

# “National Restoration”

## *The Church claims it has replaced Israel*

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*Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”*

Your notes:

**The Scriptures are the same, yesterday, today and forever, regardless of how one’s understanding.**

When we read the Bible, we need to read the totality of Scriptures in context. The Bible is unlike any other book in existence.

We must always remember that it is not enough to merely claim that we love Jesus and not believe His Word. Studying the Sacred Scriptures is not a hobby; we cannot pick and choose what we are going to believe. To be a true follower, we must believe all of God’s Word and allow it to reveal itself and, thereby, developing our faith.

Israel is perhaps the most important issue in the Bible. In fact, our salvation is based upon what we say about Israel. Some erroneously attempt to show that in Scripture the church has replaced Israel.

### **A favorite verse of Replacement Theology:**

*Matthew 21:43, ESV, reads:*

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

These people actually believe that the people of Israel are being replaced by another people, especially by those who believe in the Messiah! *However, they need to read the following verses in context.*

*Matthew 21:42-45:*

<sup>42</sup> “Yeshua said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

<sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them.

*In verse 44 (above) “the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces.”*

The idea of falling on the stone means an encounter with Yeshua that leads to a humbling or breaking of one's pride and self-reliance. In a biblical context, this is a call to repentance and acknowledgment of Yeshua as the Messiah. The idea of being "broken" aligns with the concept of repentance and the term "broken spirit" in Psalm 51:17, where a broken and repentant heart is what Yeshua wants.

*And verse 44 continues with "and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."*

The imagery of the stone falling on anyone, it will crush him, means rejecting Yeshua the Messiah leads to judgement.

*In verse 45:*

*"When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them."*

Their chosen verse is not talking about the Israelite people, but rather the leadership.

## Let us search the TaNaKh

*Ezekiel 34:9-14*

<sup>9</sup>therefore, you shepherds, hear the Word of the Lord: <sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue My sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

## *The Lord God Will Seek Them Out*

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

No doubt Yeshua will restore His people to the Land of Israel.

## Another favorite verse of the replacement party

*Joshua 21:43-45*

<sup>43</sup>Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that He swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. <sup>44</sup>And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. <sup>45</sup>Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

In this verse they claim that the Israelites have fulfilled all the promises of Israel, and therefore, the church has been given all the promises of Israel. This is impossible, during the period of Joshua, Israel has not yet been cursed nor yet dispersed to the nations!

## Let us close with Jeremiah

*Jeremiah 31:35-38*

<sup>35</sup>Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord of hosts is His name: <sup>36</sup>“If this fixed order departs from before Me, declares the Lord, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before Me forever.”

<sup>37</sup> Thus says the Lord: “If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the Lord.”

<sup>38</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when the city shall be rebuilt for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

**For further study, please read Romans 11:1-36 & Ephesians 2.**

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## ***“How to Interpret Scripture”***

### ***Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:***

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
  2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
  3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.
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### ***The character of Yeshua according to His Word:***

1. “Jesus Christ [Yeshua HaMashiach] is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
  2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
  3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]
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## Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible

Matt 28:18-20 – this is after His resurrection.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8 – after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 3:36 – John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

1John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

<sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. [Note: Yeshua perfectly kept the Torah; likewise, we also need to &, thereby, stop sinning.]

### Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision &amp; Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral Law</li> <li>○ Customs of Moses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews only</u> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Pentecost</li> <li>○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles only</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Acts 10</li> <li>○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation &amp; circumcision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under the auspices of Constantine</li> <li>○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend</li> </ul>