

We are an

☞ *End-Time Church,*

☞ *House of Prayer, and*

☞ *Bride of Christ in preparation:*

in intimacy,

character and

power;

☞ *to stand with Israel and*

☞ *to bring in the harvest of the nations*

for Jesus' glorious return.

1. We are an End time church, House of Prayer (Matt 24-25)

- a. End time church embracing the prophetic urgency of the last day and the ultimate destiny of the church (Jn 17:20-26; Eph 1:10, 3:9-11; Ezk 36-39; Zec 12-14; Rev 1-3, 12).
- b. House of Prayer (a.k.a. Tabernacle of David) – important role of intercession & worship, reaching the weak marginalised (Is 56:3-8; Mk 11:17; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17; Mal 1:11; Rev 5:8, 8:3-6). e.g. Vision of bowl of incense

2. Bride of Christ in preparation (Rev 19:7-9)

a. **Intimacy** (Jn 14:21-23)

- 1) Extravagant devotion to Jesus Christ as the life goal. E.g. David, Paul, Mary of Bethany (Phil 3:10-11; Luke 14:3-9; Ps. 27:4)
- 2) Following Jesus by embracing the cross (Luke 9:23)

b. **Character** (Romans 8:28-29)

- 1) Commitment to life of personal holiness & obedience - fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25)
- 2) Character before gifts in ministry: humility, faithfulness, and love (Is 66:2; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 11:25-30; Rev 14:1-5)

c. **Power** – Gifts of the Spirit; Power of the ages to come in Word & Spirit; Sevens Spirits of God. E.g. Elijah & John the Baptist (1 Cor 12:4-11; Heb. 6:6; Rev 4:5; 5:6; Is 11:1-2). E.g. Prophecy of the 7 lamps burning and encounter on 7 Spirits of God.

3. To stand with Israel, and to bring in the harvest of the nations for Jesus' glorious return (Matt 13:39)

- a. Mandate to become a friend to Israel in the time of persecution and restoration (Jer. 30:7; Zech. 12-14; Rom 11:11-36; Eph 2:14-18)
- b. Harvest within Australia and among the nations of the world (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-21; Rev 14:14-16)

God's Program of Parallel Restoration – The One New Man

1. Problem with the replacement theology

A. How it arose and why *reformation theology* embraced 'replacement theological framework'

At the time of Reformation Israel didn't exist as a nation, and humanly speaking there was no possibility of it happening in the future. The reformers were deeply committed to the Scriptures and had to make logical sense of the prophetic portion of Bible concerning Israel. So they replaced 'Israel' with the 'church' and labelled Jews as '*Christ-killers.*' (*Apostle's Creed states Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, a gentile!*)

Today there is no excuse for such ignorance, as Israel has been in existence for over 70 years since its rebirth in 1948. But by large, the Church is still in the 'reformation paradigm' and failed to take into account the two colossal events of 1948 and 1967, much less digested its prophetic significance from the Scriptures, i.e. we are part of the "*Fig tree*" generation.

B. Its dire consequences on the Church

(1) The Church has lost clear prophetic vision. Church's vision is not 20/20, but '*myopic*' i.e. '*earthly*', '*temporal*', '*commercial*' & '*self-centred*' rather than '*heavenly*', '*eternal*', '*kingdom-centred*' & '*prophetic*'. Why? There is only source for prophetic vision - 'God's prophetic Scriptures!' The morning star must arise in our hearts! (2 Pet 1:19-21) However we have 'privately' and incorrectly interpreted the prophetic Scriptures by replacing 'Israel' with 'church' – which requires '**spiritual fulfilment (non-literal)**' rather than '**literal fulfilment**' of the OT Scriptures. (There is not one case of 'spiritual (non-literal) fulfilment' of the OT Scriptures in the NT!)

1. born of a virgin	Matt. 1:22-23	Is. 7:14
2. born in Bethlehem	Luke 2:4-6	Micah 5:2
3. called out of Egypt	Matt. 2:14-15	Hos. 11:1
4. taught in parables	Matt. 13:34-35	Ps. 78:1-2
5. healed the sick	Matt. 11:2-6	Is. 29:18-19; 35:4-6; 61:1
6. entered Jerusalem on a donkey	John 12:12-15	Zech. 9:9
7. flogged and abused	Mark 14:53-15:20	Is. 50:5-6
8. hands and feet pierced	Mark 15:20-26	Ps. 22:16
9. garments divided	Matt. 27:35	Ps. 22:18
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We effectively took out the '**God's prophetic reference point**' out of the Scriptures – Israel, and more specifically Jerusalem. We have made the prophetic Scriptures into 'mumbo-jumbo'. E.g. a British chemist and repeat drink-driver carried reference chemical in his fountain pen to mess up his sample. This is what the devil has done to the church to prevent the 'morning star' from arising in our hearts! Why? To stop the Daniels, the prophetic intercessors from rising in the church. (Daniel 9)

(2) What Paul has warned us against in Romans 11 is exactly what the church is doing now. We presume we have replaced Israel and we are irreplaceable. (This is the common teaching in the church. Paul calls this attitude 'haughty' (11:20) and 'becoming wise in our own opinion' i.e.

conceited in our ignorance (11:25). **'Pride' and 'grace' is antithetical.** Paul's warning in Romans 11 is not an empty threat, but a prophetic warning to **'fear'**. Remember God's severe dealings with Israel. We should not assume it will be any different for the church. *It could be more severe, but certainly no less severe since we are the 'uncultivated branch' whereas Israel is the 'natural branch'.* I believe the unrepentant & proud sections of the church 'will be cut off.' Devil's tactic is to destroy the church through pride and losing God's grace.

- (3) **The delay in God's end time program** is to bring forth the **One New Man (Eph 3:10)**. **'God's end-time prophetic church made up of Jews & Gentiles'**, which will make known God's manifold wisdom to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places! (Eph 2:15, 3:1-10; C.f. Rev 12:7). How is Israel going to be saved in the end time? Through the *'mercy shown to Gentile believers'* (Rom 11:31-32) – i.e. by being 'moved to jealousy' (Rom 11:11-12). Israel cannot fully enter into their prophetic destiny without our help. It is God's way of keeping us humble. We are all shut up in disobedience, so that we are utterly dependant on God's mercy. It is important not to play into bolstering the 'national pride of Israel'. This does not truly help Israel. Israel must be humbled in order to enter into her destiny.

2. What is the spiritual significance of Israel entering into a 'season of war' again?

- A. There will be **at least two more major wars in Israel (Zech 12 & 14)**. The second and final war will cause heavy loss of life & suffering, and bring Jesus back on Mt. Olives (Zech 14). And He will deal with the antichrist and the false prophet. What then is the significance of the first war? Israel will gain decisive victory over the enemy forces surrounding Jerusalem, and enter into her rightful inheritance of the land promised to her by God (Ps 83, Zech 12).
- B. An important 'unanswered question', *"Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6) is answered through Peter's prophetic preaching (Acts 3:19-21): (1) 'repentance'; (2) 'conversion'; leading to the **time(s) of refreshing...**(church history in a nut shell)...until the one defining moment that releases Jesus from heaven to earth – i.e. moving from the 'waves of refreshing' to the 'restoration of all things'! "[Jesus] whom heaven must receive (retain) until the time of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets..." (Acts 3:21)*
- C. **Parallel restoration of Israel & the church** from the 20th century until now.
- **1948** – The birth of the modern state of Israel triggered the greatest healing revival known as the latter rain healing movement.
 - **1967** – The repossession of Jerusalem paralleled the charismatic renewal movement across the denominational church including Catholics.
 - **~1900** – Zionist movement (Theodore Hertzl) and the revival of Hebrew Language (Eliezer Ben-Yehuda) at the turn of the century paralleled the modern Pentecostal movement and the restoration of the gift of tongues.
- D. *The significance of the first and second major future wars in Israel*
- The time between Israel's 'first war' (when Israel will receive the inheritance of her land) and the 'second & final war' (that brings Jesus back) will be the period of the 'restoration of all things' (Acts 3:21) – i.e. *Restoration of the 'ministry' and the 'message' of the Kingdom of God through the One New Man – Israel and the Church as One in Messiah! (Eph 3:2-10 c.f. Matt 24:14)*
 - We are strategically placed for God's end time purpose at a time Israel will enter into yet another season of war!
 - *What kind of church is God looking for? Jesus said, 'Elijah will restore all things...' (Matt 17:11). i.e. the church upon which the end time outpouring of the Holy Spirit will come as embodied by Elijah!*

3. GI Vision – 'To Stand with Israel' Or to be 'a Friend of Israel'.

- A. The call of God is upon His end time church to stand with Israel just as Israel (through Apostle Paul etc.) stood with the Gentiles in the midst of intense persecution from his own people. And whatever 'trib'

you believe, it should not be a cause of division. I believe the church will be given a chance to stand with Israel in her hour of need, and must therefore prepare ourselves. Christians who follow Jesus will be persecuted (Matt 24:9).

- B. Israel & the church's ultimate destiny is to be ONE in Christ – the One New Man in Christ, and together become His Bride.
- What makes us think that it's okay for the Jews to suffer but not Christians? "Jews will suffer but it's OK because 'we the bride of Christ' will be taken up before any of the nasty things happen?"
 - *If you study the history of Israel – 2000 years (OT), and the church history – 2000 years (NT & afterwards), it will be a very close contest between the two, as to who has been more disobedient to God.* We all accept that Israel will be purified through the fire. No problem accepting that. But we gentile believers in Christ will be suddenly perfected without any fiery trial? Jesus' prayer is clear that the Spirit will prepare the Bride, till we are perfected and united as one new man!
- C. Matt 25 – both the Jews and the poor will be reached in the final harvest. There will be three harvests that will bring conclusion to human history and bring Jesus back to planet earth!

Discussion Questions

1. What is 'replacement theology'? What is the problem of believing in replacement theology? Why?
2. What did Apostle Paul teach about those who hold the attitude of 'replacement theology' toward Israel in Romans 11:11-36? What should be the church's attitude toward Israel and toward God?
3. Do you believe in parallel restoration of Israel and the church? Discuss what is the significance of Israel entering into a season of major war?
4. Let's conclude with prayer for the restoration of Israel and the church.



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¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. ¹² Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

*¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be **but life from the dead?***

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¹⁶ For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and ^[d]fatness of the olive tree, ¹⁸ *do not boast against the branches*. But if you do boast, *remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you*.

¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.” ²⁰ *Well said*. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. **Do not be haughty, but fear.**

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²¹ *For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.* ²² *Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God:* on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, *if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.* ²³ And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted *contrary to nature* into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are natural branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

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²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, *lest you should be wise in your own [f]opinion*, that blindness in part has happened to Israel *until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be [g]saved, as it is written:

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

²⁷ For this *is* My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”

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²⁸ Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. ³⁰ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³² For God has ^[h]committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

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³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?”

³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

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God's Program of Parallel Restoration – The One New Man

1. Problem with replacement theology:

- How this doctrine arose
- Why there is no excuse today
- It's Consequences:
- **(1) 'myopic vision'**
Earthly, temporal, self-sentred, commercial VS
Heavenly, eternal, kingdom centred, prophetic
Importance of God's prophetic reference point
- **(2) Paul's Warning to Church**
Pride & Grace is antithetical – we are told to 'fear' and learn from God's dealings with Israel. Gentiles are not excused from the danger any more than Israel.
Prophetic warning & falling away from the church!
- **(2) Delaying God's program – One New Man – 'Prophetic Church made up of both Jews & Gentiles'** (Eph 2:15; 3:2-10)

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e. The Significance of the next major war in Israel

- It means the time between Israel's 'next major war' (war Israel will receive the inheritance of her land) and the 'final war' (war that brings Jesus back) will be the period of the 'restoration of all things' (Acts 3:21)! – i.e. *Restoration of the 'ministry' and the 'message' of the Kingdom of God through the One New Man – Israel & Church as One in Messiah!* (Eph 3:2-10 c.f. Matt 24:14)
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a. *The call of God upon His end time church is that she will stand with Israel just as Israel (Paul) stood with the Gentiles in the midst of persecution.*

b. *I believe the church will be given the same chance to ‘stand with Israel’ in her hour of need, and must therefore, prepare our hearts for this. E.g.*

Matthew 24:9 – ‘you’ being persecuted is ‘us’ Christians who follow Jesus!

c. **One destiny of Israel & Church as “One New Man” and the “Bride of Christ”.** What makes us think that it’s okay for the Jews to suffer but not Christians? *“Jews will be suffering but we are the bride of Christ. We will be taken up before any of the nasty stuff happens.”*

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