

Who is Israel?

Part 2

Genesis 12, 15

Introduction: Last week we looked at a message that focused upon the false teaching that is rapidly spreading in our society today. It is Replacement Theology, and it is being proclaimed by many churches and many people who are very influential. People like Candace Owen, Tucker Carlson, Kirk Cameron, and many Reformed Theologians. These people are teaching that the church has replaced the nation of Israel and now we who are the church are the NEW ISRAEL. This teaching is producing 2 dangerous mindsets in the people who get lured into the teaching.

1. **Anti-Semitism**
2. **Dominionism/reconstructionism.**

Both serve Satan's purpose.

Anti-Semitism will reach its pinnacle in the Tribulation.

Zechariah 14:1-3

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

² For **I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle**; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Dominionism/reconstructionism causes the church to abandon its mission. We are not called to clean up the world, but we are called to preach the Gospel to every creature. I need to also add that reconstructionism is very appealing to most but especially to the younger generation. Let me show you why.

SEVEN MOUNTAINS MANDATE is all about Dominionism. Their goal is to change 7 societal mountains.

1. **Family**
2. **Religion**
3. **Education**
4. **Media**
5. **Arts and Entertainment**

6. Business

7. Government

To clean up these areas sounds really appealing to people raising families. But this is not what we are called to do. When the church gets involved in this then the Great Commission takes a back seat. This is Satan's plan to lead the church down a path that has no spiritual value.

Getting back to the point God has not cast-off Israel and what we need to know is that Israel is the future. We who are the church are not the New Israel. You will find no verse in Scripture that tells that Jesus Christ is the King of the church. He is our Shepherd, He is our Savior, He is the Groom, but He is never called the King of the church. He is the King of the Jews but not the church. Today we are going to look at why Israel is so important in the plan of God. I am going to try and follow the outline that you were given.

I. The Need for the Nation of Israel

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Promise of a Redeemer to do 3 things.

1. Restore the Kingdom.
2. Restore the earth back to the garden conditions.
3. Destroy Satan.

This started a spiritual battle between Satan and God.

Genesis 11:1-8

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

³ And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

⁴ And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

⁶ And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

A man by the name of Nimrod led this rebellion. Nimrod hunted men to rebel against God, and he led them to Shinar where they built a tower. This tower was a false worship system that was established by Nimrod through the direction of Satan. We know that when God came down, He scattered the people, and He changed their languages. But something happened in the false worship system that needs to be understood. There was a false worship system that developed here that spread through the entire world.

Here is what research tells us about Nimrod and his wife. Nimrod was married to a woman named Semiramis. The two of them had a child named Tammuz. Tammuz was killed by a wild animal but then Tammuz was miraculously resurrected to life, very similar to the way Satan, in Revelation 13, is going to bring the Anti-Christ back to life in the tribulation period. Therefore, everybody started to worship the mother and the child; so, they worshipped Semiramis, and they worshiped Tammuz. That was the religious system that was established at the Tower of Babel. Now when the Lord went down to the Tower of Babel, and He scattered the people and each group carried something with them from Babel and that was this false worship of the Mother Child system. This system poisoned every group of people that spread from Babel.

II. The Promise of a New Nation

Notice Genesis 12:1-2

Here we see that God called Abram from Ur of the Chaldees to make a new nation from him. This would be a nation that was not polluted with the mother child worship.

III. The Abrahamic Promises

Notice Genesis 12:1-7

There are those who will tell you that these promises are only for Abram and they are not for the nation. They say God is speaking directly to Abram and they therefore only pertain to him.

This raises a question in my mind.

Genesis 3:16-19

¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

¹⁹ In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

This is the curse, and God is speaking directly to Adam. Did the curse only affect Adam, or does it affect all of his descendants?

The same is true of Abram. God said he would make from him a New Nation and therefore all the promises apply to the Nation of Israel.

There are 8 promises given to Abram.

1. I will make of thee a great nation.
2. I will bless thee.
3. I will make thy name great.
4. Thou shalt be a blessing.
5. I will bless them that bless thee.

6. I will curse him that curseth thee.
7. In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
8. Unto thy seed will I give this land.

A very important question arises here. Are these promises LITERAL or are they FIGURATIVE? There are many that will teach that these promises are figurative and they will be fulfilled in heaven or in the Eternal State.

But notice what God said. He said He would given to Abram's seed THIS LAND. That was the very land he was standing upon. That was a literal land, and it was the land that was promised so we must conclude that these promises are to the New Nation and they are literal.

Revelation 21:1

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

IV. The Abrahamic Covenant

Notice Genesis 15:1-6

Abram believed God and he was saved. But what did he believe?

He believed that from him would come one special SEED and that would be Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:16

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.*

This salvation probably happened shortly after he was called to Canaan.

Genesis 12:7

⁷ *And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.*

God would give the land to the nation, but Abram also understood that there was ONE who would come from him that would be the promised SEED.

Notice Genesis 15:7-18

Here in verse 18, we see the word "covenant" which means contract. God took the Abrahamic promises, and he ratified them in a covenant. If we notice closely this is an unconditional covenant. Abram never walked between the animal pieces. It was God the Father and the Son. The covenant did not rest upon the faithfulness of Abram, but it depended completely upon the faithfulness of God.

Three aspects in this covenant. Land, Seed, and Blessing. These would become 3 sub-covenants. To Abram and the Nation was promised the King who will rule the Earthly Kingdom.

V. Can God Break His Covenant?

Hebrews 6:17-19a

¹⁷ Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

¹⁹ Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast,

God cannot cast off Israel. He would then be a liar.

Conclusion:

If God broke His promises and His covenant with Abraham, then He could do the same to us. Where then would be our hope?

Hebrews 8:10-12

¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.