

A PIECE OF LAND: THAT IS ALL YOU WANT? - PART 1

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Bible Verses Used By Pro-Israel Christians To Justify The Jews' Possession Of The Land Of Israel, Sureness Of God's Word, Share The Full Scriptural Picture And Not Just What You Agree With, Dishonest Practice Of Perverting The Bible, Don't Cherry Pick The Bible, Compare Verse With Verse, If A Verse Bothers You Research It Further Until You Properly Understand It, Pride Vs. Flexibility In Our Understanding, My Struggles And Victory Regarding Futurist Doctrine, There Is No Room To Be Wrong When You Are A Public Bible Teacher, Our Accountability To God, My Evolving Theology, Jesus Says Unbelieving Jews Are Cast Out Of The Kingdom Of God, Israel And Judah Are Divorced By The Lord, New Nation Of Believers Who Bear Fruit For God's Kingdom, Destruction Of Fruitless Trees, Barren Israel And The Barren Jews, Michal Is Struck Barren, The Children Of Hell And Satan's Spawn, Two Types Of Spiritual Fruit, To Whom Do You Yield Yourself, The Jews May Occupy The Land Of Israel Right Now But They'll Die In Their Sins And Will Have Nothing Afterwards Including No Salvation

Recently, I was reading an opinion piece on a particular news website where a certain Christian author launched into the usual pro-Israel argument regarding how God made an eternal covenant with the Israelites regarding the physical land of Israel. Of course, this person quoted some of the usual Bible verses which are typically used by pro-Israel Christians to support and defend that particular position regarding God's promise to the Israelites. In other words, Bible verses such as the following which discuss the eternal nature of God's promises and covenants, and how He always keeps His word, even when we are rebellious or become unfaithful:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"
Numbers 23:19, KJV

"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny

himself."

2 Timothy 2:13, KJV

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah . . . My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah."

Psalms 89:3, 28-37, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever."

Jeremiah 31:35-36, KJV

"What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Romans 3:1-4, KJV

"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy,

the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee."

Romans 11:13-21, KJV

All of the previous Bible verses are obviously true, and no Bible-believing Christian can deny them. However, at the same time, I am compelled to offer a word of caution, and that is the following. When we share verses from the Holy Scriptures in order to support our personal doctrinal position, we need to be very careful regarding how we stitch them together. In other words, we need to make certain that we are presenting a full Scriptural picture of the truth, and NOT just a partial picture of the truth which conforms to what we have personally chosen to believe.

In short, my friends, we should NOT purposely omit other Bible verses which clearly contradict our personal doctrinal stance. Neither should we intentionally twist the meaning of verses so that they present a picture which is rather different from the meaning which was actually intended to be understood by the original author. This is an issue which I likewise discuss in articles such as "Understanding the Bible in Context", as well as in a few others. Regarding this rather dishonest practice, the Apostle Peter referred to it as wresting -- that is to say, twisting, distorting or perverting -- the Scriptures, as we see by the following Bible verse:

"As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:16, KJV

So again, as I have pointed out in a number of other Bill's Bible Basics articles, we can't simply cherry pick the Bible and purposely choose to ignore those verses which contradict what we have chosen to believe, and only embrace those verses with which we agree. Our beliefs as Christians must conform to

what the ENTIRE Bible actually states regarding a particular subject. We should never omit or ignore particular verses -- or worse yet, distort their true meaning as the Apostle Peter wrote -- simply because we do not like them, or because they expose weaknesses in our own theology. We need to carefully compare Scripture with Scripture, and carefully weigh verse against verse, in order to arrive at the proper conclusion.

Furthermore, if a certain Bible verse is bothering us in some way, and doesn't seem to agree with our theology, then we need to examine it more closely in order to determine why that is. As I point out in the article entitled "Are You Flexible?" we all need to be flexible with regard to our understanding of God's Word. We need to remain open to the possibility that our understanding regarding a particular verse may be lacking, or perhaps even wrong entirely. This requires personal honesty and humility on our part. It is only our personal pride that causes us to become so rigid in our doctrinal stance, that we can become unteachable by God's Spirit. This can easily lead to deep doctrinal deception on our part.

As I mention in articles such as "My Evolving Theology" and "Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word", over the past fifty-five years that I have been seriously studying God's Word, there have in fact been times when I have been off the mark and fallen into doctrinal error. When this has occurred, I have had to make an important choice: Do I stubbornly push forward in my error, or do I humbly ask the Lord to reveal the truth to me through an even deeper study of His Word? What would you do?

One very good example concerns my former position as a very dedicated Futurist. As I amply explain in articles such as "Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?", for forty years of my life, I very firmly believed in and strongly promoted and taught the doctrine of Futurism. You couldn't have convinced me to believe in anything else. However, as the years passed, the Lord pointed out certain verses to me which just did NOT jive with my Futurist-leaning beliefs. I knew that they were a problem, and a challenge to my whole theology, and it bothered me for years, until I finally got to the point where I said, "Okay, Lord, I need to know the Scriptural truth. I really don't want to be deceived. If I'm wrong about this, then please reveal the truth to me. He did exactly that, and you will find the results in that series.

So here's the thing, my friends. Because I have such a public

teaching ministry via Bill's Bible Basics, I cannot afford to be in error, because it may affect many other Christians who take the time to read my work. That weighs on me heavily with every article and series that I write. Furthermore, God will hold me accountable someday for each and every word that I say and teach, and that is a very serious matter which I most certainly do NOT take lightly. In fact, as you may know, the Lord said the following, and the Apostle James also pointed out the seriousness of having a teaching ministry when they said and wrote these words:

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Matthew 12:36, KJV

"My brethren, be not many masters [teachers of Gods Word], knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

James 3:1, KJV

So, as I have explained before, that is why I embrace what I refer to as an "evolving theology". In other words, I strive to remain open to the Lord's Holy Spirit, and malleable with regard to my understanding. If the Lord reveals to me that I have been in error regarding something which I have said or taught, then my first inclination is to research the issue further, and then to correct the error in my articles. That is precisely why you will find a publish date, as well as an update date, on all of my articles and series. That is to let you know whether or not I have changed an article since you last read it, in case you want to read it again.

Returning to our primary subject of discussion, looking at the previous set of Bible verses which are sometimes used by pro-Israel Christians to defend their position regarding how God promised the land of Israel to the Jews, I am concerned, and I do see some problems with how they are being both used and interpreted. For example, I wonder how such pro-Israel, Zionist-leaning Christians fit the following Bible verses -- which were spoken directly by God in the Old Testament, and also by Jesus to the unbelieving Jews -- into their personal theology. I have taken the liberty to add several words in brackets for the sake of clarification:

"And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom

[the Jews who falsely claim to be God's "Chosen People"] shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 8:11-12, KJV

"Therefore say I unto you [to the unbelieving Jews], The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

Matthew 21:43, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, Where is THE BILL OF YOUR MOTHER'S DIVORCEMENT, WHOM I HAVE PUT AWAY [sent out, cast out]? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions IS YOUR MOTHER PUT AWAY [sent out, cast out]."

Isaiah 50:1, KJV

"The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I HAD PUT HER AWAY [sent out, cast out], AND GIVEN HER A BILL OF DIVORCE; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also."

Jeremiah 3:6-8, KJV

My friends, the previous verses speak a rather harsh truth. God states in the Old Testament that despite the covenant He had made with the Israelites, due to the fact that they had become an unfaithful wife and acted no different than whores, He chose to put them away or cast them out. Both the Northern Kingdom -- which was called both Israel or Ephraim -- and the Southern Kingdom -- which was comprised of Judah and Benjamin -- were given a bill of divorcement. God was so tired of their constant rebellion, that He divorced His unfaithful bride as a result of her continual spiritual infidelity. Furthermore, as you continue reading this series, you will in fact learn that He cast her out of her land on more than one occasion down through Biblical history.

Furthermore, during His own days, Jesus warned in the previous verses that it would occur again. However, this time, it would NOT just be in a physical sense by being cast out of their own

land. Rather, it would be PERMANENT, and it would be in a more spiritual and eternal sense when they would be cast out of the very Kingdom of God due to their unbelief. That is the rather plain truth of the Scriptures which some of these pro-Israel, Zionist Christians do NOT like to talk about, because it goes against their personal, Futurist-leaning theology. All they want to do is to keep heaping praise on Israel and the Jews, and declaring that they still remain the "Chosen People" of God despite their continued rebellion. Such Christians don't even understand their own level of spiritual blindness.

To continue, many Christians -- I myself included -- remain firmly convinced that the nation of which Jesus spoke in the previous verse, to whom the Kingdom of God would be given, can only be the true, global, spiritual nation of born-again believers in Jesus Christ which was founded during the First Century AD. Being as I amply discuss this subject in other Bill's Bible Basics articles, I will not belabor the point here. However, I will add that it is we Christians who have born spiritual fruit for the Kingdom of God -- as Jesus said in the previous verses -- as is described in the following group of Bible verses:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

John 15:16, KJV

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

Romans 7:4, KJV

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Psalms 1:3, KJV

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Proverbs 11:30, KJV

"But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold . . . But he that received seed into the good ground is he

that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Matthew 13:8, 23, KJV

"And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

Mark 4:20, KJV

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

Luke 8:15, KJV

"He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."

Luke 13:6-9, KJV

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

John 15:1-6, KJV

So as you can obviously see, and as I likewise point out in the series entitled "The Parable of the Sower: Salvation and Service", the sign of true Believers is that their lives and their testimonies will bear some kind of positive fruit for the Kingdom of God. In contrast to the good fruit which is mentioned in the previous group of Bible verses, as Jesus also warns in those same verses, all of the fruitless trees

will be cut down and cast into the fire. Surely, that would include those Jews who have outright rejected Christ, and who have thus produced no spiritual fruit for the Kingdom of God whatsoever. This reminds me of another incident which is found in the Gospels. Consider the following group of Bible verses where it is mentioned:

"Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!"
Matthew 21:18-20, KJV

My dear friends, sadly, those verses perfectly describe the current spiritual state of the unbelieving Jews, as well as the state of Israel. Even though they are a very prosperous, modern, militarily powerful nation in the physical sense, in a spiritual sense, and from the Lord's perspective, they are in reality a dried up, withered and totally fruitless tree. The Jews have born God no spiritual children. Just as Jesus cursed that fig tree because it bore no fruit, the Jews are barren, just like King David's first wife -- Michal -- who the Lord cursed due to the fact that she was jealous and criticized David because he had joyously and freely danced before the Ark of the Covenant as the Ark was being brought into the City of David. Following are the key verses from that particular story:

"And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart . . . Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. And I will

yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death."

2 Samuel 6:14-16, 20-23, KJV

Upon further reflection, I realized that it is actually true that the unbelieving Jews have in fact born fruit. However, it is most certainly NOT the kind of fruit that is pleasing to the Lord whatsoever. Consider the following Bible verse as evidence of this point:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

Matthew 23:15, KJV

OUCH! So, sadly, yes, the stubborn, stiff-necked, unbelieving Jews have indeed born their own kind of fruit. However, they are actually the children of Hell. They are the wicked, evil, rebellious spawn of Satan himself. For those of you who may think that I am being a little harsh, or perhaps politically incorrect, please understand that I can only share what the Bible itself -- and in fact, what the Lord Himself -- states regarding this matter. By their very own wicked choice, they chose to be the children of the Devil, the spawn from Hell, the children of disobedience, and the synagogue of Satan by their very unbelief. Again, these are NOT my words. They are simply what the New Testament states, so I offer no apologies for what the Word of God says. Consider the following group of Bible verses where this awful, tragic truth is revealed:

"YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of THEM WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, BUT ARE THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN."

Revelation 2:9, KJV

"Behold, I will make them OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, but do lie; behold, I will

make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."

Revelation 3:9, KJV

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, THE SPIRIT THAT NOW WORKETH IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE:"

Ephesians 2:2, KJV

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE."

Ephesians 5:6, KJV

"For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE:"

Colossians 3:6, KJV

In light of the previous group of Bible verses, I think the following warning that was issued by Jesus in Matthew 7 will make a lot more sense to you. Even in that chapter the Lord was saying that there is more than one kind of fruit, and that which kind of fruit we each bear in our lives totally depends on to whom we are yielded: either to God, or else to the Devil. Consider what the Apostle Paul also wrote below:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

Romans 6:16, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7, KJV

Now we come to the gist of this matter, and it is important that you understand it, and are not deceived by what you see with your eyes. While God promised the land of Canaan to the Israelites during the period of the Old Testament, and while the modern Israelis do indeed currently possess the physical land of Israel, what you need to understand, my friends, is that the physical country of Israel is ALL that they truly have. Furthermore, if we really believe the Scriptures, then when those same Jews die, they will have absolutely NOTHING left! In fact, they will have even LESS than nothing. Why do I say this? Because they will die in their sins, and they'll die in a complete state of unbelief, unless, of course, they repent of their unbelief right quick.

In other words, my friends, the Jews -- whether they live in Israel or somewhere else -- will have absolutely NO eternal inheritance. That is to say, they will have NO Salvation and NO Eternal Life, unless they come to their senses, repent of their unbelief, and fully embrace Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior. They will fall into the exact same lost category as anyone else who continuously and stubbornly rejects Jesus Christ, and they will be judged for it. There simply is not going to be a chosen, special status, or any kind of special exemption for the Jews, once they are dead, just because they happen to be Jews biologically speaking. They will fully reap what they have sown due to their unbelief. Furthermore, Jesus plainly told them these things in the following verses which we find in the Gospel of John:

"Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 8:21-24, KJV

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No Comparison Between Land Of Israel And Eternal Kingdom Of God And Eternal Life, Futility Of Arguing About Israel The Jews And Middle Eastern Conflicts, Verses Regarding Scourge Of Warmongers On The Earth, The Meek And Peacemakers Shall Inherit The Earth, Do Not Participate In Or Support Any Side In Any War, We Are Not Of This World, Stay Focused On Jesus And His Eternal Kingdom, God's Covenant With King David And His Royal Dynasty, The Throne Of David Prophecies, Jesus Was Recognized As The Son Of David And A Fulfillment Of Prophecy

Continuing our discussion from part one, so tell me, my dear friends. In light of this Biblical truth, what is a piece of physical land on the Earth in the controversial and divided lands of the Middle East, compared to the glories of Heaven and the Kingdom of God itself, and the Salvation and Eternal Life which all true Believers will someday receive? Honestly speaking, it amounts to absolutely nothing really. There is no possible comparison between the two. Just no comparison whatsoever as far as I am concerned. So tell me. Which would you prefer to have? A temporary earthly kingdom such as the State of Israel, or else living for all of eternity in the amazing Kingdom of Heaven with the Father and the Son? I am sure that I already know your answer.

It is for that very reason that even arguing over whether or not the Jews are still God's so-called "Chosen People", or whether or not God has kept or broken His covenant with the Jews, or whether or not the Jews have a right to the land of Israel, are really all moot points when they are exposed to the face and light of Eternity. Quite frankly, it's all just temporary, human, worldly nonsense which will eventually all fade away as we pass into Eternity. It is simply continuous and fruitless fighting and killing over a piece of disputed land on an Earth which the Book of Revelation informs us will someday flee away. In thinking about this issue, I'm reminded of what the Apostle James wrote in the fourth chapter of his Epistle, and so many other verses which concern the subject

of worldly warfare, and the millions of people who have died because of them over the millennia. Consider the following group of verses:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

James 4:1-3, KJV

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

Psalms 20:7, KJV

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Isaiah 2:4, KJV

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Micah 4:3, KJV

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus [meaning the Apostle Peter] stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 26:51-53, KJV

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt

thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

Luke 9:51-56, KJV

"When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."

Luke 22:49-51, KJV

"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

John 18:10-11, KJV

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

Revelation 11:18, KJV

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Revelation 13:10, KJV

In complete contrast to this ugly, violent and destructive picture of continuous, bloody human conflict and the death spiral that results from it, consider what the Bible also states regarding those people who strive to live a life of peace. Truly, the meek shall inherit the Earth, and NOT the violent warmongers:

"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

Psalms 37:11, KJV

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth . . . Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God . . . But I say unto you, Love your enemies,

bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matthew 5:5, 9, 44-45, KJV

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN."

Romans 12:18, KJV

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, LIVE IN PEACE; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

2 Corinthians 13:11, KJV

So as I explained earlier, all of this fighting and killing, and arguing and bickering over the nation of Israel and the status of the Jews is just meaningless nonsense, because it all pertains to the world and to the children of the world. It is short-sighted foolishness which concentrates on the temporal, and NOT on the Eternal. It's what the children of the world do. However, it is most certainly NOT what God's children should be doing. As I have stated so many times on previous occasions, the children of the world will do what the children of the world will do, and there is very little that you and I can do about it, or even should do about it.

Let them fight their wars. Let them kill each other off if that is what they are really intent on doing. However, as a Bible-believing Christian, have no part in it. Do NOT take one side or the other. Just don't root for the USA, or for Israel, or for Iran, or for Ukraine, or for Russia, or for China, or for anyone else in any war. It is simply NOT your business to do. By so doing, you may in fact make yourself a partaker of their sins. After all, as I have expounded upon so many times over the decades, we Christians are NOT of this present, evil world. Yes, we may live in it, but we are NOT a part of it. Either you truly believe the words of Jesus and the Apostles with your whole heart, or else you do not. Consider the following sample Bible verses:

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

John 15:19, KJV

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

John 17:14-15, KJV

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

John 18:36, KJV

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

2 Corinthians 6:17, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

James 4:4, KJV

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:15-17, KJV

My dear friends, your duty -- and mine as well -- is to keep your eyes on Jesus alone, and on the realities of His eternal kingdom. Do NOT allow yourself to become bogged down by, or entangled with, and much less deceived by, the affairs of the world. Simply remain focused on the Eternal, and NOT on the temporal things of the Earth. I am reminded of the following Bible verses. I urge you to take heed to them, and to apply them in your life:

"LOOKING UNTO JESUS the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2, KJV

"And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away."

1 Corinthians 7:31, KJV

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:18, KJV

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1-2, KJV

"No man that warreth [meaning spiritually] entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

2 Timothy 2:4, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

Returning our focus to the covenant which God made with the Israelites, there are a number of other issues regarding the aforementioned Bible verses which pro-Israel Christians often use to try to validate their position regarding God making an everlasting covenant with the Jews. Allow me to share some of them with you for your careful and prayerful consideration. First of all, let us more closely examine Psalm 89. According to pro-Israel Christians, the eternal covenant which we see mentioned in the Psalm was made to the Jews. However, is that actually true? Before you answer too quickly, allow me to share Psalm 89:3 with you again:

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations."

Psalm 89:3, KJV

Now, if we are being perfectly honest with ourselves, with whom did God make that covenant? Was it truly with all the Israelites? No it was NOT! While it is true that David was of the tribe of Judah, the covenant which is mentioned in the verse was NOT made to the Israelites in general. It was in fact specifically made to the HOUSE and THRONE of David. King David is in fact the "my chosen" who we see mentioned in that verse. This is a very important point and a key distinction which we need to honestly recognize.

To reiterate, the covenant was specifically made to David, and to his royal heirs. It was made to David's children and his royal seed, because of who would ultimately sit on the throne of David. It was a promise and a covenant regarding the Davidic dynasty. THAT, my dear friends, is what all of the Davidic prophecies were talking about and pointing to. In other words, my friends, Jesus Christ -- the descendant of David -- reigning forever on His throne at the right hand of His Father. For those of my readers who may not be familiar with said Davidic prophecies, following are the key verses:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 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 11:1-10, KJV

"And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness."

Isaiah 16:5, KJV

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Jeremiah 23:5-6, KJV

"But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them."

Jeremiah 30:9, KJV

"In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness."

Jeremiah 33:15-16, KJV

"And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it."

Ezekiel 34:23-24, KJV

"And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my

judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever."

Ezekiel 37:21-25, KJV

"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days."

Hosea 3:4-5, KJV

"In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:"

Amos 9:11, KJV

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH."

Zechariah 3:8, KJV

"And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

Zechariah 6:12-13, KJV

"And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I WILL RETURN, AND WILL BUILD AGAIN THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID, WHICH IS FALLEN DOWN; AND I WILL BUILD AGAIN THE RUINS THEREOF, AND I WILL SET IT UP: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."

Acts 15:13-17, KJV

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, HE WOULD RAISE UP CHRIST TO SIT ON HIS THRONE; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Acts 2:29-36, KJV

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgins name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: AND THE LORD GOD SHALL GIVE UNTO HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID: AND HE SHALL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOR EVER; AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END."

Luke 1:26-33, KJV

"And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: BLESSED BE THE KINGDOM OF OUR FATHER DAVID, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest."

Mark 11:8-10, KJV

Please notice, dear friends, that in the previous group of Bible verses, even the Apostles recognized that all of these prophecies regarding the Davidic dynasty were fulfilled in

Jesus Christ. That is also why in the Gospels, we constantly see the people referring to Jesus as "the son of David", as we can easily determine by the following sample verses:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . . But while he [Joseph] thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

Matthew 1:1, 20-25, KJV

"And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us."

Matthew 9:27, KJV

"And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?"

Matthew 12:23, KJV

"Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil."

Matthew 15:21-22, KJV

"And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David."

Matthew 20:30-31, KJV

"And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed

them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest . . . And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,"

Matthew 21:8-9, 15, KJV

"While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions."

Matthew 22:41-46, KJV

"And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

Mark 10:46-48, KJV

"And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly."

Mark 12:35-37, KJV

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Continuing our discussion from part two, following are some additional Bible verses where Jesus was recognized as the son -- or descendant -- of King David by the common people and Apostles, and likewise as a fulfillment of many ancient prophecies regarding the continuation of the royal Davidic Dynasty:

"And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli . . . Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David, Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson," Luke 3:23, 31-32, KJV

"And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

Luke 18:35-39, KJV

"Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That CHRIST COMETH OF THE SEED OF DAVID, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him."

John 7:40-43, KJV

"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHICH WAS MADE OF THE SEED OF DAVID ACCORDING TO THE FLESH; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"

Romans 1:1-4, KJV

"Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that JESUS CHRIST OF THE SEED OF DAVID was raised from the dead according to my gospel:"

2 Timothy 2:7-8, KJV

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, HE THAT HATH THE KEY OF DAVID, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;"

Revelation 3:7, KJV

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDA, THE ROOT OF DAVID, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."

Revelation 5:5-6, KJV

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I AM THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, and the bright and morning star."

Revelation 22:16, KJV

So to reiterate the key point I shared with you in part two, that is why the covenant that is mentioned in Psalm 89 was specifically made to David's house, to David's throne, and to David's royal heirs. It was NOT made in general to the Jews themselves, as modern, pro-Israel, Zionist Christians like to insist. It was a covenant regarding royal lineage and royal descendancy. It was actually a Messianic covenant regarding a future Messianic kingdom that had been foretold through many Messianic prophecies. To emphasize again that the covenant which is mentioned in Psalm 89 was specifically made with King David, and was NOT the general covenant which God made with the Israelites regarding their possession of the land of Canaan, consider also the following verses which we find in the very same Psalm. As you can see, there is no mention of the promise of land whatsoever:

"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah."

Psalm 89:20-37, KJV

This reflects back on what I first shared with you in part one of this same series. That is that we need to be very careful regarding those people -- meaning pro-Israel Christians -- who either out of ignorance, or perhaps even intentionally, choose to ignore certain Bible verses, or else distort or pervert the meaning of certain verses so that said verses conform to what they have chosen to believe. In my view, this appears to be what some of them have done with Psalm 89. They have confused the specific dynastic covenant that God made with King David, with the land covenant that God made to Abraham, when they are not exactly the same thing. Yes, these two covenants do indeed overlap, but they each have their particular blessings and promises.

Regarding the Abrahamic covenant, as I point out in other BBB articles such as "Genesis 12:1-3 Deception: Exposed!", this promise, and this covenant with King David, actually finds its roots with the Patriarch Abraham approximately one thousand years earlier when God made the first covenant and promise to Abraham regarding his future descendants, and the possession of Canaan. Sadly, the proper meaning of that covenant and that promise -- meaning to Abraham -- has also been rather grossly misinterpreted by these modern, misguided, pro-Israel, Zionist Christians, and applied to modern biological Jews, or at least to those people who claim to be biological Jews. That is a controversy we can discuss at another time.

Suffice it to say that the Zionist Christians concentrate on a physical interpretation, and they point to biological Jews, and to the physical nation of Israel, which results in them supporting everything that Israel does -- even when it is so wrong -- such as the current violent Iran War where they are foolishly cheering on Israel with every bomb that they drop on Iran. This very same misguided understanding has likewise infiltrated the White House, and it is why Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, NAR -- New Apostolic Reformation -- and the Dominionists see absolutely nothing wrong with what the USA and Israel are doing to Iran.

In fact, they truly believe that it is their divine destiny and duty to do these ungodly things. They are so fixated on, mesmerized by, and grossly deceived and blinded by the Jews and the land of Israel. They are deathly afraid to say or do anything which might appear to be against Israel, for fear that doing so may bring the curse and very wrath of God down upon them. That is precisely how misguided those Christians are. Please refer to the aforementioned article -- "Genesis

12:1-3 Deception: Exposed!" -- as well as to "Iran War and the Mind of the President" for all of the details.

The main thing that I want you to see here is that while the Zionist Christians point to the physical land of Israel, and the physical people, and while they concentrate on that, the true importance of the covenant to Abraham, and the covenant to David, lies in the significance of the dynastic SPIRITUAL seed of faith of Abraham -- meaning, of course, Abraham's son Isaac -- which led to Jacob, then eventually to King David, then passed through David's descendants, ultimately leading to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Everything that happened in the Old Testament was about the dynastic line of succession, and ultimately the revelation of not simply an earthly kingdom that was founded on a small, controversial piece of land situated in the Middle East, but much more importantly, the amazing revelation of an eternal, spiritual Kingdom of God, in which Jesus would reign as the heir of King David, sitting on a throne next to His Father. It was also about our very Salvation, because as we are told in the Scriptures, we were each predestinated to be the very grateful subjects of His wonderful Heavenly Kingdom, just as all those going back millennia were chosen as well. Consider the following group of Bible verses which confirm this point:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:44, KJV

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you . . . If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

John 15:16, 19, KJV

"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."

Matthew 20:16, KJV

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:14, KJV

"And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh

should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."

Mark 13:20, KJV

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

Acts 13:48, KJV

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:29, KJV

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love . . . Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will . . . In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:"

Ephesians 1:4-5, 11, KJV

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

2 Thessalonians 2:13, KJV

"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"

James 2:5, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

Revelation 17:14, KJV

During His time on the Earth, Jesus offered this Kingdom to the people of Israel. However, sadly, many of them foolishly chose to reject it, preferring instead their little piece of land between the two seas -- Mediterranean Sea and Dead Sea -- and a temporary kingdom which they ultimately lost anyway, when the scourge and wrath of Rome came down upon them in 70 AD during the First Jewish-Roman War. I discuss these events in articles such as my lengthy, in-depth series "Vespasian, Titus and the Fall of Jerusalem". However, not only did they lose their physical kingdom, but as we learned in part one, Jesus prophesied that the spiritual Kingdom of God would be ripped from them as well. So it has actually been a double tragedy which continues to this very day due to unbelief.

What I find equally interesting is the fact that just as the Patriarch Abraham lived about one thousand years BEFORE King David, Jesus appeared on the Biblical timeline about one thousand years AFTER the reign of King David. Well how about that!? Is that by God's very own design? Turning to Jeremiah 31:35-36, which is also quoted by pro-Israel Christians, in this case, the word "seed" is not specifically referring to the house, throne and royal lineage of King David as we saw in Psalm 89. In this case, the word "seed" is being applied to the nation of Israel in general. Let me share those verses with you again to refresh your memory. I have added a few words in brackets for the sake of clarification:

"Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me [meaning the Sun, Moon and stars], saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever."
Jeremiah 31:35-36, KJV

Now, as we have seen in previous Bible verses, God is once again affirming that He is a man of His word. He will keep whatever vows and promises He makes. As we learned in part one, the Apostle Paul wrote that God cannot deny Himself. He remains faithful to Himself and to His word. However, there is something very important which a lot of Christians seem to miss or forget, and that is the fact that God's promises and blessings hinge upon our obedience to His Will for each of our lives. In other words, we must meet God's conditions FIRST, if we expect Him to bless us, and keep His word to us.

My dear friends, this is NOT a man-made doctrine. This is NOT just me saying this. This is actually a Scriptural fact. There are plenty of examples in the Bible where in so many words, God says "If you will do this, then I will do that." It is clearly a CONDITION arrangement. It is a CONDITIONAL agreement. If you still doubt that this is so, then please consider the following clear-cut Biblical examples where we see this arrangement in effect:

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:"
Genesis 12:1-2, KJV

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for BECAUSE THOU HAST DONE THIS THING, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I WILL BLESS THEE, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; BECAUSE THOU HAST OBEYED MY VOICE."
Genesis 22:15-18, KJV

"And [Moses] said, IF THOU WILT diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."
Exodus 15:26, KJV

"And it shall come to pass, IF THOU SHALT hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, IF THOU SHALT hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, IF THOU SHALT keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways."
Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 9, KJV

"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and THOU SHALT CALL THEM TO MIND among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, And SHALT RETURN unto the LORD thy God, and SHALT OBEY his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; That THEN the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul."

Deuteronomy 30:1-10, KJV

"That IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH the Lord Jesus, and SHALT BELIEVE IN THINE HEART that God hath raised him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:9-10, KJV

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Psalms 37:4, KJV

"But SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33, KJV

It's really hard to miss, isn't it? The truth is right there in front of your eyes in black and white. As I've explained before, please notice that even our very Salvation is based on a conditional IF statement, just like in software coding. Any of my readers who are programmers will be quite familiar with IF and THEN statements. For those of my readers who are not programmers, what that means is that IF this condition exists, THEN this should happen next, ELSE that should occur. This is very basic programming code.

In very similar fashion, IF we confess with our mouth, IF we believe in our heart, THEN we'll be saved -- Romans 10:9-10. That is why even John 3:16 also says "whosoever believeth". IF we do not believe, THEN we are not saved. We have to make the choice to believe what we have heard. We see the exact same thing occurring with John 1:12 which states "But as many as received him." So again, we have to receive Christ in order to be saved. We must meet God's condition. In each example I have given you, there has been a clear-cut condition that we must meet, and a particular blessing to be gained IF we meet that condition. Furthermore, even Jesus Himself had to meet His very own Father's condition in order to purchase our Salvation. As all Christians know, the price that Jesus had to pay, and the condition which He had to meet, was shedding His blood on a Roman cross as the Perfect Sacrifice for sin. Thus, we find verses in the New Testament such as these:

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28, KJV

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45, KJV

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Acts 20:28, KJV

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, KJV

"Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."

1 Corinthians 7:23, KJV

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14, KJV

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

1 Timothy 2:5-6, KJV

So, my friends, what does all of this mean? Quite simply, it means that while God will never break His word, and while He will remain faithful to it, it most certainly does NOT mean that we will never break our word to Him, or that we will never fail to meet His conditions, whatever they happen to be. We can break our vows. We can break our promises. We can become rebellious against Him and backslide in our faith. As I explain in the seven-part series entitled "The Fruits of Disobedience", that is precisely what the ancient Israelites did over and over again, and in a very serious way at that.

So exactly what happened each time that they did this? Well, as I explain in the aforementioned series, God was forced to repeatedly swat down the Israelites, and humble them, until they finally learned their lesson. In fact, as I explain in that series, and also discuss in a number of other Bill's Bible Basics articles, as it turns out, on three different occasions down through Biblical and secular history, God had to remove a large part of the Israelites from their homeland, and He had them enslaved for extended periods of time in the lands of their foreign enemies. He simply cast them out from His sight like a divorced woman, as we also saw in part one of this same series. Thus, three invasions by the Assyrians, the Babylonians and the Romans resulted in three diasporas, or dispersions. If you want to know the specific details, then I encourage you to read the series.

So here we are today, now entering the second quarter of the twenty-first century, and the Jews, or at least the people

who claim to be true Jews, are back in their land yet again. But the big question is this: Is this return truly by Divine Providence as the Jews and the pro-Israel Zionist Christians insist? In other words, did this return actually occur as a fulfillment of Bible prophecy as these Jews and Christians believe, or was it merely the product of the political will of man? This is an issue which I directly address in my 2023 four-part series called "Modern Deceptions: Return to Israel, the Fig Tree and This Generation". I likewise discuss this same topic in my other 2023 three-part series called "Modern Deception: Shall a Nation Be Born at Once?". For now though, allow me to offer three Bible verses for your consideration:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."
Luke 4:5-6, KJV

Before we conclude this series, we must swing back around to a subject which we discussed earlier. Whether you personally believe that the return of the Jews to Israel occurred by the Will of God, or by the political will of man, it still does NOT change one important basic fact. And what is that? It is that the vast majority of Jews, or so-called Jews, however you personally wish to refer to them, remain a stubborn, lost and unsaved people. Yes, they've got their hunk of land, but that is all they've got. As we have already discussed, living in the nation of Israel is totally pointless from an eternal perspective, as long as the Jews continue to reject Christ. They can totally obliterate Iran and be militarily victorious against every other Muslim or Arab nation which may rise up against them. But as Jesus said, they will ultimately die in their sins, and be cast out of the Kingdom of God, as long as they remain in a state of unbelief. In my book, that is all that truly matters.

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with

any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were either mentioned in this article, or which contain topics which are related to this article. All of these articles are likewise located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server. To read these articles, simply click or tap on any link you see below.

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