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Israel is Under Attack – the Heresy of Replacement Theology!

Romans 11

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Sunday Evening Service

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Opening Comments

- Welcome to the **FUTURE TODAY** prophecy meeting
- We are living in exciting times – since the last time we met, we are another month closer to the return of Jesus Christ
- The title to this evenings teaching is: Israel is under attack!
- That is not really news for most people
- It is where this attack is coming from that we need to understand
- It is coming from the Christian church through a false doctrine that we need to understand
- This false doctrine is **Replacement Theology**
- I will define what it is – why it is false – and why it matters to us
- Let's pray first!
- **Israel is Under Attack – the Heresy of Replacement Theology!**
- First – **What is Replacement Theology?**
- Definition: **Replacement Theology is the teaching that the Christian church has replaced Israel in regards to God's purpose and promises.**
- Simply said the Christian church has replaced Israel as God's Chosen People – that the Jews are no longer the Chosen People of God
- It teaches that God is finished with the Jews and they are no different in God's eyes than any other nation that exists in the world
- Also referred to as Supersessionism or Covenant Theology
- This false doctrine teaches that even though God had covenants with the Jews, because of their unbelief in Jesus that God has revoked those covenants with Israel and transferred them to the Church
- Turn to **Genesis 17**
- I don't have time to go into an exhaustive study on this topic
- We will look at one of the promises God made to Israel
- God had previously promised to make Abraham a great nation
- Now he is old, and his wife Sarah is barren
- **Genesis 17:1-8**

- This is a one-sided covenant – God to Abraham and his descendants
- RT suggests that the Jews broke the covenant, therefore, God disowned them
- But God didn't put conditions on the covenant
- He did tell them how they should respond to the covenant
- **Genesis 17:9**
- As a response to the covenant God made with them, they were to keep His commands, but the covenant was not conditional upon it
- Elsewhere, like in Deuteronomy, they were told what would happen to them if they didn't keep His commands
- The Jews are experiencing the consequences of rebelling against God
- But thankfully, just because God is disciplining His people, doesn't mean He is through with them
- Second – **Why is RT false?**
- Turn to **Romans 9**
- The letter to the Romans was written by the apostle Paul, a Jew of Jews – was written to non-Jewish Christians – Gentile believers of Rome
- Right after chapter 8 – possibly the most beautiful chapter in the Bible – Paul interrupts his letter to the Gentiles to express his heart for the Jews in chapters 9 to 11
- **Romans 9:1-4a**
- Until Paul started reaching out to the Gentiles, the whole Christian church was Jewish
- But Paul, possibly the greatest Christian who ever lived, called to be the apostle to the Gentiles still believed that God had a plan for the nation of Israel
- **Romans 11:1-5**
- God always maintains a remnant of those who are faithful to Him
- The lesson in this is – what God did with Israel in the past – He will do in the future
- **Romans 11:11**
- God is using the current rebellion of the Jews to raise up for Himself a people out of the nations of the world
- Here's the main point of this

- **Romans 11:25-27**
- How much of Israel will be saved? All of it!
- Israel is the only nation that God says that about
- Paul is referring to an event that will come in the future – we believe it will happen at the end of the seven-year Tribulation when Jesus returns and the Jews look upon Him whom they pierced
- The proponents of RT claim that Paul is describing the church as Israel
- Nowhere in the NT is a single verse that says the church is Israel
- Always and only refers to the descendants of Jacob/Israel
- Third – **Why does this matter to us?**
- God loves all humans – But, He only chose one nation out of this world to be His special possession – and He made irrevocable promises to them – eternal, everlasting promises to them
- If there is anything that Israel can do to cause God to break His promises to them – what assurance do we have that God will keep His promises to us?
- God always keeps His promises
- We brought this to you because there are large church organizations who have turned against Israel
- Most of the mainline denominations – Catholics, Methodist, Lutherans, some Baptists, Episcopalians are RT
- Most who are Reformed Theology are also RT
- Many of them support BDS – Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions for Israel = Anti-semitism
- Many of the most popular pastors are RT – like John Piper – Desiring God
- Will close with one last verse **Genesis 12:3**
I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.
- One of the signs of the end times is that Israel will be surrounded by enemies – Zechariah 12
- One of those enemies is a large portion of the Christian church
- Be careful who you are listening to

- Someone may sound like an amazing Bible teacher, but if their doctrine is off in one area, especially one as large as this, it will affect the rest of their doctrine
- God still loves Israel and he has a plan to redeem the Jews back to Himself
- And until that happens, we will continue to support them and pray for them to receive their Messiah before the terrible time to come
- Let's close this section of the meeting by praying for Israel
- **Pray!**