THE BIBLE AND VOTING

Part 10



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Introductory Remarks

- A stewardship issue (1 Cor. 4:2)
- A biblical issue (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

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Economic Issues

1. Ownership of private property? (Deut. 19:15)
2. Pursuit of economic self interest? (Gen. 8:21)
3. Proper definition of compassion? (2 Thess. 3:10)
4. Who provides charity? (1 Tim. 5:3-8)
5. Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
6. Wealth retained within the family? (Prov. 13:22)
7. The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
8. Environmental stewardship rather than earth worship? (Rom. 1:22-23)
9. Opposition to runaway debt? (Prov. 22:7)
10. Limitations upon the government? (Acts 5:29)

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Social Issues

1. Legal protection for the unborn? (Gen. 25:23)
2. Legal protection for the elderly? (Lev. 19:32)
3. Hetero-sexual monogamous marriage as the standard for society? (Gen. 2:18-25)
4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
5. The right to restrict alcohol, pornography, & gambling? (Lev. 10:9; Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 13:11)
6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
7. Public expressions of Christianity? (Mark 16:15)
8. Right to keep and bear arms? (Luke 22:36)

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Genesis 3:15

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." (NASB)



Genesis 11:1-4

1 Now **the whole earth used the same language and the same words**. 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”



	Mother	Child
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Iswara

Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons; or, the Papal Worship Proved to Be the Worship of Nimrod and His Wife*, 2nd American ed. (Edinburgh: Wood, 1862; reprint, New York: Loizeaux, 1959).

Isaiah 43:1 (NASB)

“But now, thus says the LORD, **your Creator**, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O **Israel**, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”



From Adam to Abraham

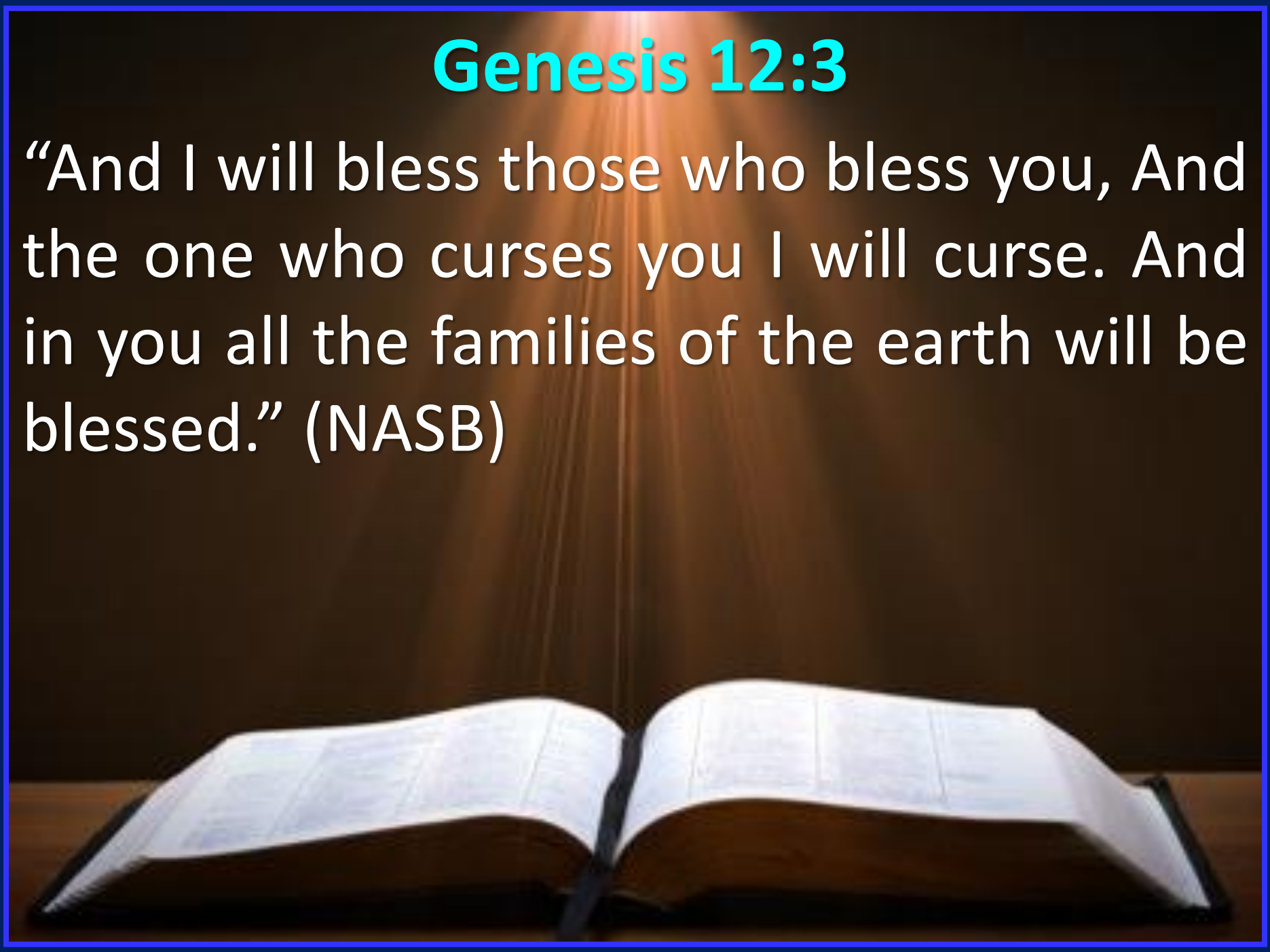
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- Gen 7:1
- Gen 9:26
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Hittites
Taurus Mts.
Amanus Mts.
Charchemish
Hurrians
Assyria
Subartu
Mersin
Yamhad
Haran
Nineveh
Alalakh
Aleppo
Habur River
Calah
Turukku
Zagros Mts.
Ammuru
Paddan Aram
Tigris River
Assur
Diyala River
Imar
Ebla
Yaminum
Nuzi
Ugarit
Tepra
Guti
Hamath
Qatna
Mari
Der
Cyprus
Euphrates River
Eshnunna
Dur-Kurigalzu
Yamutbal
Orontes R.
Byblos
Akkad
Sidon
Damascus
Babylon
Nippur
Elam
Tyre
Sumer
Lagash
GREAT SEA
Astoreth
Hazor
Ur
Shechem
Arabian Desert
Jerusalem
Amman
Ashdod
Hebron
Gaza
Beersheba
King's Highway
Eastern Desert
R. Egypt
ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY
Succoth
Desert Shur
Beer-lahai-roi
Egypt
On (Heliopolis)
Paran
Ezion-geber
Noph (Memphis)
Gulf of Aqaba
Nile River
Red Sea
Abraham's Journey
(To Egypt)
Jacob's Flight
Eliezer Brings Rebekah to Isaac
Approximate Location
200.0 mile
100.0 mile
50.0 mile
327.0 km.
163.5 km.
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Israel's Three Blessings to the World
(Gen 12:3b)

1) Scripture (Rom 3:2)

2) Savior (John 4:22)

3) Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)



How Israel Has Blessed the World
(Gen 12:3; Rom 9:4-5)

1. Patriarchs
2. Law
3. Prophets
4. Messiah (John 4:22; Rom 9:5)
5. Apostles
6. Biblical writers
7. Early church
8. Early Christian martyrs
9. Paul
10. Future kingdom

Abrahamic Covenant

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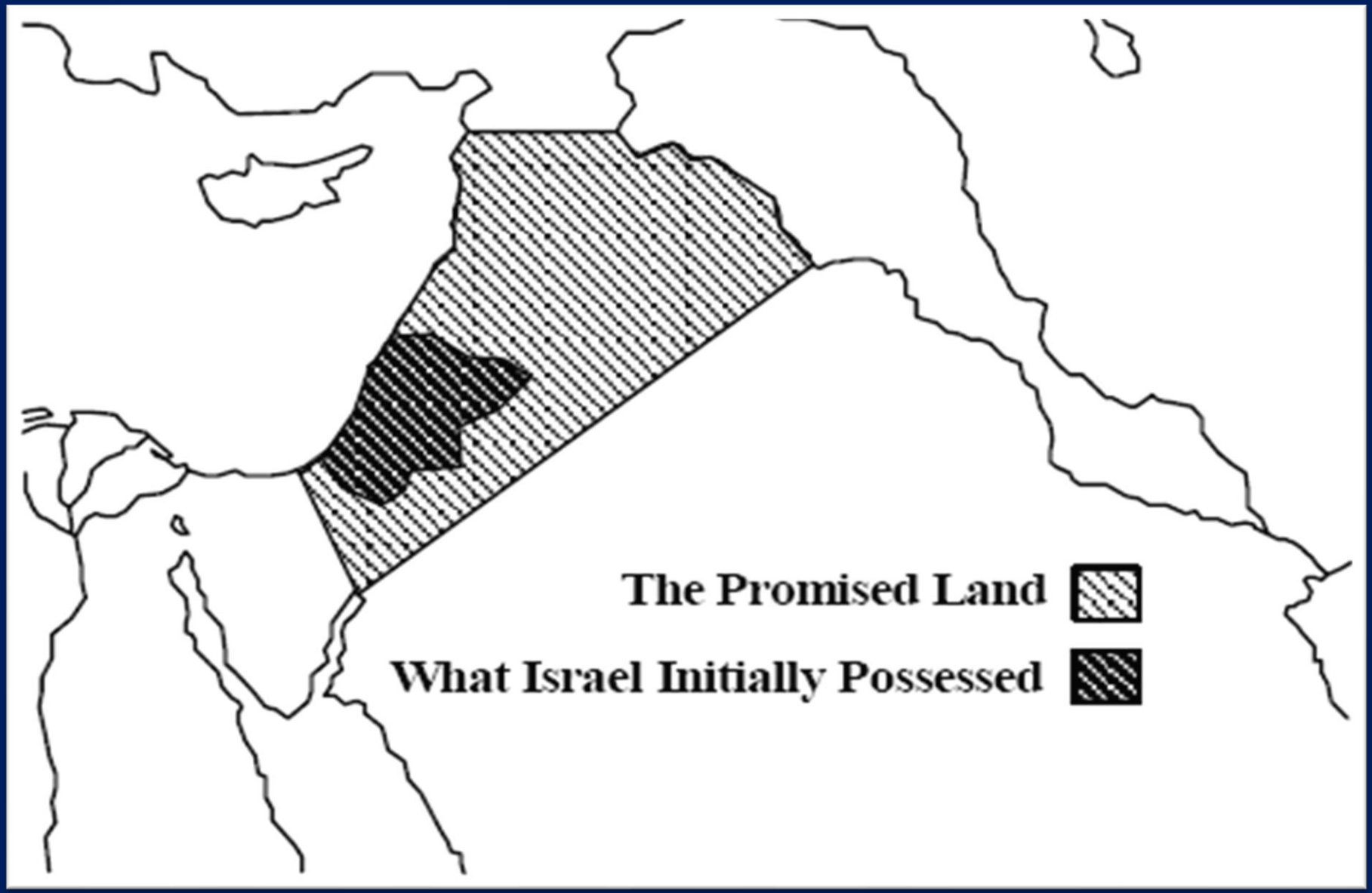
LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**







Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)



Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Numbers,* p.99

Jeremiah 31:35-37

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:[36] "**If this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the Lord, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever**."[37] Thus says the LORD, "If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done," declares the LORD.



Ezekiel 5:5 (NASB)

"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the **center of the nations**, with lands around her.'"



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Zechariah 2:8

"For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for **he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye**."



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Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island

August 18, 1790 George Washington

"I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you, that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport...the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...May the **Children of the Stock of Abraham**, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

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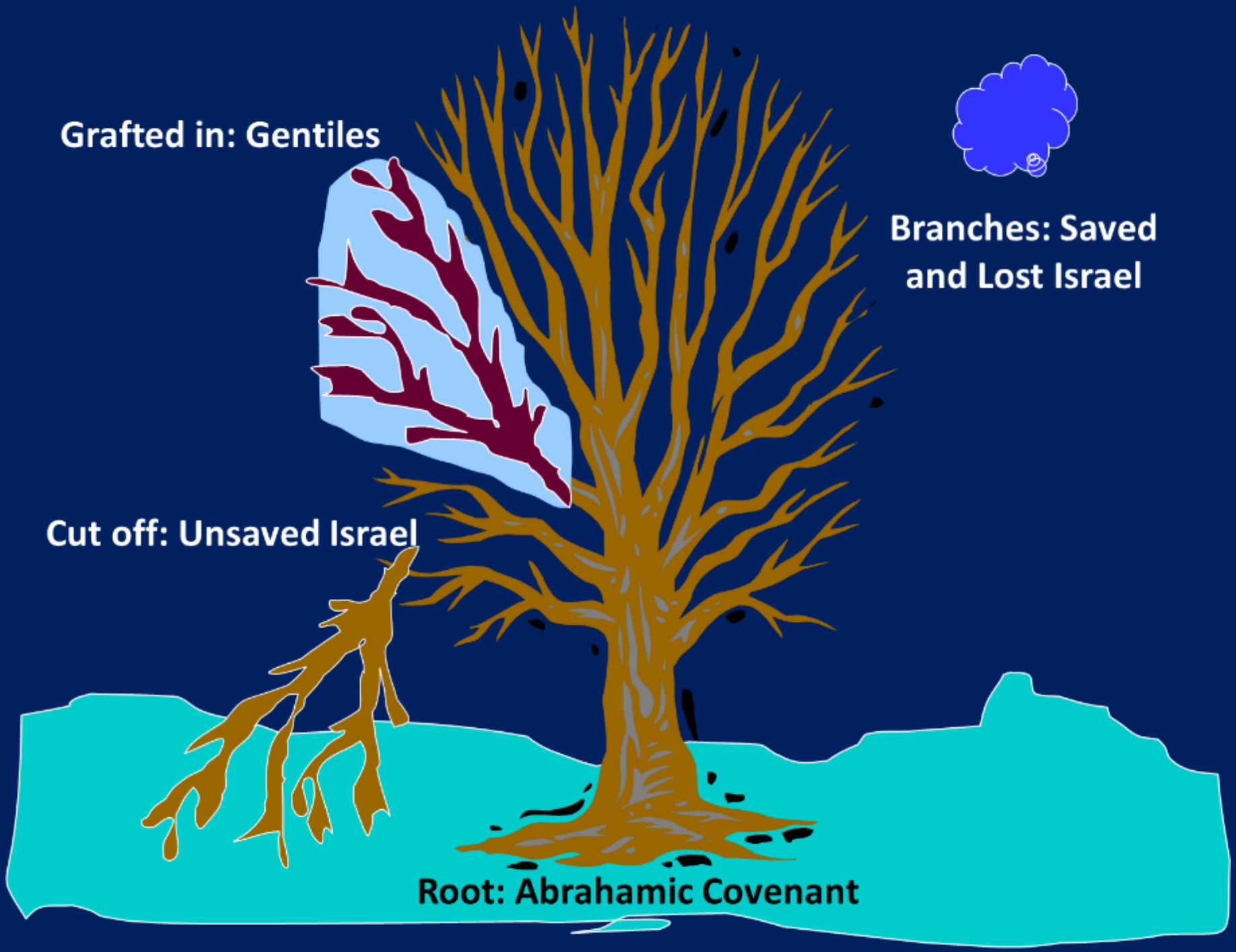
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Grafted in: Gentiles
Branches: Saved and Lost Israel
Cut off: Unsaved Israel
Root: Abrahamic Covenant

Christian Anti-Semitism

"First, their synagogues should be set on fire…Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed…Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds…"

Christian Anti-Semitism

"…Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more…Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews…Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans…"

Christian Anti-Semitism

"Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let the earn their bread by the sweat of their noses…We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system..."

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.

Christian Anti-Semitism

"…Therefore away with them… To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden–the Jews."

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Biblical Reality of the Angelic World

- Job 1:12
- 2 Kings 6:15-17
- 1 Chron 21:1
- Dan 10:12-13, 20
- Matt 16:21-23
- Eph 6:12



Revelation 12:1-5

[1]And a great **sign** appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; [2]and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. [3]And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red **dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. (NASV 1995)



Revelation 12:1-5 (cont'd)

4And his tail swept a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. 5And she gave birth to a **son**, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. (NASV 1995)



Revelation: 12 Symbols

- Son = Messiah (Rev 12:5; Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9)
- Dragon = Satan (Rev 12:3, 9)
- Woman = Israel (Rev 12:1; Gen 37:9-10)

Genesis 37:9

Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, “Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



Genesis 37:10

He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?”



Genesis 37:9-10



Sun = Jacob

Moon = Leah

11 Stars=Joseph's brothers

12th Star = Joseph

12 Stars=Israel's twelve tribes

2 CYCLES OF SATANIC PERSECUTION

(Revelation 12:13-16)



1. *"Pursues the woman" =* persecution of Israel 12:13-14

2. *"Flood from his mouth" =* tries to destroy Israel 12:15-16

Descriptions of Satanic Hatred
(Revelation 12:12-17)

- Wrath 12:12
- Persecution 12:13
- Sweep away 12:15
- Enraged 12:17
- War 12:17



Matthew 23:37-39

"**Jerusalem, Jerusalem,** who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on **you will not see Me until you say**, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"



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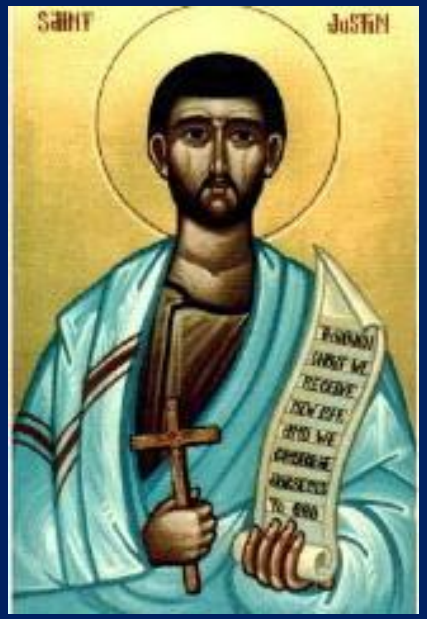
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"But I and every other **completely orthodox** Christian feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and **enlarged city of Jerusalem** as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others."

Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*, 80.

Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



Ezekiel 36:24-28

“For I will take you from the nations, **gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.** 25 **Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean**; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you**; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. 28 You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



Ezekiel 37:7-11

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8] And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; **but there was no breath in them**. [9] Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.”’” [10] **So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life** and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. [11] Then He said to me, “Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off’.”



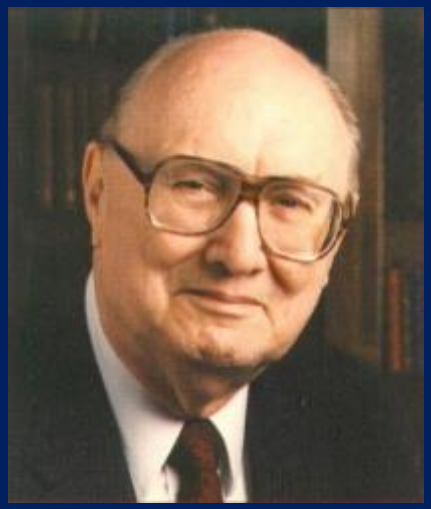
Zechariah 12:10

"**I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace** and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."



John Walvoord

Israel in Prophecy, Page 26



"Of the many peculiar phenomena which characterize the present generation, few events can claim equal **significance** as far as **Biblical prophecy** is concerned with that of the **return of Israel to their land**. It constitutes a **preparation** for the end of the age, the **setting** for the coming of the Lord for His church, and **the fulfillment of Israel's prophetic destiny**."

Israel's Two Regatherings

THE PRESENT (FIRST) REGATHERING	THE PERMANENT (SECOND) REGATHERING
Return to part of the land	Return to all the land
Return in unbelief	Return in faith
Restored to the land only	Restored to the land and the Lord
Sets the stage for Tribulation (discipline)	Sets the stage for Millennium (blessing)

Adapted from: Price, *Jerusalem In Prophecy,* 219

Romans 11:28-29

"From the standpoint of the **gospel** they are **enemies** for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are **beloved** for the sake of the fathers; [29] for the gifts and the calling of God are **irrevocable**."



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