

FAILURE OF THE CHURCH

SEMINAR LESSON 04

1. The Problem Now

- a. We know who Israel is... We know who the Church is...
- b. We know what happened to Israel... they are fallen.
- c. The Church is not any better at doing God's will. There are few that know and do...
- d. Confusion, spiritism, emotionalism, sensationalism, carnality, and downright heresy
- e. Roman Catholics, Adventism, Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Puritanism, Baptist, Pentecostal
- f. Today we focus on one: the failure to recognize the fall of Israel and why they are gone

2. Replacement Israel (Covenantalists)

- a. The church has replaced Israel entirely – Rom 11:11 (Covenant theology)
- b. Rom 11:25-27 says otherwise about Israel's future
- c. This idea says that Israel will not rise again, no restoration. (even though Acts 3:21)
- d. The doctrine began to be taught when Israel was defeated by the Romans
- e. "Israel killed Jesus and now they are done" ... but Jesus prayed Luke 23:34, besides 1 Cor 2:7
- f. "It made God angry enough to give them up" – but it is not about their behavior Eze 36:22
- g. Israel did not fall because of sin (which was provided for in the NT) – Luke 1:77-78
- h. Israel had their chance but now their turn is done: but what about the promises? Rom 15:8
- i. **Problem:** God's word (covenants) is made of none effect – Romans 9:6

3. Spiritual Israel- "We are Israel"

- a. Israel morphed into the Church – This is the most common. Requires a lot of spiritualizing.
- b. Israel is only mentioned in Paul's epistles in reference to the nation.
- c. But Israel is fallen – Rom 11:11, if we are Israel.. then you have some explaining...
- d. Romans 2:28-29 is the popular verse for this, but it is quoting the law Deu 10:16
- e. Your circumcision is not of the heart – Col 2:11
- f. Israel was interrupted because God did something new with Paul – 1 Tim 1:16
- g. The mystery revealed does not require you to be Israel – Eph 3:1, Rom 11:13, Col 1:27
- h. He made of two one new, built upon Christ through the cross, not the covenant – Eph 2:15
- i. **Problems:** You try to wear the wrong doctrinal shoes
 - i. Day observance, God's curses, Fleecing God, legal chastisement, prayer lists, law

4. Dualism – Hagee-ism – Israel worship

- a. Israel and the Church are simultaneous – the punching bag of the covenantalists.
- b. This makes the cross of Christ of none effect – Gal 5:2-3, Gal 2:21
- c. They are enemies of the gospel - Rom 11:28
- d. The reason why Israel is temporarily blinded is so that he can have mercy on all Rom 11:32
- e. Either there is a Jew and Gentile, law or not, earthly kingdom or not – Col 3:11
- f. Not everyone is Hagee, but a lot think 1948 was prophetic fulfillment.
- g. **Problem:** It makes the cross of none effect

5. The Solution

- a. Israel was a nation given God's oracles, we are not a nation – we are not Israel.
- b. The time lapse is because of the present dispensation of grace – 2 Pet 3:15
- c. God revealed the mystery of Jesus Christ among the Gentiles, without the law, in heaven
- d. Our relationship to Israel is only in Eph 1:10, that is we both serve the Lord