

New Teaching That Undermines Israel
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Since 7th October, 2023 Israel has been fighting a war on many fronts including the media front. As I explain in my message “The Woman And The Dragon”, this is more than just a physical war being fought on the ground but its roots are spiritual, part of the age-old war that Satan has waged against God’s people. For a better understanding please watch my videos “The Woman and The Dragon” and “Standing Against The Flood” at our video library – <https://www.1newmanasia.org/video-library>

In the world, the devil has influenced thousands of people, particularly university students against Israel which has resulted in protests and attacks against Jewish people and communities.

In Christendom, many churches are either anti-Israel because of the influence of replacement theology or indifferent towards Israel for fear of backlash from the world. But there is something more sinister taking place in the church; it is a teaching that on the surface seems to acknowledge God’s plan for Israel but at its heart undermines the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, its ultimate purpose is to erode Christian support for Israel.

Here I will examine some of the teachings and refute them.

A. The Abrahamic Covenant has been fulfilled.

They say the Abrahamic covenant has already been fulfilled and thus is no longer valid. They point to Joshua 24:28 which says, “So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance.” Their interpretation is that the people returned to their inheritance meaning the land given to them by God, so they have already received their inheritance thus the covenant is completed and no longer valid since the time of Joshua.

This implies that the Jewish people of today have no Biblical right to the land. It also seeks to invalidate God’s promise that those who bless Israel will be blessed, thus implying that as Christians we no longer need to bless Israel. There are a some problems with this idea:

1. The covenant is “everlasting”

Genesis 17:7-8

*7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an **everlasting** covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an **everlasting** possession; and I will be their God.” NKJV*

In Hebrew the word is “olam” which means further than one can see.

In Genesis 23:33, God is called “The Everlasting God” in Hebrew “YHWH El Olam” which means He is a God without end.



2. The nature of Covenant

God's covenants by nature can only end with the demise of one party. The highest form of covenant we have in humanity is marriage. We usually vow to keep this covenant "till death do us part". In the gospel of Mark, Yeshua was once questioned regarding the law of marriage by the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection, Yeshua refuted their understanding of the resurrection and at the end said:

*"But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.** You are therefore greatly mistaken." (Mark 12:26-27 NKJV)*

What He was saying therefore, was that in God's eyes Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were not dead, they were still alive in His presence, thus, His covenant with them is still valid.

Moreover, God specifically said to Abraham that the covenant was to the descendants of Abraham in their generations, thus the Jewish people today are the recipients of that covenant.

3. The Land Promised to Abraham

Another problem of using Joshua 24:28 to say that Israel had already received the land promised to Abraham and thus the covenant is invalidated is that Israel has never occupied all the land that was promised to Abraham. God promised a far greater amount of land, from the Nile to the Euphrates, i.e., Egypt to Iraq.

*On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, **from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates** (Genesis 15:18 NKJV)*

Israel in Joshua's day and even today, has not yet received all of this, to say that the covenant is invalidated is therefore erroneous at best or an outright lie at worst.

Will Israel ever have all the land promised by God? Yes, this is when the Isaiah 19 highway will be fulfilled:

"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria — a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Isaiah 19:23-25 NKJV)



Ancient Assyria encompassed today's Iraq. The people will maintain their identity as Egyptian and Assyrian, but they will serve the Lord and will be part of the commonwealth of Israel, "The One New Man".

B. Jews are not the same

The next idea that these "teachers" put forth is that the Jews of today particularly the Ashkenazi or European Jews are not the same as the Jews in the Bible. They say that these "Jews" are the ones spoken of in Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 "who say they are Jews but are not".

Well, of course, after nearly two thousand years of exile in the nations and intermarriage they are not the same as they were two thousand years ago. Yet today through DNA testing they can tell if someone is ethnically Jewish. I know someone in Singapore whose surname is Pereira who took a DNA test many years ago just to find out his roots, the test showed that he has Jewish ancestry.

This was verified when I spoke to Joseph Shulam, leader of Netivyah Bible Instruction Ministry in Jerusalem. He does a lot of work in Portugal, he explained that the Jews who migrated to Portugal had to conceal their Jewish identities because of persecution, so they changed their names and took on names of plants and trees; Periera in Portuguese means Pear Tree.

They claim that these Ashkenazis are therefore impostors. Let's remember that they originated in Europe; what benefit was there for anyone in Europe to claim to be Jewish? Throughout history Jewish people in Europe have endured persecution; blood libels, accusations of causing the Bubonic Plague, Pogroms in Russia, and even the holocaust which saw millions of Jewish lives lost, land and property being stripped from them. Why would anyone want to claim that identity?

Even if you say they wanted the land then called "Palestine", there was no certainty of a Jewish state in 1947. When the UN voted, Israel won by just one vote, so it was a gamble. Then from the day after David Ben-Gurion declared the rebirth of Israel in May 1948, the nation came under attack. No one in his or her right mind would want to claim to be Jewish and stay in a country that has been constantly under attack for 76 years.

This argument also does not take into consideration all the other Jews who have made aliyah; like the Sephardic Jews, the Mizrahi Jews, the Ethiopian (Falasha) Jews and, even the Indian and Chinese Jews who have returned. They, as much as the Ashkenazis, have a right to the land as children of the covenant.

C. Israel of today is a political entity founded by evil people

Finally, they say that the present nation of Israel cannot be the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy because it was founded by unrighteous people particularly the Rothschild family, wealthy bankers from Europe. Yes, the Rothschilds had a great part in the founding of modern Israel but so did the eleven brothers of



Joseph who sold him into slavery, these were also unrighteous men. Yet what did Joseph eventually say to them?

“You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” (Genesis 50:20 NKJV)

Yes, Israel today, does not really know God, they are backslidden and have turned to other gods. Yet this does not disqualify them from returning to God's land. In Jeremiah 3:14 God says to them *“Return, **O backsliding children,**” says the Lord; “for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. (NKJV)*

Notice God did not tell Israel to get right before returning, he called them to return while still in their backslidden state. He also says “I am married to you”, not “I was married to you” or “will marry you again if you get right with me”.

In the book of Ezekiel God said:

*For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. **Then** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. (Ezekiel 36:24-29 NKJV)*

God says here that He will gather Israel out of the nations and only after that will He cleanse them from all their filthiness and idolatry. Israel is still in the process of being gathered into their land, but the day will come when God will keep His promise to cleanse them.

In conclusion, I would like to exhort you to be discerning when you hear various teachings, remember that Satan often comes to us as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:13,14). May God give you the gift of discernment.

