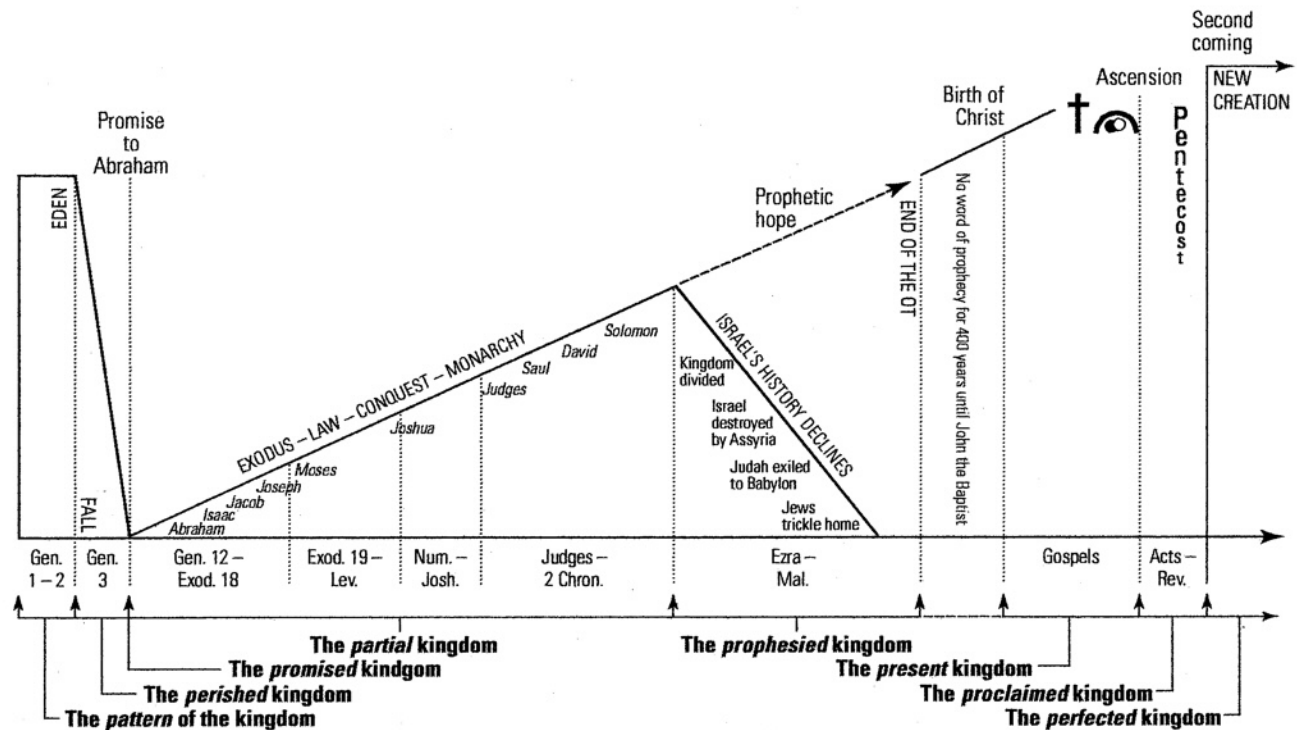


- Understanding the relationship between Israel and the Church – not dispensational, not replacement ... **OT**: nation of Israel and a remnant of Israel – (Rm9:6-8) not all of Israel is the true Israel ... **NT**: faithful remnant becomes those who believe Jesus is the Messiah ... **MATHISON**: **TRUE ISRAEL BECAME DEFINED BY UNION WITH THE TRUE ISRAELITE – JESUS CHRIST** ... **Acts**: Jewish believers, the true Israel, are known as the Church ... **Ch8**: Samaritans are included in Church ... **Ch10**: Gentiles are included in Church ... The Church, the true Israel, now consists of believers who are Jewish and non-Jewish ... Ethnicity no longer is a qualifier for true Israel – one's faith in Jesus Christ as the Messiah is how one becomes part of the true Israel, the Church (Rm2:28-29, G13:28-29) ... **Rm11 Olive tree**: good branches (remnant Israel), broken off branches (unbelieving Israel), branches grafted in (non-Jewish believers), broken branches grafted back in (repentant Jewish believers) ... God doesn't tear down Olive tree and start over with a new tree (replacement) ... Nor does God plant a tree alongside the Olive tree, so there's two trees (dispensationalism) ... Same Tree from OT→NT→today ... True Israel / the Church
- **The Mystery of Christ** ... **Mystery**: only discovered and understood by the Spirit's enlightenment (1Co2:7-10) ... God's grace comes thru this mystery that has been revealed – the mystery of Christ ... Jewish and Gentile believers are of the same body, of the same heirs, of the same partnership ... Meaning neither one can experience the fulfillment of every promise apart from Christ and one another ... Why? Because they're now **one people** (Ep2:11-22; G13:27-29) ... The fact that all believers are joined to Christ makes it impossible for Jewish believers and Gentile believers to exist as two separate groups, to enjoy an inheritance that the other won't also enjoy ... **By Christ** every promise is fulfilled ... **In Christ** every promise is received ... **Thru Christ** every promise is enjoyed
- **WRIGHT**: ACCORDING TO JEWISH EXPECTATION, IF THE INGATHERING OF THE GENTILES WERE TO TAKE PLACE, ISRAEL HAD TO BE RESTORED ... [WHEN GOD OPENED THE GOSPEL TO GENTILES IN ACTS 10] IN SOME SENSE THE PROPHESED RESTORATION OF ISRAEL MUST HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED AND WAS BEING DEMONSTRATED PRECISELY IN THE SUCCESS OF THE GENTILE MISSION. (see Ac15:12-18) ... The full restoration of the Jewish people has happened and yet continues to happen and won't be completed until Christ returns ... This restoration goes hand in hand with Gentile inclusion ... It's the bringing together of one people in Christ
 - **LADD**: JESUS' APPEAL CUTS THROUGH EXTERNAL NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND DEMANDED AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE TO HIS OWN PERSON ... HE CHALLENGED ISRAEL TO FIND IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TO HIMSELF HER DIVINELY ORDAINED DESTINY ... AND IF HE OFFERED TO ISRAEL THE FULFILLMENT OF HER TRUE IDENTITY, THEN THIS DESTINY WAS ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED IN THOSE WHO RECEIVED HIS MESSAGE – HIS DISCIPLES ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MESSIANIC SALVATION, THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM, THE TRUE ISRAEL. ... Thus, every disciple joined to Christ is counted as belonging to the true Israel / the Church
 - Paul takes a passage from Hosea that speaks about the remnant of Israel, and applies this truth to the Church – Jewish and non-Jewish believers – **Rm9:23-27** ... God is fulfilling His word in restoring His people and expanding His household – by Christ, in Christ, thru Christ ... Peter applies names and responsibilities of OT Israel to the Church – **1Pe2:5,9-10** ... The Church is the true Israel because Christ is the true Israel ... The true Israel / the Church is made of believers from every ethnicity, tribe, and language ... And this is God's One People of His Kingdom
- What of the nation of Israel today ... They largely remain outside of God's new covenant because they reject Jesus Christ to be their Messiah ... And yet, we continue to pray for their salvation ... In the nation God has a remnant He is awakening to the truth concerning Jesus Christ being the Messiah ... **STORMS**: ANY AND ALL JEWISH PEOPLE WHO COME TO FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST WILL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, THE 'ONE NEW MAN' OF EPHESIANS 2. THEY WILL BE GRAFTED BACK INTO THE ONE OLIVE TREE (RM11) WHERE THEY, TOGETHER AND IN COMPLETE UNITY WITH GENTILE BELIEVERS WILL INHERIT THE PROMISES MADE TO THE PATRIARCHS. ... God is gathering His people, and He will bring them into their inheritance, and there they'll live with Him forever and enjoy the blessings of His Kingdom

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