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## PROVERBS 22

1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

## CHAPTER 22

20 Have not ~~I~~ written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.







## Conference Theme

### God's Redemptive Plan for Israel

The 2025 Certainty Conference will be a focused time of preaching, teaching, and theological discussion centered on the theme "God's Redemptive Plan for Israel".

Through main sessions and breakouts, this year's conference will explore the biblical and prophetic significance of Israel within a dispensational framework—highlighting both the historical roots and doctrinal development of dispensational theology. Guest speakers will address topics such as the rise of dispensationalism, its role as a hermeneutic for rightly dividing Scripture, and the future fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

## Conference Speakers



**Alan Shelby**  
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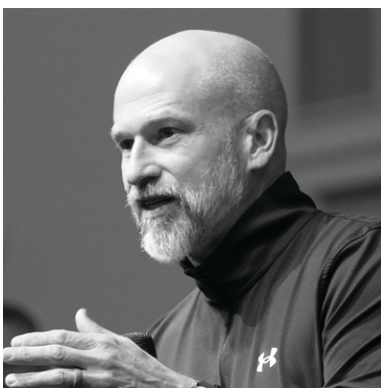
**Brandon Briscoe**  
Midtown Baptist Temple



**Jeff Bartell**  
First Baptist Church



**Brian Hedges**  
Heartland Baptist Fellowship



**Sam Miles**  
Midtown Baptist Temple



**Troy Stogsdill**  
First Baptist Church



# Conference Schedule

## Sunday

**10:30 AM:** Morning Service in the Worship Center with Alan Shelby

**6:30 PM:** Evening Service in the Worship Center with Brandon Briscoe

## Monday

**9:00 AM:** Morning Sessions in the NextGen Center

- Alan Shelby
- Jeff Bartell

**1:00 PM:** Pastor's Luncheon in the Barn

**5:30 PM:** Dinner in the Gym

**6:30 PM:** Evening Service in the Worship Center with Brandon Briscoe

**8:30 PM:** Fellowship in the Barn & Bonfire (weather permitting)

## Tuesday

**9:00 AM:** Morning Sessions in the NextGen Center

- Brian Hedges
- Sam Miles

**5:30 PM:** Dinner in the Gym

**6:30 PM:** Evening Service in the Worship Center with Brandon Briscoe

**8:30 PM:** Fellowship in the Barn & Bonfire (weather permitting)

## Wednesday

**9:00 AM:** Morning Sessions in the NextGen Center

- Jeff Bartell
- Panel Discussion

**5:30 PM:** Dinner in the Gym

**6:30 PM:** Evening Service in the Worship Center with Troy Stogsdill

**8:30 PM:** Fellowship in the Barn





### **A WORD FROM PASTOR TROY**

I want to thank each of you for being a part of this year's Certainty Conference. Your presence, participation, and prayers make this time together so meaningful.

Living Faith Fellowship conferences like this one are important because they remind us that we don't walk the journey of faith alone. We come together around God's Word to be strengthened in truth, encouraged in fellowship, and equipped to serve our churches and communities with greater clarity and conviction.

My prayer is that what you experience here this week will continue to bear fruit in your life and ministry in the days ahead.





# The History

Alan Shelby

OCT 6, 2025 | Monday AM

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## History of God's Redemptive Plan Discovered

**Other References for English Bible Exegesis:** Gal 1:4; Exod 3:14; 2 Tim 2:15; Prov 14:28; Acts 17:26-27; Gen 15:6; Rom 4:16; Prov 22:20-21; Dan 10:21; Isa 50:1; Hos 2:2; Gal 3:26; Psa 138:2; John 14:23; Psa 2:1-3; Isa 11:1; Rom 11:26-27; Zech 12:10-11; Heb 4:9; Rev 20:1-6; Dan 2:44; 7:27; Isa 66:7-8; Luke 16:2; Eph 3:2; 2:8-9; 1 Cor 9:17; Matt 25:40

**Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_ of God's redemptive plan for Israel is only discovered in dispensationalism.

- Hosea – God \_\_\_\_\_ his wife Israel
- Joel – the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and what it will be like
- Amos – Jesus returns to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ his brethren the Jews

**Point 1.** Since the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit of God, then it has its own \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that supersedes all external human comparisons.

### The Land Context

- God placed Israel at the world's \_\_\_\_\_

### The Doctrinal Context

- The Bible is the only book that challenges your unbelief by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### The Bibliology of Scripture

- The Bible teaches \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration – the very words
- The Bible teaches \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration – every single word we have today as the Holy Bible
- The Bible teaches \_\_\_\_\_ – there is no problem in God's revelation that needs your correction

### **God's Redemptive Plan \_\_\_\_\_**

- 2 Chron – the Jews are destroyed like they were in AD 70
- Ezra – they are given permission to go back like in 1917
- Neh – they rebuild like they did in 1948, and rebuild Jerusalem like they did in 1967
- Esther – a picture of the rapture, and the bride marrying the king upstairs
- Job – 42 months of tribulation for the Jews downstairs
- Psalms – up shows the son of David for Millennial praises

**Premise:** The scholar is not the I AM – God is (Exod 3:14), and the word of God is.

### **Current Scholarly/Skeptical Hermeneutics**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Dispensational Idea**

1. All scripture has to be related back to the person and work of Jesus as Messiah and his \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The best way to read the Bible is by simple English Bible exegesis \_\_\_\_\_ of the King James text.
3. The best way to understand the Bible is to let it interpret itself by \_\_\_\_\_ and comparing Scripture with Scripture – because then you have the complete doctrinal context.

### **Biblical Theology Versus Their Biases**

- A. You run afoul of \_\_\_\_\_
- B. You run afoul of all those who decide that their \_\_\_\_\_ is actually the kingdom, and Jesus will not bring it in without them



## **I. What God Said**

**Isa 11:11-12; 14:1; 44:26;28; 45:15; Ezek 20:33-34; 22:17-20; 34:13; 36:8,24  
Amos 9:14-15; Zeph 2:1-2; Rom 11:25**

**Point 2.** Earth's earliest Churches believed like Baptists do – so we have \_\_\_\_\_ been in existence – yet the idea of Baptists against other churches did not occur until the 1500s, when there was a Reformation and \_\_\_\_\_ denominations to Catholicism.

### **What We Have in a King James Bible**

- All the books of Scripture identified (the Canon)
- All the books bound together (the Bible)
- Translated into English
- One authoritative English version in America for 290 years (1611-1901)
- Tools keyed to God's words in that Bible

**Point 3.** The coming of the King James Bible is the first time in history that the \_\_\_\_\_ is made known to humanity in written format.

## **II. What the King James Bible Did**

### **The KJB Shows You God's Redemptive Plan for Israel**

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ to their land in unbelief in order to judge them
2. God will gather the \_\_\_\_\_ to the valley of Megiddo in order to destroy them

**Point 4.** God is always working to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point 5.** Our present climate is \_\_\_\_\_ in which the clarity of dispensations, and God's redemptive plan for Israel arose from a King James Bible.

### **The Devil's Ring of Fire \_\_\_\_\_**

- Hezbollah in Lebanon
- Militias in Iraq and Syria
- Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza
- Houthis in Yemen
- The Iranian/Russian cognitive ring of fire in online influence via disinformation, denials and antisemitism

### **The Devil's Ring of Fire Around Evangelicaldom**

- Allegorical schools of Bible interpretation are \_\_\_\_\_, and the literal schools are pro-Israel
- Allegorical schools are \_\_\_\_\_, and the Antiochian schools love not this present evil world and set their affection on things above, Gal 1:4; Col 3:2

**Point 6.** We come to the Bible with biblical \_\_\_\_\_, and we therefore go away with biblical \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of who agrees with it.

### **God's Two Modern Infallible Proofs**

- A. A regathering of the Jews back to their \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. A revival in the Bible from dispensationalism, and its belief in God's redemptive plan for Israel (both to redeem national Israel, and to use Israel \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Pet 4:17**

### **Books Mentioned**

Elements of Dispensational Truth by W. A. Parlane (1894)

The Scofield Bible by Magnum and Sweetnam (Paternoster, 2009)

The Story of the King James Version 1611 -- 2011 by Gordon Campbell (Oxford, 2010)



# The Arguments

Jeff Bartell

OCT 6, 2025 | Monday AM

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## What is Taught in Defense of Replacement Theology

### Introductory Statements:

Why are there so many people that read the same Bible and come to diametrically opposite conclusions?

John 16:12

John 7:17

Romans 3:4

"A man convinced against his will remains unconvinced still."

Colossians 2:8

Galatians 6:7

Ezekiel 14:4

1 Timothy 1:3-7

2 Timothy 2:24-25

Some loud voices out there:

Politically: Candace Owens, Tucker Carlson

Religiously: Steven Anderson and the New IFB

Critical observations concerning Israel are not incorrect.

### I. The Biblical Arguments for Replacement Theology

1. The promise of blessing was to the man, Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 22:17-18

Romans 9:7

Genesis 27:19; Genesis 28:14

Deuteronomy 28



## 2. Jesus Christ is the one and only seed of Abraham

Galatians 3

Galatians 3:6-7

Galatians 3:14-18

The Promise / Promises:

Genesis 12:7

1. Seed

2. Land – Genesis 15:18

These promises are unconditional.

Galatians 3:26-29

Galatians 3:14

Galatians 4:7

Deuteronomy 10:9

Romans 8:9

Romans 8:16-17

## 3. True Jews are spiritual Jews

Romans 2:28-29

Genesis 17:5-11

Philippians 3:3

Colossians 2:11

Ephesians 2:11-13, 19

Romans 3:1-4

Romans 4:13, 16

John 8:39-44

John 8:37, 56

Romans 9:7-9

Romans 9:1-5

Romans 11:28

4. Those who “say they are Jews and are not”

Revelation 2:9; Revelation 3:9

1 Corinthians 14:22

Mark 16:17-20

1 Corinthians 1:22-23

5. Christ deniers are antichrist

1 John 2:22

2 John 9-11

Romans 11:28

6. Modern Jews have no legitimate genealogical connection to biblical Israel

Titus 3:9

1 Timothy 1:4

7. True Jerusalem is spiritual, not in Palestine

Hebrews 12:22

Hebrews 11:16

## **II. Practical / Logical Arguments Against The Modern State Of Israel**

1. Modern Israel is evil

Luke 13:35

Luke 11:24-26

2. The current religion of the Jews is not the religion of the OT

3. The return of Israel to statehood in 1948 was not a move of God

4. The star of David is not Biblical

Acts 7:43

5. Modern Jews are not ethnic Jews anymore

### III. Answers / Considerations

1. The ancient system of interpretation is literal.

2 Timothy 2:16-18

2 Corinthians 2:17

Genesis 40:8

Daniel 2:45

Acts 24:14

John 14:2

2. Understand the dual nature of application: physical & spiritual.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

Ecclesiastes 3:14-15

Romans 2:28-3:2

John 8:39, 44

Romans 9:3

Romans 11:28

Romans 11:25, 29

3. Understand the difference between the KOH & KOG.

- At times God deals with nations  
1 Timothy 2:1-4
- The Church has nothing to do with earthly kingdoms
- The devil controls all the kingdoms of this world.  
Matthew 4:8-10
- We happen to live in a unique time.

What should your attitude be toward the current state of Israel?

Psalms 122:6; 1 Timothy 2:1-4



#### 4. Understand what is meant by "the Israel of God"

The Wanna-Be's:

- Black Hebrew Israelites
- Herbert W. Armstrong – British Israelism.
- The Charismatics with signs and wonders
- The Mormons think they are the descendants of Ephraim
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists – going back to live the OT Law
- The Replacement Theology Christians

Q: Who really is the Israel of God?

A: The remnant of Israel that turns to Christ in the Tribulation.  
Galatians 6:15-16

**Conclusion:** Being a dispensationalist does not require also being a Zionist.

Why is there such an uptick in animosity towards modern Israel?

- Because it's prophesied
- Because God loves Israel and the devil hates everything God loves  
Zechariah 2:8
- Because well-meaning Christians don't study  
James 3:15





# The Doctrine

Brian Hedges

OCT 7, 2025 | Tuesday AM

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Outline of Romans 9-11

- Romans 9 deals with the nation of Israel's past election.
- Romans 10 deals with the nation of Israel's present rejection.
- Romans 11 deals with the nation of Israel's future restoration.

## Romans 9 – Israel's Election Doesn't Overcome Their Rejection of Christ:

Paul has a Justified Burden by Birth **Romans 9:1-3**

Israel has a Justified Birthright by Election **Romans 9:4-29**

All must be Justified by Faith Because Jesus is Better **Romans 9:30-33**

### I. Paul's Justified Burden *Romans 9:1-3*

- A. Paul's victory is also his burden. **Romans 8:37-39; Romans 9:1-3**
- B. Paul was heavy because Israel had rejected Christ. **Romans 9:3**
- C. Paul was burdened because he played a role in leading Israel away from Christ.  
**Acts 7:37-39**

### II. Israel's Justified Birthright *Romans 9:4-29*

**Key Insight: Paul is showing Jews from their own promises how God distributes his grace to those who respond by faith.**

A. Israel's Practical Advantage. **Romans 9:4-5**

1. The adoption. **Exodus 4:22-23 (Israel is called God's son)**

***Hosea 11:1 (Israel and Jesus were both called out of Egypt) When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.***

- Just as we apply **Hebrews 12:11** to our lives individually, we can see all through the Old Testament, that God disciplined and led Israel collectively as a son.

- In the New Testament, Paul speaks to Israel moving in concert with God in **1 Corinthians 10**. Though they all had individual responsibilities, God dealt with Israel collectively both in blessing and cursing. When Israel was chastened for not keeping the Sabbaths, it didn't stop God from taking Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah into captivity along with the rest of the Jews.

## 2. The **glory**. **Exodus 40:34-38, 1 Samuel 4:21-22; Psalm 78:61**

**Exodus 40:34-38** Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the **glory** of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: 37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

**1 Samuel 4:21-22** And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The **glory** is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. 22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

**Psalms 78:58-61** For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. 59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel: 60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men; 61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his **glory** into the enemy's hand.

- The Shekinah (dwelling) was the visible indication of God's glory upon the nation of Israel.
  - a. It led them through the wilderness (**Exodus 13:21-22, Numbers 9:17-22**)
  - b. It protected them at the Red Sea (**Exodus 14:19-24**)
  - c. It filled the tabernacle at its dedication under Moses. (**Exodus 40:34-48**)
  - d. It was removed during the time of Ezekiel (**Ezekiel 10**)
- In the Old Testament, the Spirit of God indwelt both the tabernacle and individuals at God's discretion but neither the tabernacle, the temple nor the anointed individual had received the promise of the sealing of the Holy Spirit. Neither their soul, nor their temple were guaranteed a permanent residence like our bodies. Nonetheless, God made a covenant with Israel and that alone is enough. This again points the sufficiency of God's word and his justification by grace through faith in respect to Israel's national salvation and the salvation of Old Testament saints.

## 3. The covenants.

- Abrahamic: **Genesis 17:2, Deuteronomy 29:14**

**Genesis 17:2** And I will make my **covenant** between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

**Deuteronomy 29:14** Neither with you only do I make this **covenant** and this oath;

- Promised land: **Deuteronomy 30:3**

**Deuteronomy 30:3** That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

- Davidic: Promising an eternal kingdom and throne. **2 Samuel 7:12-16; 23:5, 2 Chronicles 13:5**

**2 Chronicles 13:5** *Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?*

- The new covenant: promising new hearts **Jeremiah 31:31-34**
- Messianic: **Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:7**

#### 4. The law.

- [Pentateuch] Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

#### 5. The service of God.

- The Levitical Priesthood, **Hebrews 9:1**

#### 6. The (unconditional) promises. (Israel has not lost these promises)

- The Promise Land, **Exodus 12:25**
- The Promise seed, **Genesis 12:1-2**
- The Promised Messiah, **Isaiah 9:6**

#### 7. The Lord Jesus Christ.

- Initially Jesus was sent exclusively to the house of Israel.

**Matthew 15:24** *But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

- As the Jews, especially the Jewish leadership rejected Christ; committing blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, Jesus began to speak in parables, putting a veil over the light of his glory because of the hardness of their heart.
- This is leading us to the end of the chapter where Paul reminds us that Israel stumbled at their greatest gift, the Rock of Christ.
- Despite their national election, many were rejected because they chose works of righteousness over the Son of Righteousness.

### B. Israel's **identification** is based in the gracious promise of God's word. **Romans 9:6-9**

1. The previous list from Romans 9:4-5 explained how the children of Israel had advantage.
2. The next passage we will look at reveals **how** the children of promise had advantage.



3. In **Romans 9:6-23** God will use Paul to illustrate from Israel's historical past **how Israel** is justified by faith.
4. In **Romans 9:6-9** Paul makes the distinction between the natural seed of Abraham and the spiritual seed.
  - Notice the parallel between Romans 8:15 (Spiritual Adoption) and Romans 8:23 (Physical Adoption)
  - Paul is carrying this line from his blessing forward to reveal the gracious promise to the spiritual seed of Abraham.
5. In **Romans 9:6-9 Ishmael is not even mentioned**. He is not counted as the promised seed, though he was born of Abraham's seed through Hagar.
  - If this sounds familiar to you, it is because it is addressed in Galatians.
  - Paul used this same analogy to point out the child or promise (Isaac) had a better promise than that of Hagar (Ishmael).
  - The Muslims of the world would be wise to take note of this. If they want to have access to the Father, they need to come the same way Father Abraham came, by faith. More specifically by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. So, what does Paul mean when he says not everyone of Israel are Israel? He is saying that just as some of the physical descendants of Abraham were exempt from the promise of faith, so too were some of Isaac's seed.
7. Who are "they" you might ask? I'm glad you asked. **Romans 9:10-13** gives us the next exhibit.

C. Israel's **election** reveals the foreknowledge of God. **Romans 9:10-13**

1. So, now we see how God's promises are extended to the second born of Isaac. The spiritual promise was not bound it was free from the physical promise.
2. There are some, who try and transpose individual salvation here, but **God is not talking about Esau and Jacob's salvation** as individuals, he is speaking of what will become of the two "**nations**" in Rebecca's stomach.

**Genesis 25:23** *And the LORD said unto her, Two **nations** are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.*

- This is not speaking of individual salvation. This is speaking to God's foreknowledge concerning these two "nations" and the prophetic implication of their births.
- God was not condemning Esau to hell; he was prophesying the destiny of Esau's seed (Edom) because God is omniscient. Edom is going to be destroyed at length because they

can't get along with God's people and won't even give them passage into the Promised Land among many other transgressions.

- God doesn't say he hates Esau in Genesis; he waits until **Malachi 1:1-5** before he expresses his love for Israel and his hate for Esau. He is not saying this about the individuals, but about the two nations. Israel went forward with God's blessing and Esau (Edom) went out of business because God shut them down.
- This is a great practical illustration. Jacob was a deceiver, but he found favor with God as a prince at length. Individually, he and Esau worked things out and their relationship was fine, but their posterity didn't! Time does prove all things! You might remember that Isaac was fond of Esau. He seemed to be a pretty good boy coming up. The problem was the spiritual things that God valued would not be found or formed in him. **God knew his heart. This is an important principle. When we look at the outward appearance things rarely appear as they are.** It is the hidden man of the heart that only God can see according to **1 Samuel 16:7**.

#### D. Israel's **calling** reveals God's gracious mercy. **Romans 9:14-23**

##### 1. The first of six Questions in Romans 9. **Romans 9:14**

*"What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid."*

- Paul is addressing the notion that God is unjust in his punishment of those who harden their heart to God.
- ##### 2. The passage Paul quotes from in Romans 9:15, "'I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.'" is taken from **Exodus 33:19**. This is after Moses broke the tablets and he is now before the Lord again the day before the tables are restored.
- God did not choose Israel because they were perfect; he chose them and called them because he loved them. If it were based on merit they would never have been called.
  - This holds true for all of us.
- ##### 3. God uses Pharaoh as an illustration. It is important to note that both Moses and Pharaoh were principalities. Moses, a fugitive murderer, but a son of Pharaoh's house none-the-less. Pharaoh is a murderer who hardened his own heart at least four times (**Exodus 7:22, 8:15, 19 and Exodus 9:35**)
- So, it's pretty easy to see that God is just and justified in showing mercy to whom he chooses. God chose to use Pharaoh as a "vessel" of dishonor because he did not desire to work with God or the people of God. **Romans 9:17-18**
  - Israel as a nation, at this point in history (58 AD) is more like Pharaoh than Moses. While that would throw a Jew for a loop, that is exactly the case Paul is going to make by the time we get to the end of the chapter. NOT THAT GOD WANTED ISRAEL TO BE A VESSEL OF DISHONOR, BUT HE WILL LET HER HAVE HER WILL BECAUSE SHE HARDENED HER HEART WHEN GOD SHOWED HIMSELF TO HER.
- ##### 4. Paul's wonderful answer and analogy. **Romans 9:19-23**

- a. Paul takes the initiative and plays devil's advocate because he knows there will be some who want to come after God's character instead of examining their own. **Romans 9:19**

*"Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault?"*

Something tells me that Paul had already had this theological discussion with some folks who would not take any responsibility for their sinful actions. Sounds like today's environment.

- b. Paul goes on to lay this out in **Romans 9:20-23** very clearly.
  - 1. Remember we are talking about Paul's brothers the Hebrews.
  - 2. He is saying some "born into Israel" will not respond to the call of God to receive Christ and be fitted for destruction.
  - 3. Then there will be others, "who will respond to God by faith" and receive mercy from God, though they are complicit in the murder of their Savior. **They, like Moses are murderers.**
  - 4. Just as Moses was given grace and was able to "see God's glory", so some though there is one "Hebrew lump of clay" there will come forth two vessels. One fitted for destruction and the other set aside by the creator for honor.
  - 5. Understand the analogy Paul is making here. God is dealing with the creation of pots. Forming them, working them as a potter determines how the pot will be formed and utilized over a course of working with them. God tries to work with every pot, but the reality is many will not respond to his touch. God does not waste clay! If you are not sensitive to this life transforming touch, he will allow you to **"do it your way"**. A study of **Isaiah 29:16; 45:9; 64:8; Jeremiah 18:6** helps us understand Paul's analogy much better.
  - 6. The last thing you want to hear at the funeral home is Frank Sinatra singing "I did it my way!" That is certainly the wrong way because the bible declares our ways are not God's ways. Don't blame it on God when that soul is cast away. God is calling all men to repentance, but he will force none.

- 5. Notice the segway here. As Paul lays this out, he introduces that there are those who are called that are not only Jews, but Gentiles! **Romans 9:24**

- a. Now, Paul opens up another can of worms. If you are Jewish, you are going to struggle. How is it that we "Hebrews who had the promises" could possibly be fitted for destruction while Gentiles simply respond by grace through faith and are formed into vessels of honor? This doesn't seem fair.
- b. Hold on cowboy, this is what God's purpose has always been for Israel! Oops.... The Hebrew has to see what the law could not do; Jesus was well able to conquer. Oh yeah, we saw that in Romans 8!

**Romans 8:3** *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

- E. **Israel's mission and purpose** reveals God's gracious plan for the world. **Romans 9:24-26**

1. This is the first of two prophets brought in as witnesses to the court room.
2. Hosea is first up. Paul quotes from **Hosea 1:10; 2:23**

**Hosea 1:10** Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, **Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.**

**Hosea 2:23** And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

- a. Now we see God's mercy being extended to Gentiles instead of being withdrawn as it was with Pharaoh.

**Isaiah 60:1-3** Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

- b. This was on God's heart the **whole time!** He revealed it in scripture and paid the price in his flesh! Those who receive the gospel, Jew or Greek, are set aside
- c. What Paul is NOT saying: He is NOT saying the church has replaced Israel. He is saying is those of Israel who are unworkable and fitted for wrath have now made a way for vessels of mercy. Paul includes himself along with the gentiles in this group called "vessels of mercy".

**2 Peter 2:9-10** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

#### F. **Israel's preservation** through a "remnant" reveals God's gracious security of Israel as a nation. **Romans 9:27-29**

1. This is not a positive passage for the children of Israel.

**Isaiah 1:9** (context is chastisement and captivity) Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

2. In just over a decade from the time this is written their temple will be destroyed and the true meaning of this will set in on the Hebrews.
3. God is going to disperse them for 1978 years and eventually bring them back to receive their promises listed in Romans 9:4-5.

4. Paul is pointing out here that the majority of Jews will lose their opportunity to receive promise of eternal life, but a remnant will be able to receive the promises.

### III. Justification By Faith Is Better Than Works Of Righteousness

#### *Romans 9:30-33*

##### A. Receive salvation by Grace Through Faith *Romans 9:30-31*

1. The final question of the chapter.

*"What shall we say then?"*

- **Let's recap.** What shall we say about Paul's burden? About Israel's Practical Advantage, identification, election, calling, mission and purpose to reach the Gentiles and preservation. All that stuff that a Jew would be trusting in for righteousness.
  - ***Romans 9:31-32***, The conclusion which makes the Jews mad, is that Gentiles like Abraham who respond to God by faith attain righteousness while Jews who respond to God by works of the law (***Romans 9:32***) stumble over the Rock.
2. The point of Romans 9 is that that Paul is burdened that his Hebrew brothers have been stripped of their birthright and blessing. **It is not that the law is bad, or their Hebrew heritage is evil, it is that faith in Christ is far better.** Their physical birth delivered them to the place that they despised their birthright like Esau and traded in their Savior for the law! When you ask God to choose between his firstborn in the flesh (Israel) and his firstborn of the Spirit (Jesus Christ), he is going to go with Jesus!

##### B. Reject the Rock and Perish by works of Righteousness. *Romans 9:33*

1. Don't be tripped up by works. You want to clean up instead of give up. You want to work out before you give out. It is the natural man's way.

# Romans 10 – Israel's (National) Rejection is our reward.

## I. Israel Chose The Wrong Righteousness *Romans 10:1-10*

Paul's heart went out to his brothers in Israel as God extended his hands to them.

### A. Israel's Hardness Romans *10:1-8*

#### 1. The Hard Heart of Israel Romans *10:1*

- a. They had a false sense of security.
  - **Political salvation vs. spiritual salvation:** Israel was ready for a **political salvation** from the oppressive Roman Empire (a gentile power), but they were not willing to receive their Savior's offer for **spiritual salvation**.
  - **You cannot miss the irony of God having Paul write to the Romans about the liberty found through the gospel.** This was a message that the Roman Government was not ready to receive. Over the next 300 years there would be a wave of 10 Roman Persecutions designed to eradicate the bible believing Christians of Rome because of the liberating power of the gospel. Israel will receive political freedom as Jesus returns, but it will only be after much tribulation poured upon them by the antichrist government and nations of the world.
  - You cannot help but see this same pattern in the church today. Too many Christians hope in **political salvation instead of gospel transformation**.

#### 2. The Hard Head of Israel *Romans 10:2-5*

Israel not only had a hard heart, they had a **hard head** as well!

##### a. The Stubborn Nature of Israel *Romans 10:2-3*

- Paul could bear record from his own Hebrew heritage of being a Pharisee of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, a man who studied law at the feet of Gamaliel. He knew firsthand of the position of Israel for he was formerly one of their leaders!

***Galatians 1:13-14** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 And **profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.***

- Israel, especially Jewish religious leaders, were very sincere in their zeal for the law, but they were simply, sincerely wrong.
- Paul's testimony was that the Jews had not only followed the "true law" from the return of Babylonian captivity, but they were so zealous they added to it.

***Galatians 3:24-25** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

- The hardest thing for a hard headed religious Jew to understand was the truth of Romans 3:20!

**Romans 3:20** *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

- The Jews were establishing their own righteousness and in the process not submitting themselves to the Righteousness of God. Paul gave up his righteousness as a lawyer for righteousness that comes through the faith of Christ. Notice it says "*faith of Christ*". Jesus is our righteousness.

**Philippians 3:9** *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

- This brings us to the issue of "submission". This is a dirty word in our culture. Submission is part of salvation because Jesus is the Lord. You cannot receive God's righteousness by faith if you don't submit to God's righteousness.
- You may remember, Paul fell down on the road to Damascus. He was submissive to the Lord. (Acts 9:5).

#### b. The Wrong Standard of Righteousness **Romans 10:4-5**

- Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth (including gentiles).

**Romans 6:14** *(we are not under law) For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

**Ephesians 2:15** *Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

**Colossians 2:14** *(nailing it to his cross) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

- The school master tells you that you are not able to keep the law. **Romans 10:5**
  - a. James said that if you keep the whole law and offend in one point you are guilty of all.

**James 2:10** *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

- b. It took a perfect man to keep the law, that man is Jesus.

### 3. The Call To The Hard Heart! **Romans 10:6-8**

- a. Paul is quoting from **Deuteronomy 30:10-14**
- b. The command in **Deuteronomy 30:10 -11** is to turn (repent) and allow the Lord to have the **entire heart!**
- c. Paul interchanges the command from Deuteronomy 30 with Christ in the text of **Romans 10:6-8.**
- d. You need no spaceship to travel to Heaven to receive God's righteousness by faith.



- e. You need no drill bit drill down to paradise to receive God's righteousness by faith.
- f. All you need is a broken and contrite heart. He is right hear looking for the heart ready to receive him by faith.

## B. Israel's Hope **Romans 10:9-10**

### 1. Believing Jesus is the Christ

- a. The transformation of the heart will be evident in the mouth! I know we often use this passage when leading people to Christ to confess their sin and ask forgiveness. There is nothing wrong with that, but this passage is really teaching that when Jesus Christ is Lord, you will naturally speak with your mouth.
- b. You cannot help but confess Christ if he has redeemed you!

**Matthew 12:34** *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

**Luke 6:45** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

- What you believe in your heart will eventually make it's way to your lips!

### 2. Confessing with the mouth the faith in Christ that is found in the heart.

- a. Praise God the very mouth that we used to bring death is now miraculously able to bring forth life!

## II. The Call To All **Romans 10:11-18**

### A. Salvation of all without distinction **Romans 10:11-13**

#### 1. Paul is quoting **Joel 2:32**.

**Joel 2:32** *And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

- 2. Emphasis on "whosoever"! What an incredible liberty!
- 3. Because all have sinned, God is rich in mercy to all who call upon the name of the Lord to be saved.

**Romans 3:20-23** *Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified** in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin**. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

**B. Proclamation to all through preaching     *Romans 10:14-15***

1. Paul quoting here from ***Isaiah 52:7*** and ***Nahum 1:15*** is lifting this blessed passage concerning the Assyrian empire which had a capital city called Nineveh.
  - a. It's no coincidence that Jonah was sent with the gospel 150 years before Nahum 1:15 to declare this message and see Nineveh repent.
  - b. As Brian Clark often says, the good news is only good if it gets to where it's going on time.
2. The peace that comes through the gospel is the peace referred to in Romans 5:1.

***Romans 5:1-2*** *Therefore being justified by faith, we **have peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

**C. Condemnation to all who reject the gospel. *Romans 10:16-18***

1. Paul is pointing out the fulfillment of ***Isaiah 53:1***.

***Isaiah 53:1*** *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

- a. With the rejection of revelation comes condemnation.
  - b. God has revealed his word to the nation of Israel and he has revealed it to the world. Romans 1 & 2 make it clear that everyone is without excuse.
  - c. Psalm 19 gives the witness of nature in ***Psalms 19:1-6*** and the law in ***Psalms 19:7-11***.
2. By this time the gospel had spread throughout the regions of the world where the Jews worshipped.
  - a. Acts 7 before Paul's conversion there was a witness in Jerusalem.
  - b. Acts 8:5 we see Philip preaching the gospel in Samaria.
  - c. Acts 10 we see the gospel going to the Gentiles.
  - d. Acts 11:1-18; Peter is preaching to the Gentile's faith in Christ without circumcision or works of the law.
  - e. Literally, the gospel had gone out to the ends of the world and for the most part, the Jews had rejected it.

### III. The Results Of Rejection *Romans 10:19-21*

#### A. God's blessing poured out upon the Gentiles *Romans 10:19-20*

***Deuteronomy 32:21*** *They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a **foolish nation**.*

1. We are the foolish nation who has received the foolishness of preaching.
2. The second prophecy is from Isaiah.

***Isaiah 65:1-2*** *I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. 2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;*

#### B. God's blameless to his people Israel. *Romans 10:21*

1. This passage leaves Israel with no excuse. They had heard the word of God and God stretched forth his **hand all day long**.
2. Paul preached in Acts 28:23 all day long.

***Acts 28:23*** *And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from **morning till evening**.*

***Isaiah 59:1*** *Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:*

## Romans 11:1-36 - The nation of Israel's future \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Power To Restore *Romans 11:1-10*

#### A. The witness of the \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 11:1*

1. " \_\_\_\_\_ " is the answer to the question of Romans 9:31-32.
2. Paul enters himself as \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 11:1*

#### B. The witness of the Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 11:2-10*

### II. The Witness That Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ Is Not \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 11:11-24*

#### A. The witness of the \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 11:11-15*

#### B. The witness of the \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 11:16-24*

### III. The Witness of God's Power To \_\_\_\_\_ The Natural Branch. *Romans 11:23-24*

#### A. God uses the the witness of the Patriarchs to prepare us for \_\_\_\_\_ witness. *Romans 11:18-24*

1. In *Romans 11:18-24*, we see God is able to graft Israel back into their \_\_\_\_\_ olive tree.  
*Daniel 9:24-7, Zachariah 12:10*
2. God has not "replaced Israel" he has placed her on \_\_\_\_\_ until the fulness of the gentiles be come in.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Theology:** Looking at this from Paul's perspective from first century history: Paul now addresses one of the most important heresies that will appear in the church in the next 300 years after writing this epistle. *Romans 11:19-24, Galatians 6:15-16, Romans 9:6 (See attached notes on Romans 9)*

Getting this doctrine wrong will have a negative impact on your understanding and preaching of the \_\_\_\_\_. *Romans 11:23*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Preterism:** The Roman Catholic church would be born about 300 years after Paul wrote these words to the Romans in chapter 11. There is no evidence that Constantine was ever biblically born again. Nonetheless, a church state religion formed in 380 AD that ensured the prophecy of Daniel would be present at the rise of the antichrist at the beginning of the tribulation just as he prophesied in Daniel and Revelation. **The Roman Catholic Church teaches they replace the nation of Israel.** You see in the book of Revelation 2:9 Jesus address the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not. These take to themselves the promises of Israel. It is because of this false understanding of the role of the bride of Christ that many wars have been started and many persecutions of bible believing Christians have come from this false religion.

They would teach that the abomination of desolation occurred in 70 AD when Titus sacked Jerusalem and that those prophecies concerning Daniel were complete in 70 AD and now the second coming of Christ is spiritual and some day the church will fix all the problems of the world and once there is world peace, Jesus will return. This is why they will always be found quoting Matthew 5 and meddling in the affairs of state. For it will be this very heresy that leads to **Mystery Babylon Religion** found in **Revelation 17:5**. It's worth noting that those who hold his view do not hold Paul's writings in high regard and do not view the book of Revelation as imagery only.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Preterism:** There is also a Preterist position which **many Protestants** hold today. Ironically, it was developed by the Roman Catholic Jesuit **Luis del Alcázar** to combat Protestants who viewed the Roman Catholic church as antichrist in the dark ages. Alcazar's work was published in 1614. His view is that 70 AD represents many of the events of the apocalypse but not all. There have been different theologians who try and make the last 3.5 years match the millennia following the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. That view doesn't work since the scripture is specific in Revelation that the last 3.5 years is equal to 360 days and 42 months. Many allegorize the dark ages as the "great tribulation". Voddie Bauchman held this position.

4. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the natural olive tree. **Romans 11:24, Jeremiah 11:16-17, Hosea 14:4-6**

B. The Mystery of Israel's restoration is something we are to \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 11:25**

1. God reveals truth to us **through** \_\_\_\_\_ that was formerly hidden in the Old Testament text. **1 Corinthians 4:1**
2. Blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gentiles be brought in. **Matthew 15:14; 23:16-24, 2 Corinthians 3:14-15**
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of gentiles is NOT the same as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gentiles. **Luke 21:24**
4. The restoration of Israel is yet \_\_\_\_\_.
5. This mystery should make us \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 11:25**

C. Now Paul Calls His Star Witness. The witness of the God \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 11:25-32, Romans 11:27, Isaiah 27:9**

D. God keeps his \_\_\_\_\_ even when we don't keep \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 11:26-27**

1. Paul quoting **Isaiah 59:21-22**, tells us that God will fulfill his part of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. God keeps his \_\_\_\_\_ even when Israel breaks \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 11:27**

E. Paul's Practical \_\_\_\_\_ to the church. **Romans 11:28-32**

#### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Power To Restore **Romans 11:30-36**

A. God's ways are \_\_\_\_\_ than our ways. **Romans 11:30-32, Isaiah 55:8-9**

B. God's ways are \_\_\_\_\_ finding out! **Romans 11:33-36, Romans 8:32, 28**



# The Covenants

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**QUESTION:** Is God \_\_\_\_\_ with the nation of Israel?

**PREMISE:** God will \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ that He has made. **1 Kings 8:23**

## The Covenants

Our objective is to study what the Bible specifically \_\_\_\_\_ a “**covenant**” shown \_\_\_\_\_ God and man.

### I. Distinctions.

**The relationship between covenants and dispensations. What are the differences?**

- Covenants have to do with \_\_\_\_\_, dispensations with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Covenants are \_\_\_\_\_ -ended, but dispensations have set \_\_\_\_\_ limits.
- Covenants concern the plan of action God is carrying out related to his Eternal Purpose; dispensations concern the plan God is using related to redemption and eternal life.

**Defn:** Grace is the finished work of Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ on your behalf, as \_\_\_\_\_ by your faith.

**KEY:** Salvation by grace through faith is fixed by \_\_\_\_\_ principle.  
**Hebrews 11**

Faith is the way to approach God at any time, but what Paul calls the *work of faith* (1 Thes 1:3; 2 Thes 1:11) **changes** for each dispensation.

In every age, in **all** dispensations, a man or woman is saved by \_\_\_\_\_ God's word and \_\_\_\_\_ what he says.

- Covenants are promises that deal with people on a collective or \_\_\_\_\_ level, and almost always without reference to how an individual gets eternal life from God.



- Dispensations are processes, as the way of God to \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life in any given period of \_\_\_\_\_ since the fall of Adam.

Covenants are \_\_\_\_\_ to dispensations, in that many times, a covenant gives the \_\_\_\_\_ to the work of faith necessary in one or more dispensation.

**For example:** The Mosaic covenant.

You had to **bring** a lamb, not just say you **believed** in a lamb.

**KEY:** God's covenants are open-ended \_\_\_\_\_ that declare God's eternal purpose. **Ephesians 2:12**

## II. Definition.

A biblical Covenant is a \_\_\_\_\_ that forms the basis for God's \_\_\_\_\_ dealing with mankind.

- There are two types of biblical covenants. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (a covenant with an "if" attached to it.)

**Example:** The Mosaic Covenant was **dependent** on Israel keeping God's law. **Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 28:1-2**

- A typical definition of a biblical covenant.

*A divine covenant is (1) a sovereign disposition of God, whereby he establishes an unconditional or declarative compact with man, obligating himself, in grace, by the untrammelled formula, "I WILL," to bring to pass of himself definite blessings for the covenanted ones, or (2) a proposal of God, wherein he promises, in a conditional or mutual compact with man, by the contingent formula "IF YE WILL," to grant special blessings to man provided he fulfills perfectly certain conditions, and to execute definite punishment in case of his failure. – J. Dwight Pentecost.*

## III. Details.

**PROPHECY:** God's declaration of His promises in detail.

**PROBLEM:** Spiritual principalities do work against God's covenants. Their purpose is to get God to renege on His promises.

**POINT:** If God will not keep His promises to Israel, what makes you so sure He'll keep His promises to you?

1. \_\_\_\_\_, **Genesis 6:18; 9:9-17** (an everlasting covenant of salvation, 9:16)
  - Satan's attack: **Genesis 6** compare **Daniel 2:43-44**

2. \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 12:2; 15**

- Abraham was promised a seed and a land by God.  
**Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 13:16; 15:5, 13, 18; 16:10; 17:7, 8, 9, 10; 17:19; 21:12; 22:17, 18; 24:7; 26:3, 4, 24; 28:4, 13, 14; 32:12; 35:12; 48:4.**

**KEY:** That promised seed ultimately culminates in the person of \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:16, 29**

- God already talked to Abram about his seed in chapter 12, now he expands it to a covenant and covers the land. **Genesis 12:6-7; 15:18**
- **Satan's attack: Genesis 12:10**  
He used the tactic of persuading Israel to idolatry. **Judges – 2 Chronicles!**

That doesn't void the covenant promise that God made to Abraham concerning his seed and their land! **Leviticus 26:40-46**

Beware cursing what God has blessed. **Ezekiel 28:25-26** compare **Genesis 12:3**  
Example **Numbers 23:7-12**

3. \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 17:2-14; Acts 7:8**

- It was the mark of a people separated unto God! A peculiar people.
- REMEMBER: The Abrahamic covenant includes the promise of a SEED.  
**Gen 15, 22** says his seed will be as the **stars**. **Picture:** Spiritual seed.  
**Gen 22** says Abraham's seed will also be like the **sand**. **Picture:** Physical seed.

**Galatians 2:7-8** But contrariwise, when they [the Jerusalem Jews] saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; <sup>8</sup>(for he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

Peter was getting the gospel to Abraham's **physical** seed, who had the covenant of circumcision made with them. Paul was getting the gospel to Abraham's **spiritual** seed, who were made children of Abraham when they came into Christ via the process of spiritual circumcision in **Colossians 2:10-15**.

- **Satan's attack. Exodus 4:24-26**

Another stratagem of attack? **Reformed theology.**

Just replace the promised physical seed with the spiritual and say that God is done with national Israel. More and more people are falling for it. Gen 12:3!

4. \_\_\_\_\_. Exodus 19:3-6; 24:7 (The terms are listed in chapters 19-24)

- Chapters 1-18 – show Israel set free.
- Chapters 25-40 – show the construction of the temple.  
You can **nest** the “Ark of the Covenant” right there. **Deuteronomy 31:26**

The ARK was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder to ISRAEL of God’s covenant with them under the law.

- Chapters 19-24 – show the Covenant of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Reformed covenant theologians** can’t even find a place in their scheme for covenant number four, the Mosaic covenant. They still call it part of the covenant of grace, despite the curses pronounced for not performing its works and keeping the law.

**Commandments (moral law), Judgments (civil law), and Ordinances (ceremonial law).**

The Moral Law. Exodus 19-20

The Civil Law. Exodus 21-22

The Ceremonial Law. Exodus 23-24

- You can nest the “**covenant of peace**” with Levi (an everlasting priesthood) here.  
**Numbers 25:6-13**

They corrupted the covenant of peace/Levi! **Malachi 2:1-9**

- **Satan’s attack: Exodus 32**  
It almost worked! Israel saw that Moses delayed to come down from mount Sinai, so they made an idol to worship. **Exodus 32:7-14**

Again, this same attack repeats over and over in Judges – 2 Chron!

- It is called the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant in **Hebrews 8:13**

5. \_\_\_\_\_. Deuteronomy 29:1-30:3

- This covenant and **confirms** the promise of the land made to Abraham. **BUT it specifically promises that if Israel did not keep the law, they got scattered \_\_\_\_\_ the land.**

Again, this covenant is proof that God is not done with the nation of Israel!

- **Satan's attack.**

Satan works to get the nations to force Israel out of the promised land.

*"From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free"*

**KEY:** God is against Israel giving up any of the land He promised to Israel.

**Leviticus 25:23**

God will judge the nations for \_\_\_\_\_ the promised land for supposed peace. **Joel 3:1-2**

6. \_\_\_\_\_. **2 Samuel 7:8-17; 23:5; Psalm 89**

- It is called a "*covenant of salt*" in **2 Chronicles 13:5**

Compare Lev 2:13; Numb 18:19 ~ connected to the priestly function.

Hello! **Ezekiel 44:3; 45-46:15**

- The Davidic covenant is an \_\_\_\_\_ covenant. **2 Samuel 23:5**

- This covenant is called the "*sure mercies of David!*" **Isaiah 55:3**

- The Davidic Covenant is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ during the final dispensation – the millennial reign of Christ. **Matthew 1:1; Revelation 19**

**KEY:** Understand the dramatic conclusion of dispensational theology! **Psalm 23**

This covenant with David is proof that God is not finished with the nation of Israel!

- **Example:** Proof of this everlasting covenant! **Jehoram. 2 Chronicles 21:5-7**

- **Satan's attack. 1 Chronicles 21**

**VICTORY:** David himself will be resurrected.

**Jeremiah 30:4-9; Ezekiel 34:20-31; 37:21-28**

Beware spiritualizing these passages! **Matthew 19:28; Romans 8:17;**

**2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 6:3**

**VICTORY:** Christ. **Isaiah 53:4**

Compare **Romans 6; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Luke 1:30-33; Acts 2:25-36**

7. \_\_\_\_\_. **Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:7-10; 12:24; 13:20**

- The new covenant is proof that God is not finished with Israel!
- It replaces the OLD (Mosaic) Covenant. **Hebrews 8:7-10**  
How? Christ came and because He **fulfilled** the law, He could cancel out the old covenant and made a **new** one by **His blood shed at Calvary**.
- So, if this covenant really was made with Israel, and the Jews, how did **we** get in on it? **Romans 11:25-32**
- It is called "*the everlasting covenant*" of salvation in **Hebrews 13:20**.

**KEY:** The content of all of God's covenants of promise with Israel are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Millennial Kingdom.

- **Satan's attack. All out war.**  
You can see the battle between principalities playing out. Everything from Daniel 10 to Revelation 19!

Today, Satan, the god of this present evil world, is turning the hearts of the world against Israel – he wants all deeper under the Gen 12:3 curse.

Compare **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

MAN! Whose side are you on? Don't fall for the enemy's propaganda!

## A Classic View of SEVEN Dispensations

Dispensation	Edenic Innocence	Adamic Conscience	Noahic Govt.	Abrahamic Patriarchs	Mosaic Law	Grace	Millennial Kingdom
Steward	Adam Gen 2:15-17 Tend, keep the garden. Don't eat the wrong fruit	His Sons Gen 1:28 Do good.	Noah Gen 9:1-7 Obey	Abraham Gen 12:1-3,7 Take the promised land, believe and obey God	Moses Exo 20 Keep the law	Paul 1 Cor 4:1-2 Believe on Jesus. Walk with God. Preach the Gospel. Make disciples	12 Apostles The Nations Dan 7:18 Believe and obey Christ and His government
Failure	Gen 3:6	Gen 6:2-6	Gen 11:4	Gen 12:10	Exo 32	Rev 3:14-19	Rev 20:9
Judgment	Gen 3:13-24	Gen 6:7-8,24	Gen 11:7-9	Gen 15:13	2 Chr 36	2 Cor 5:10	Rev 20:11
Crisis	Expulsion from Eden	Destruction in the flood	Confusion of the language, nations scattered	Subjugation in Egypt. Wilderness wandering	Rejection of Israel, captivities	Rapture of the Church to the Judgment Seat of Christ. Lose reward.	Rebellion at the end of the Day of the Lord. Great White Throne Judgment.
Limits	Creation to the fall	Fall to the Flood	Flood to Babel	Abraham to Egypt	Moses to Jesus	Cross to the Crown	Day of the Lord
Test	Innocence in Perfection	Conscience in Permission	Government in Protection	Promise through the Patriarchs	Law in Precept	Mysteries in Patience	Kingdom in Power
Symbol	Garden of Eden	Mark of Cain	Rainbow in the Clouds	Altar of Sacrifice	Tables of Stone	Cross of Christ	Rod of Iron
Scripture	Gen 1:3-3:6	Gen 3:7-8,14	Gen 8:15-11:9	Ge 11:10-Ex 18:27	Exo 19:John	Matt 27; Acts - Rev 4:1	Rev 20:1-15

## The Covenants so Identified in Scripture

<p>Noahic Covenant: Gen 6:18; 9:9-17 (an "everlasting covenant" 9:16)</p> <p>Promise: Never another global flood. Gen 9:12-17 / Attack: In the last days the devil seeks to provok the same Genesis 6:6-13 response to a corrupted genome. Gen 6:4; Dan 2:43</p>	
<p>Abrahamic Covenant: Gen 12:2; 15:18-20 compare Lev 26:40-46</p> <p>Promise: A seed, a land. / Attack: Gen 12:10, also Judges - 2 Chron! Numb 23:7-12</p>	
<p>Circumcision: Gen 17:2-14; Acts 7:8</p> <p>Promise: Nationally seperated unto God. / Attack: Exo 4:24-26</p>	
<p>Mosaic: Exo 19:1-6</p> <p>Promise: Blessings following the Law.</p> <p>Attack: Exo 32; Judges - 2 Chron!</p>	
<p>Palestinian: Deut 29:1-30:3</p> <p>Promise: Deut 29:1-30:3 / Attack: "from the river to the sea" Beware! Lev 25:23; Joel 3:1-2</p>	
<p>Davidic: 2 Sam 7:8-17; 23:5; Ps 89; Isaiah 55:3</p> <p>Victory! Jer 30:4-9; Ezek 34:20-31; 37:21-28</p> <p>VICTORY! Matt 1:1; Luke 1:30-33; Acts 2:25-36</p>	
<p>New: Jer 31-34; 31:31-34; Heb 8:7-10; 12:24 (an everlasting covenant of salvation, Heb 13:20)</p> <p>People get confused because we get in on this covenant offered to national Israel before they do.</p> <p>Promise: "all Israel shall be saved" Rom 11:24-32</p> <p>Attack: Replacement theology and anti Israel sentiment. An all out multi-front war against God's chosen people. 2 Thess 2:1-8 - Rev 19.</p>	
<p>All Israel is saved.</p> <p>Rom 11; Rev 19</p>	





# The Prophecies

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## Literal Interpretation and the Importance of Dispensationalism

### Introductory Statements:

Dispensationalism is the only hermeneutic that allows you to believe every word of God literally.

John 14:2

Dispensationalism allows you to believe *all* the prophecies.

Acts 24:14

Premillennialism requires a form of dispensationalism.

Acts 1:9-11

2 Timothy 2:16-17

Replacement Theology is true, but only in the context of dispensationalism.

The importance of understanding dual applications to scripture.

- Physical / Spiritual
- Dual fulfillments of prophecy
- National / Individual

Titus 1:9-11

## I. Specific Prophecies That Require A Modern State Of Israel

### 1. Unconditional Promises made to Abraham

Galatians 3:16

Hebrews 7:6

Hebrews 11:17

A. A *SEED* forever

Galatians 3:29

Romans 4:16



B. A *LAND* forever

Genesis 12:1  
Genesis 15:18  
1 Kings 4:21  
Genesis 13:15-17  
Psalm 105:6-12  
Exodus 32:11-14

**2. David's seed ruling over Israel forever**

2 Chronicles 21:7  
2 Chronicles 7:18  
Jeremiah 22:30  
Genesis 49:10  
2 Samuel 22:51  
Psalm 18:50  
Psalm 89:3-4

**3. The Major Prophets**

1.) Isaiah: God will instruct all the nations from Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:1-4  
Isaiah 9:6-7  
1 Chronicles 17:12-14  
2 Samuel 7:13-16  
1 Chronicles 22:10

Regathering the Jews to Israel

Isaiah 11:11-12  
Jeremiah 3:18  
Jeremiah 16:14-15

2.) Jeremiah: Nature testifies the permanence of Israel

Jeremiah 31:35-37  
Jeremiah 31:31

Nature confirms the Davidic covenant

Jeremiah 33:20-26  
Psalm 77:7-9  
1 Kings 11:39

3.) Ezekiel: Israel's national salvation

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:21-25

Isaiah 57:15-19

Israel's future 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple

Ezekiel 40-48

4.) Daniel: Judgment of Gentile world powers

1.) Chapter 2 – The great image

vv.43-45

2.) Chapter 9:24-27 – Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week

Matthew 24:15

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Daniel 8:13-14

5.) Minor Prophets: all nations turn against Israel

Zechariah 12:1-3

Israel repents of the crucifixion

Zechariah 1:10

John 19:36-37

Zechariah 14:2-4

Zechariah 14:9, 16

#### **4. The Prophecies of Jesus Christ**

1.) Jesus will reign over Israel forever

Luke 1:31-33

2.) Jesus will gather Israel from dispersion

Matthew 24:29-35

Sun darkened, moon to blood

- Revelation 6:12-17
- Joel 2:10; 3:15; Amos 8:9; Hab 3:11
- Isaiah 13:10
- Acts 2:20

Israel's full return is *after* the times of the Gentiles.

Luke 21:20-24

Mark 13:2-13

Israel's national redemption

Luke 21:27-28

Acts 1:6-7

Acts 3:17-21

## 5. The Prophecies of Revelation:

When in history did...

...the sun become black as sackcloth and the moon become as blood? (Rev 6)

...12,000 virgin men from each of the 12 tribes of Israel preach throughout the earth? (Rev 7)

...a third of all mankind suddenly die? (Rev 9)

...horse-shaped locusts with faces like men and hair like women ever come out of the center of the earth? (Rev 9)

...two witnesses preach 1260 days, fire proceeding out of their mouths, stop the heavens from rain for 3-1/2 years, get killed & come back to life and ascend up to heaven? (Rev 11)

...Satan get cast down to earth with his angels? (Rev 12)

...the antichrist appear performing miracles to deceive the elect? (Rev 16)

...Jesus Christ return bodily in glory? (Rev 19)

## II. Practical Considerations

Replacement Theology gives Israel all the curses but none of the blessings.

Replacement Theology doesn't acknowledge the miracle of Israel becoming a nation.

Replacement Theology mishandles the prophecies of a literal Israel in their land with Jerusalem as the capital, ruling nations and worshipping God at the end of time.

Replacement Theology rejects Israel as the estranged wife of God the Father.

Jeremiah 3:20, 31:32

Hosea 14

Replacement Theology ignores the profound parallels of Israel and the Church.