

A. Romans 1:16 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1. After the Jewish community rejected their Messiah the gospel then went to the Gentiles or as the Scriptures describe them the nations.
2. This is been called the Gentile dispensation.
3. It is called the mystery of God.
4. It will culminate with what the apostle Paul has described as the "fullness of the Gentiles."
5. That makes the "Church Ages" and the "Fulness of the Gentiles" one and the same thing.
6. At that point the blinders are removed from the Jewish nation and the emphasis of the gospel returns to Israel.

B. One New Man=Only one covenant for Jew and Gentile. Romans 2:29.

Romans 11.25 – For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery – so that you will not be wise in your own estimation – that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

Colossians 1.27 – to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1. The promise of power with which the apostles were endued at Pentecost is to "you (Jews), and to your children (Jews), and to all that are afar off (Gentiles), and to as many as the Lord our God shall call (both Jew and Gentile)".
2. Until He stops calling, the [original] Pentecostal message and power will NOT CEASE.....
3. What the church had at Pentecost is her inalienable right.

C. Revelation 1;12 – Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;

1. Menorah in Hebrew means "Light Bearer"
2. Seven Branches: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles.
3. Seven Assemblies Or Congregations. No Temple

Isaiah 42:6-9 – "I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people,

As a light to the nations, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison. " I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images. "Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you

D. Seven Spirits of God

1. The Elohim and Three Divine Pairs

Revelation 4:5 – Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

Revelation 5:6 – And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Applications = the left (or right) side of the candlestick has 3 branches of 9 objects each equaling 27 objects. These 27 objects, when attached to the 12 objects of the shaft = **39 objects**. There are **39 books in the Old Testament**. The remaining **27 objects** on the other side of the candlestick represent the **27 books of the New Testament**. The golden candlestick has in total **66 objects**. **The Bible has 66 books**. Is this a grand coincidence?

The Spirit of the Lord

Isaiah 11:2 – The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Manifestation of the Presence of God as Jehovah.

- λ Spirit= ruach ^{^7307^}, "breath; air; strength; wind; breeze; spirit; courage; temper; Spirit." This noun has cognates in Ugaritic, Aramaic, and Arabic. The word occurs about 378 times and in all periods of biblical Hebrew.
- λ Lord= Yehovah-Jehovah (Yahweh) "the existing One"; the proper name of the one true God;

Genesis 1:2 – The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

- λ Ruach of Elohim. Plural name of God associated with creation or as Creator.
- λ Jehovah appears in Genesis 2:4. “The day the Lord God made earth and heaven.”
- λ 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 – Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, {there} is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- λ Spirit of the Lord=Government
- λ Isaiah 9:6 – For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- λ Government=misrah- rule, dominion, government, empire.
- λ Numbers 11:17 – Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put {Him} upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it all alone.

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

- λ Luke 4:18-21 – The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
- λ Anointing Upon a Place Vrs A Person

- λ Spirit descended as a Dove= pneuma=breath/wind.

Who He is and What He Does

- λ The seven aspects of the Holy Spirit provide a more clear definition of His nature. The Spirit of the Lord is an expression of who He is while wisdom and revelation, counsel and might, and knowledge and the reverential fear of God are *what* He is.
- λ The Jewish Bible records Revelations 4:5 as follows: **From the throne came forth lightnings, voices and thunderings; and before the throne were seven flaming torches, which are the sevenfold Spirit of God.**
- λ The sevenfold Spirit is a complete representation of His revelation (seven eyes) and power (seven horns) essential to accomplish His plan in the earth. In order for the Church to do the works that He did, fulfilling John 14:12, this same manifestation of the Spirit must also rest upon her! The Lord promised to baptize us in the Holy Spirit and fire; the Seven Spirits of God are manifested in fire.
- λ The Eyes of the Lord

Zechariah 4:9-10 – The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel-- these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth.“

Wisdom & Understanding Defined

- λ – The spirit of wisdom is the supernatural ability of God that comes upon our spirits to see Jesus as He is and receive a spiritual understanding and knowledge of God’s word that enables us to know what to do, when to do it and how to do it in every situation. It also reveals God’s manifold and unsearchable wisdom and secrets affecting His plans and purposes usually spoken in a mystery. It means a deeper intimacy into the things of God.

- λ Daniel 9:21-23 – While I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.
- λ The spirit of revelation/understanding is a comprehension of the things of God providing understanding with the mind giving insight with perception. Wisdom and understanding means the insight into the true nature of things with the ability to discern mode of action with a view to their results. It is the ability to not only know the things of God but also the application of them practically.
- λ Revelation is the comprehension imparted into our spirits from the Holy Spirit and transmitted into our minds. It is the voice of God speaking to our spirits and informing our minds of that which God is going to do; the unfolding of hidden secrets to us by the Holy spirit; and the revealing of mysteries and insight into the future.

Spirits of Counsel and Might

- λ The Spirit of Counsel is advice, plans, or admonitions of prudence to provide leadership and proper decision-making to achieve God's plan and purpose. The Hebrew word for Counsel used numerous times in the Old Testament is *etsah* and is translated as counsel, advice, advisement, or purpose. One of the first occurrences is in Exodus 18:9 when Jethro gives counsel to Moses concerning the leadership of Israel. The Spirit of Counsel grants advice from God's throne and provides the perfect plan or strategy to achieve a specific mandate. The Lord is the Spirit of counsel (see Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah 28:9 declares that this also comes from the Lord of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.
- λ The Spirit of Might is taken from the Hebrew word *gebuwrah* and is defined as power, strength, or force producing valor, victory, and mighty deeds. The Spirit of Might illustrates and demonstrates the marvelous acts

and miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit. Careful adherence and response to His Counsel releases the Spirit of Might

- λ Deuteronomy 3:24 -O Lord GOD, you have begun to show your servant your greatness and your strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours?
- λ Old Testament Accounts of Counsel and Might
- λ Moses Flowed in the Spirit of Counsel and Might in Delivering Israel from Egypt. He never acted on his own but only after the counsel of God. Go and stand next to the river Nile and stretch out your rod. Obedience on the counsel releases the power.
- λ Elijah and the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:21-36)
- λ 1 King 18:36 Then it came about at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word.
- λ Elisha and Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-10)
- λ Counsel and Might in the Ministry of Jesus
- λ Jesus Did Only What He Heard and Saw the Father Doing.
- λ John 9:6-7 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, sent). And so he went away and washed, and came back seeing.
- λ Mark 8:23 And taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes, and laying His hands upon him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?"

Knowledge & Reverential Awe

- λ The Spirit of Knowledge is very simply accessing the omniscient nature of God. He knows all things even to the numbering of the hairs of our head. The unveiling of this dimension of His nature opens the door for the manifestation of reverential awe through a demonstration of supernatural information and insight.
- λ Spirit of Fear is a healthy awareness of God's omnipotent nature with a view of the vastness of His being and the unlimited nature of His power.
- λ Old and New Testament Examples
- λ II Kings 6:12 -One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."
- λ II Kings 5:26-27 -Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money and to receive clothes and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male and female servants?

Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

- λ John 4:25-29 -The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am {He.} "...So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"
- λ John 1:46 & 49 -Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ...

The Seven Churches

The seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 are shown also as seven lampstands (1:12,20). Just as the Menorah, or seven-branched lampstand, in the tabernacle and temple was wrought from one piece of gold (Exodus 25:31), so the seven lamps, or seven churches,

signify the whole of the true church. But who are the seven messengers to the seven churches and what are their messages?

We are introduced to the seven messengers in Joshua chapter six where the army of Israel marches around the walled city of Jericho on seven successive days, accompanied by seven priests blowing seven trumpets. The Israelites are under the direction of Joshua (the Greek form of the name is Jesus; Joshua is, appropriately, a type of Jesus Christ). The priests served as Joshua's messengers, successively blowing the trumpets, one day after the other, throughout Jericho's last week, which week is a type, or foreshadowing, of the entire Gospel age

The messenger (angel) to the church of Ephesus was the apostle Paul. That he was the messenger to the first age of the Gentile era cannot be denied. Though Peter was granted the authority to open the doors to the Gentiles, it was given to Paul to be their apostle and prophet. He was the Prophet-Messenger to the Gentiles. His prophetic office, by which he received the full revelation of the Word for the Gentiles, authenticated him as their apostolic messenger.