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## Biblical Prophecy & End Times

### Israel In Prophecy

Romans 9:1-12

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### Romans 9:1-12 (NASB)

1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. 6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; 7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCEN-

**DANTS WILL BE NAMED." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. 9 For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON." 10 and not only this, but there was rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father isaac; 11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that god's purpose according to his choice would stand, not because of works but because of him who calls, 12 it was said to her, "the older will serve the younger."**

Well, perhaps you are wondering why I am including a sermon on Israel in a series on **Biblical Prophecy & End Times**.

What does Israel have to do with end times, or to use a 50 cent word, eschatology.

Eschatology is a part of theology concerned with the final events of history, or the ultimate destiny of humanity, commonly referred to as the "end of the world" or "end times."

Three years ago, as part of the "Burning Question" series, I had three sermons on The Bible and Israel.

All those "Burning Question" sermons are still on our website.

When I refer to "Israel," I am referring to the land and the people.

And, when you listen to Christian radio, or read Christian literature, or talk with you Christian friends, the majority of Christians today believe Israel has a significant part in the "end times."

It would seem that the majority of Christians who live in the United States believe it is their responsibility to support the contemporary Jewish State of Israel.

It is such a emotionally charged issue that some Christians will almost come to fisticuffs.

This emotional issue has been fueled by Hal Lindsey's book, The Late Great Planet Earth.

And did you know that Hal Lindsey didn't really write the book?

It was written by Carole C. Carlson, who now that it has been revealed, is being called "The Mother of Modern Prophecy."

Carole Carlson was the ghost writer for a number of leading Christian ministers, including David Jeremiah.

But still, Hal Lindsey is the one whom by name is quoted when people defend Israel.

The book is written to inflame by the way the issues are reported.

Just one example:

On page 45, the authors state:

“The nation of Israel cannot be ignored; we see the Jews as a miracle of history. Even the casual observer is amazed how the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have survived as a distinct race in spite of the most formidable odds. What other people can trace their continuous unity back nearly 4,000 years?”

How many times have you heard that?

“What other people can trace their continuous unity back nearly 4,000 years?”

Well, how about the Chinese and Afghan's who can trace their history back further?

You see, the author is betting the average reader will swallow that and not check it out.

## **I. What Does Israel Have to do with End Times?**

The question still remains, “What does Israel have to do with the end times?”

Well, every since the days of John Nelson Darby and Cyrus Ingerson Scofield, those who follow their Dispensation theory believe that the land of Israel and the Jewish people have a very central role in the last days and the second coming of Jesus.

In fact these sincere Christians believe that bible prophecy is being fulfilled right now in the middle East.

And, if you want to know when Jesus is coming again, you just have to pay attention to the news from Israel and the surrounding area.

Perhaps you remember the Six day war of June 1967, in which Israel took over the entire Sinai, the Gaza strip, Jerusalem, and the Temple Mount.

That's what prompted Hal Lindsey and Carole C. Carlson to write The Late Great Planet Earth.

He says on page 173, “keep your eyes on the middle east.”

And on p.50 he says:

“To be specific about Israel’s great significance as a sign of the time, there are three things that were to happen.

**First**, the Jewish nation would be reborn in the land of Palestine.

**Secondly**, the Jews would repossess old Jerusalem and the sacred sites.

**Thirdly**, they would rebuild their ancient temple of worship upon its historic site.”

He believes bible prophecy was fulfilled in 1948 when the land of Palestine was declared to be a nation.

That's when Lindsey believes the Jewish nation was reborn.

And they see bible prophecy fulfilled when Israel recaptured the Temple area.

And they believe that Israel will rebuild the temple on the old temple site

Now this presents a very interesting dilemma because the Muslims have a building there known as The Dome of The Rock.

The Dome of the Rock is a sacred Islamic shrine located on the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem and completed in 692 AD.

It was built on the site of the Second Jewish Temple, destroyed during the Roman Siege of Jerusalem in 70 CAD.

I can only image what will happen if the Jewish people tore down the Dome of The Rock.

But sincere Christians still believe this will happen.

And then Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jones wrote their “Left Behind” series of books which still say if you want to know when Jesus will return, “Keep Your Eyes on The Middle East. When the Jews rebuild the Temple, this will inaugurate the Second Coming.”

They say that everything happening in the Middle east, wars and rumors of wars, are happening according to Scripture.

They believe that the Jews are God's chosen people.

Whether you believe this or not, it still has an impact on you because this is a big part of American Foreign policy.

And there is great pressure on our government to give special consideration to Israel because “God is on the side of the Jews.”

## II. Bible Prophecy and the Nation and Jerusalem

And there are a lot of prophecies about the Land, Jerusalem, and Mt. Zion.

Mt. Zion is the area where the temple was built.

What does the bible have to say about these things?

I just want to read some of the Scriptures so the Bible can speak for it's self.

### A. The Land

Let's start with a promise of God to Abraham:

**Genesis 12:6-7 (NASB)**

**6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land. 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.**

And, God did that, so God fulfilled His promise.

But then in

**Deuteronomy 28:63-64 (NASB)**

**63 "It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it. 64 "Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth;**

God is pretty clear.

He will give the land, but He will remove them from the land.

And, then God also says

**Deuteronomy 30:3-5 (NASB)**

**3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and**

have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4 "If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. 5 "The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

God is going to bring them back to the land, and He says it again in **Jeremiah 29:13-14 (NASB)**

**13** 'You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart. **14** 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

Again God says I am going to bring you back to your land.

And, then again in

**Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NASB)**

**31** "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, **32** not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. **33** "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

One more prophecy where God speaks to Israel...

**Isaiah 2:2-3 (NASB)**

**2** Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. **3** And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That

**He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

When people read these prophecies they become pretty excited because it fits with the ideas found in *The Great Late Planet Earth*, and the *Left Behind* books.

They are asking "When will these prophecies be fulfilled?"

If they ask you when these prophecies will be fulfilled, just say to them "It all depends on which Israel they refer to!"

## **B. Physical Israel**

You see, according to New Testament teaching, there are TWO Israel's. And you just can't apply all prophecy to just one of the two Israel's.

Listen to this word of the Lord:

**Romans 9:6 (NASB)**

**6 But *it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;***

What is Paul saying here?

He is saying there are TWO Israel's.

This was also a teaching in the Old Testament.

There was the PHYSICAL nation of Israel's made up of Jews descended from Israel, and that's another name for Jacob.

And any one born from the 12 sons of Israel are the Physical Israel.

## **C. Spiritual Israel**

But here is Paul's point, there is a SPIRITUAL Israel, which is made up of ALL believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In the Old Testament times the SPIRITUAL Israel was made up of all Jews who were believers in Jehovah God.

The OT is replete with examples of true believers in Jehovah God, and there were a lot more that were not believers.

That principle still is true today.

There are those who are descended from Israel, and then there are those from the Jews and the Gentiles who are the true spiritual Israel.

## D. Two Jerusalem's

There is another passage of Scripture that brings out clearly that are TWO different Jerusalem's.

### Galatians 4:21-26 (NASB)

**21** Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. **23** But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. **24** This is allegorically speaking, for these *women* are two covenants: one *proceeding* from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. **25** Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. **26** But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

What Paul is saying is that figuratively Hagar, the slave of Sarah, is the Jewish nation.

#### The **Physical Jerusalem.**

This is the Jerusalem you could see, the one where Jesus says not one stone will be left standing.

Paul is saying that Hagar and Ishmael are representative of an unbelieving Jerusalem.

Now read verse 26 in your notes.

#### **But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.**

Paul tells us he is using a figure of speech.

On the one side are the unbelievers who lack faith in God and try to make it on their own.

On the other side are the believers who know they cannot make it on their own and put all their trust in God.

Paul is saying that Sarah is a figure of the **Spiritual Jerusalem**

There are TWO Jerusalem's

They are not all Israel who are Israel, and there is earthly Jerusalem, and Spiritual Jerusalem.

Paul is saying “I am a Jew, but I am a believing Jew, and I belong to the spiritual Israel, and I am in the Spiritual Jerusalem.”

And, then Paul says...

**Hebrews 12:22 (NASB)**

**22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,**

So when you read New Testament Scriptures you see there is a physical Jerusalem, and there is a Heavenly Jerusalem.

And there is a physical Israel, and there is a Spiritual Israel.

### **III. Prophecy Has Been Fulfilled**

Now the question is “How does these prophecies fit in?”

Where are these prophecies fulfilled?

Well, some of them are fulfilled in physical Israel, and some in spiritual Israel.

But you ask, “Where do you find this? How do you prove this?”

Well, you go to the Old Testament.

The fulfillment is revealed in the Old Testament.

This is crucial, because those who are enamored with the teaching of Hal Lindsey and Tim LaHaye do NOT get this.

We just saw that God said He was going to give them the land.

He gave them the land.

But God says more about His promises to Israel:

God makes His fulfillment imminently clear in

**Joshua 21:45 (NLT)**

**45 Not a single one of all the good promises the LORD had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.**

And that was in 1400 BC.

But God warned them if they continued being unfaithful, He would remove them from the land, and they will go into captivity.

## **2 Kings 25:8-22 (NASB)**

**8** Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. **9** He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire. **10** So all the army of the Chaldeans who *were with* the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. **11** Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the people, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile. **12** But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen. **13** Now the bronze pillars which were in the house of the LORD, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon. **14** They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the bronze vessels which were used in *temple* service. **15** The captain of the guard also took away the firepans and the basins, what was fine gold and what was fine silver. **16** The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight. **17** The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a bronze capital was on it; the height of the capital was three cubits, with a network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these with network. **18** Then the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest, with the three officers of the temple. **19** From the city he took one official who was overseer of the men of war, and five of the king's advisers who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city. **20** Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. **21** Then the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to

death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was led away into exile from its land. **22** Now *as for* the people who were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan over them.

But the Old Testament also tells us that God brought them back to their home land.

**Ezra 1:1-2 (NASB)**

**1** Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying: **2**  
"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.'

So God fulfilled His promise to restore them in 536 BC.

So yes, there were prophecies that the temple would be destroyed and rebuilt.

But even before Jesus was born those prophecies had been fulfilled. They were taken into captivity in 586 BC and they returned in 536 BC.

The promise to rebuild the temple was fulfilled in 516 BC.

God kept His promises, all of them.

All these prophecies about Physical Israel were fulfilled in Old Testament times.

## **A. What Happens to The Nation of Physical Israel?**

There is one great and grand idea that we need to latch on to.

It's the purpose God created Israel for in the first place.

The Jews Task was Preparing For The Messiah

This was God's one purpose for its existence.

God Gave Israel The task of Preparing For The Messiah.

The reason for Israel's election and existence as a special nation may be summed up in this one word:

## PREPARATION

### Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

Preparation for Christ's first coming.

**Isaiah 40:3 (KJV)**

**3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Paul says it this way

**Romans 9:4-5 (ESV)**

**4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.**

**5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.**

Well folks, what happens to the Jews when Jesus the Christ has come the first time?

When Jesus died on the cross in 33 AD, God retired Israel from His service.

They had accomplished the task which He gave them.

Then didn't get a "Pink slip," they were placed in retirement.

Physical Israel are no longer involved in God's plans in any way.

He put them into retirement.

And this point is a key point which so many simply deny.

### **B. The Nation of Israel is Transformed**

Matthew makes a key point that many deny.

**Matthew 27:50-51 (NASB)**

**50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**

That veil hide the Holy of Holies from the rest of the world.

Up to that moment the Holy of Holies was the holiest place on earth, but no longer.

The tearing of the veil from top to bottom was God's announcement that Physical Israel's days of service had been concluded.

And with their retirement, Paul gives you and I great news:

**Romans 10:12-13 (NASB)**

**12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."**

And Paul further says

**Galatians 3:27-29 (NASB)**

**27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.**

**Colossians 3:10-11 (NASB)**

**10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him — 11 a renewal in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free-man, but Christ is all, and in all.**

To me brothers and sisters that is good news because God no longer makes a distinction between Physical Israel and the rest of the world.

Read it for yourselves.

That is Bible teaching.

But what about the other Israel, the **Spiritual Israel**?

When God retired Physical Israel, what about those Jews who were faithful believers?

Well, in our modern, technological world, I would say they were morphed.

Morph means to change the form or character; to undergo transformation  
And here is what happened.

Believing Jews from Physical Israel combined with Gentiles and morphed into the church.

That remnant of believing Jews accepted Jesus as their Savior.  
And that remnant of believing Jews combined with believing Gentiles  
and they became God's Spiritual Israel, which is the Church.  
The church is the Spiritual Israel.

Paul declares that Jesus

**Ephesians 2:14 (NASB)**

**14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one* and  
broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, {and made the two into  
one}**

Then Paul describes how the two are combined in

**Romans 11:17-24 (NASB)**

**17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a  
wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with  
them of the rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward  
the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you  
who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. 19 You will say  
then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." 20  
Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand  
by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; 21 for if God did not  
spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. 22 Behold  
then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity,  
but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; other-  
wise you also will be cut off. 23 And they also, if they do not contin-  
ue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them  
in again. 24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild  
olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive  
tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be  
grafted into their own olive tree?**

Paul says in the Old Testament God was growing this great olive tree,  
and that was the Physical Israel, the nation of Israel.

And Paul says that any Jew who refused to accept Jesus was like a  
branch broken off that tree.

And any Gentile who believed in Jesus was like a branch growing on a  
wild olive tree that was carefully cut off and grafted to the great Olive  
Tree God was growing.

So what once was old Israel has been combined with Gentiles and is now the church.

And this is what God calls Israel today.

**Galatians 6:16 (NASB)**

**16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.**

### **C. Are The Jews God's Chosen People Today?**

Peter says in

**1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)**

**9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

**10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people**

Are the Jews the chosen people today?

NO.

You are the chosen people today.

You are a chosen race

You are a royal priesthood

You are a holy nation

You are a people for His own possession

According to Galatians 4 and Hebrews 12, you are the NEW people of God and the NEW temple of God.

You see, a lot of the prophecies of the Old Testament about Israel, about Jerusalem, about the Temple are being fulfilled RIGHT NOW in God's NEW Israel, the SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, the Church of the Living God.

Old Physical Israel is no longer special as a land or a people.

They are no different than Mexico, or the United States, or Cuba.

The Jews fulfilled their purpose, and have been given the honors of retirement.

Does that concern you?

Are you wondering how we know that the Church is now the center of God's chosen ones?

Well, there are a lot of Scriptures that verify this.

Here is just one

**Jeremiah 31:31-33 (ESV)**

**31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Do you believe God has given us a New Covenant?

Do you believe that you are living under a NEW Covenant?

I'm reasonably sure that you do.

But there are those who say NO, the New Covenant has not been given.

How can they say that the new covenant has not been given?

Because Jeremiah says God will make it **with the house of Israel.**

And when they see that word “Israel,” the only thing they can think of is the physical Jew, and so they declare that God has not made a new covenant.

Has God actually given a new Covenant.

When I hear their denials, I wonder if they ever heard our Lord Jesus on the night He was betrayed.

**Luke 22:19-20 (NASB)**

**19 And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.**

Did you get that?

The cup is figuratively pointing to **the new covenant in My blood.**

When Jesus died He Himself established the New Covenant.

Is there proof of that?

YES.

This very prophecy of Jeremiah is quoted twice in Hebrews.

### **Hebrews 8:6-13 (NASB)**

**6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. **7** For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. **8** For finding fault with them, He says, "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH; **9** NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD. **10** "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. **11** "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. **12** "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE." **13** When He said, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

### **Hebrews 10:15-22 (NASB)**

**15** And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, **16** "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL

**WRITE THEM," *He then says,* 17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." 18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin. 19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

With the *new covenant*, He has made the first obsolete.

My friends, That is The Word of The Lord.  
That is how we know prophecies about Israel are fulfilled in the church today.

God has no further plans for Israel as a nation.  
He still has plans for individual Jews.  
And those plans for individual Jew are the same as those for you.

God wants them to become a part of Spiritual Israel, the church.  
He wants you to become a part of Spiritual Israel, the church.  
He wants the Jews to be grafted on that beautiful Olive tree God is growing.  
He wants you to be grafted on that tree.

## **Invitation**

If you are not a Christian, you are not on that Olive tree.  
You are not part of Spiritual Israel.  
You are not under the New Covenant.  
You are not under the blood of Jesus Christ.  
What we are offering you today is to be part of this New Israel, and be part of what God is doing in this world today.  
If you accept Jesus as your savior you are yourself fulfilling prophecy.  
He wants you to be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

He wants you to serve in the New Israel.

**Titus 2:11 (NJB)**

**11** You see, God's grace has been revealed to save the whole human race;