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Life From the Dead

One God

1 Corinthians 8

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 **But to us there is but one God, the Father**, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge:

Ephesians 4

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with **(the)** <u>God (q2316 – Divine)</u>, and the Word was God (q2316 – Divine).

Hebrews 1

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, **O God**, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; **therefore God**, <u>even thy God</u>, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

The scriptures plainly declare there is one God, the Father.

Matthew 24

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Acts 1:

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Only the Father knows the timing of the restoration of Israel and the hour of the second coming of Christ!

Revelation 1

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

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The Revelation was given from the Father to the Son, then John. It is the Son of God who comes to John and gives him the message (1:9-13 and 4:1) ...until chapter 17.

The Fullness

Colossians 2

9 For in him dwelleth all **the fullness** of the Godhead bodily.

Colossians 1

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

Romans 8:29

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Ephesians 4

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Ephesians 3

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Knowing the love of God through Christ will bring one to the fullness of God's love, making that person into the image of the only begotten Son of God, thus fulfilling God's promise.

The Prophecy

Romans 11

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in**. 26 And so all Israel **(Spiritual)** shall be saved: as it is written, There shall **come out of Zion** the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

The prophecy Paul is quoting comes from Isaiah 59:20-21.

Isaiah 59

20 And the Redeemer shall **come to Zion**, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.

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21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever.

Notice the different slant Paul puts on this verse. Paul writes, "shall come out of Zion", and Isaiah writes, "shall come to Zion". Zion is the Church where there is neither Jew nor Greek. Obviously, Christ comes to Zion first, then to Jacob. Paul's rendition of this prophecy has Christ coming out of Zion unto Jacob, thus fulfilling the original covenant between Christ and Jewish believers.

In other words, the fullness of God' love will come to the Gentile church first, then God will use them to bring Jacob to the fullness.

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Romans 11

11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; **how much more their fullness**?

13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: 14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, **but life from the dead?**

The book of Revelation is the Revealing to Christ of how the fullness of God's love is brought first to the Gentile and then to the Jew.

Psalm 14

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.