

True Israel

For those who have bought into J. N. Darby's self-admitted goal of "changing the character of thousands of Scriptures" by using his unworkable straitjacket of the *literal* interpretation of the Word of God, (as opposed to the faithful *historical-grammatical* method of interpretation) and as a result, falsely conclude that when God speaks of a covenant with Israel being 'forever' that this means it applies to the newly minted (1948) political Israel of today, consider again if God always uses the word 'forever' in such a literal fashion.

1 Samuel 2:30 says "*Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever.' But now the Lord declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.'*"

When it came to the Priesthood - God's promise of 'forever' was not for the disobedient. The disobedience of the priests and the nation of Israel saw God remove His blessings from them. This text says **God disdained them**. That's ultimately why the Jewish people were scattered throughout the world after AD 70 and why in Revelations 3:9 God referred to the rabbinic Jews as those of the synagogue of Satan. Their disobedience culminated in their rejection of Christ, as Messiah!

Now for a short Bible survey on just who is the Israel of today?

Who are the **BELOVED** of God?

A. Israel is in Exodus 15:13, Deuteronomy 33:3, Ezra 3:11

B. Disobedient Israel is not in Leviticus 26:28, 30, Jeremiah 12:8, 16:5, Hosea 9:15, Amos 9:7, Matthew 3:7, Philippians 3:2, 1 Thessalonians 2:14 -16

C. The Body of Christ is in Romans 9:25, Ephesians 5:1, Colossians 3:12, and 1 John 3:1

Who is the **HOUSE** of God?

A. Israel is in Numbers 12:7

B. The Body of Christ is in 1 Timothy 3:15, Hebrews 3:2,5,6, 10:21, 1 Peter 4:17

Who are the **CHILDREN** of God?

A. Israelites are in Exodus 4:22, Deuteronomy 14:1, Isaiah 1:2, 4, Isaiah 63:8, et al

B. Disobedient Israelites are not in Deuteronomy 32:5, John 8:39, 42, 44

C. The Body of Christ is in John 1:12, 11:52, Romans 8:14, 16, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Galatians 3:26, 4:5, 6,7, et al

Who is the **FIELD** of God?

A. Israel is in Jeremiah 12:10

B. The Body of Christ is in 1 Corinthians 3:9

Who is the **FLOCK** of God and of the Messiah?

A. Israel is in Psalm 78:52, 80:1, Isaiah 40:11, Jeremiah 23:1-3, and 31:10, Ezekiel 34:12,15-16, et al

B: The Body of Christ is in John 10:14, 16, Hebrews 13:20, 1 Peter 2:25 ; 5:2-3

Who is the **KINGDOM** of God?

A. Israel is in Exodus 19:6, 1 Chronicles 17:14 and 28:5

B. Disobedient Israel is not in Matthew 8:11-12, and 21:43

C: The Body of Christ is in Romans 14:17, 1 Corinthians 4:17-20, Colossians 1:13 and 4:11, Revelations 16

Who are the **PRIESTS** of God?

A. Israel is in Exodus 19:1-6

B. Disobedient Israel is not in 1 Samuel 2:27-34 and Lamentations 4:13-16

C. The Body of Christ is in 1 Peter 2:4-10, Revelations 1:4-6, 5:9-10

Who is the **VINEYARD** of God?

A. Israel is in Isaiah 5:1-7 and Jer. 12:7-12

B. The Body of Christ is in Luke 20:9-16

Who is the **WIFE** (or bride) of God?

A. Israel is in Isaiah 54:4-7, Jer. 2:2-3, Ezekiel 16:1-3, 32 and Hosea 1:2-6

B. Disobedient Israel is not in Jeremiah 3:6-8 and Hosea 2:2-3

C. The Body of Christ is in 2 Corinthians 11:2-3

Also, in the OT and NT both are the **people** of God, the **children** of Abraham, the **chosen** people, the **circumcised**, etc.

We could go on! The clear doctrine is that the attributes of God's covenant love for His people are identical in both the Old Testament and correlating texts in the New Testament.

The covenant promises and blessings of God to Old Testament Jews were ripped (so to speak) out of their disobedient hands and given to the faithful and obedient Jews and Gentiles of the NT, that is Christ's body the Church.

Unless one has broken the covenantal continuity between the Old Testament and New Testament, as the dispensationalists have grievously done, then the overwhelming testimony of Scripture is that **New Testament Israel is the body of Christ today** and not a tract of real estate in the Middle East.

As Christians we must love the Jews and show them that their way back is through the true Messiah Jesus Christ (Romans 11). And we must insist they welcome Gospel preachers into Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, etc. and not forbid them. This practice is approved by **Christians United for Israel**. That is, CUL forbids Christians sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Jews at their political conferences in Washington, D.C. For those who know the name here in Iowa, Steve Scheffler, is a dangerous proponent of CUL and their suppression of the Gospel.

Religious Jews will never be brought back to the true love of God by establishing some future political authority from Jerusalem where Christ reigns with a large army, etc., as per John Hagee's (et al) heresy.

But wait! Isn't modern day Christian Zionism's view of militaristic Israel exactly what the Rabbinic Jews (and for a time His confused disciples) wanted during the time of Christ? (See Matt. 20:21, Luke 19:11, John 4:25; 12:30-34; and Acts 1:6).

Yes, it is, and Christ rejected their humanist view of who the Son of Man was. As the true Messiah His kingdom was the fulfillment of OT prophecies (i.e. 2 Sam. 7:12-16) and was established upon His resurrection. He reigns over heaven and earth and for all eternity with power and authority. No mere political realm in the Middle East can compare.

(Study Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 5:10,20; 7:20; 12:28-30; Luke 10:17-18; 12:32; 16:16; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11, et al)

Sadly, the Christian Zionist heirs of these Rabbis still want this today. This has led to a grave distortion of Genesis 12:1-3.

Well-funded as they were Darby, **Scofield**, Ryrie, Chafer (founder of Dallas Theological Seminary), Pentecost, Jones (founder of Bob Jones University), Falwell (founder of Liberty University) and a host of others have proclaimed a false doctrine on Israel for 150+ years. Come back home our Christian Zionists friends to the true New Testament Israel - the Church of the living God, His bride.

After all, this is the testimony of nearly all Christians until the mid-19th century. Lutherans, Calvinists, Methodists, Spurgeon-type Baptists, Congregationalists and Roman Catholics have all historically understood that NT Israel is the Church.

Such false view of Israel prompts churches like the Tabernacle Baptist church in George, IA to confess,

"We believe that Jesus Christ is coming again at any moment and will return first for His church, after which this earth and the people on it will suffer seven years of great tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Matthew 24:21). After the tribulation Jesus Christ will return to earth with His church and rule and reign for 1000 years (Revelation 20:1-6).

They have totally distorted the context of these texts which apply to God's judgement on OT Israel in AD. 70, and to the 2nd **and final** Advent, with their false doctrine. There are no more two advents. In August of 2019 the Evangelical Free denomination ruled that the doctrine that Christ will return, and reign for 1,000 years is "no longer considered essential to the gospel." Nope. It never was!

Pet peeve - name one Christian pastor who calls their doctrine "replacement theology". Just one! And ask him to show us his written confession summarizing his Biblical "replacement" doctrines. This "replacement" name was made up by those trying to distract evangelicals away from historic Protestant doctrine. Once they begin to understand it, their own Christian Zionism will be up for questioning.

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One of the greatest spiritual disasters ever to hit the Christian church in the Twentieth Century was the publication of the Scofield Study Bible.

--Rev. Dr. A.W. Tozer, (1897-1963) Christian Missionary Alliance (An Omaha church of this denomination started the Okoboji Bible Conference.

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