drink, and those lessons are part and parcel to God's Law of Love.

Iohn prepared the way for Jesus' Messianic Ministry, by teaching people they were not to consume flesh nor drink strong drink, and once they repented of their old ways, he baptized them into the new ways they had learned through the lessons he had taught. Iohn, by teaching souls they were to not consume flesh nor strong drink, had been preparing the way for the lessons Jesus would teach during His Messianic Ministry. Word of mouth would have made many other souls aware of that which Iohn the Baptist taught regarding the consumption of flesh and strong drink, and the manner in which those whom he had baptized, had been forgiven their sins.

In this current Church Age, it is Unified Church of Christ and Truth, that is making the way for Jesus' second coming, by sharing with souls throughout the nations, God's Law of Love, which Jesus renewed in fulfillment of His Father's prophecy to Jeremias in 31:31. Said prophecy being the fact a new covenant would be given to the house of Israel, and the house of Judah.

Jesus, in Lection (Lesson) 46, gave the new covenant to His chosen 12 after His Transfiguration on the Mount, and just before doing so, He told them the Law (covenant) was not new, but old.

3. "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

It is important to keep in mind, "all flesh." Why is it important? It is due to the fact Jesus taught often all creatures of the earth were of His Father, and He taught His followers, "Love one another AND ALL THE CREATURES OF GOD. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Love is of God and God is love. Through Jesus' teachings, eventually, all flesh will see the salvation of God.

4. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a girdle of the same about his loins, and his meat was the fruit of the locust tree and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in the Jordan confessing their sins.

The section in purple, "his meat was the fruit of the locust tree and wild honey," ties directly with that which Gabriel told Zachariah in Lection 1:5. "And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth; for he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall neither eat flesh meats, nor drink strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb."

5. And he said to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, "O generation of disobedient ones, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father.

6. "For I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

7. And the wealthier people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" He answereth and saith unto them, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food let him do likewise."

8. Then came also certain tax gatherers to be baptized and said unto him, "Master, what shall we do?" And he said unto them, "Exact no more than that which is appointed you, and be merciful after your power."

9. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, "And what shall we do?" And he said unto them, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with sufficient wages."

10. And to all he spake, saying, "Keep yourselves from blood and things strangled and from dead bodies of birds and beasts, and from all deeds of cruelty, and from all that is gotten of wrong; Think ye the blood of beasts and birds will wash away sin! I tell you Nay, Speak the Truth. Be just, be merciful to one another and to all creatures that live, and walk humbly with your God."

John made clear the consumption of the flesh of one of God's slaughtered creatures was not righteous, and he compounded that lesson when he told his followers, "Think ye the blood of beasts and birds will wash away sin! I tell you Nay." You will learn in Lection (Lesson) 33, that Jesus also preached the fact the blood sacrifice of beasts and birds will not remit sin, but you will also see He stated the sacrifice of man - will not wash away sin.

It is important to keep firmly in mind the fact Jesus taught the blood sacrifice of a man will not remit sin. That lesson makes it very clear Jesus did not come into this world to be a blood sacrifice to remit the sins of mankind. And, you will learn as you progress through your studies, the actual reasons God sent His Son into this world.

11. And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ or not, John answered; saying unto them all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose.

12. "He shall also baptize you with water and with fire. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people."

Jesus did baptize many, with water and fire, and as you will learn, priests and Pharisees were questioning why He was baptizing more people than had His cousin, John the Baptist.

LECTION 8

THE BAPTISM OF IESU MARIA THE CHRIST

1. AND it was in the midst of the summer, the tenth month. Then cometh Iesus from Galilee to Jordan unto Iohn, to be baptized of him. But Iohn forbade him, saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" And Iesus answering said unto him, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he suffered him.
2. And Iesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and a bright cloud stood over him, and from behind the cloud, Twelve Rays of light, and thence in the form of a Dove, the Spirit of God descending and lighting upon him. And lo, a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; this day have I begotten thee."
3. And Iohn witness of him, saying, "This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me, for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was in part given by Moses, but grace and truth cometh in fulness by Iesus Christ.

This section of Verse 3 above that is in purple, "For the law was in part given by Moses, but grace and truth cometh in fulness by Iesus Christ," is a very revealing statement. Iohn taught that the law the Jews were obeying, was only part of the law, and made it clear that Jesus would fill in the missing pieces. Jesus did exactly that when He renewed His Father's Law of Love after His transfiguration on the Mount. And, you will learn as you progress through your Scripture Study Lessons, the lessons Jesus preached and taught, actually erased certain long-standing and revered Hebrew laws, and that was the factual reason the Jews had demanded His crucifixion.

4. "No man hath seen God at any time. The only begotten which cometh from the bosom of the Eternal in the same is God revealed." And this is the record of Iohn, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he deified not, but confessed "I am not the Christ."
5. And they asked him, "What then? Art thou Elias?" And he saith, "I am not." "Art thou that prophet of whom Moses spake?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him, "Who art thou that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Holy One, as said the Prophet Esaias."

This section in purple above, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Holy One, as said the Prophet Esaias," fulfilled the prophecy given in Esaias 40:3, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God."

6. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees, they asked him and said unto him, "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet of whom Moses spake?"
7. Iohn answered them, saying, "I baptize with water; but there standeth One among you, whom ye know not, He shall baptize with water and with fire. He it is who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose."
8. These things were done in Bethabara, beyond Jordan, where Iohn was baptizing. And Iesus began at this time to be thirty years of age, being after the flesh, indeed the Son of Ioseph and Mary; but after the Spirit. The Christ, the Son of God, the Father and Mother Eternal, as was declared by the Spirit of holiness with power.

As you progress through the Scripture Study Lessons, you will learn the significance of this information, “And Jesus began at this time to be thirty years of age,” as it relays to Jesus’ fulfillment of Scripture as foretold in Daniel 9:27, “And one week shall establish the covenant with many: and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away: and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations; and at the end of time an end shall be put to the desolation.”

9. AND Ioseph was the son of Jacob and Elisheba, and Mary was the daughter of Eli (called Joachim) and Anna, who were the children of David and Bathsheba, of Judah and Shela, of Jacob and Leah, of Isaac and Rebecca, of Abraham and Sarah, of Seth and Maat, of Adam and Eve, who were the children of God.