ISRAEL Pt. 2: CHOSEN PEOPLE

I want you to understand who the Jews who have rejected Jesus are to God and also who you, as a Christian, are to God.

After Adam and Eve sinned, then the Earth began to be filled with wickedness (Gen.6:5-6). So God cleansed the Earth through what we call Noah's flood. After that, Nimrod sinned against God in building his empire (Genesis 10:8-12, Genesis 11:1-9) against God. God broke up the Tower of Babel by confusing the languages. Then God chose to work with Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

This was spoken to Abraham, so when God said He would bless those that bless you, He was speaking directly to Abraham. This was a personal promise to Abraham as a man living on this earth. God was letting him know that He would help him in this way. Strangers would be able to see that God's favor was on Abraham and they would be blessed for helping him or cursed for not helping him.

All the families of the earth are now blessed because King David came through the genealogy of Abraham. God made a covenant with King David that he would never lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel. Jesus ultimately came through the natural genealogy of Abraham and King David and He is The One Who will always sit on the throne in representation of King David and Israel as well as all who love and serve Him. God ultimately has given all the nations of this world to Christ and those who come to Him are blessed in Him. Jesus is the way that all nations were and are still blessed today because He made the way for us to be reconciled back to God the Father and ultimately to inherit eternal life.

Gal.3:16 – Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ.

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God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "to his child"—and that, of course, means Christ.

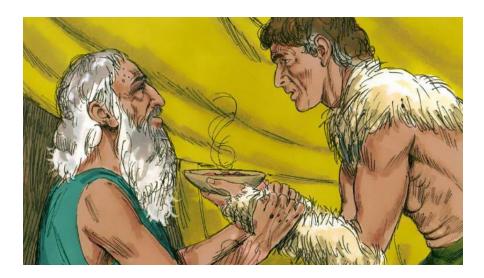
There was no country of Israel back then when God made this promise to Abraham. There was no nation of Jews back then.



God founded the nation of Israel through Abraham when He called him out of Ur of the Chaldees which is in Mesopotamia, Babylonian territory. God called him out of a pagan nation to come and serve Him. It would be Jacob, Abraham's grandson, whom God would change his name to Israel, and that is where the name for the country of Israel comes from.

The meaning of blessing those that blessed Abraham was that whoever showed him favor and helped him, as he was a stranger living in the land of Canaan, God would bless them. And whoever stood against him or fought against him and purposely worked against him, then God would place a curse on them.

Today, televangelists have an agenda in teaching the world to bless Israel by sending them money. They use Scripture out of context and twist it in order to profit thereby. They are playing on the generosity and ignorance of those who do not understand God's Word.



In Genesis 27:29, Isaac repeats the same blessing spoken by God to Abraham. Isaac speaks that blessing over Jacob, who was using deceit to get the birthright blessing. Isaac left the end off where God said that in Abraham all nations would be blessed. So we see that this blessing was spoken to individuals, not in regards to the whole nation.

When Balaam was hired to curse Israel and he could not because God had blessed her, he concluded by saying that those that bless Israel would be blessed and those that curse her would be cursed. He had first-hand experience with trying to curse Israel and each time, God only allowed him to pronounce blessings over Israel. At that time, God had His favor on Israel. He had already been cleansing her of her sin by letting those that rebelled against Him die off during the wandering in the wilderness. He was preparing them to enter into the promised land at that time. The words that God had Balaam pronounce over Israel were blessings, Balaam did not send money to Israel. Today, everyone has bought into the lie that we are supposed to send our money to Israel.

Israel as a nation has rejected Jesus and they are in great sin against God. God never blesses sin and neither should we. What we should be doing is praying for Israel to be saved.

Deut.14:2 - For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD Thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

God began again to cultivate a relationship with His creation and He chose to begin with Abraham and his descendants who became the Jews of the country of Israel. They spoke Hebrew initially and were called Hebrews or Israelites. They are first called Jews in the book of Esther and mainly in the New Testament. It seems that the word Jew comes from the tribe of Judah.

God said in Deut.14:2 that they were chosen to be a special people unto Himself. God had to start somewhere and He chose to start with this nation. They are the ones He worked with throughout the Old Testament.

Romans 11:11-24 – I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but

toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *His* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Jews who reject Jesus and practice Judaism are branches that have been broken off of God's olive tree. Jews that reject Jesus are branches that have been broken off of God's olive tree. The olive tree is the church. God has always had a church and the church began with the Old Testament saints, those that obeyed God's law.

The church today are those who have come to Jesus by grace through faith. Christians that are not Jewish should never be proud or boastful of our status in Christ but stay humble and thankful that God grafted us in. Through the Jews rejection and crucifixion of Jesus, the way was opened for us to come in, God opened the door and offered salvation to the Jews first and then to the nations and to anyone who would believe in Jesus and obey Him.

Romans 11:25-27 - For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this *is* My covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

The Jews as a nation missed their Messiah. He came and walked among them and they did not even know Him. (John 1:10-17) Those that have not come to Him are blinded and they remain in their sin against God. Those that practice and adhere to Judaism are practicing against God's Word. They are lost. Judaism is idolatry against God, it is their own religion and there is nothing holy about it.

It is interesting that we consider them as if they have a special deal with God where they are in a relationship with Him even though they have rejected Jesus.

That's not how it works. The Bible tells us because they have rejected Jesus, they don't have the Father either. That also means they do not have The Holy Spirit and are not sealed by Him. They are lost and they have nothing they can teach us. We should not be holding these rabbi's in high esteem as though they are close to God or can teach us anything. They do not even hear God's voice but continue in sin against Him.

God made the ultimate and final sacrifice for this whole world, for Jews and the nations alike. That sacrifice is Jesus. He is the only way to The Father and to eternal life.

I think it is funny that we have bought into terms like "Messianic-Jew." A Jew who is saved and believes in Jesus is called a Christian. There is no need to specify their nationality. For example, here in America in regards to Christianity we would say a believer or a non-believer or a Christian or an unbeliever. We don't bring our nationality into it. So again, a Jewish person that is saved should be called a Christian, just like the rest of us.

In the passage of Scripture that I just read when it speaks of all Israel being saved, that is understood through the reading of God's Word that for those who come and accept Jesus and obey God's Word, they will be saved. God has given everyone free will and each person has that decision to make and those Jews who choose Christ will be saved.

As a nation, we see in Scripture that they will not turn back to God until the tribulation. They have refused to receive the blood that Jesus shed for them and so those that come to Him during the tribulation, will shed their own blood in order to be saved.

Israel and the Jews are a sensitive subject because the powers that be in this world want it to be that way. They want people to be scared to speak out the truth about the current spiritual state of Israel. God does not want us to be ignorant of His Word or about the end times. The beast system loves to start race wars by baiting people with fake news and false flags. Don't fall for it, as Christians we are called to love everyone just as Jesus does.

CLOSING

Gal.3:27-29 – For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



This is what the chosen people look like today. The body of Christ is one and there is no distinction between races. The special ones and chosen ones now under the new covenant, are those who have accepted Christ. We Christians are spiritually Abraham's seed because we are in Christ and have put on Christ and that includes Jews who have received Jesus as well.

We as Christians don't hate anyone, let's be like our Master and pray for the unsaved Jews to be saved.

Next week I'm going to get into the darker side of Israel and discuss Judaism deeper.

PRAYER