

ISRAEL: GOD'S BANNER

Tonight, I'm going to talk about Israel again. I've been warning people for years that the attitude we adopt towards Paul's kinsmen "according to the flesh"—that is, towards biological, ethnic, unsaved Jews—is extremely important in the eyes of God. I've been warning that even though ethnic Jews are no different than any other ethnic group when it comes to eternal salvation—they must accept Israel's Messiah as a sacrifice for their sin, just like all other nations do—nevertheless, they are *different* from all other ethnic groups on this planet. They are special because of their *covenant relationship* with God. I've been warning that God is using the State of Israel as a *dividing line* for the coming battle described in the books of Ezekiel, Zachariah and Revelation.

My little ministry doesn't reach very many people. However, I keep abreast of what's happening in Church World through the Internet and there are much bigger ministries who are sounding the *same* alarm with regards to Israel. It's also obvious that their message is falling more and more on *deaf* ears. I believe one problem is that Gentile Christians are *too proud* to accept or submit to God's Word regarding natural Israel and the result is going to be, they're going to find themselves on the *wrong side* of the battle when it begins.

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.*
Romans 1:18-19 NAS

Consider the words of the apostle for a moment. Of course, the primary meaning of what he said is clear. He's talking about those who suppress the truth that there is a God who is the creator of the universe and their creator, and as such, that God has the right to judge them. By virtue of Him being their Creator, He has the right to demand obedience from them and He has the right to punish those who refuse to obey Him. This is the "truth" the wicked seek to continually "suppress".

But suppressing the truth is not *limited* to wicked pagans who don't want to acknowledge that there is a God in heaven who has the right to judge us and hold us accountable for our actions. Christians "suppress the truth in unrighteousness" every day. As a matter of fact, Christians are *better* at suppressing any truth they *don't* want to hear than the pagans are because Christians *use the Scripture* to suppress the truth. Using the Scripture to suppress a truth that you know (deep down in your heart) is correct, is an abomination to God and He's going to judge that kind of wickedness *very* harshly on the Day of Judgement.

I'm going to give you an example of Christians suppressing the truth. I'm going to give you an example of Christians *deliberately* ignoring what God has made *evident* to them through the Scripture. I'm going to give you an example of Christians who refuse to accept or bow to the truth because they have a wicked heart and wicked motives for rejecting the truth. God has made at least a portion of His plan for National Israel in the last days as "evident" as the stars in the sky. He had holy men of old, write it down in black and white, clearly, so all who read it could understand it. Refusing to bow to the truth when it comes to this particular issue has nothing to do with this or that kind of "interpretation" of a Bible verse. A truth is stated very clearly by a prophet of God. Your only choice is to accept what God says through that prophet or reject it. If you reject it, it's because you *hate* the truth!

*And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And **he shall set up an ensign [banner] for the nations**, and shall assemble the out casts of Israel, and*

*gather together the dispersed of Judah **from the four corners of the earth**. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they [Judah & Ephraim] shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.*

Isaiah 11:13-14

The first time the Lord set His hand to recover a remnant of His people was from the Babylonian captivity. Here, Isaiah talks about a second re-gathering. A second re-gathering necessitates a *second scattering* after the first scattering and re-gathering of the Jews from Babylon. As to the timing of the second scattering—after their return from Babylon—there can be no doubt. The second scattering took place in 70 AD., when Jerusalem was sacked, the Temple was destroyed, one million Jews were killed, and the rest sent into exile throughout the Roman Empire. The only question that needs to be answered is the timing of the second re-gathering.

The notes from the 1599 Geneva Bible are a clear manifestation of suppressing the truth because the authors of the note say this passage: “...is chiefly meant of Christ, who calls his people being dispersed through all the world”. Notice that the obvious meaning of who Isaiah is referring to is completely ignored. The subject is the God of Israel re-gathering the *Jewish people* back to their land a second time. These men say the subject is (Jesus) Christ gathering (not RE-gathering) His New Testament (mostly Gentile) people from the nations.

Well, if Isaiah was talking about Jesus gathering New Testament “Christians” to Himself spiritually, from all over the world, *who* was it that scattered these Christians in the first place? *When* were these believers scattered? *Why* were they scattered. Since this is clearly a SECOND re-gathering, where and when did the FIRST scattering and re-gathering take place? *Why* did it take place?

Who does “Ephraim” and “Judah” represent in this prophecy? Roman Catholics and Protestants? Different Protestant denominations? Those inside the Church System and those outside of it? Who do the Philistines, Edom and Moab, and Ammon *represent* in this prophecy?

You see, it’s easy to allegorize or spiritualize a passage of Scripture as long as you aren’t required to explain the many *details* found in that passage. The men who put that note in the Geneva Bible were Covenant Theologians. Covenant Theology demands that you spiritualize and/or explain away roughly *half* the Old Testament because that’s how much the Bible deals with the restoration of National Israel in the last days.

The men who created the footnotes for the Geneva Bible might be excused for their deliberate disregard of the obvious, since they lived *before* the creation of the Jewish State in 1948. But anyone who continued to preach Covenant Theology, Reform Theology, and Replacement Theology *after* the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 can never be excused because there is no excuse. The only reason people continue to preach that trash, in the face of so much evidence to the contrary, is because their *egos* and their *reputations* are completely invested in that kind of interpretation.

The notes in the New Geneva Study Bible are a little different than the 1599 version but they still refuse to admit the re-gathering the prophet speaks of is a last-days re-gathering of National Israel. Again, those who provided the notes to the 1599 version might be forgiven their ignorance, since they lived before the establishment of the

State of Israel in our day. But the men who produced the notes of the New Geneva Study Bible can never be excused for their deliberate blindness because they are living during the days of the fulfillment of the *very* prophecies they twist and distort. Their explanation of the second re-gathering of Israel is as follows:

"The Second Time: The **first time** God reclaimed a people was from **Egypt** through **the Exodus**; the second time is from **the Exile**. The remnant will come from all the known world, described as the four corners of the world. This era of restoration will witness the reconciliation of the disunited tribes. When the remnant returned to the land **after the Exile**, they offered sacrifices on behalf of the twelve tribes."

New Geneva Study Bible
pp. 1043-1044

At least *these* Covenant Theologians didn't try to say the second re-gather of the "remnant of Israel" is actually "Christ gathering His people (New Testament Christians) to Himself" in this present age. They must have had enough sense to know that such an interpretation of that passage is outrageous. But of course, since they could never (and would never) admit that Covenant Theology is a lie, they had to come up with a more *reasonable sounding* interpretation which still has *nothing* to do with the obvious and logical interpretation of that text. So they say the first re-gathering of Israel is a reference to the Exodus from Egypt, and the second re-gathering Isaiah refers to is the return from Babylon.

Apparently they assumed the average Christian of their day was so ignorant of what the Scripture actually says about Old Testament Israel they would buy into such a simple-minded idea. Maybe they were right. But some of us out here *aren't* as ignorant as they thought and we can demonstrate to anyone who is *interested in the truth* that these guys were nothing but theological shysters. They were willing to do *anything* to protect their ego investment in that false interpretive system.

The first problem with this explanation is that neither the deliverance of Israel from Egypt or the return of the exiles from Babylon included Jews from *all* the countries that are listed in that prophesy. This is one of the reason God's gives seemingly inconsequential details in certain prophecies. The more details a prophesy contains, the easier it is to correctly interpret it. When the Jews returned from their captivity in Babylon, *none of them* returned from Lower Egypt or Ethiopia (Cush). None of them returned from "the islands of the sea" (Europe and other Western nations). Neither did they return from "the four corners of the earth".

No Bible scholar or theologian can honestly claim that Isaiah was fulfilled by the Jews return from Babylon. Am I saying the men who wrote those notes were dishonest? You bet! They were Covenant Theologians and they would *do* anything and *say* anything to protect and advance that Covenant Theology.

Too many of us are far too quick to give lying religious leaders the benefit of the doubt. We're too quick to think that even though they are teaching error, they somehow got entangled in that error through an *honest* search for truth. That's a fantasy. People don't get deceived when they are searching *honestly* for the truth. They get deceived when they're faced with a truth they *don't* want to hear and they reason it away. They get deceived when they're faced with a truth that directly contradicts the doctrine they have been preaching and they aren't willing to admit they have been wrong. They get deceived when they deliberately *suppress* the truth in order to save their ego, or save their doctrine, or save their reputation, or some other reason.

We need to realize that going to a Bible school or a Seminary doesn't automatically make a person honest or full of integrity. Theologians *lie* all the time! Preachers *lie* all the time! The Church System is filled with liars and crooks who don't give a rip about the truth. The fact is, most of today's religious leaders—both in and out of the Church system—are willing to suppress the truth in unrighteousness in order to advance their own theological positions or agendas. The *only* religious leaders who walk in honesty and integrity are those who have determined to put God's truth above *all* else, regardless of how much it hurts or costs them.

Getting back to Isaiah's prophesy, I want to highlight something very important that he said. He said the Lord "*will raise a banner for the nations*". A banner is something displayed *publicly* and is often lifted above the level of surrounding objects in order to attract attention. Moreover, it usually conveys some kind of message.

What is the banner God is raising before all the nations? Well, since the banner has to do with a second re-gathering of Jews from all over the world to their own land, I think it's pretty clear that banner is the *State of Israel*. And what is the message of that banner?

The message of the banner is a call for all Gentiles—Christian and pagan alike—to acknowledge the work God is doing among the Jewish people right now. God is saying the Bible is my Word and it is true. It's predictions are not merely symbolic or metaphorical. They are *literal* and they are being fulfilled before your very eyes to the very letter. Quit suppressing the truth in! Quite protecting your stupid theology and that *giant ego* that's attached to it! Accept the truth that's staring you in the face!

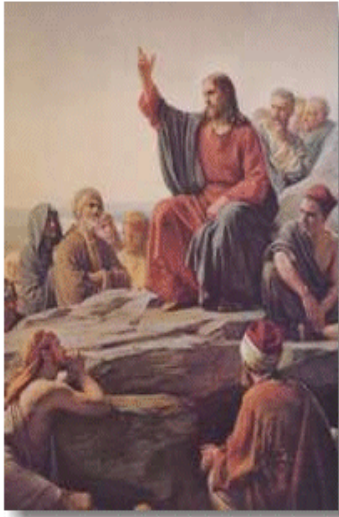
It is I who have scattered Israel and it is I who have gathered her because I am a covenant-keeping God. I am keeping my word to Abraham. Submit to my work with Israel because if you don't—if you continue to say the Jews are no longer my people; if you continue to say the establishment of Israel was not by my hand and it had nothing to do with Old Testament prophesy; if you continue to say the Jews have no right to the land because they're still in unbelief; if you continue to falsely accuse the Jews in Israel of crimes for which they are not guilty; if you continue to side with Palestinians who's only goal is the destruction of the State of Israel; if you continue to ignore the fact that the my people are surrounded by 700 million Muslims who are constantly plotting how to annihilate them; if you continue to act towards my people the way the rest of the nations are acting towards them (in hypocrisy and hardness of heart)—then when I arise to destroy the nations who are coming against Israel, *you* will be destroyed along with them!

The Jews are still God's people. Even though they remain lost spiritually, even though they are far from righteous, God is working with them and He expects us to accept and embrace that work, not fight against it with lies and arrogant doctrinal error.

Now I'm going to shift gears. I want to talk about one of the more subtle tactics Satan is using right now to turn the hearts of Christians against the Jewish people and the State of Israel. The last few months I've noticed this tactic being used by more and more anti-Israel preachers. As a matter of fact, this is one of the reasons I spent so much time exposing Mr. Lumbley's teaching on Israel. He's riding that wave. He's using that same tactic. The tactic is to exploit the errors of Dispensationalism in order to *discredit* all pro-Israel believers.

Just last night, someone sent me a link to an article against Dispensationalism [Link](#) and one of the objects of this exposé was to *directly link* the errors of that system to Christian Zionism. Apparently the person who sent me the link to this article has *not* read my exposé of Dispensationalism and is not familiar with what I believe. Maybe

some of the things I've said the last few weeks have made it sound like I'm defending Dispensationalism—I don't know. But for this guy's benefit, I'm going to go through that article tonight and next week and *separate* the truth from the error. The article starts off by saying:



Disciples of Jesus

Israel and the Church

The Fundamental Error of Dispensationalism

"The basic premise that defines dispensationalism is the **radical** distinction between Israel and the Church. It is the belief that **God has not one, but two peoples**; and not one, but two plans of redemption.

This statement is true. However, it needs to be noted that the fundamental error of Dispensationalism in this regard is not that it makes a distinction between the Church and Israel in this age. The error is that it makes such a *radical* distinction between the Church and Israel, not only in this age but in *all* the coming ages. I hate to break the news to all you anti-Dispensationalists out there but the Scripture teaches very clearly that in *this* present age, God *does* have two distinct peoples (though *not* two plans of salvation).

In the book of Romans, which was written years after National Israel was cut out of the Olive Tree, Paul said very clearly that *unbelieving* Jews are "his" (God's) people (*Rom. 10:1*). So the basic error of Dispensationalism in this regard is that it says the Church and Israel will be separated *forever*. It says the destiny of the Church is to live in heaven, while the destiny of restored National Israel is to live on the earth.

This is not what the Scripture teaches. The Scripture teaches very clearly that Gentile believers are grafted into the *history* and *destiny* of National Israel, and that when Messiah returns, National Israel and the Church will *converge*. They will become one people and they will rule and reign with Messiah for a thousand years.

It is important to note that **Dispensationalism is a relatively recent phenomenon**, basically originating in the 1830's with the teaching of John Darby, an Anglo-Irish evangelist. Darby was also responsible for spreading the doctrine of a "secret rapture," another teaching with no prior history in the 1800 years of Christian theology. He later split the Brethren movement in a dispute over whether all churches had to follow his church's rulings on discipline.

Darby's novel doctrines soon found fertile soil in America, and were adopted by men such as D. L. Moody, R.A. Torrey, and C.I. Scofield. They were then institutionalized by Moody Bible Institute and Dallas Theological Seminary. **Now Dispensationalism is the dominant "theology" among Fundamentalists and Evangelicals in America.** (theology is in quotes because Dispensationalism is more of a hermeneutic lens [system of interpreting the bible] than a true system of theology)

These statements are basically true. But they need to be set in some historical context or the reader will draw the some wrong conclusions. Traditionally, Christians have been divided between *two* basic positions regarding Israel. Some have said there is *only one* Israel and that Israel is now the New Testament Church. In this view, the Jews as a nation had their chance to be “chosen” and they blew it. God rejected the nation (though not necessarily all individual Jews) and replaced that carnal nation with a spiritual nation called the Church. This view has been called “Replacement Theology” because it assumes New Testament believers have replaced completely the Jewish nation as God’s chosen people. For them, the “Israel of God” (*Gal.6:16*) is the Church.

Others have maintained there is *only one* Israel and that Israel is the Jewish people and nation—which today would include the Jewish State of Israel. For them, the biological seed of Abraham remains the “Israel of God” no matter what kind of spiritual condition they may currently be in. These people were definitely a very small minority from 300 AD till 1800 AD. Nevertheless, they existed many hundreds of years *before* the advent of John Darby and Dispensationalism.

For most of this present age, both the Roman Catholic organization and later, the Protestant churches of the Reformation, taught Replacement Theology. It’s important to understand that the issue goes much deeper than just a choice between Dispensationalism or Covenant Theology *per say*. The fundamental issue when it comes to defining the term “Israel” in the Scripture revolves around how we interpret God’s Word—especially the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament. Different theologies are not the cause but *the result* of the different ways people interpret these portions of Scripture.

For 1500 years the Roman Catholic organization interpreted these kinds of passages *allegorically* and most of the Reformation churches followed suit. In modern lingo we would say they continually “spiritualized” any (good) prophesy or promises pertaining to National Israel in the Old Testament. This continual *spiritualizing* of the plain and obvious meaning of the text produced some very bad fruit. It had gotten so out-of-hand under the Romish church, and was carried over into many of the Reformation churches, very few Christians believed in a *literal* return of Jesus or a literal 1000 year earthly millennial kingdom. In many instances literal interpretation of the Bible was scoffed at and everything became allegorized in some fashion. This is the theological and historical background J. N. Darby grew up in.

A fact that many anti-Dispensationalists are not aware of (or intentionally ignore) is that Darby didn’t set out to create a specific doctrine about the Church and Israel. His original intention was to restore some *sanity* to Biblical interpretation. Anti-dispensationalists can scream all they want to about Darby’s erroneous distinction between Israel and the Church but they still *owe* him because he did a lot more than some wrong doctrines. He was used by God to restore and interest in prophetic things and also to restore some sanity to a church system that was rife with religious fantasy because they refused to take anything God said in the Bible as face value.

Darby's answer for the Roman Catholic (and Protestant) mysticism that infected the churches of his day was to do just the opposite as *they* did. Instead of allegorizing everything in the Bible, instead of trying to dig a deeper esoteric meaning out of every verse of Scripture, he set out to do just the opposite. He started interpreting every verse of Scripture in its literal, grammatical, historical context. He told his students not to allegorize or spiritualize *anything* unless the context of the verse itself absolutely demanded it—like when Jesus told us to “cut off our hand” and “pluck out our eye” if they cause us to sin—this we should *not* take literally. Concerning the term Israel, in Darby's mind it was to be taken for granted that the Jewish people were meant. He said Israel should never be spiritualized to mean the New Testament Church.

These two ways of interpreting the Scripture—allegorically and literally—have produced two very different “theologies” (Covenant Theology & Dispensational) and two very different and opposing ways of viewing Israel. Interpreting Old Testament prophesies and promises given to “Israel” in their literal, grammatical, historical context produced a whole new way to look at the problem of determining exactly who “Israel” is. Whereas, for centuries Christians had seen *only one* Israel in Scripture—thus the contention over who that one Israel was (Jews or Christians)—Darby's literal, grammatical, historical interpretation resulted in there being two Israel's: National Israel (Jews) and Spiritual Israel (Christians). The natural and logical development of this kind of interpretation led Darby to assume that Israel and the Church each possessed its own separate destiny, based on different promises and covenants.

This new view eventually swept through the Fundamental and Evangelical wing of the Church in America because it seemed to provide an answer to the centuries old argument over the identity of Israel. Those who saw Israel as a *national* people were happy and those who saw Israel as a *spiritual* people were happy. Since there were two Israel's, nobody had to be left out. The Jews could remain the focus of God's natural eye and the Church could remain the focus of His spiritual eye. Since being part of a literal kingdom on earth was not on the radar screen of most American Christians at that time, they were more than willing to turn that kingdom and rule over to the Jews. The end result was a “radical” distinction between National Israel and the Church. In the Dispensational scheme, each one has its own place and destiny in God and *never* the twain shall meet.

It's important that people understand the historical context of Darby's work. There's no doubt that his method of consistent, literal, grammatical, historical interpretation produced many errors. But the errors he was fighting against at that time—which were the result of a consistent allegorizing of Scripture—were just as numerous and just as wrong. A constant spiritualizing of the Scripture had not only produced fables and mythology in the churches, it had cut off all interest in end times events. Eschatology (the study of the end times) was all but *ignored* in both the Catholic and Protestant churches of that time due to their Amillennial views. Amillennialism, (meaning no millennium), which is an integral part of Covenant Theology, was the dominate view from 350 AD until the 19th Century. Darby single-handedly raised the Church's interest in *Eschatology* from the dead as a result of adopting his now-infamous literal, grammatical, historical hermeneutic. The point is, the *dominant theology* in Darby's time was *full of error*. It's not like he took a Biblically solid theology and destroyed it with his own wild ideas.

The writer of the article also says Dispensationalism is the “dominant theology” among Fundamentalists and Evangelicals in America. This may be true but it's misleading. The Fundamental and Evangelical wing of American Christianity is extremely small in comparison to the rest of the denominations and it's even *smaller* when you compare it with the rest of the world. The vast majority of the churches in Europa, for instance, are non-Dispensational fellowships. At one time Dispensationalism did make great strides in America but it's numbers have been steadily decreasing over the years because of all the errors the churches have embraced.

It is interesting and perhaps disturbing to note that John Darby had his revelation of the radical distinction between Israel and the Church in 1827 after a severe accident, **the same year** that Joseph Smith had an angelic visitation and the revelation of the "golden plates" of the book of Mormon. **In the same time frame** the Baptist preacher William Miller also developed and began to spread his "Adventist" teachings about prophesy that would later give birth to the Seventh Day Adventist (Ellen G. White) and then the Jehovah's Witnesses (Charles T. Russell).

In fairness, the times in which a doctrine arises do not prove its falsehood, nor does its novelty. **But both novelty and the lateness of origin must weight heavily against any system of doctrine or interpretation.** Any man or woman who claims to have rediscovered "lost truth" or has "new light" has the burden of proof on him to prove the validity and surety of his claims. **He or she must convincingly show that what he is preaching is in fact the same message that Jesus and the Apostles preached, that it is of "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."** (Jude 1:3) Does one really want to entrust their eternal destiny to men who "discovered" truth hidden from the Church for 1800 years, **that Jesus and His Apostles apparently knew nothing about,** or at least did not bother to reveal and explain in the pages of the New Testament?

First of all, guilt by association (time-frame) is not a very good argument against Dispensationalism. Secondly, the Dispensational system was born through a specific kind of interpretation of Scripture—that is, a consistent literal, grammatical, historical interpretation of the text. To put it bluntly, Dispensationalism was the result of reading the Bible *literally*. The new doctrines came forth at that time, came from that approach to interpretation. This altogether different than receiving new and strange revelations from an angel, like Joseph Smith did. The comparison of Darby with White, Russell and Smith is hardly reasonable.

I could make a good case and show that some very important doctrines of the Apostles were *restored* as a result of Darby's influence—especially when it comes to Revelation chapter 19 -22. Rome's constant *spiritualizing* of the Scripture, which was followed to a large extent by the Reformation churches, had *robbed* God's people for of a *true* understanding of the two resurrections, the literal return of Christ, and His literal thousand year reign on this earth. It was Darby's *literal* interpretation that restored all that. The interest in things prophetic for the last 150 years is a direct result of Darby's influence. He *restored* the "the message that Jesus and the Apostles preached regarding the coming kingdom.

But let us examine why Dispensationalism is in error. Dispensationalism teaches God has two people, an earthly people Israel, and a heavenly people called the Church. Furthermore, **it teaches that the Church was unknown in the Old Testament and the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets refer and apply only to the earthly Israel.**

Since we've already dealt with the two-people issue, let me comment on the statement that Dispensationalism says "the Church was unknown in the Old Testament and the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets refer and apply *only* to the earthly Israel". This is true, and it's certainly wrong. But the alternative view, which the author of this article no doubt espouses, is no better. You see, it's just as wrong to say NONE of the prophecies or

promises given to Old Testament Israel apply to today's ethnic Jews—which is what 99% of all anti-Dispensationalists claim—as it is to say those promises and prophecies apply ONLY to today's ethnic Jews. And *this* is the problem I have with most anti-Dispensationalists. Almost all the people who *leave* the Dispensational camp end up in the Covenant Theology camp, which is just a wrong and teaches just as much error.

Dispensationalism teaches that the Church was **God's plan B** which came into effect only when Israel refused the earthly kingdom of God Christ Jesus offered to them. How can the Cross be plan B? Is not redemption from sin and death the reason Christ came? And **the Apostles unmistakably identified the Church as being the true Israel, not a new people but a continuation of the nation** of God with a New and better Covenant, the beginning of the fulfillment of the promises made through the prophets to the fathers.

His statement about the church not being Plan B is absolutely correct. This *is* error. There is one eternal plan of God and it was established before the world or the universe was even created. His statement about the New Testament Church being “True Israel” is also correct. True Israel is a spiritual, *invisible* entity, consisting of faithful Jews and faithful Gentiles.

However, his statement that True Israel is a “continuation” of the “nation” is dead wrong. Such an idea comes from Covenant Theology. The nation of Israel continued as an unbelieving nation *after* it rejected it's Messiah and was cut out of the Olive Tree. It remains an unbelieving nation before God to this day and it's still in a covenant relationship with God. Moreover, it's currently being restored to it's own land *as a nation* and it will soon be restored back to God *as a nation*.

So you see, God is rasing the banner of the *nation* of Israel in this hour. He's rasing that banner to confound those who are wise in their own eyes. He's raising that banner to confound not only the people of the world, but also to confound deluded Christians who refuse to acknowledge the events that are happening right in front of their eyes. All these Covenant preachers, all these Replacement teachers, and all who refuse to believe that it was God who restored Israel to its own land in 1948, must explain the existence of *National* Israel.

How can there be a National Israel in existence right now when (according to their theology) God said He was through with National Israel forever? How can there be a National Israel in existence right now when (according to their theology) God said He would never restore National Israel? How is it possible that the Jews have been restored to their own land when (according to their theology) all the land promises were fulfilled in the days of Joshua? Why is God fulfilling Old Testament prophecies given to the Jews when (according to their theology) those promises were meant for Christ alone, or for Christ and the New Testament Church?

To Be Continued