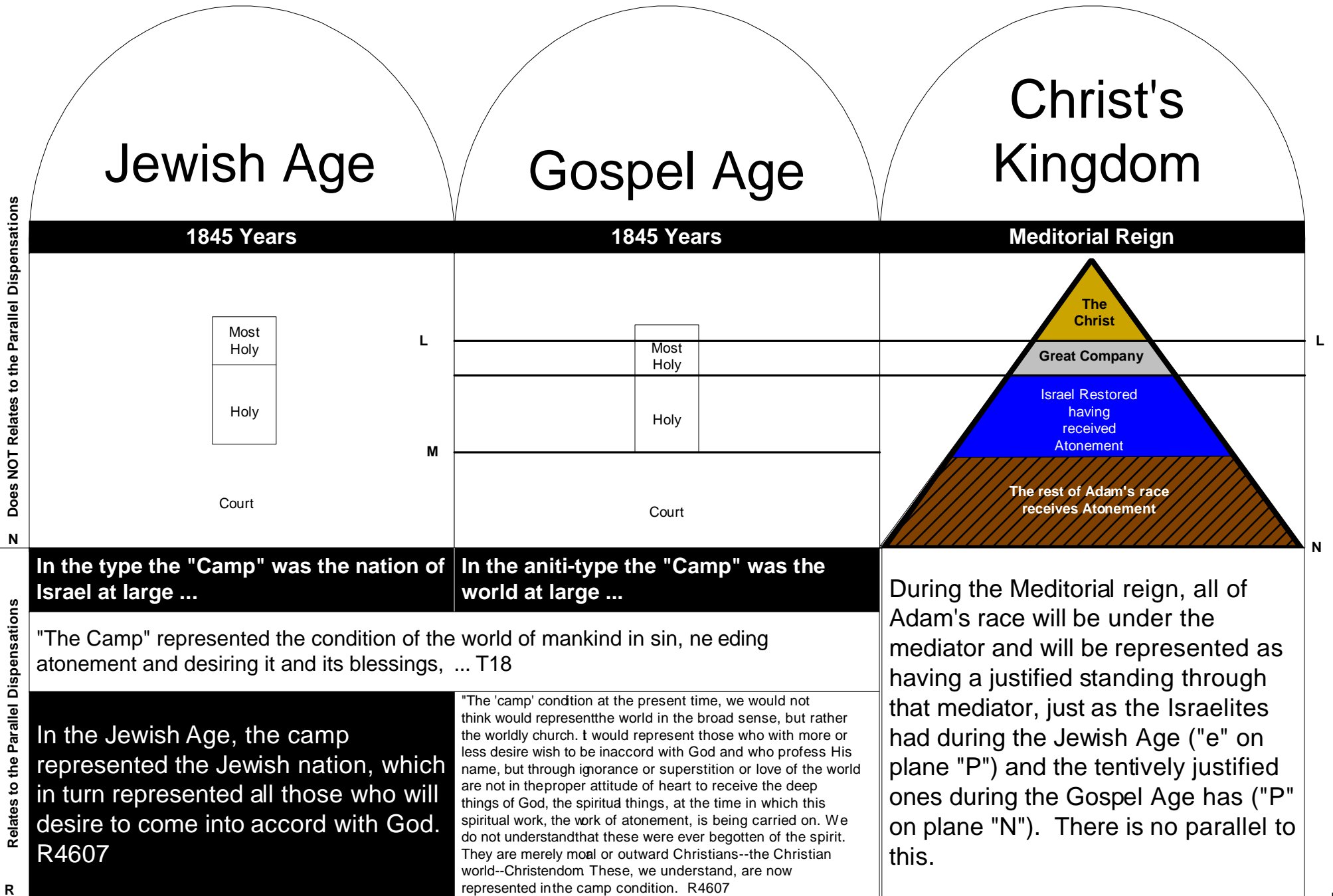


The Parallel Dispensations relates to the Nominal houses



"GOING OUTSIDE THE CAMP"

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Heb. 13:13.

"The 'camp' condition at the present time, we would not think would represent the world in the broad sense, but rather the worldly church. It would represent those who with more or less desire wish to be in accord with God and who profess His name, but through ignorance or superstition or love of the world are not in the proper attitude of heart to receive the deep things of God, the spiritual things, at the time in which this spiritual work, the work of atonement, is being carried on.

We do not understand that these were ever begotten of the spirit. They are merely moral or outward Christians--the Christian world--Christendom. These, we understand, are now represented in the camp condition.

In our Lord's day, the camp condition did not represent Christendom, but the Jewish nation. It did not include Gentiles at all--the world in that sense of the word--but merely the Jewish nation, which typically represented all those who will desire to come into accord with God.

"In His day, therefore, our Lord did not go outside to the Gentiles, and in speaking of the world He did not mean the heathen. When He said 'Marvel not if the world hate you, it hated Me before it hated you,' He was speaking of the world from the standpoint of natural Israel. The heathen were not taken into account, not having had sufficient knowledge to determine whether they would or would not be God's people.

"But during the Gospel Age, the camp does not consist of the Jewish people because matters have changed. The camp today represents Christendom. For our Lord in His day to have gone outside the camp would have been to go outside the nominal church system of His time and to do the will of the Father irrespective of their support; and for us now to follow Him thus outside the camp would be to go outside of the present environments, viz., outside of Christendom, in the sense of ignoring the views and teachings, the approval, the snares of Christendom. It would mean to go outside of their favor, outside of their influence and social position. The camp condition here does not represent people who are aliens in the sense of being evil intentioned or of willfully rejecting God, but those who make some outward show and claim of being God's people." R4607, col.1, par.4, 5,6.

Comments by Br. Laddie Stewart:

I do not believe that the three different statements contradict each other. It appears to me that the Pastor was saying that if one looks at the camp in general represents the people of the world that had some respect for God and his word. I believe that R4607 relates to specific times during the Jewish Age and the Gospel Age, that is the ends of those Ages. The Pastor speaks of our Lord's day, that is the end of the Jewish Age and he speaks of our day, or the end of the Gospel Age in R4607. If one looks at the chart of the ages, they see a class represented by "e" on plane "P" and "u" falling below plane "N". These are the two classes that the Pastor referred to. We wish to remember that whenever we speak of the parallels of the Jewish and the Gospel Ages, that both of these Ages come to an end, and therefore, the Parallels as a lesson relates to the Nominal Fleshly House of Israel and the Nominal Spiritual House of Christendom. In both cases the camp condition, as it is pictured, ends.

In the Tabernacle book, where we read, "The Camp" represented the condition of the world of mankind in sin, needing atonement and desiring it and its blessings, ..." T18, we see what I would call the bigger picture. The camp represents all that will be brought back into at-one with God. Remember that at the end of the Day of Atonement, the Nation of Israel had a standing with God, for the year to come, as being typically justified. The world of mankind will, once the atonement day sacrifices are complete, then Adams race will have a justified standing on plane "N" for the rest of that day, during which the greater mediator will work with them, bring them up the highway of holiness. This camp condition never ends.