

**Threshing Floor: Third Day Show 189-The Doctrinal Underpinnings of Prophecy,  
The “Church and Israel”**

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**1Corinthians 14:32**

“And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”

(Note the plural noun rendering)

That point of prophetic protocol is predicated upon the preceding verse of 1Corinthians 14:29 “Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.”

**The Two Constructs: Israel and the Church-Are They Real?**

**Paul states in Galatians 4:16**

“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.”

**Paul’s dissertation in Hebrews buttresses the writings in Romans chapters 9-11 by here breaking down the “partition” which existed then---and apparently exists to this day in the body of believers who want to create a “bicameral” covenant:**

**Galatians 4:28**

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. {covenants: or, testaments} {Sinai: Gr. Sina}

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. {answereth to: or, is in the same rank with}

26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

**In the final stroke of this analogy Paul states something which most either ignore or find repulsive:**

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.(KJV)

### ***Replacement Theology or Spiritual Conversion?***

This overview of the covenant (singular) is crucial to understanding that it is not a racial/ethnic/religious construct which was borne out of the struggles of the early church, but the express will of Christ, Himself :

“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” (**John 10: 15, 16**)

Prophetically, Christ here anticipates the bringing of the Gospel to the Gentiles and His will that there be one final construct. The work of Paul, the Pharisaical Jew, was to carry this “last will and testament” to the Gentiles and to communicate the principle of “oneness” to both the Jew (first) and the Gentile.

- **The Roman doctrine of what is called “Replacement Theology” or “Supercessionism” are terms given improperly to a theology which states that something called “the Church” replaced physical Israel and the Jewish people as God’s chosen vessels.**

While the early church writer **Justin Martyr** (about 100 to 165) stated correctly (based upon Paul’s teaching) that:

“... the true spiritual Israel ... are we who have been led to God through this crucified Christ.”

- Other theologians post-early church era began a thread of anti-semiticism which migrated into doctrines embraced by later Catholic thought such as the provocative statements made by **Hippolytus of Rome** (martyred 13 August 235):

“[The Jews] have been darkened in the eyes of your soul with a darkness utter and everlasting.”

- Later Catholic teachings on this doctrine became formalized in the utterances of the **5<sup>th</sup> century Pope Leo I**, who pointed to Mark 15:38 to support his teaching that:

“there [was] effected a transfer from the Law to the Gospel, from the Synagogue to the Church.” (note the capitalization, an implicit indicator of a proper body, the Roman Church construct), and formalized in the 15<sup>th</sup> century during the Council of Florence, when Pope Eugene IV wrote in his *Bull of Union with the Copts* that:

"[The Catholic Church] firmly believes, professes and preaches that all those who are outside the Catholic Church, not only pagans but also Jews or heretics and schismatics, cannot share in eternal life and will go into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels, unless they are joined to the Catholic Church before the end of their lives."

- This formalization of not only a doctrine of exclusion by racial/religious heritage, but the enshrinement of this artifice called "The Church", are the baggage now carried by not just the Romish Church, but by her "Protestant offspring" who ignore the plain teachings of scripture imparted by the Lord, Himself and the apostles.

### "The Church"

What has occurred, and is communicated subliminally by most professing modern day Christians, is the enshrinement of something called euphemistically "The Church". It is juxtaposed to another construct seen as "Israel" via a group of people known racially and religiously as "the Jews".

From these two constructs, which now dominate the modern Christian milieu, we arrive at the horrible dialectic called by many names including "**Judeo-Christianity**", "**Covenant Theology**", "**Replacement Theology**", etc.---all terms and doctrines which violate the earlier presentation of Paul's teachings and the Lord's will.

In fact, what Christ willed and Paul taught was not exclusionary, replacement, or hyphenation; but a **unified body of believers who were joined in the common heritage of the movement of God's Spirit through the epoch of first, a physical Israel which maintained a lineage and structure for emergence of Messiah, and second, the spiritual Body of Christ referred to by the term "church", or more properly "ecclesia"**.

**Church- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance #1577.** ekklesia, ek-klay-see'-ah - from a compound of 1537 and a derivative of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both):--assembly, church.  
2564. kalew kaleo, kal-eh'-o  
akin to the base of 2753; to "call" (properly, aloud, but used in a variety of applications, directly or otherwise):--bid, call (forth), (whose, whose sur-)name (was (called)).

*The history of the Christian church, likewise, mirrors the same historical patterns, not examined here. Schisms, **heresies, false teaching and prophecies pock-mark the landscape of the post-apostolic era and render any meaning to a construct called "The Church" meaningless.** What is evident is what Paul wrote concerning Israel*

*(then) and the Christian church (now):*

*Romans 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved... 29...Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.*

### **Rejection of Terms**

***we reject the terms:*** “replacement theology”, “The Church”, “Israel/Jews”, “Judeo-Christianity”, “Christian Zionism” or other appellations which serve to enshrine institutional doctrine and superimpose such man-made doctrines as “dispensationalism” upon modern Evangelical Christianity. We reject the terms and the doctrines they imply in favor of a term not colored by prejudicial terminology: “the remnant of spiritual Israel”

### **Israel At the End of the Age?**

**The Great Historical Dialectic:** Jews---scattered, hunted, persecuted are now enshrined in this “chosen people” status:

#### **The so-called “Church” sets up an “idol”---a “straw man” called “Israel”**

*The modern Evangelical Christian church embraces, consciously or subconsciously, the heretical notion of “dispensationalism”---the doctrine that states God is not finished with physical Israel, by the misreading of certain texts which seem to imply a separate work at the end of the age.*

*“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob...” -Romans 11:26*

This text, used continually by many Evangelical teachers, would appear to infer some future salvational work by God, especially when grafted to other verses in both testaments that foretell the redemption of Israel. Many prophetic expectations of the end of the age tribulation describe a work God will do through a final testing, holocaust, persecution...etc. that will lead to a receiving of the Gospel by the Jewish people.

This inference is based upon numerous doctrines superimposed on the scriptures by the work of Cyrus.I. Scofield in the Oxford University-funded **Scotfield Reference Bible**. That text, funneled through seminaries and Bible schools in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, created the means by which scripture could be interpreted in a manner as to present this expectation of salvation to physical Israel and the Jewish people.

Even Christians who seem to understand their heritage in Christ unwittingly buy **into the mechanics of dispensational thought** by using the terms implied by the doctrine. When one returns back to the core teachings of Christ and Paul it will become apparent that what Paul articulates throughout Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews is NOT part of some “invisible dispensation”, but fulfilled prophecy that was to be received under the

banner of the finished work of Christ on the Cross:

**Paul begins his epic writings in Romans with this preface:**

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” - Romans 1:16*

We cannot ignore the principle of precedence inherent in Paul’s text here To understand this conclusion of this thought we move down in the text to the next verses:

*17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

*18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. {in them: or, to them}*

*20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: {so...: or, that they may be}*

*21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

***The Principle of Precedence of Order:***

**God’s revelation in two steps:**

I.

*“But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” - Matthew 15:24*

- *As a race and as the,until then chosen of God, **Israel had now seen their God** in the flesh as the Lord Jesus Christ---the Messiah.*
- ***Jerusalem and her priests rejected Christ and uttered the very curse which removed their racial claim forever:***

*“Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.” - Matthew 27:25*

*They traded **Messiah for Barabbas**---**their birthright for a bowl of cold soup.***

This is the **The Esau Effect: Modern Day Rejection of Heritage**

*“As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.” Romans 9:13*

*“Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.” - Hebrews 12:16*

//. Which **moved the ministry of the Gospel from a racial/religious construct called Israel into a broader movement** that would include all “peoples, nations, tongues, and tribes”. This was prophesied by the ancient writers:

“But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.”-Ezekiel 3:7

“And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.”- Isaiah 11:10  
**(Quoted by Paul in Romans 15)**

**Romans 15:11** And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.  
**Romans 15:21** But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. ( citing here, Isaiah 52:15)

The rejection of Christ before Pilate completed the course physical Israel had taken, **the blood curse would break the physical covenant and release the Gospel to the Gentiles.** Salvation, which was of the Jews (John 4:22) would now pass to a broader spiritual covenant **which did NOT “replace” Israel, but transferred the birthright to all who accepted the “terms and conditions” of the new covenant.** Again, this in **NOT replacement, but transference---** and is completely scriptural as seen in the Old Testament recounting of Jacob and Esau in Genesis 25.

## **Prophetic Danger!**

**Note the patterns:** as they occur TWICE! Israel rejects Messiah and the Gospel, hence the Covenant is transferred to SPIRITUAL Israel. Spiritual Israel over time morphs into power structures called “The Church”, and goes bad, splits into multiple “Churches” and either rejects Christ completely (mainstream World Council of Churches) or rejects their IDENTITY by ceding to political/geographical/economic nation-state Israel and the “chosen people”, the Jews! Thus initiating the “Esau Effect”

**Today:** While most mainstream churches are totally leavened, the Evangelical “branches” are now adopting wholesale the “Israel First” position, believing that God will now begin a series of events know as the tribulation to FORCE these Jews to receive their Messiah, (most believing AFTER after they are raptured.)

By TRANSFERRING their identity, as Spiritual Israel, to a PHYSICAL Israel they now completely miss the warning given in scripture by Peter to God’s people. *Because they do not recognize their own peril they are “at ease”. Because they misidentify who is “Israel”, and do not recognize that the judgments attributed to the nation-state of Israel and the Jewish people are for THEM!*

*“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”- 1Peter 4:17*