

Zechariah: "Jehovah Remembers"

"Who Owns the Land" Part 2

Zechariah 1:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Battle in the Middle East is primarily a battle for truth.
 - a) AND the Media is more a participant than an observer in the Story.
2. **Acts 17:11** WOW
3. Our responsibility as Christians is to highlight the facts/truth that is suppressed.
4. We are living @ a time when the conflict in the Middle East receives more media attention and more political involvement than any other event in the WORLD.
5. **Matthew 24:8**
6. **Ephesians 5:11**

I. REVIEW - "Replacement Theology" or "Supersessionism" or "Fulfillment Theology".

A. IT HAS A NEGATIVE AFFECT

1. Those who embrace "Replacement Theology" believe the Jews are no longer God's Chosen People, and God has no specific future plans for the Nation of Israel.
2. The argument goes that because the Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah, God rejected them as His chosen people and has now transferred all the blessings, promises and roles originally given to Israel to the Church and left Israel with all the Curses that God has and the Church gets all the blessings.
4. Dispensationalism has two primary distinctives:
 - a) A consistently literal interpretation of Scripture, especially Bible prophecy,
 - a) *"If the plain sense makes common sense seek no other sense"*
 - b) I just heard it quoted this week: *"If the plain sense makes common sense seek no other NONSENSE"*.
 - b) A view of the uniqueness of Israel as separate from the Church in God's program.

5. Among the different views of the relationship between the church and Israel are the church has replaced Israel (replacement theology), or the Church is completely different and distinct from Israel.

6. Replacement theology teaches that the church is the replacement for Israel and that the many promises made to Israel in the Bible are fulfilled in the Christian church, not in Israel.

a) *The prophecies in Scripture concerning the blessing and restoration of Israel to the Promised Land are spiritualized or allegorized into promises of God's blessing for the church.*

7. Martin Luther (1483-1546) was a German theologian and key figure in the Protestant Reformation, known for his criticisms of the Catholic Church and his emphasis on Salvation by Grace Alone, through Faith alone, in Christ Alone.

a) Martin Luther was a proponent in Replacement Theology

b) He believed that the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD was proof that God was done with Israel as His chosen people.

c) **Martin Luther was an Antisemite.**

8. **LISTEN UP:** The German Reformation theologian Martin Luther was widely lauded in Nazi Germany prior to the Nazi government's dissolution in 1945, with German leadership praising his seminal position in German history while leveraging his antisemitism and folk hero status to further legitimize their own positive Christian religious policies and Germanic ethnonationalism.^[1]

9. Luther was seen as both a Cross-confessional figurehead *and as a symbol of German Protestant support for the Nazi regime in particular, with a religious leader even comparing Führer Adolf Hitler to Luther directly.*^[2]

10. A major aspect of this ideological relationship was Martin Luther's birthday on November 10, the 450th anniversary of which was celebrated as a national holiday, the *Luthertag*, in 1933.^[3]

11. What was the common error that runs to this day?

a) *It was the idea that God was finished with His people!!!*

12. Major problems exist with this view, such as the continuing existence of the Jewish people throughout the centuries and especially with the revival of the modern state of Israel.

13. Antisemitism in America and around the world is spreading like wildfire.

a) And New York just elected Zohran Mamdani as Mayor.

a) A Socialist Muslim

B. GOD'S PROMISE

1. The **Ratification** of the Abrahamic Covenant.

a) **Genesis 15:7-21**

1) **God's solitary action** indicates that God was bound to keep His Unconditional PROMISES.

2. The Promises of the Abrahamic Covenant

a) **Genesis 12:1-3**

1) **"I will make you a great nation"** Vs 2

2) **"I will bless you"** Vs 2

3) **"and make your name great"** Vs 2

4) **"so that you will be a blessing"** Vs 2

5) **"I will bless those who bless you"** Vs 3

6) **"and him who dishonors you I will curse"** Vs 3

7) **"and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed"** Vs 3

b) God determined to call out a Special People for Himself, and through that Special People He (God) would **BLESS THE WORLD**.

4. In **Romans 9-10-11**, Paul shows that Israel and the Church are distinct.

5. Tucker wanted to say that the Jews did not follow their Messiah, therefore they were a secular people.

a) However just because Israel @ the moment is not following their Messiah does not nullify God's covenant with His people.

b) **God Has not changed His mind.**

6. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

a) **2 Samuel 7:10-14**

b) The Davidic Covenant is Unconditional because God does not place any conditions of obedience upon its fulfillment.

c) The Davidic Covenant focuses of several key promises.

1) There would be a **Kingdom**

2) There would be a **"house"** or lineage of David would rule.

3) There would be a **"throne"** that one of David's descendants would rule for ever.

II. SIX SUPER PROPHECIES OF ISRAEL

1. *Matthew 24:32-34*

2. *Joel 3:1-2* WOW!!! NKJV

a) Israel became a nation in 1948

SIX KEY PROPHETIC FULFILLMENTS FROM 1948 TO NOW

A. PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT #1 - *Israel Becomes a Nation*

(Israel returns for the second time)

1. *Isaiah 11:11-12*

2. There has never been another nation in the history of the world that stopped existing twice and came back.

a) **The first time** was around 597 BC when the Babylonians conquered Israel and took them physically out of the land back to Babylon.

1) Then 70 years later they were able to return for the first time.

(Recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah)

b) **The second time** was in AD 70, 37 years after Jesus resurrection the Roman army under Titus killed over a million Jews, destroyed Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple mount and temple and took the remaining Jews captive and dispersed them around the world.

3. *Isaiah 11:11-12*

B. PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT #2 - *"Israel Would Be Reborn in One Day"*

1. *Isaiah 66:7-8*

a) *On May 14, 1948 the British mandate over Palestine ended .*

1) David Ben-Guron served as Israel's first Prime Minister and he declared Israel's Independence.

b) On that day our president, Harry Truman recognized Israel as a nation and other nations did as well!!!

C. PROPHETIC FULLFIOMENT #3 - The Year is 1967 - Regaining all of Jerusalem

1. *Luke 21:20-24*

a) When Jesus is talking about Israel being surrounded by army's He is referring to 70 AD when Titus defeated Israel.

2. Israel recaptured East Jerusalem in 1967 during the six day war.

a) **That was fulfilled on June 5th of 1967.**

3. **Very Important:** When Israel regained their land in 1948 they didn't get all of Jerusalem.

D. PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT #4 - Russian Jews Immigrate to Israel (takes place in 1989)

1. ***Jeremiah 16:14-15 (WOW)***

2. ***Jeremiah 31:7-9***

3. Russia is almost directly North.

a) Syria - Turkey - Moscow

4. In 1989 the Iron Curtain fell.

E. PROPHETIC FUFILLMENT #5 - Explosion Of Knowledge and Travel (2000-NOW)

1. ***Daniel 12:1-4*** Turn to

2. ***Daniel 12:4***

a) ***"but you Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret"***

1) ***"shut up the book, until the time of the end"***

3. How will you know when you get there? Vs 4 NLT

a) ***"when many will rush here and there"***

b) ***"and knowledge will increase"***

III. WHAT ABOUT PALESTINE?

A. GOD OWNS THE LAND

1. ***Genesis 13:14-17***

B. ISRAEL RETURNS TO THE LAND IN 1948

1. ***Isaiah 11:11-12***

C. AN INVENTED PEOPLE

1. Before 1948 there was NO PALESTINIAN STATE.

2. Palestine was not a country!!!

3. The Palestinian conflict is not about POLOTICS!!!!
a) IT'S ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL
4. TEN crystal clear statements form Arab Leaders

D, ARAFAT

1. During the Cold War, the Soviet Union considered Israel to be too strong of an American influence in the Middle East.
a) And therefore wanted to reframe the conflict into a LARGE IMPERIALISTIC ISRAEL against a small oppressed group.
2. **ARAFAT** was a propaganda tool for the Russians.
3. **FACT:** The Palestinian people were pleased to dwell with the Jews when they RETURNED 1948.

CONCLUSION:

1. FOUR REPEATED LIES ABOUT PALESTINE!

#1 - The Jewish people have no historical background whatsoever in Palestine.

#2 - The Jewish people are not a people, but only a religion.

#3 - Jesus was a Palestinian, Mary was a Palestinian, and Jesius was the first Palestinian Martyr.

#4 - There have never been any Jewish temples on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

2. Despite centuries of persecution and exile, the Jewish people have been preserved as a people for 3500 years!!!

WHY??? Because they are preserved by the eternal, unconditional covenant made by the Creator of the universe with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!!!!

NOT ISHMAEL AND NOT ESAU.