

INTRO: Change of Plans Matthew: 7:15 BUT HOLY SPIRIT.... 😊

NEXT WEEK OUR TEXT IS ALL A WARNING TO FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST JESUS TO “BEWARE” OF FALSE PROPHETS....AND I WILL GET TO MY SERMON AND THIS TEXT IN DETAIL NEXT SUNDAY (Lord Willing).

ONE of the application points I wrote for next week’s sermon is HOW TO SPOT A FALSE PROPHET! (And there are multiple points)

HOWEVER, The NUMBER ONE WAY TO SPOT A FALSE PROPHET or FALSE TEACHING is ANY teaching that contradicts the CHARACTER OF GOD IS FALSE!

And I have three examples of FALSE TEACHING I will give you next week that are OUT OF CONTROL!!!! They are out of control in our world... **BUT most troubling these teachings are OUT OF CONTROL in some of our CHRISTIAN Communities and in some Christian Churches...**AND IT BREAKS MY HEART SO MUCH I HAD TO PAUSE OUR STUDY IN MATTHEW to at least refute one of them that is becoming more popular daily. Given our current political climate, ***It is a teaching that assassinates the very CHARACTER OF GOD, His faithfulness to His promises, Him immutable unchanging nature!***

GOD TOLD US in His Word, Christians would fall into accepting False Doctrine in the Last Days, wanting to have their “ears tickled”
AND FAMILY WE ARE WATCHING HISTORY IN THE MAKING.....PROPHECY IS BEING FULFILLED RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES.....ALL in preparation for the return of Jesus Christ, I BELIEVE SOONER THAN LATER!

Anti-Semitism or hatred of Jews is becoming rampant in the Christian Church and now especially among our youngest generations.

Hatred for the Nation Israel is growing at unprecedented levels! AND if not hatred, despising or a great dislike of Jews calling into question our obedience to the Great Commandment of Jesus to LOVE others as you love yourself or His call to even love our enemies the way that God loves us....

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

2 TIMOTHY TELLS US THESE DAYS WOULD COME

But I have to admit, I never thought we would see so many Christians becoming Anti-Semites, having hostility toward Israel and Jewish people!

2Tim. 3:1 *But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, **arrogant**, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ **unloving**, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.*

THE APOSTLE PAUL CONTINUES IN CHAPTER FOUR OF SECOND TIMOTHY...

2Tim. 4:1 *I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³ **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.***

QUESTION: Who said the following..."Today, I believe I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator: by defending myself against the Jew, I am fighting for the work of the Lord"

Adolf Hitler, A SELF PROFESSING CHRISTIAN

TODAY I am preaching against Supersessionism or "REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY" as it's more commonly called....

It is the teaching that The Nation Israel has been *replaced* by the Christian Church of all the promises to Israel **and/or** there is NO PLAN or FUTURE for the Nation Israel in God's plan

BEWARE of FALSE PROPHETS OR FALSE TEACHING!!!! It has MANY tentacles and many variations that can sound convincing....It certainly has enough cherry picked Scripture and variations to sound palatable....

BUT AT ITS CORE, THE TEACHING, THAT GOD HAS *CHANGED* HIS PLAN FOR ISRAEL OR ALWAYS MEANT THAT THE CHURCH WOULD “REPLACE” ISRAEL AS HIS CHOSEN NATION, OR THAT GOD HAS TURNED HIS BACK ON ISRAEL ALL MISS ONE *IRREFUTABLE* KEY POINT!

If God *changed* His promises to the Nation Israel OR somehow the NATION ISRAEL is NOT separate and distinct from the Church, with promises YET to be fulfilled by God, there is ONE INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION.....GOD IS A LIAR AND CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO KEEP HIS PROMISES, therefore God’s promise of “Eternal Life”, YOUR Eternal Security and ALL the promises given to us in the Bible from God are FALSE and GOD is a LIAR, FULL STOP PERIOD!

IF YOU HAVE FALLEN FOR “REPLACEMENT” THEOLOGY HERE ME OUT AND LET ME GIVE YOU A TOUR OF SCRIPTURE, IN “CONTEXT”, SO YOU CAN COME TO YOUR OWN CONCLUSION....

At the outset, let’s be truthful: There is nowhere in the New Testament, where the Church is Called Israel...They are NOT interchangeable!.....

It is TRUE that when anyone becomes a believer in Jesus Christ they become a part of the Church, Jesus is building on this earth....

The Apostle Paul wrote the following in [Galatians 3:26-29](#) *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.*

So shall we say: Gentiles have REPLACED Jews? That Man has REPLACED woman? Last time I checked, in spite of the WOKE world we live in, WOMEN

alone bear children and that MEN are to be the spiritual leaders of their households....EQUALITY YES, BUT DIFFERENT ROLES!

The Church has NOT replaced God's promises to the Nation Israel, they have simply been GRAFTED IN to the promises made to Israel.... ISRAEL remains a "separate" entity with her own promises that God will fulfill at HIS appointed time...IN FACT IT IS "ARROGANT" TO THINK OTHERWISE!!!!...AND EVEN MORE DANGEROUS IS THE FACT THAT GOD WARNED BELIEVERS OF THIS FALSE TEACHING... Rom. 11:17 *But if some of the branches were broken off, and you (GENTILES), being a wild olive, were grafted in among them (ISRAEL) and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ **do not be arrogant toward the branches;** but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root (ISRAEL) supports you.*

STEVE: CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM OF UNFULFILLED PROMISES, BY GOD, FOR THE NATION ISRAEL, Separate from the Church?.... 😊 FIRST: What an embarrassment to "Replacement Theology that after well over 1500 years, a "Dispersed" people group would come back into a Nation again IN 1948, and of all places centered around Jerusalem! Coincidence? 😊

I THINK GOD JUST WANTED TO MAKE A POINT..." I have NOT forgotten my promises to the Nation Israel! **(So much for 70AD and theologians after) Even some Catholics soften position on RT in 1962 Vatican 2)**

A special shout out to Got Questions Ministries for some quotations to follow in my sermon

FACT: Beyond any doubt, God chose Israel to be His people *in a special way.* God stated His choice openly in Deuteronomy 7:6: *"For you (Israel) are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession."*

The next verse relates why God chose Israel: *“The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors”* (Deuteronomy 7:7–8a). **God’s choosing of Israel had nothing to do with Israel and everything to do with God’s Character!.**

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR? Our salvation is of God and nothing of us!

ALL THE PASTORS OF CBC believe that, even as God is working through the church in this age, Israel is still God’s people in a unique way. The biblical basis for this statement is found in the 1. **Old Testament covenants**, 2. **Jewish history**, 3. **Biblical Poetry**, the 4. **Biblical Prophecies**, **and 5. The New Testament’s insistence that God is faithful AND Unchanging**

Israel Is Still God’s People: The Covenants

God’s covenant with Abraham promised Abraham three things: a land, a posterity, and a blessing

Genesis 12:1–3. *Now the Lord said to Abram,*

*“Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you;
2 And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

Through Abraham's seed, the whole world would be blessed.

In [Genesis 13:15](#), God highlights the enduring nature of this covenant:

*“All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring **forever**”*

Importantly, the covenant did not depend on Abraham's power to keep it.

In fact, Abraham was not even conscious when God ratified the covenant by Himself ([Genesis 15](#)). **Since God alone took the responsibility of blessing Abraham's seed, the covenant was “unconditional” and “Unilateral”.**

God AGAIN reaffirmed the covenant with Abraham's son Isaac ([Genesis 21:12](#); [26:3–4](#)), and with Isaac's son Jacob ([Genesis 28:14–15](#)). **From then on, God referred to Himself every time as “the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,” that covenant was remembered.** God chose to have a perpetual relationship with Abraham's descendants from generation to generation.

The covenant God made with David (and with Solomon) was likewise a unilateral, unconditional promise. That covenant assured David that God would *“provide a place for my people Israel” where they will “no longer be disturbed” ([2 Samuel 7:10](#))*. God would also establish a “house” and a “kingdom” for David (verses 11–12). And then God revealed the enduring nature of this covenant: *“Your house and your kingdom will endure **forever** before me; your throne will be established **forever**”*

From the beginning in Genesis, Israel has had a unique relationship with God. Both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Davidic Covenant detail the special blessings God gave Israel, and both covenants are said to last **forever!**

Israel Is Still God's People: [Biblical History](#)

The fact that Israel is God's people is seen in their [exodus](#) from Egypt ([Exodus 3–13](#)). God split the Red Sea for them ([Exodus 14](#)). He met them at Mount Sinai and spoke to the nation personally ([Exodus 19:16–19](#)). He sustained

them for forty years in the wilderness ([Nehemiah 9:21](#)) and brought them to the Promised Land ([Nehemiah 9:22](#)). **Through it all, God's treatment of Israel was based on "His" faithfulness to "His" covenants with them... Certainly NOT Israel's faithfulness to God!**

2Tim. 2:13 *If we are faithless, **He** remains faithful, for **He** cannot deny Himself.*

The unique relationship between Israel and God is seen in the theocratic nature of Israel's early government. Israel was to be ruled directly by God. Moses, Joshua, and the judges acted as regents and intermediaries (see [Judges 8:23](#)). Eventually, the Israelites rejected that arrangement in favor of a king ([1 Samuel 8:5–7](#)). But, even in the time of the kings, God continued to dwell among His people in the [tabernacle](#) and, later, [the temple](#) ([Exodus 29:44–46](#); [2 Chronicles 7:15–16](#)). The ark of the covenant, which housed a copy of the covenant, was a symbol of God's throne, the place where He ruled His people, Israel.

Even when the Israelites persisted in disobedience...and God removed them from their land of blessing, God was faithful to His promises: *"In your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God"* ([Nehemiah 9:31](#)). In fact, God returned Israel to their land (see the books of [Ezra](#) and [Nehemiah](#)).

Israel Is Still God's People: Biblical Poetry

The theme of God's choosing Israel as His people continues through the book of Psalms. Here are just a few examples from that book:

*For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying, "This is my resting place **for ever and ever**; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it."* [Psalm 132:13–14](#)

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
So he brought his people out [from Egypt] with joy, his chosen ones with singing. And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession

of the fruit of the peoples' toil, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord! [Psalm 105:42–45](#)

For the Lord has chosen [the descendants of] Jacob for Himself, Israel for His own special treasure and possession. [Psalm 135:4](#)

Israel Is Still God's People: The Prophecies

Throughout Israel's history, God took pains to maintain His relationship with His chosen people through the prophets. Elijah, Isaiah, Hosea, Ezekiel, and others voiced God's call for the nation to cease from their sinful wandering and return to Him. And, in no uncertain terms, the prophets warned of the consequences of continued disobedience **YET GOD NEVER RENEGED ON HIS PROMISES TO ISRAEL, NOT ONE OF THEM!**

In a passage concerning the restoration of Israel, the prophet Isaiah pictures the city of Jerusalem as losing all hope in God's redemption ([Isaiah 49:14–15–16](#) **In reply, God says,** *Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, **I will not forget you!** See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.*

In a similar passage promising restoration to the nation of Israel, the prophet Jeremiah relates God's promise of steadfast love:

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. ([Jeremiah 31:3](#))

Later in the same context, Jeremiah writes this to God's people, Israel:

*This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord Almighty is his name: **“Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,” declares the Lord, “will Israel ever cease being a nation before me.”** declares the Lord. ([Jeremiah 31:35–36](#))*

And Zechariah, who also looked forward to the day of restoration, promises an event that shows the glory awaiting Israel in the future:

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.’”
([Zechariah 8:23](#))

Israel Is Still God’s People: The New Testament

The apostle Paul directly answers the question, *“Is Israel still God’s people?”* in [Romans 9–11](#).

In this extended passage, Paul begins by expressing his deep, sincere love for his fellow Jews ([Romans 9:1–4](#)). He follows that with a brief overview of how God blessed them and used them to bring the Messiah into the world (vs 4–5).

Yet, **Paul points out, that it looks like Israel has been rejected as God’s people.**

After centuries of rebellion, they reject their own Messiah [Acts 2:36; 3:13–15](#).
There has been a stumbling and hardening of heart ([Romans 9:6–33](#)).

Israel is zealous for God but has no true knowledge of God ([Romans 10:2](#)).

Israel attempts to establish their own righteousness through keeping the law, and they reject the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ ([Romans 10:3–13](#)).

In all this, they have become “a disobedient and obstinate people” ([Romans 10:21](#), quoting [Isaiah 65:2](#)).

WATCH THIS....HERE IT COMES!!!!!!

So, Paul asks the “BOMB” Question, “Did God reject his people?” Paul’s answer cannot be misunderstood: *“By no means! . . . God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew”* ([Romans 11:1–2](#)).

Earlier in Romans, Paul had made the same point: “What if some [Jews] were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar” ([Romans 3:3–4](#)).

That is, God's promises to Israel are still in effect, despite Israel's unfaithfulness.

Paul absolutely crushes any notion that God is done with Israel. In fact, Paul follows it up with personal proof: "I am an Israelite myself" ([Romans 11:1](#)). If God has permanently abandoned His people, then Paul would not be saved.

IN FACT TURN TO ROMANS 11:11 STEVE OUT OF BIBLE

Rom. 11:11 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them (Israel) jealous. 12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be! 13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.

***For if their (Israel's) rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?** ¹⁶ If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you (Gentiles), being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ **do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.** ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. **Do not be conceited, but fear;** ²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, **He will not spare you, either.** ²² Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And they also, **if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.** ²⁴ For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?*

Rom. 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; ²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”²⁷ “This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, **but from the standpoint of God’s choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**

After hundreds of years Israel JUST HAPPENS to show up again as a Nation in (1948) back in a portion of their promised land.....

Was that a coincidence of history or perhaps better, a reminder that God is faithful to His promises, those in the past, those in the present and those still to come!...Let us PRAISE GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS, EVEN WHEN WE ARE FAITHLESS! 2 Tim. 2:13 - AMEN?

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