

The Baptism of Fire

[Acceptance-Sealing of the 144,000-Perfection-Refiner's Fire]

“(v1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, (v2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (v3) And this will we do, if God permit (Hebrews 6:1-3).”²

When Matthew told us the account of John the Baptist and how that John baptized with water unto repentance but told the people that one would baptize them in the Holy Ghost and with fire, we seem to believe that's he was talking about The Baptism of The Holy Ghost with the evidence of tongues, and in fact, it is; however, the last three words, *“and with fire”*, of that verse identifies another baptism, and that baptism is The Baptism of Fire.

What is The Baptism of Fire? First let us show in Scripture who receives The Baptism of Fire. The Baptism of Fire is not for every born again believing child of God. The Baptism of Fire is reserved for a special people, a people who have met the specified criteria as outlined in the Word of God. The Baptism of Fire is an acceptance of a perfect sacrifice, one that has been sanctified by the Holy Ghost, *“That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost (Romans 15:16).”* This shows that the people who are baptized in The Baptism of Fire have been accepted and in this Scripture are Gentiles. A witnessing Scripture to support this fact is found in Isaiah 60:7, *“All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.”* Again we see where it is a specified or chosen people that receive The Baptism of Fire. The Scripture here in Isaiah is referring to the firstborn sons of Ishmael (Gentile nations) and in the Last Days this ministry of Ishmael's firstborn, Nabaioth, will bring forth the foundation acceptance through The Baptism of Fire in the Latter House. The Latter House anointed comes out of the principal of Ishmael who rebuilds the foundation out of these twelve princes, *“(v10) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he*

buildeth thereupon. (v11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (v12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (v13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (v14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. (v15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (I Corinthians 3:10-15).” This 'day of fire' comes out of a prophecy found in Malachi 4:1 (The Elijah Ministry), *“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch, and Malachi 3:1-3, “(v1) Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. (v2) But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: (v3) And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.”* God promises the Elect (Bride) that they would be kept from this hour of trouble which should come upon the whole world to try them, *“Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth (Revelation 3:10).”*

Who are these chosen people that would attain the status of being the only people to be baptized in fire? Well there are two groups of chosen people when united become one group of people to experience this baptism. The first group of people are revealed in Revelation 7:4-8, *“(v4) And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. (v5) Of the tribe of Juda [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad [were] sealed twelve thousand. (v6) Of the tribe of Aser [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses [were] sealed twelve thousand. (v7) Of the tribe of Simeon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar [were] sealed twelve thousand. (v8) Of the tribe of Zabulon [were]*

sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin [were] sealed twelve thousand.” This is the First Century Church, the first wave loaf of Pentecost of who were sealed 144,000. Revelation 14:1-5 shows the second wave loaf, of 144,000, which is made up of the Gentile nations, *“(v1) And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (v2) And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: (v3) And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. (v4) These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. (v5) And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”* Now we have two wave loaves or 288,000 people who have been chosen to fulfill one destiny, to be baptized in The Baptism of Fire ready for acceptance as the Bride of Christ, the Lamb's wife.

Here's where they are in Scripture—I Kings 18:21-40 tells of Elijah and how he approached the people to find out in whom they were going to believe. He gave them a choice of whom they could follow: Baal or God Almighty; they couldn't answer him. He stated that they should take two bullocks, and cut each bullock in pieces laying one bullock on each altar with no fire under it and that Baal's prophets would pray to Baal and Elijah would pray to God. He stated that the God who answered by fire, He would be God! The people agreed and so begin Elijah's ministry to rebuild the altar of God. He let Baal's prophets go first, dressing their bullock and calling on their God; this happened until noon. Nothing happened, so Elijah began to mock them; those Baal prophets worked till the evening oblation was about to begin, nothing ever happened. Elijah then began inviting the people to come near; they did—and this is what happened, *“...(v30) And he repaired the altar of the LORD [that was] broken down. (v31) And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: (v32) And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.*

² Bold, underline, and brackets used for emphasis—All Scripture References are quoted from the King James Version.

(v33) *And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid [him] on the wood, and said, **Fill four barrels with water, and pour [it] on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.** (v34) **And he said, Do [it] the second time. And they did [it] the second time. And he said, Do [it] the third time. And they did [it] the third time.** (v35) *And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.* (v36) *And it came to pass at [the time of] the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou [art] God in Israel, and [that] I [am] thy servant, and [that] I have done all these things at thy word.* (v37) *Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou [art] the LORD God, and [that] thou hast turned their heart back again.* (v38) *Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that [was] in the trench.* (v39) *And when all the people saw [it], they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he [is] the God; the LORD, he [is] the God.”* Notice the items bolded in ‘black’. There were 12 stones from the tribes of Jacob (Jewish) and then there were 12 barrels of water (Gentiles). This is the foundation of the candlestick. The two measures of seed are the Jewish and Gentile Houses of 144,000 each or first fruits.*

This Latter [Gentile] House became alive at the turn of the Century on June 13, 1903 through the Arise Shine ministry of A. J. Tomlinson fulfilling Isaiah 60:1-2.¹ Zion is about to come together, united in unity and the faith of Jesus Christ (her Bridegroom) being purged from all sin (filth), as in Isaiah 4:3-6, “(v3) *And it shall come to pass, [that he that is] left in Zion, and [he that] remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, [even] every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:* (v4) *When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.* (v5) *And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory [shall be] a defence.* (v6) *And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.”* Once Zion has been cleansed and is set in order then the glory of the Lord is going to fall, “...because the Lord descended upon it in fire... (Exodus 19:16-18).”

This Latter (Gentile) House’s glory is going to be greater than that of the former (Jewish House), “*The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts (Haggai 2:9).*” The Shekinah Glory is the fire baptism of the acceptance upon God’s altar from the measured number of 144,000 Gentiles added to the procured 144,000 Jews making a body of 288,000 which is the New Jerusalem.

We have individual tracts on each of The Seven Baptisms. If you would like more information on any of The Seven Baptisms, please feel free to contact us at tecognewsletter@hotmail.com



Published By
The (Ephesus) Church of God
 Jonesboro, Arkansas
 © 1980-2012

DOC061218-16

The Seven Baptisms



Isaiah 60:7, “All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with **acceptance on mine altar**, and I will glorify the house of my glory.”

The Baptism of
REPENTANCE

The Baptism of
SUFFERING

The Baptism of
BLOOD

The Baptism of
THE HOLY GHOST

The Baptism Into
THE BODY

The Baptism of
FIRE

The Baptism of
DEATH

¹ Acts 13:46-47; Isaiah 49:6 – Witnessing Scriptures.