Revelation 12:1-2 – 2 May 2019

Purging of the Purchased Possession:

How is your Israelology?

<u>Introduction to Chapter 12 –</u>

Chapter 10-14 is the parenthesis between the 6th and 7th trumpet judgement.

Remember the parenthesis between 6th & 7th Seal was about people (144,000 & Trib Saints)…same here.

Chapter 10 – John and the Word

Chapter 11 – The Two Witnesses and the Temple

Chapter 12 – Israel and the Dragon

Chapter 13 – The Anti-Christ & the False Prophet

Chapter 14 – 144,000 and the everlasting gospel

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Introduction to Israelology –

Chapter 12 is foundational -unless you understand God's purpose for Israel, you'll have a confused view of what the Bible is all about.

Systematic Theology

- [Theology proper](#) – The study of the character of God
- [Angelology](#) – The study of angels
- [Biblical theology](#) – The study of the bible
- [Christology](#) – The study of Christ
- [Ecclesiology](#) – The study of the church
- [Eschatology](#) – The study of the end times
- [Hamartiology](#) – The study of sin
- [Pneumatology](#) – The study of the Holy Spirit
- [Soteriology](#) – The study of salvation
- [Theological anthropology](#) – The study of humanity.

Systematic Theology misses Israel!!!

How is your Israelology? And why does it matter?

Read Chapter 12 Vs 1-2

1.   If pregnant one=church, then we're in trouble!

a. Church–Virgin Bride of Christ _(II Cor 11:2, Rev 19:7)

b. Israel – wife of God (Eze 16:8, Jer 31:32)

c. Most commentators get this wrong

d. God is pleased when we piece things together and obey, just like parents.

2. The law of first mention (Gen 37:5-10)

   a. Israel often described as a woman is travail.

      i. Isa 54:5, 66:7, Jer 3:6, Mic 4:10, 5:2-3

   b. Israel was anticipated to be mother of Messiah

      i. Isa 6:9 – unto <u>us</u> child is born, son is given

      ii. Gen 3:15, Gal 3:16, 19

   c. From the very beginning (Jacob) to the end.

   d. The Zodiac (or Hb Mazzeroth)=12 stars

3. Replacement Theology (R. T.)

   a. Def – Since Israel rejected God, Church has become spiritual Israel getting their promises.

   b. It's dangerous b/c it makes God a liar.

      i. **Israelology matter b/c it shows us that God will fulfill <u>all</u> that He says.**

c. Major Problems
   i. Promises to Israel were unconditional
      1. Abraham had nothing to add to the covenant that God made (Gen 15)
   ii. Romans stresses God's not done w/ Israel
      1. Paul in Rom 9-11
   iii. Ignores Daniel's 70 Weeks prophecy
   iv. Jesus needs to yet reign on the Throne of David. (Luke 1:21)
d. **Israelology matter b/c it shows us that there's no reason to take God's promises as anything but <u>literal</u> and <u>true</u>.**
   i. Then were did R. T. come from?
      1. Origen's allegorical interpretations.
      2. Augustine used Origen to develop Amillennial Eschatology.
         a. Hard to be literal (re: Christ overthrowing the govt) when you're a state paid pastor
   ii. Led to Medieval church's quest for power

   iii. Reformation
       1.   Wonderful job fixing soteriology
       2.   Ignored Augustine bad Eschatology
  iv. This led to holocaust
       1.   R.T. drove people to advance their own kingdom
       2.   R.T. drove people to anti-Semitism
       3.   Blame? Start by blaming the silent pulpits!
   v. R.T. and anti-Semitism will lead to Armageddon

4.   They're His chosen people, chosen for what?
  a.   Chosen to be an example to the church (I Cor 10:6-11)
  b.   Chosen to bring forth His eternal Word (John 17:20)
  c.   Chosen to bring forth the Messiah to sit on David's throne (Isa 61:1)
    i. **Israelology matter b/c it shows us the depth of meaning and purpose God has**

for each, can't just replace Israel's purposes.

Conclusion to part 1 –

Israelology matter for these reasons:

1) Shows that God will fulfill <u>all</u> that He says.

2) Shows that there's no reason to take God's promises as anything but <u>literal</u> and <u>true</u>.

3) Shows the depth of meaning/purpose God has for each, can't just be replaced.