

# The True Israel of God

## PART I

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(Mat 24:24) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall **deceive the very elect**.

(Gal 6:15) For in Christ Jesus **neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature**.

(Gal 6:16) And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon **the Israel of God**.

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE\* - KEEPING UNITY IN PURPOSE WHILE STAYING OPEN TO NEW UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES

I ended the first teaching by saying “whether or not you ever agree with me on Bible prophecy, let’s agree to work together to win our world for Jesus.” I feel that a proper understanding of Bible prophecy is important, and we should study to understand the truth about this subject, especially if you are going to teach on it. However **we should not allow our differences to divide us to the point we can’t work together as the body of Christ to reach our world with the gospel**. At the same time we should not try to destroy someone just because they are teaching something that is different from our traditional thinking on the matter, because that has been the mistake of every denomination that has preceded us, and we don’t want to make the same mistake.

### THREE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ISRAEL OF GOD

There are basically **two major viewpoints** on this subject, while **a very few carry a third viewpoint**. I will talk about these various viewpoints trying my best not to misrepresent any of them even though I do not agree with two of them.

#### FIRST MAJOR VIEWPOINT

One of the major viewpoints on this subject is that the Church, which is made up of Jew and gentile in one body of Christ, is the True Israel of God, and that the new covenant message (which Apostolics believe to be Acts 2:38) is the only message of salvation that will ever save anyone again. They believe the elect to be the church (Jew and Gentile), which is Israel restored under the new covenant message. These include Historicists, Total and Partial Preterists, and most Post Tribulationists.

#### THIS VIEWPOINT REJECTS THE DISPENSATIONAL TEACHING OF A RETURN TO LAW

They basically reject the recent dispensational teachings of Clarence Larkin and C.I. Scofield which claim there are seven years of law keeping yet to be fulfilled during a future seven year tribulation period, when Dispensationalist claim God will return back to the law system and animal sacrifices for salvation. To prove Dispensationalism teaches this let me quote from Clarence Larkin’s book *Dispensational Truth*, page 150-151, where he is explaining the fifth dispensation or covenant. Larkin says, “‘The Mosaic Covenant’ was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai, shortly after the Exodus from Egypt. It ushered in **the ‘Dispensation of Law.’** This Covenant continued in force until the Jews were scattered at the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. **It will be renewed** when Israel is converted and restored to their own land.” Notice that he said the covenant stopped with the scattering of Israel in 70 A.D., instead of saying it ended with the death of Jesus as the New Testament teaches, and he clearly said it would be renewed even though the **New Testament teaches the**

**opposite of this.** We will cover some of the scriptures that prove this during this study, but let's look at a few now.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES DENY A RETURN TO LAW KEEPING

(Rom 10:4) For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to every one that believeth.

(Rom 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.

(Heb 10:9) Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.**

(Heb 10:10) By the which will we are sanctified through **of the body the offering of Jesus Christ once for all.**

(Heb 10:11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and **offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:**

(Heb 10:12) But this man, after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins for ever,** sat down on the right hand of God;

**The dispensational teaching of a return to law keeping is a clear violation of New Testament Scripture.** Many brethren are not aware that Dispensationalism carries this belief with it and they say they don't believe the church to be the Israel of God, but say they believe the New Covenant to be the only plan of salvation. That is an impossible position to carry. Men who have not studied the positions carefully and have created a mixture of the two make these type statements. If you believe the New Covenant message to be the only plan of salvation left for mankind, then you have to believe the church is the Israel of God, because that's the only way a Jew or gentile can be saved. **You either have to accept the Dispensationalists viewpoint of a change of Covenants, or you have to believe that the church is the Israel of God.** You will see as we continue, that true Dispensationalists agree with this statement.

## THE MINOR VIEWPOINT

I need to mention briefly the minor viewpoint on this subject, before I get into the second of the major viewpoints, because it is going to be a very lengthy explanation. I call it a minor viewpoint because it is only taught by a very few in comparison to the number of people teaching the other two. It is called the **"British Israel" doctrine.** It is not minor in the amount of material needed to try to understand it, because it is a very complicated system of scripture and history and theories, designed to basically prove that the United States and Great Britain are the two lost tribes of Israel. If interested you can study it on the Internet or by purchasing books that deal with the lost tribes. I have studied it and have personally rejected it, because it deals, as Dispensational theology does, with having favor with God by being part of a race of people, but **the scriptures teach Jesus "broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile and made both one new man in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 2:14-17) Jesus destroyed racism at Calvary** and I have never read where he will ever rebuild that wall again even though men desire and teach it to be so. **After Calvary it does not matter whether you are Jew or Gentile, male or female, bond or free, we are all one in Christ Jesus.** The editor of "Connect Magazine" (Summer 2001 Edition, page 9) mistakenly applied this British Israel doctrine to the Preterist and was warning of false ideas and being guilty of hate groups when **over half of his article was a false assessment of what Preterists really believe.** I have read many books on Partial Preterism and Total Preterism and I have never read any that carry this viewpoint. He was correct in his statement that some in the Church of England carry this viewpoint, and I am not saying he was wrong in teaching against it, however he was wrong in leaving the erroneous impression that it was a part of the orthodox teaching of Preterism. He also said that Preterists believe the Great Tribulation to be a time of testing for the church and not the "time of Jacobs trouble." That is an erroneous statement also. That is a Post-Tribulation belief, not a Preterist belief. Preterist believe the Great Tribulation, which is the topic of my fourth lesson in this series, was the time of Jacobs trouble and was the 3½ year destruction of Jerusalem, which was fulfilled before that generation passed exactly like Jesus said it would. I do not believe the misrepresentations

were intentional, and the editor is a good man who has done many things for God, and has a wonderful church. He is guilty however of the same thing many other writers and good men in the church today are guilty of, and that is to try to write about and fight a subject that God has not called them into, and they have not studied it out well enough to speak the truth about the matter. My advice is; **do not fight what you don't understand and have not studied out**, or you may be found to be fighting against God without realizing it.

## SECOND MAJOR VIEWPOINT

The other major viewpoint is that the natural Jewish race Israel is God's chosen people (the elect), and the church age is a dispensation of grace that will end with the rapture of the church. This will be followed by a seven-year period where God will deal with natural Israel under law again, and then enter into a 1000-year period of time ruled by Jesus and the Jews on earth. This teaching is known as "**Dispensational Theology**". **The natural Jew, physical temples, the physical land of Israel and animal sacrifices become the focus of Bible prophecy instead of the church.** The church then is reduced to a secondary position in prophecy teaching, with the natural Jew without Christ being called God's chosen people, rather than the church (Jew and gentile in one body) being God's chosen people. **This teaching leaves the impression in peoples minds that the church is only a temporary alternate to God's real love, the natural Jew without Christ. The church is treated more like a concubine instead of the bride.** We will see in this lesson that **the New Testament teaches the very opposite of this**, and yet men still accept Dispensationalism as being true.

## TRACT ON THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

As further proof that this is a correct representation of this viewpoint and that a return to law keeping is a part of dispensational theology let me read to you from a tract called "The Pre-trib rapture" by John Delbert Dehann, a radio minister from Florida. **His statements are based on the true teachings of dispensational theology**, and he even recommends you to read books by Dwight Pentecost, Clarence Larkin, and to read the Scofield Bible. In this tract listed under the heading of "THE RAPTURE DOCTRINE" DeHann says, "**Although the Pre-Tribulation rapture is not specifically and clearly taught in the scriptures, it is nevertheless a Divine truth. Like the Trinity doctrine**, which needed nearly three hundred years to come to its full development and acceptance, the Pre-Trib rapture was not revealed for hundreds of years. In fact, the first mention of a Pre-Trib rapture and a theological argument for its truth was **around 1830**. It was from this humble beginning in England, that God the father revealed **the new revelation of Dispensational truth. We may point proudly to John Nelson Darby, as the Minister chosen of God to develop the system of interpretation as we now believe it.** The doctrine is a **reinterpretation** of ancient Jewish Messianism. Right now, God has rejected the Jews because of their evils. But, he will bring **the postponed Kingdom** when they forsake their sins. In fact, if the Jews were to forsake their sins right this very moment, God the Father would stop everything and usher in the Kingdom. Because of their refusal and delay, a time-gap was created. Into this gap of eternity, the mystery of the salvation of the Gentiles is revealed. A proper interpretation then of prophecy and Scripture is founded in how God is dealing with the Jews. **God's focus is the Jews, never the church. The Jews are the eternal elect and chosen of God.** The only reason the Gentiles may be saved, is owing to God the Father delaying the Kingdom until the Millennial, and allowing God the Son to slip in and get a wife while Israel is in blindness. **The Kingdom was postponed because the Jews rejected it when it was offered to them.** But **in the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel that is future, this all changes.** God the father gets his wife back. First however, he must get God the Son and the Church off the scene. **This is the mystery of the Trinity and the bases of the Pre-Trib Rapture doctrine. Any man who denies these wonderful truths is a heretic and to be rejected. If any come not bearing this message, it is because they are antichrist. Since 1830, the revelation of the work of the Trinity in Dispensational Truth has spread throughout the world.**

## IMPORTANCE OF THE GAP THEORY TO DISPENSATIONALISM

Notice all the emphasis placed on putting a gap between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniels prophecy, although the Bible says nothing about any gap of time. This is a manmade teaching designed to make Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week a future event involving God's return to the Jews under the Law Covenant. **If Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is not**

**future, then you have the collapse of the entire futurist structure of Dispensationalism**, because there is no scripture in the Bible that talks about a future seven-year tribulation. Most teachers of Dispensationalism realize this and do their best to defend this teaching of a gap theory. One writer recently wrote in the "Connect" magazine (Summer 2001, page19) that Preterist avoid the term Dispensations, and that we have no scripture for Jesus making a seven-year covenant with Israel. You can see by what I am teaching in this study, we are not avoiding the term, we simply do not agree with its manmade futurist theology. In my very next lesson on "Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week" I will prove that this 70 weeks was completed without a gap, and will prove from scripture Jesus did "confirm" the covenant with Israel for seven years, and he did fulfill all six points that had to take place during the 70<sup>th</sup> week. **My advice is for you to listen to this teaching and then decide for yourself what you believe**, but **keep an honest and open heart** and be willing to **let your decision be based on what the scriptures say**.

#### **MORE QUOTES FROM PRE-TRIB RAPTURE TRACT**

In his tract on "The Pre-Tribulation Rapture" DeHann continued by saying, "I confess proudly, that Dispensationalism is the true interpretation of Bible prophecy. First, **because it teaches the doctrine of the Trinity, without which it would certainly collapse**. Second, because it proves **the Father and the Son are two separate persons and have two separate programs in earth and eternity**. Third, because it teaches the divine truth that God the Father is in an unconditional Covenant with Israel, **and that the Law is not ended, only suspended or postponed until the 70<sup>th</sup> week begins**. Fourth, because God the Son is now redeeming his wife, the Church, and soon this hidden mystery will be finished. Fifth, God the Father will be reunited with the Jews during the 70<sup>th</sup> week and will save all Israel; **not by the blood of Christ, but by restored animal sacrifices**. Remember beloved, **if the seventieth week was postponed, then it is a week of seven years of the Law Dispensation not nailed to the cross. This authorizes animal sacrifices for salvation and God the Father's return to Israel through the old Law. Those who deny this doctrine are usually anti-Semitic**. Anyone who denies God the Father still has a covenant with Israel is an anti-Semite. **Anyone who denies Israel still has an unfulfilled Covenant in Abraham without regard to Christ, is an anti-Semite.**" [Notice he says, "without regard to Christ."]

Under the heading "WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISS THE RAPTURE" DeHann further states, "There is seven years between the rapture and the setting up of the Millennial Kingdom. Those who miss the rapture can only be saved by two ways. (1) Join the Jews religion and seek to come to the Father by the mercy of animal sacrifices or, (2) Refuse to take the mark of the Beast and have your head cut off by antichrist, and be saved by the shedding of your own blood. **The blood of Christ will not save you if you miss the rapture. Only the blood of animals sacrificed by a Jewish high priest or the shedding of your own blood can then save you**. You can miss this awful time by accepting the Lord as your savior today."

#### **PROBLEMS AND CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM THIS VIEWPOINT**

DeHann is basing his theology on books by Larkin, Pentecost, and Scofield, so he is a good representative of the Dispensational viewpoint. From his quotes, we can come to some definite conclusions that the doctrine teaches and deal with some problems it creates, and compare it with what the Bible actually teaches as we go through the scriptures during this lesson. He clearly teaches salvation without the blood of Jesus after the rapture, so why should one worry about being ready, when such clear instructions are available for salvation after the rapture. This almost sounds like a Jewish purgatory.

#### **IT USES THE TRINITY DOCTRINE AS PART OF ITS FOUNDATIONAL STRUCTURE**

It is easy to see **there is a definite connection between Dispensational theology and the doctrine of the Trinity**. He even says later in the tract that God the Father will get his bride natural Israel during the seven years of law keeping, Christ will get his bride the church before this period and God the Holy Ghost will get his bride during the Millennial. I have always thought it was quite unusual that even the more conservative Apostolic Movement has accepted this doctrine without careful examination. My question is, **"Why are Apostolics who deny the doctrine of the Trinity teaching a doctrine of eschatology that is based upon**

**the Trinity doctrine?** We may need to restudy all of this with an open heart asking God to give us a scriptural understanding of the matter.

## **DISPENSATIONALISM TEACHES SALVATION OUTSIDE THE NEW COVENANT**

**Dispensationalism definitely teaches a return to Law keeping and he says the blood of Jesus will not save you.** You must understand that a dispensation is said to be a covenant, so you are dealing here with a change of covenants, where the covenant of Jesus blood has ended, and the Law has been resumed. **This is the base for all the teaching about a literal second temple in Israel where animal sacrifices will be offered.** This is why they claim that the abomination of desolation is an antichrist stopping animal sacrifices in the temple. It's designed to deceive the church into believing a literal temple is prophesied to be rebuilt, but let's examine the consistency of this teaching. How could the person stopping animal sacrifices be an antichrist when DeHann said the blood of Christ has nothing to do with this period of time? He would have to be anti-Law not antichrist. Christians who hold to Dispensational theology, and say that the abomination of desolation is an antichrist stopping animal sacrifices, yet try to say the New Covenant message will be the only thing that saves you, create the opposite problem for themselves. If God is not honoring animal sacrifices, then they are not holy sacrifices, and it could not be an abomination to stop them. He would be doing God a favor, and he could not be an antichrist because the blood of animals has nothing to do with Christ other than being a type and shadow of his coming to make the final sacrifice for all of mankind (Jew and Gentile). It seems that **most Apostolic ministers** whom I have talked to or read their articles **seem to be denying the change of covenants**, which is the key foundational principle on which the rest of the Dispensational theories are based, **yet they want to teach the rest of the futurist skeletal structures that go with that doctrine.** They don't seem to realize that unless you are changing covenants at their supposed pre-tribulation rapture, then none of the other teachings make any sense, including the purpose of the pre-tribulation rapture itself.

## **IT PROMOTES A NON-CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE OF HATRED AGAINST ANY WHO WOULD DARE TO DENY DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY**

Notice how DeHann blasts anyone who denies that God has an ongoing Covenant with the Jews under Law as an anti-Semite and an antichrist. **Most all ministers who believe the teaching of the New Testament would find themselves guilty under this guideline.** Later in his tract he blasts Post Tribulation teaching as the same thing, because he says they believe the Church is the Israel of God, and deny this ongoing covenant with Israel. He says they are guilty of hate crimes and need to be turned into the local police department. **DeHann realizes that to deny the pre-tribulation rapture and accept post tribulation is to have to believe the Church is The Israel of God,** because you are saying the New Covenant continues as the plan of salvation through the 70<sup>th</sup> week. This is why Apostolics and other Christians who teach the dispensationalist futurist viewpoint that the 70<sup>th</sup> week is future, yet leave that viewpoint to say that the New Covenant message is still in effect, have created an unorthodox mixture of the two beliefs, and they have to believe the church is the Israel of God, even though they continue to deny it. One of the biggest teachers of end time prophecy in the Apostolic movement is **a Post Tribulation Dispensationalist** who denies the church is the Israel of God, and builds his radio broadcast and magazine articles around natural Israel, temples, and red heifers, when **such a position realistically can't exist. Notice DeHann has the freedom to blast anyone he wants, yet he says anyone who disagrees with Dispensationalism is guilty of hate crimes.** Herein lies the real purpose of the anti-hate Laws trying to be passed in the U.S. at the time of this teaching. They would be able to punish and defame anyone who dared to teach any Bible prophecy that does not promote the Natural Jew as God's Chosen people.

## **THE REAL HIDDEN PURPOSE OF DISPENSATIONALISM**

Hence we now discover **the real hidden intent of Dispensationalism** and that **is to make the natural Jew appear to be God's elect and chosen people instead of the church,** and **to make anyone who dares to disagree out to be guilty of hate crimes.**

**Many writers have revealed how this doctrine was designed to bring political and spiritual advantage to the natural Jew.** This propaganda about being guilty of hate, if you deny Dispensationalism has took its toll on the churches. Even in Apostolic circles most of the men that have wrote against Partial Preterism have misrepresented it, made its believers out to be guilty of hate crimes, and even compared them to Hitler, Timothy McVeigh, and other criminals. **This kind of talk against Apostolic brethren is a direct attempt to slander the character of any who hold this position, and to frighten other brethren away from considering the truth of its message.** These kinds of statements should not be used against a brother. That's why Paul wrote in Eph 4:25, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another." I feel the men who disagree with my viewpoints are good men, but have simply accepted Dispensational teachings as being true without carefully examining its scriptural foundation.

**What if God is trying to bring a restoration of Bible prophecy to light in our movement. To fight it would be to fight against God.** All of the many Apostolics that I know that are Partial Preterist are some of the nicest, most committed, and well-studied men I have ever met. **Their only crime is they believe Acts 2:38 to be the Everlasting Covenant, and the time limits placed on certain prophecies by Jesus and his Apostles to be the truth,** rather than the Dispensational theology of Larkin, Scofield, and others. Once again, the accusations don't fit the doctrines. **It's Dispensationalism that teaches you will be saved by "Race instead of Grace".** Partial Preterism believes salvation is to both Jew and Gentile, and that God is no respecter of persons. Some writers have even accused Preterist of denying the existence of the Jewish race (Forward Magazine, summer 2001, page 13, paragraph 1). **Nothing could be further from the truth. We deny the salvation of the natural Jew outside the New Covenant message.** Where are all the Christians going to stand in the judgment that have promoted red heifers, temples, and physical lands to the Jewish people and given them a false hope, instead of telling them the truth about the Gospel of Christ. I support our missionary to Israel financially and with my prayers, because he is preaching Acts 2:38 to them, and according to my Bible, that's the only way God has for them to be saved.

### **THREE MAIN QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER ON THIS SUBJECT**

- (1) Is the New Covenant Message which Apostolics believe to be Acts 2:38 the everlasting gospel, or will there be a return to Law Keeping or some other Covenant sometime in the future?
- (2) Are there still Old Testament Covenants to be fulfilled to the Natural Jew, or were these Covenants fulfilled in Christ when he broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, and made both one new man in Christ Jesus? The one concerning the physical land promise is the main contention of these two viewpoints and one that is affecting the entire world at the time of this teaching.
- (3) Was the New Covenant Message the fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies concerning the Restoration of Israel, except for the literal prophecies concerning the return of Natural Israel from Babylon to rebuild the Temple after 70 years of captivity?

Dispensationalist are constantly saying that God must return back to Natural Israel and return them to their natural land because he must remember his promise to Abraham. Let's take a look at the promise to Abraham and see what the scriptures say about it.

### **THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM**

This promise is recorded in Genesis chapters 12,13,15,17, and 22. Part of this promise included the possession of the land of Canaan, but the land of promise required that they live in obedience to the laws of God or they would fall under a curse and their land would be taken from them. The Bible lets us know in many places that they constantly failed God as a natural people, so God divorced Israel, and made a New Covenant with her through the blood of Jesus. This fulfilled the promise of God to Abraham with a Spiritual People instead of a natural people, even though Natural Israel was a partaker of this New Covenant.

(Gen 12:1) 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 show thee:

(Gen 12:2) 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:

(Gen 12:3) 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.**

(Gen 17:1) And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and **be thou perfect.**

(Gen 17:2) And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

(Gen 17:3) And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

(Gen 17:4) As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and **thou shalt be a father of many nations.**

This is quoted in Rom. 4:17-18 as being fulfilled in the church.

(Gen 17:5) Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

(Gen 17:6) And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

(Gen 17:7) And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

(Gen 17:8) And I will give unto thee, and **to thy seed after thee,** the land wherein thou art a stranger, **all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession;** and I will be their God.

Canaan Land is a type of Spiritual Perfection or full growth. Egypt—type of bondage of sin, passing through the cloud and the sea—type of Spirit and water baptism, wilderness—type of our journey toward full maturity in Christ (perfection).

(Gen 17:9) And God said unto Abraham, **Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.**

(Gen 17:10) This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be **circumcised.**

(Gen 22:17) That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

(Gen 22:18) And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Various scriptures from these promises are quoted in Rom. 4 as being fulfilled in the Church, which is the Apostles interpretation of these promises to Abraham.

(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.**

*[The seed mentioned in God's promise is referring to Jesus Christ, not Natural Israel.]*

**NATIONS** - 1471 (Strong's) gowy go'-ee

rarely (shortened) **goy go'-ee**; apparently from the same root as 1465 (in the sense of massing); **a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile**; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts:--Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

(Rom 4:13) For **the promise,** that **he should be the heir of the world,** was **not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**

(Rom 4:14) For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

## **WHY THEN THE LAW? TO EXPOSE SIN AND TO POINT TO CHRIST**

(Gal 3:18) For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

(Gal 3:19) Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, **till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;** and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

(Gal 3:24) Wherefore the **law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ,** that we might be justified by faith.

(Gal 3:27) For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

(Gal 3:28) 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.**

(Gal 3:29) And if **ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

(Rom 10:1) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

(Rom 10:2) For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

(Rom 10:3) For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

(Rom 10:4) For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**

(Rom 3:19) Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

(Rom 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.

(Rom 7:1) Know ye not, brethren, (for **I speak to them that know the law,**) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? (***Deut 24:1-4***)

(Deu 24:1) When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him **write her a bill of divorcement,** and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

(Deu 24:2) And when she is departed out of his house, **she may go and be another man's wife.**

(Deu 24:3) And if the **latter husband hate her,** and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and **sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;**

(Deu 24:4) **Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled;** for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause **the land to sin,** which the **LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.**

(Rom 7:1) Know ye not, brethren, (for **I speak to them that know the law,**) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? (***Deut 24:1-4***)

(Rom 7:2) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

(Rom 7:3) So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

(Rom 7:4) Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ;** that ye should be **married to another,** even to **him who is raised from the dead,** that we should **bring forth fruit unto God.**

Paul is saying that Israel is married to God under a New Covenant through Christ, and is dead to the Law through Christ, and if they reject being married to Christ, God can never take them back under the Old Covenant of Law with out becoming an abomination to his own word. These New Testament scriptures that deny a return to Law keeping actually destroy the doctrine of Dispensationalism, and proves that Natural Israel must come into the New Covenant in order to be saved.



## WHAT DID JESUS AND THE APOSTLES SAY ABOUT NATURAL ISRAEL BEING GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THE NEW COVENANT?

When they tried to claim they were not in bondage and did not need freedom because they were the natural seed of Abraham, Jesus let them know it was a question of sin and not a question of race that had to be dealt with.

(John 8:31) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

(John 8:32) And **ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

(John 8:33) They answered him, **We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man:** how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

(John 8:34) Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

He then let them know where they stood with God as the natural seed outside the Covenant of Christ.

(John 8:39) They answered and said unto him, **Abraham is our father.** Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

(John 8:40) But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

(John 8:43) Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

(John 8:44) **Ye are of your father the devil,** and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

(John 8:45) And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

(John 8:46) Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

(John 8:47) He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because **ye are not of God.**

This is quite a contrast from the words of Dehann and of the Dispensationalists who claim natural Israel is God's chosen people and the church—Jew and Gentile—are not.

## PAUL AGREED WITH THE WORDS OF JESUS

(Rom 9:6) Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For **they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:**

(Rom 9:7) **Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children:** but, **In Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

(Rom 9:8) That is, They which are the children of the flesh, (**NATURAL JEW**) **these are not the children of God:** but the **children of the promise (CHURCH) are counted for the seed.** [*Church—Jew and Gentile in one body of Christ.*]

## THE CHURCH IS NOT A CONCUBINE

The Church is not a concubine waiting to be replaced by natural Israel. She is the bride of Christ and His plan from the beginning. Natural Israel was the concubine who was replaced by the Church according to Paul.

(Gal 4:21) Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

(Gal 4:22) For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

(Gal 4:23) But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

(Gal 4:24) Which things are an allegory: for **these are the two covenants;** the one from the mount Sinai [*law*], which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar [*the concubine*].

(Gal 4:25) For this **Agar is mount Sinai** in Arabia, and answereth to **Jerusalem which now is** [*Natural Israel*], and **is in bondage** with her children.

(Gal 4:26) But **Jerusalem which is above is free** [*the church*], which is the mother of us all.

(Gal 4:27) For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

(Gal 4:28) **Now we**, brethren, as Isaac was, **are the children of promise.**

(Gal 4:29) But as then he that was **born after the flesh** persecuted him that was **born after the Spirit**, even so it is now.

(Gal 4:30) Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.**

(Gal 4:31) So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

### **CHRIST CAME TO PUT JEW AND GENTILE TOGETHER IN ONE BODY**

(Eph 2:13) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

(Eph 2:14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath **broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**

(Eph 2:15) Having **abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments** contained in ordinances; for **to make in himself of twain** [*Jew and Gentile*] **one new man, so making peace;**

(Eph 2:16) And **that he might reconcile both** [*Jew and Gentile*] **unto God in one body by the cross**, having slain the enmity thereby:

(Eph 2:17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

(Eph 2:18) For through him **we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

(Eph 2:19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, **but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**

(Eph 2:20) And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

(Eph 2:21) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple in the Lord;**

(Eph 2:22) In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God through the Spirit.**

(Rom 2:28) For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;** neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

(Rom 2:29) But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;** and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit**, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Jesus said in John 3:5 that a man must be born again of the water and of the Spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Circumcision was a seal in the Old Testament, and Paul confirmed how Spiritual circumcision was a part of this born again experience.

(Col 2:11) In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:**

(Col 2:12) **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

(Eph 1:13) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**

(Gal 3:27) For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

(Gal 3:28) 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.**

(Gal 3:29) And if **ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Peter perceived there was no difference now between Jew and Gentile, when he had the vision on the housetop in prayer. This was his first words to Cornelius' household.

(Act 10:34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**

(Act 10:35) But in **every nation** he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, **is accepted with him.**

This vision Peter had and his preaching to the Gentiles was the fulfillment of the Prophecy of Hosea, when God told him to go marry a harlot and to name her child Jezreel, which means "whom God soweth". This was God prophesying to adulterous Israel He was going to marry her back under a New Covenant, which would include all nations.

(Hos 2:13) And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.

(Hos 2:14) Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

(Hos 2:15) And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of **Achor** [*trouble and affliction*] **for a door of hope:** and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

(Hos 2:16) And it shall be **at that day**, saith the LORD, that **thou shalt call me Ishi** [*My Husband*]; and **shalt call me no more Baali** [*My Master*].

(Hos 2:17) For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

(Hos 2:18) And **in that day** will **I make a covenant for them** with the **beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground:** and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

This proves this is dealing with the Peace of Christ in his church and not a future 1000 year literal Millennium

(Hos 2:19) And **I will betroth thee unto me for ever;** yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

(Hos 2:20) **I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.**

(Hos 2:21) And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

(Hos 2:22) And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and **they shall hear Jezreel.**

(Hos 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.**

#### **COMPARE THE VISION OF PETER WITH HOSEA 2:18**

(Acts 10:11) And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

(Acts 10:12) Wherein were all manner of **fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.**

(Acts 10:13) And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

(Acts 10:14) But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

(Acts 10:15) And the voice spake unto him again the second time, **What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.**

#### **THIS WAS THE RESTORATION OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID IN AMOS 9:11**

(Amos 9:8) Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon **the sinful kingdom**, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

(Amos 9:9) For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

(Amos 9:10) All **the sinners of my people shall die by the sword**, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

(Amos 9:11) **In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen**, and close up the breaches thereof; and **I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:**

(Amos 9:12) That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

(Amos 9:13) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

(Amos 9:14) And **I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them;** and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

(Amos 9:15) **And I will plant them upon their land,** and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

### **THIS PROVES THIS IS DEALING WITH A SPIRITUAL RESTORATION**

They called a council together in Jerusalem to deal with this problem of the Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost and getting baptized in Jesus Name.

(Act 15:13) And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

(Act 15:14) Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

(Act 15:15) And **to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,**

(Act 15:16) After this **I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David,** which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

(Act 15:17) That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

(Act 15:18) Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.