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## Replacement Theology?

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I have heard about Replacement Theology and have heard it discussed a great deal lately. I understand that the church at about 400 AD decided that the church has replaced the Jews in the plan of God and that the church has taken their place. I have not read the scriptures to support this thought process.

What does your church believe? It is my understanding most main line denominations believes in the replacement theology. Replacement theology to my knowledge has never been preached either pro nor con in my church. It is my understanding from reading the scriptures from cover to cover that the Jews will return to their land and will be blessed. Below are some of the

scriptures that will show the promise of return to the land. This is by no means is an exhaustive list.

**Jer 23:3-8, 29:14, Joel 3, Isaiah 65 and 66 ,Isaiah 4:2 , 11 and 12, 19:23-25 ,25:6-8 , 27:12-13 , 29:22-24 ,40:1-2, 49:22-23 (I could have gone on and on—Please read for yourself)**

It is true that the Jews do not yet see Jesus as their Messiah, but they will when the time that is appointed comes and many are being converted today. Jesus, the Messiah is the redemption for all by His shed blood both Jews and gentiles. The problem is that the Jews did not recognize the time of their visitation, but they will recognize Him at the appointed time. This may not be until His return. My position is to love the Jews and to support the Messianic Jewish ministries to reach those that will receive Jesus as their savior.

The Jews will return to their promised land. It was given to them by promise from God to Abraham and to Isaac and Jacob. The message is clear in the scripture and today in our lifetime the Jews have returned to their promised land. This was brought about by God's hand with the "First world war" when the British defeated the Ottoman empire and took control of Palestine and Jerusalem. The Balfour Declaration stated that the land was to be a Jewish homeland. World war II came along, and the persecution of the Jews by Germany was revealed and there was a move to establish this Jewish homeland. Then the UN established a Jewish homeland in Palestine and the nation of Israel was "Born in a Day" (Isaiah 66). It happened in May 1948. There have been many miracles from God to establish this nation. In 1967 Israel captured and occupied Jerusalem against impossible odds. Jerusalem has now been recognized as the capital by the USA. Much of the rest of the world is against Israel and does not accept this recognition. Most of the middle east countries are trying to destroy them and there is little or no support from Europe or the rest of the world. **"Israel is to be an immovable rock for all the nations." Zec 12: 2 and 3**

Most of the main line denominations are not supporting Israel and from what I understand it is because of an old belief in Replacement Theology that says the church has replaced the Jews in God's plan of redemption. It is time to go back and re-read the scriptures on this subject. There was to be a second return of Israel to the land. The first was the return from captivity in Babylon. The next dispersion was in 70 AD when Jerusalem and the Temple was destroyed by the Romans and the Jews were scattered throughout the world. Two thousand years have passed, and God has now re-established them in their land. The second return of Israel has happened and is continuing.

I believe God wants us to be wise and understand what is happening around us. We have new information today that was not available several hundred years ago. We must not close our minds but be constantly re-reading the scriptures and listening to the Holy Spirit for the truth. The facts are that there is a nation of Israel today and that all the nations around them are crowding in on them to destroy them.

It seems to me that much evidence is coming together that the "times of the gentiles" is getting close to being fulfilled and there is a nation of Israel present. History is converging around Israel and Jesus is going to return to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. It will be a wonderful time when both Jews and gentiles are joined together in one Olive Tree. I read the scriptures to say He will be defending Israel against the nations who are going to attack them. **You don't want to be on the wrong side of this event.**

We need to be sure to keep our lamps trimmed and full of oil which is the Holy Spirit for we do not know what hour He will return. Stay in love!



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