

# Understanding End Times: God's People Israel

"CONTEXT"

Hermeneutics = The **art & science** of Biblical interpretation.

**Exegesis** = the careful systematic study of scripture to discover the original intended meaning.

The purpose of Hermeneutics/**Exegesis** is to-  
"discover the original intended meaning  
of the **author** to his **audience**"

"The words of God will change your life  
if you keep the **text** in its **context**."

"What you don't wanna do is called **eisegesis**."

"So if you run into a difficult passage and you know the Bible never contradicts itself  
then turn the pages to a **parallel passage** and just let the scriptures interpret itself."

## HERMENEUTICS

**Literal, historical-grammatical**, method

According to the **historical-grammatical** method, if based on an analysis of the grammatical style of a passage (with consideration to its cultural, historical, and literary context), it appears that the author intended to convey an account of events that actually happened, then the text should be taken as representing history; passages should only be interpreted symbolically, poetically, or allegorically if to the best of our understanding, that is what the writer intended to convey to the original audience.

The **plain** reading and interpretation of a text is always the **preferred** reading.

When the plain **sense** of scripture makes good **sense** any other **sense** would be **nonsense**.

## GOD DOESN'T CHANGE

**Malachi** 3:6 "For I the LORD, I do not change;

**Numbers** 23:19 — "God is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.  
Has He said, and will He not do?  
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Psalm 119:89  
Forever, O LORD,  
Your word is settled in heaven.

Isaiah 40:8 — The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the **Word** of our God stands forever."

**2 Timothy 2:13** — If we are faithless,  
He remains faithful;  
He cannot deny Himself.

**Hebrews 13:8** — Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

### **Progressive Revelation**

"**Progressive revelation** does not mean to say that the Old Testament is somehow less true than the New Testament. The progress was not from untruth to truth - it was from less information to more full information." ~Don Stewart

### **Covenants & Dispensations**

To understand the end, we must understand the beginning.

About  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the verses in Revelation are quotes from or allusions to the Old Testament  
We must understand God promises and prophecies given to Israel.

### **3 EVERLASTING COVENANTS**

#### **Abrahamic Covenant**

Genesis **12:1-3**

Genesis **13:14-16**

Genesis **15:8+**

#### **Davidic covenant**

2 Samuel **7:1-16**

2 Samuel 23:5 "Although my house is not so with God,  
Yet He has made with me an **everlasting** covenant,  
Ordered in all things and **secure**."

David's Kingdom is described in Psalms **72 & 89**

#### **New Covenant**

Jeremiah **31:31-34**

Exodus 19:5 "Now therefore, **if** you will indeed obey My voice and **keep** My covenant, **then** you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth [is] Mine."

#### **Exodus 34**

Unlike the Mosaic Covenant: the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenants are- **unilateral, unconditional, irrevocable**

Supersessionism, also called **replacement** theology, is a Christian doctrine which asserts that the New Covenant through Jesus Christ supersedes the Old Covenant, which was made exclusively with the Jewish people and that the Christian Church has succeeded the Israelites as the definitive people of God.

SUPERSESSSIONISM leads to **Antisemitism**

Has the Church replaced Israel?  
Has God cast them off?

**Romans 9-11**

When will God cast off Israel?

**Jeremiah 31:35-37**