

Who is Israel?

Part 1

Galatians 3

Introduction: Today there is great theological confusion that is spreading like wildfire and many in the church are falling into the trap of deception. This confusion has to do with the Nation of Israel, and this should be no surprise. Let me explain what is happening and from whom it is coming.

Acts 20:27-31

²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

³¹ Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

There are people proclaiming 3 points that we are going to consider.

1. The people who occupy Israel today are not the true Israel.
2. We are not to support Israel because the government of those people is very corrupt.
3. There is no where in the Bible where we are told we will be blessed if we bless Isarel and we will be cursed if we curse Israel.

Let us start with the first statement, "The Israel in the land of Israel is not the true Israel." This is being proclaimed very loudly by Candace Owen and many others. I point her out by name because of the influence she has through social media. She has 4.4 million followers on Instagram and YouTube. So, she gets on her podcast, and she is telling people

that Isarel is not the true Israel. She proclaims this loudly and very convincingly. What are we to think of this?

First of all, what people need to know is that Candace Owen has a background of Reformed Theology, and she has just declared that she is now Catholic. She is someone who believes in Replacement Theology. Those in Replacement Theology believe that the Church has replaced the Nation of Israel. Let me show you how they twist the Scriptures.

Notice Galatians 3:28-29

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Verse 29 is one verse that is being used. They use this verse in an attempt to show that the Church is the New Israel or that the Church has replaced Israel. But this is NOT the meaning of the verse.

Notice Galatians 3:6-7

⁶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Here is the context for the chapter. Paul points to Abraham to show that he was justified by faith and now all who believe are the children of Abraham. We are NOT the physical descendants, but we are the spiritual descendants because we too have been justified by faith. There is yet another verse that is used by those who promote Replacement Theology.

Notice Galatians 6:15-16

¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

In verse 16 they will tell you that the "Israel of God" is THE church. It is part of the church but not in the way in which they mean. The word "AND" in this verse separates 2 groups of people. The first group are the Gentiles who are the body of Christ and the second group are the Jews who also make up the body of Jesus Christ. They are the physical and spiritual descendants of Abraham. This is all the same group, but Paul just distinguishes between the 2 groups that make up the 1 body of believers.

Along with this theology is that teaching that God has cast off the Nation of Israel and He is finished with them. But that is not what the Bible teaches.

Isaiah 49:14-16

¹⁴ But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

¹⁵ Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

¹⁶ Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

Jeremiah 31:36-37

³⁵ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

³⁶ If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

³⁷ Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Getting back to Replacement Theology, it is not only Candace Owen who is connected with this teaching. Those in Reformed Theology are doing the same. Men like Doug Wilson, John Piper, Alistair Begg, Al Mohler, and Mark Dever. **This teaching breeds several dangerous movements. These are traps that are laid by Satan.**

➤ **Anti Semitism.**

This teaching may just be setting the stage for the Tribulation.

Zechariah 12:2-3

² Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

³ And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

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.

³ Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

We have talked about this before, but I will remind you that anti-Semitism is all satanic. It is Satan's goal to destroy the nation of Israel.

Revelation 12:7-13

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

➤ **Dominionism/Reconstructionism.**

Many in the circle of Replacement Theology believe that it is the church's responsibility to change the world and then Jesus will come back and set up His Kingdom. One of the movements that are involved in changing the world is called SEVEN MOUNTAINS MANDATE. This group started as 2 people claim they received a Divine message from God. Their goal is to change 7 societal mountains.

1. Family
2. Religion
3. Education
4. Media
5. Arts and Entertainment
6. Business
7. Government

First of all, God does not give Divine revelation today, so their message did not come from God. Second, the Kingdom does not depend upon what the church does. The coming Kingdom depends completely upon the Nation of Israel. We cannot do anything that will bring the Kingdom to the earth. Two things MUST happen before the Kingdom will be established.

- **Israel must repent.**
- **Israel must accept Jesus Christ as their King.**

Third, the church has never been given the command to clean up the earth. We are commanded to preach the Gospel. We are commanded to be fishers of men, we are not called to clean the fishbowl.

So here is what this teaching does. It gets the church involved in that which we are not called to do. Listen to the words from Middletown Bible Church.

"God has never told us to change the world. The world system is incurably sick and headed for destruction. God has told us to preach the gospel to individuals ("to every creature") and when a person responds in the right way to the gospel message, his life is truly transformed by the grace of God. It is better to think of the world as a sinking ship like the Titanic. It is hell-bent and hell-bound, doomed to destruction. Many, yea most, will perish. It is our job to "throw out the life line" and seek to "rescue the perishing" as we herald the good news.

"The Great Commission does not involve exerting a Christian influence upon society. We are not to "change society," but to "convert individuals." There is much talk today about "changing the world for Christ." There is no Biblical teaching or example to support that popular slogan."

--Dave Hunt

The only One who can change the world is God Himself, and this will be done only when Christ returns to this earth to establish His kingdom. The church will never bring in a new world. This work will be done by Christ and by Christ alone."

Jesus was very clear concerning what we are to do.

Mark 16:15

¹⁵ *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Conclusion:

This teaching has penetrated the MAGA movement through 2 people that we can be sure of. Paula White is the spiritual advisor of President Trump. Pete Hegseth is plugged into a church connected to Doug Wilson. One of the ways these people look to change the world is by implementing the Mosaic Law in society.

These people are not bringing about the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, but they are helping to bring about the kingdom of the Anti-Christ because his kingdom will come before Jesus Christ's Kingdom.

Next week we will look at when Israel started, and the importance of the covenants God established with them.