

Israel

Gen 12: 1-3

Israel

- As most of you know, Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a joint meeting of Congress this week.
 - 48 members of Congress boycotted the event or did not attend
 - 10 Senators
 - 38 Congressmen/Congresswomen
 - Probably for political reasons???
- Unfortunately, many churches in the United States feel that Israel of today...no longer fits into God's plan

Israel

- Many of those churches hold to “replacement theology”
 - This teaches that Israel and all its blessings
 - Have been replaced by the universal “Church”
 - They would use some Scriptures to support their view
 - Matt 21: 42
 - Taken by itself would support “replacement”
 - Rom 2: 28-29; Rom 9: 6-8

Israel

- Question.....
 - Is God through with the nation of Israel?
- Before we can answer this question...
 - Deut 29: 29....
- There are two methods of studying prophetic Scripture
 - What has God prophesied for Israel?
 - Normal/literal
 - Allegorical/ symbolic
- Gen 12: 1-3
 - Note there are three promises in this “covenant”

Israel

- First.....
 - I will make your name great (personal)
 - Is that literal or figurative?
 - Does most of the world know who Abraham was?
- Second.....
 - I will make of you a great nation (physical)
 - Name another nation on earth
 - Reborn after 2,000 years of exile (Isa 66: 8)
 - Truman recognized the state of Israel....11 minutes

Israel

- Third....(Spiritual)
 - In thee....all the nations of the earth will be blessed....(Gen 22: 18).....(Christ)
 - Spiritual and physical
 - Google....Israel's top inventions
- Gen 15: 13-14....literal or figurative?
- Concerning the death of Christ written centuries before His death
 - Psa 22: 1.....literal or figurative?
 - Psa 22: 7-8....literal or figurative?
 - Psa 22: 11.....literal or figurative?
 - Psa 22: 14; 15; 16; 18

Israel

- Throughout the Word of God
 - You will see literal fulfillment again and again
- Why?
 - Isa 41: 21-23; Isa 45: 21-22; Isa 46: 9-10
 - The prophetic nature of Scripture declares
 - The authority of God
 - The faithfulness of God
 - Brings us the assurance of salvation through grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.

Israel

- Question....

- Does the rebellion of Abraham's national seed negate the promises of God?

- Lev 26: 27-45

- Vs 29.....did this happen? (II Kings 6: 24-29)

- Vs 31....did this happen to Jerusalem? (Matt 24: 2 AD 70)

- Vs 32....I will make the land desolate

- Mark Twain 9/24/1867.. "There is not a solitary village throughout its whole extent – not for 30 miles in either direction. There are two or three small clusters of Bedouin tents, but not a single permanent habitation. One may ride 10 miles, hereabouts, and not see 10 human beings."

Israel

- Rabbi Moses ben Nachman in 1267 wrote
 - “Many are Israel’s forsaken places, and great is the desecration. The more sacred the place, the greater the devastation it has suffered. Jerusalem is the most desolate place of all.”
 - Vs 33....you will be scattered....(70 AD/pogroms)
 - Vs 42.... I will remember.....my covenant
 - Vs 44....I will not reject them
 - Romans 11: 1.....KJV
 - God has not rejected His people.....”God forbid”

Israel

- “God forbid” is an on-going theme in Romans
 - Romans 6: 1
 - Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound?
 - “God forbid”may this never be
 - Romans 6: 15
 - Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?
 - God forbid.....may this never be
- Israel was/is called to be a light to the world

Israel

- Romans 11: 25 speaks of a partial hardening of Israel
 - What about you and me?
- Today, we will partake of the Lord's Supper
 - In it we will hear these words...
 - "Let a man examine himself"
 - Is my heart tender towards God?
 - When the Holy Spirit convicts me of sin.....
- Is my response one of hardness or tenderness?

Mercy Tree

Mercy Tree

- On a hill called Calvary
- Stands an endless mercy tree
- Every broken weary soul
- Find your rest and be made whole

Mercy Tree

- Stripes of blood stains its frame
- Shed to wash away our shame
- From the scars pure love released
- Salvation by the Mercy Tree

Mercy Tree

- In the sky between two thieves
- Hung the blameless Prince of Peace
- Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned
- Sacred head pierced by our thorns

Mercy Tree

- “It is finished” was His cry
- The perfect Lamb was crucified
- His sacrifice our victory
- Our Savior chose the Mercy Tree

Mercy Tree

- Hope went dark that violent day
- The whole earth quaked at love's display
- Three days silent in the ground
- This body born for Heaven's crown

Mercy Tree

- On that bright and glorious day
- Heaven opened up the grave
- He's alive and risen indeed
- Oh thank Him for the Mercy Tree

Mercy Tree

- Death has died and love has won
- Hallelujah, Hallelujah
- Jesus Christ has overcome
- He has risen from the dead

Mercy Tree

- One day soon we'll see His face
- And every tear He'll wipe away
- No more pain or suffering
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