

Modern Deception: Shall a Nation Be Born at Once? : Part 1

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Deceptive Doctrines And False Interpretation Of Certain Bible Verses By Zionist Jews And Misguided Christians, Twisting The Meaning Of Isaiah 66:8, Israel Has Actually Existed For More Than 4000 Years, Modern Israel Did Not Become A Nation In One Day Or At Once, The Colonial Powers Carved Up The Middle East, Middle Eastern Problems Lasting For Decades, Behind-The-Scenes Political Maneuvers, America 1776 Declaration Of Independence, Isaiah's Prophecy Describes Something Unique Which Creates A Sense Of Astonishment, Jesus Also Mentioned An Unnamed Nation, Isaiah's Prophetic Ministry, God's Displeasure With Israel, God Decides To Do Something New, Jebus = Zion = Jerusalem = City Of David, She Was Delivered Of A Man Child, Hebrew "Ben" Primarily Refers To A Male Child, Isaiah 66:7 7:14 and 9:6 Are All Propheying The Birth Of Jesus, Connections Between Book Of Isaiah And Revelation, Isaiah 66:7-8 And Revelation 12:1-5 Both Speak Of Jesus' Birth With Almost Identical Words, Joseph's Second Dream In Genesis Interprets Revelation 12:1-5, Bible Verses Which Mention Jesus' Birth, Birth Of A Man Child Is Directly Linked To The Creation Of Isaiah's Unnamed Nation

As I amply explain in other articles such as "Greater Israel Doctrine: Exposed!", "Modern Deceptions: Return to Israel, the Fig Tree and This Generation" and a number of other articles, Zionist Jews have either intentionally, or in some case simply through ignorance, been deceiving the world -- including quite a few gullible pro-Israel Christians -- for literally decades, by twisting the meaning of certain ancient Bible prophecies, so that said prophecies appear to have their fulfillment in our modern day. As I point out in the aforementioned articles, these tactics include such deceptions as claiming much more land than what God really promised them in the Old Testament.

Sadly, as I said, a substantial number of Christians have also been caught up in the Zionists' web of deception, and likewise promote unscriptural doctrines which are actually based on a faulty interpretation of certain Bible verses. This includes

Jesus' Parable of the Fig Tree, as well as the phrase "this generation", which we find repeatedly throughout the Gospels. Not only have these misguided Zionist Jews and Christians used Jesus' warning regarding the fig tree to try to legitimize the creation of the nation of Israel on May 14, 1948 -- and thus use that date as their anchor point for the erroneous Futurist interpretation of Bible prophecy -- but they also try to use a prophecy that is found in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah to further validate their false claim. More to the point, in the sixty-sixth chapter of Isaiah we find the following verse:

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?
Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall
a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she
brought forth her children."

Isaiah 66:8, KJV

So exactly how do some Zionist Jews and Christians interpret the previous verse? Allow me to give you a very clear example which you can easily see on the web for yourself. There is a website called "Jewish Voice". This website is operated by a group of people who are all Messianic Jews. In other words, they all clearly accept Jesus as God's one true Messiah. In fact, if you go to their "About Us" page, going by the names of their leadership staff, it appears that they are likewise all biological Jews as well. What I found unique about their views, is that not only are they Messianic Jews, but they are also Futurist-leaning Jews, just like so many Christians who dominate the Christian Church today.

Now, let me say up front, that I truly admire these people, because as some of you will already know, trying to convince any Jew to believe that Jesus Christ is God's chosen Messiah is by no means an easy task. Yet despite the difficulties and problems involved in achieving this goal, the folks at Jewish Voice have chosen to reach out to their Jewish brethren with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So as I said, I can surely respect that, and I do wish them success in their endeavors. However, despite their sincerity, I am compelled to disagree with them insofar as their understanding of Isaiah 66:8 is concerned. Having said that, allow me to share with you a direct quote from their website:

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We affirm that the re-establishment of Israel and Jerusalem returning to Jewish sovereignty is key in our understanding

of the times and seasons in which we are living. According to the Bible, at the End of Days, Yeshua returns to Jerusalem. Specific prophecies about Israel and Jerusalem have been fulfilled in modern times:

Israel reborn in a Day: Isaiah asked, "Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?" (Isaiah 66:8). After nearly two millennia and a succession of foreign rulers, on May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion declared the restoration of the Jewish State, Israel.

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The previous two paragraphs are a typical example of how many modern Christians have been led to understand Isaiah 66:8; yet I am personally convinced that such an interpretation is simply wrong, and NOT what the verse means at all, as I will now explain to you.

To begin with, I do not believe that the nation of Israel can be born in our modern times "in one day" or "at once" as this verse states, due to the simple fact that according to the Biblical record, Israel has in reality existed for over four thousand years. As I explain in other articles, Israel actually began with the birth of Jacob and his twelve sons. As some of you will know, God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Now, while it is indeed true that Israel has been repeatedly attacked, enslaved, dominated and invaded many times during this long period of time, and has even temporarily lost its national identity at times -- such as when the Roman Empire renamed it Palestine -- nevertheless, the fact remains that the Jewish nation, whether scattered, or bound together into one cohesive form, has existed.

Furthermore, in the real sense of the word, the nation state that we know as Israel today did NOT become a nation "in one day", or even "at once", as the prophecy states. Yes, Israel was proclaimed a nation to the world by David Ben-Gurion on May 14, 1948, but it most certainly was NOT a one-day event. As I explain in "Modern Deceptions: Return to Israel, the Fig Tree and This Generation", the foreign colonial powers created and carved out quite a few other nations in decades past. This is particularly true with regards to the Middle East and Asia. With just a stroke of a pen, the British and the French in particular created a whole host of countries in that region of the world, and tragically, there have been

continual problems there ever since. As you may know, wars, oppression, and political corruption have reigned there for many decades now.

But concerning the state of Israel, in actuality, the 1948 announcement by the World Jewish Congress was the result of political maneuvers which had been going on for literally decades. In short, this event did not occur "in one day", or "at once". Therefore, I'm not fully convinced that it really meets the requirements of Isaiah's prophecy. If you really stop to think about it, if we choose to interpret Isaiah's prophecy in such a loose manner, why, we could even say that it refers to the United States of America for that matter. After all, it is common knowledge that the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and on August 2, 1776, the delegates began signing it. Of course, in reality, it took years before the United States acquired its freedom from British rule, just as it likewise occurred with Israel almost two centuries later.

Yes, I am being a bit dramatic here in order to make a point. But on a side note, it may interest some of you to know that there are some misguided Christians who are convinced that the United States is mentioned in Bible prophecy. Personally, I do not accept this belief at all, and simply view it as just another attempt by some arrogant Americans who believe that America is just so important, that surely it must be found in the Bible somewhere. Again, sorry, but not so.

At any rate, Isaiah's prophecy is describing something truly unique which creates astonishment and a sense of surprise for the observer of the event. Thus he writes "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?". So Isaiah appears to be describing something truly amazing. But exactly what was it? Please keep reading, and I will tell you exactly what I am convinced it was.

As I just said, this attitude of astonishment and surprise cannot possibly be referring to the May 14, 1948 declaration, because as we have already seen, it was no mystery that the Europeans had been working on plans to create a homeland for the Jews for decades. Personally, I am convinced that what Isaiah wrote is directly connected to something that Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew. I am referring to this verse:

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

thereof."

Matthew 21:43, KJV

Well how about that! Both Isaiah and Jesus are talking about some mysterious, nameless nation. Let us not forget that the Prophet Isaiah wrote about both Jesus and John the Baptist. As such, it should not surprise us in the least that Isaiah 66:8 is connected to something that Jesus said as well. So who is this nation of whom both Isaiah and Jesus spoke? If you read Matthew 21:43 carefully, it becomes obvious that the mysterious nation is NOT Israel. How do we know? Because the Lord tells the Jews that the Kingdom of God shall be taken from them, and given to this mysterious nation. That's how.

To better understand what Isaiah is talking about, and to put Isaiah 66:8 in its proper context, all we have to do is read some of the previous verses in that chapter. Once we do that, we discover that just as God was sick and tired of the Jews, and their hypocritical, dead temple worship during the First Century, He was equally tired of the Jews and their hollow temple worship during Isaiah's time as well. Chronologically speaking, the Prophet Isaiah preached to Israel about one hundred and fifty years prior to the Babylonian invasions, and even before the Assyrian invasions had occurred as well. Isaiah was in fact sent to warn the Israelites of the coming chastisement by the hands of the Assyrians. At any rate, the beginning of the chapter clearly reveals God's attitude, as we can determine by the following verses:

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not."
Isaiah 66:1-4, KJV

So, as you can plainly see, the Lord was utterly fed up with

their false spirituality, and even with their temple, which King Solomon had built centuries earlier. The Jews had become totally absorbed in their traditions. They were going through the motion of being holy and righteous, but they had lost the Spirit. How much this sounds like so many modern churches in America. As a result, God decided to do something new. After expressing His anger with the Israelites, in the seventh and eighth verses He tells us exactly what He's going to do about it, as we see here:

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

Isaiah 66:7-8, KJV

In these verses, "Zion" refers to Jerusalem. Very briefly, as I explain in other articles, in ancient times, the city of Jerusalem was known as Jebus, and its inhabitants were called the Jebusites. They were one of the peoples of the land of Canaan which God had promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Joshua. The Jebusites appear to have been a rather haughty, confident people who mocked King David and his army when they came to conquer Jebus. But as the Bible records, David did exactly that, and renamed the city to Jerusalem, or Zion, as we can easily confirm by the following group of verses. It was also called the City of David:

"And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David."

2 Samuel 5:6-7, KJV

"Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion."

1 Kings 8:1, KJV

"And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus;

where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David."

1 Chronicles 11:4-5, KJV

"Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion."

2 Chronicles 5:2, KJV

Now here is where it can get a little tricky if we are not careful. If we just read Isaiah 66:8 by itself -- as Zionist Jews and pro-Israel Christians just love to do -- we can be erroneously led to believe that the verse is talking about Israel becoming a nation on May 14, 1948, because the verse says "Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." But, if we take the time to read verses seven and eight together -- as we really should do -- suddenly, the verses takes on an entirely new and wonderful meaning.

In short, the Lord appears to be saying that because the Jews have become so sidetracked in a spiritual sense, and are only interested in their temple worship and their vain traditions -- just as Jesus would likewise tell them almost eight centuries later -- He is going to do something both new and amazing. We are informed that a man child will be born. In other words, a son. Isaiah seems to be describing a very unique, miraculous birth. Notice that he says that the child will be born before the woman travails and before her pain comes. In other words, it sounds to me as if this woman may possibly give birth without experiencing labor pains. However, this is just a personal speculation.

At any rate, my friends, are you starting to grasp what is actually being said here by Isaiah? Do you understand what this prophecy is really all about? It is certainly much more than the misguided, concocted "birth" of Israel in May 1948 deception. If you ask me, I think the answer is really quite obvious at this point. Now, before we continue, I need to explain to you something very important. In verse eight, the Hebrew to English translation states "for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." What if that is NOT what the verse really says in Hebrew? What?!

Personally, I am convinced that this phrase is an important mistranslation. Why do I believe this? Well, because in this verse, the word "children" is derived from the Hebrew word "ben". As the Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon clearly proves, the primary meaning of the Hebrew word "ben" is "son". Thus, the word should NOT have been translated as "children". Consider the following:

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ben bane

- 1) son, grandson, child, member of a group
 - 1a) son, male child
 - 1b) grandson
 - 1c) children (pl. - male and female)
 - 1d) youth, young men (pl.)
 - 1e) young (of animals)
 - 1f) sons (as characterisation, i.e. sons of injustice [for un- righteous men] or sons of God [for angels])
 - 1g) people (of a nation) (pl.)
 - 1h) of lifeless things, i.e. sparks, stars, arrows (fig.)
 - 1i) a member of a guild, order, class

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As you can plainly see, "son", or "male child", is clearly the primary meaning of the Hebrew word "ben". Furthermore, verse eight is a continuation of the thought that was first made in verse seven. In other words, verse eight reflects back on verse seven. So the big question we need to ask is why verse seven speaks of "a man child" being delivered, and then for some inexplicable reason, the translator chooses to translate "ben" as "children" in verse eight, instead of as the correct word "son". Was this intentional, or was it done out of ignorance? I will let you decide for yourself.

However, if you still need a little more convincing, let me share a few more Scriptural tidbits with you. As I explained to you a moment ago, the Prophet Isaiah prophesied regarding both John the Baptist and Jesus. Following are two more of the Prophet Isaiah's messianic prophecies where he announces the birth of Jesus:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14, KJV

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6, KJV

In the previous two verses, the word "son" is translated from the very same Hebrew word "ben" that we discussed a moment ago. The word "child" is translated from the Hebrew "yeled". This word can refer to a child, son or a boy. So what we see then is that Isaiah 66:7 announces the birth of a man child. In Isaiah 66:8 the translator chooses to translate "ben" as "children", instead of as "son". But then in Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6, the translator correctly translates the Hebrew "ben" as "son". It should be quite obvious to you by now that Isaiah 66:7-8, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6 are all prophesying the birth of the very same man child, or son. That is to say, Jesus Christ. Now do you better understand why translating the word "ben" as "children" was wrong? In short, a better translation of Isaiah of Isaiah 66:7-8 would have been the following, in my view:

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her [son]."

Isaiah 66:7-8, KJV

Not only does the above translation put verses seven and eight in harmony with each other, but it also puts them in harmony with Isaiah 7:14-15 as well. Now, some people might argue, "Well, wait a minute. You said that Zion represents Jerusalem. Jesus wasn't born in Jerusalem. He was actually born in Bethlehem." That is indeed true. Jesus was in fact born in Bethlehem, which is located about six miles to the southwest of Jerusalem in the West Bank. However, there is no contradiction here, as you will learn momentarily, so please be patient until we have fully discussed this issue.

I am happy to report that there is a lot more going on here than at first meets the eye. Not only do parts of the Book of Isaiah tie in directly to events which transpired in the Gospels, but they are also connected to events which we find

in the Book of Revelation as well. For example, the phrase "Babylon is fallen, is fallen" is found in both the Book of Isaiah and in the Book of Revelation, as we see by these two verses:

"And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground."
Isaiah 21:9, KJV

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."
Revelation 14:8, KJV

But more to the point. How does the prophecy regarding the birth of Jesus in the Book of Isaiah -- "she was delivered of a man child" -- tie into the Book of Revelation? Well, you see, as soon as I read Isaiah 66:7-8 together, my eyes nearly popped out of my head, because I was immediately reminded of very similar phraseology which we find in the twelfth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Consider the following verses:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH A MAN CHILD, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."
Revelation 12:1-5, KJV

As I have explained before, the above Scriptures are widely believed to be discussing Jesus' birth in Israel, as well as His subsequent Ascension to Heaven following His Crucifixion and Resurrection from the dead. Notice how the woman wears a crown of twelve stars on her head. This seems to represent the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and is very similar to Joseph's second dream where he also described how the Sun, Moon and

eleven stars made obeisance to him. Joseph, of course, was the twelfth star. Consider the following verse which confirms this point:

"And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me."

Genesis 37:9, KJV

Please notice the unquestionable similarities between the verses in the Book of Isaiah, and the aforementioned verses which are found in the Book of Revelation. In both instances, we see Israel -- or Jerusalem? -- being described as a woman in travail -- that is to say, in labor -- who then brings forth a son.

Now, unless a person simply wants to purposely be deceived, it seems to me that it is rather obvious that the phrase "she was delivered of a man child" in Isaiah 66:7, and the phrase "she brought forth a man child" in Revelation 12:5, are talking about the very same person: Jesus Christ. After all, there is only one person "who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron", and who "was caught up unto God, and to his throne." As such, it makes perfect sense that in Isaiah 66:8, the phrase should have been translated as "she brought forth her son", and NOT as "she brought forth her children".

Again, I honestly don't know if it was just a translational error, or if it was translated this way on purpose. However, to really give you the full prophetic picture from Isaiah to the Gospels to the Book of Revelation, please consider the following short Scriptural excerpts:

Isa. 66:7 - she was delivered of a man child

Isa. 66:8 - she brought forth her [son]

Isa. 7:14 - a virgin shall . . . bear a son

Isa. 9:06 - unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given

Mat. 1:21 - she shall bring forth a son

Luk. 1.31 - thou shalt . . . bring forth a son

Luk. 2:07 - she brought forth her firstborn son

Rev. 12:5 - she brought forth a man child

Now, for those of you who may possibly still be doubting what I am sharing here, following are the very same seven verses in full. Please note that I have substituted the word "children" with the word "son" in Isaiah 66:8:

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children [son]."

Isaiah 66:7-8, KJV

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14, KJV

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6, KJV

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21, KJV

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

Luke 1:31, KJV

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

Luke 2:7, KJV

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

Revelation 12:5, KJV

When read together, the two verses from the Book of Isaiah make it very obvious in my mind that the birth of this man child -- or son -- is directly linked to the creation of the mysterious prophesied nation. In fact, the birth of the man child seems to actually be the catalyst for the creation of this mysterious nation. If there is one thing of which we can be absolutely certain, it is that Jesus had absolutely nothing to do with Israel proclaiming itself a nation in May of 1948, because as many of you will know, Israel is a very

antichrist nation which for the most part hates Jesus Christ.

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Jesus Spoke Of The Nation Which Had Been Prophesied By Isaiah, Jesus Christ Is The Rejected Cornerstone And Foundation Stone, Unlike Ancient Israel God's New Nation Never Existed Before, Why Jerusalem Fits Isaiah's Prophetic Picture, Jesus Is The Firstfruits Of The Resurrection, New Nation Was Born In One Day The Morning That Jesus Rose From The Dead In Jerusalem, Born Of Water And Born Of The Spirit, God's Spiritual Temple And Holy Nation, Kingdom Of God Taken From Unbelieving Jews And Given To A More Worthy Nation, Jesus Gives Authority To Apostle Peter, Roman Catholic Lies Regarding Apostle Peter, First Century Church Leaders: Peter James And John, Jesus Set Up A Triumvirate Type Leadership Structure For First Century Church, Saul Of Tarsus Is Chosen As Apostle To The Gentiles, Jesus Is The One True Rock Of Our Faith And Not Apostle Peter, Unbelieving Jews Lost The Kingdom Due To Unbelief, Birth Of A Savior To A Virgin And Birth Of A Nation Were Two Amazing Events, The Timing Of Events Following Jesus' Crucifixion

As I concluded in part one, and in case it is not clear to you yet, when I say that I am convinced that the birth of the man child is directly linked to the creation of a new nation, I am NOT referring to a physically-recognized, political country with earthly borders such as the state of Israel. Rather, I am really referring to a global, spiritual, eternal nation which knows no physical borders. As you have probably figured out by

now, this new nation is comprised of all Christian believers everywhere, and for all time.

Based upon Isaiah 66:7-8 and other verses I will be sharing with you momentarily, I am convinced that this is what Jesus was actually talking about when He told the Jewish religious leaders that the Kingdom would be taken from them, and given to another nation. Furthermore, Jesus very clearly told them that the cornerstone which they had so foolishly rejected -- meaning Himself -- would become the foundation stone for His new spiritual nation. Let me share Matthew 21:43 with you one more time to refresh your memory, along with some other verses:

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

Matthew 21:43, KJV

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

Isaiah 53:3, KJV

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

Psalms 118:22-23, KJV

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Matthew 21:42, KJV

"And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."

Mark 8:31, KJV

"And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Mark 12:10-11, KJV

"Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be

rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day."

Luke 9:22, KJV

"But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation."

Luke 17:25, KJV

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."

John 1:11, KJV

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."

Acts 4:11, KJV

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11, KJV

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed [that is disapproved, rejected, repudiated] indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

1 Peter 2:4-8, KJV

To reiterate my previous point, I am convinced that Jesus is the man child -- or the son -- who was prophesied to be born to Zion. Furthermore, it was Jesus alone who would ultimately be responsible for the sudden creation of a nation "at once" and "in a day", exactly as Isaiah had prophesied. After all, this new nation perfectly meets all of the requirements which were established by Isaiah's amazing prophecy. Why? Because this nation had in fact never existed before at any time in human history. On the other hand, the same cannot be said of the nation of Israel because it had already existed for several thousand years.

Earlier, I mentioned how some people might argue that what I am saying is not true, because Jesus was not actually born in the city of Jerusalem. However, there is something such people are overlooking. While it is indeed true that Jesus was physically born southwest of Jerusalem in Bethlehem, let me ask the doubters a few questions:

1. What was the last city Jesus visited prior to His death?
2. Where did Jesus hold His last Passover meal?
3. Where was Jesus judged and crucified?
4. Where was Jesus buried?
5. Where did Jesus rise from the dead?

Of course, the answer to all five of the previous questions is Jerusalem. You see, the reason why I'm so convinced that this mysterious, prophesied nation did not exist prior to Jesus' Sacrifice and Resurrection, is because the Bible very plainly informs us that Jesus was in fact the first member of this new spiritual nation. This nation could not possibly have even existed until Christ died and rose from the dead. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus is the first begotten of the dead, the firstborn and likewise the firstfruits of the Resurrection. He was the first glorified son of the harvest.

Are you starting to get the picture now? While He may have been physically born in Bethlehem, Jesus was also spiritually REBORN in a new type of body in Jerusalem, the moment that He rose from the dead. I discuss the qualities of this new body in the series entitled "Sex, A Bowl of Soup, and the Nature of Angels". To reiterate, the moment that Jesus rose from the dead in Jerusalem, a new nation was born "in one day" and "at once" exactly as the Prophet Isaiah had written. Thus Jesus did in fact completely fulfill the prophecy we find in Isaiah 66:7-8. Please carefully consider the following set of verses:

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have THE FIRSTFRUITS of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body . . . 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 8:22-23, 29, KJV

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all

men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become THE FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ THE FIRSTFRUITS; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

1 Corinthians 15:19-23, KJV

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE: . . . And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Colossians 1:12-15, 18, KJV

"To the general assembly and CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,"

Hebrews 12:23, KJV

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be A KIND OF FIRSTFRUITS of his creatures."

James 1:18, KJV

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and THE FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"

Revelation 1:5, KJV

"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being THE FIRSTFRUITS unto God and to the Lamb."

Revelation 14:4, KJV

Jesus also made it very plain in His conversation with the Pharisee Nicodemus, that in order to become members of this new spiritual nation, we must be born of water -- meaning a physical birth in the womb, as Nicodemus understood -- and of the Spirit, through our faith in Christ. Consider the Lord's words to Nicodemus:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

John 3:3-8, KJV

There is further proof that the nation of which both Isaiah and Jesus spoke is really the spiritual nation of worldwide Believers in Jesus Christ. Earlier, I shared certain verses with you where the Apostle Peter addresses the First Century Christian brethren. In those verses, not only does Peter make it very plain that Jesus Christ is the founder of God's new spiritual temple in which we Believers are symbolic living stones, but Peter also refers to the Body of Christ as "an holy nation". Let me share those verses with you again:

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 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: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

1 Peter 2:4-10, KJV

As we've already seen, Jesus clearly stated in Matthew 21:43

that the Kingdom of God would be taken from the unbelieving Jews who rejected Him, and would be given to another more worthy nation. That is to say, to a nation of Believers in Christ Jesus, who truly demonstrate the fruits of repentance. Is there any additional Scriptural evidence which mentions this transfer of power and spiritual anointing and authority? There most certainly is. Furthermore, it is directly tied to the previous verses which were written by Peter. The reason why Peter could write with such authority, is because Jesus Himself gave Peter this authority, as becomes evident by the following verses which are found in the Gospel of Matthew:

"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:16-19, KJV

In spite of his own shortcomings -- his cowardice, and his own betrayal of Christ, for example -- Peter firmly believed that Jesus was the long-prophesied Messiah, the Christ, and Jesus obviously recognized this quality in Peter. Thus, the Lord chose Peter to lead the followers of the fledging First Century Church, once He had returned to His Father in Heaven.

However, please realize that while the Lord gave Peter this special blessing, this is a far cry from the Roman Catholic doctrine which promotes the false belief that Peter was the first Bishop of Rome, and thus, the very first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. As you may know, the Roman Catholic Church uses this misguided false doctrine to try to validate and justify their supposed spiritual superiority, as well as authority, over other Christian churches. It is all a pack of devilish lies.

As I have pointed out before, while Jesus gave Peter certain authority, the Gospels, as well as the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, seem to indicate that Peter may not have fully embraced that authority all for himself. While Peter appears to have been the Apostles' primary spokesman, these Books suggest that leadership within the First Century Church was

shared equally by Peter, James and John. Please consider the following group of verses:

"And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)"

Acts 1:15, KJV

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,"

Matthew 17:1, KJV

"And he [Jesus] suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James."

Mark 5:37, KJV

"And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them."

Mark 9:2, KJV

"And as he [Jesus] sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,"

Mark 13:3, KJV

"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;"

Mark 14:32-33, KJV

"And when he [Jesus] came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden."

Luke 8:51, KJV

"And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray."

Luke 9:28, KJV

"And when James, Cephas [Peter], and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision."

Galatians 2:9, KJV

So as we can plainly see, in His wisdom, the Lord actually set up a triumvirate type of leadership structure for the Early Church. In this way, there was a check and balance system put in place. Furthermore, doing it this way was in fact in accordance with the following Bible verses:

"Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die."

Numbers 35:30, KJV

"At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you."

Deuteronomy 17:6-7, KJV

"One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established."

Deuteronomy 19:15, KJV

"Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety ."

Proverbs 11:14, KJV

"Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established."

Proverbs 15:22, KJV

"For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Proverbs 24:6, KJV

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:18-20, KJV

"This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

2 Corinthians 13:1, KJV

"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear."

1 Timothy 5:19-20, KJV

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:"

Hebrews 10:28, KJV

As we also know, it was not long after that, that the Lord likewise raised up a very unlikely character in the form of Saul of Tarsus. As many of you will already know, Saul was a very proud and stubborn Pharisee, and formerly a very strong opponent and serious persecutor of the Lord's Church. That is, until Jesus smote him down and blinded him, as he rode on the road to Damascus, where he intended to arrest the Disciples. However, after being broken by the Lord, Paul was transformed into the Apostle to the Gentiles, as we see by the following group of verses:

"For I [Paul] speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:"

Romans 11:13, KJV

"For I [Paul] am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."

1 Corinthians 15:9, KJV

"For I [Paul] think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men."

1 Corinthians 4:9, KJV

"Whereunto I [Paul] am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity."

1 Timothy 2:7, KJV

"Whereunto I [Paul] am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles."

2 Timothy 1:11-12, KJV

It is also important to realize that in the previous verses where Jesus gives authority to Peter, the Lord is actually referring to Himself when He states "upon this rock I will build my church". Contrary to Roman Catholic doctrine, I do not share the opinion that Jesus is calling Peter the rock, even though Jesus did name him Cephas -- meaning "a rock" -- due to his obviously strong character and personality. Peter being the rock is just another intentional Roman Catholic deception. Peter seems to confirm that Jesus was referring to Himself as the Rock, in the verses I shared with you a moment ago where Peter refers to Jesus as the Cornerstone of God's spiritual temple. The Apostle Paul likewise states the following:

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

1 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

So to reiterate, while Peter may have been nicknamed Cephas by Jesus, it should be evident to you that the Lord is the only true Rock, as well as the only High Priest, Mediator and Intercessor of our Christian faith. There is no other. Certainly not Mary, as the Roman Catholic Church insists.

Returning to our primary discussion, the main point that I wish for you to grasp, is that the unbelieving Jews did in fact lose the Kingdom, precisely as Jesus stated that they would, as a result of their rejection of the chosen Messiah. Furthermore, this same Kingdom was given to a new, spiritual nation, comprised of believers in Jesus Christ. As I pointed out in part one, the birth of God's new nation is directly linked to the birth of the man child, Jesus Christ, exactly as Isaiah had prophesied in the two Scriptures we examined earlier. You may recall that Isaiah seems to convey the idea that the birth of this new nation would be accompanied by a certain degree of surprise and astonishment. This event was going to be something unique and out of the ordinary. Well, a virgin woman giving birth to a child was certainly a very unique event. Equally amazing was her own son rising from the dead some thirty-three years later.

Exactly when this new nation was born is a matter of personal conjecture. Whether we establish it as the moment that Jesus died on the Cross, or three days later when He rose from the dead, one thing is absolutely certain: If we stop to examine

the events which transpired during that entire period, and the things that were stated by some of the participants who were involved in those events, it becomes obvious that there was plenty of surprise, astonishment, and fear going around. Consider the following verses that we find in Matthew chapter twenty-seven:

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."

Matthew 27:50-54, KJV

One problem with reading the Bible, is that sometimes it can be difficult to recognize when time gaps exist between some of the events. At first glance, one might erroneously assume that the events described in the previous verses all occurred shortly after Jesus died on the Cross. However, it seems to me that a careful reading of the above verses indicates that Matthew is describing things which occurred, not right after Jesus died on the Cross, but rather three days later when He miraculously rose from the dead.

In other words, contrary to what we see in certain Hollywood movies, the centurion did not say "Truly this was the Son of God" as he gazed upon Jesus dying on the Cross. The soldiers were undoubtedly desensitized, having already witnessed many such crucifixions of criminals. Jesus' Crucifixion was just another one and a part of their job. Jesus did nothing while hanging on the Cross, which would give the centurion reason to make such a remark.

On the other hand, the centurion's remark makes more sense if we realize that it was said three days later when a great earthquake occurred, and Jesus rose from the dead. When it states that they were "watching Jesus", it doesn't mean that they were watching Him die on the Cross. I am convinced that it means that they were watching His grave, as they had been instructed to do by Pilate and the unbelieving Jewish elders who feared that the Lord might actually rise from the dead, as we see in these verses:

"Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."

Matthew 27:62-66, KJV

At any rate, I discuss these very same events in the article entitled "A Temple Veil, an Earthquake and a Centurion", if you would like to take the time to read it. You will find the link for this article at the end of this same series.

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Continuing our discussion from part two, consider again all of the facts which surrounded the birth of this new nation. We have a great earthquake which must have really surprised and unsettled a lot of people, and caused them to fear. We can also easily imagine the shock and horror that the Jewish religious leaders must have felt after having gone through a great earthquake, and then discovering that the temple veil had been fully ripped from top to bottom, possibly revealing the Holy of Holies, which was the holiest part of the temple, where the Ark of the Covenant had been formerly placed. Maybe those unbelieving devils realized that the temple veil being torn was a clear sign from God that their days as religious leaders of Israel were now numbered. As I point out in other articles, Caiaphas the high priest certainly seemed aware of the danger they faced. After all, consider what he said when they conspired to kill Jesus several days earlier:

"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death."

John 11:47-53, KJV

To continue, then we have these hardened Roman soldiers who actually witnessed the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matthew tells us that "they feared greatly" having been observers of

these actual events. As if the Lord's own Resurrection was not enough, it is not difficult to imagine the astonishment, shock and fear which must have permeated all of Jerusalem, as her inhabitants found themselves being visited by many of the Old Testament Saints. Oh my gosh! How would YOU react if you were to witness such a thing? Clearly, it would unsettle you, right?

In light of these events, and the people's reactions to them, it makes perfect sense that God would inspire Isaiah to write "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?". By comparison, in my opinion, the political events of May 1948 don't even come close in magnitude, and they certainly do not warrant this kind of a statement from the Prophet Isaiah.

Clearly then, the prophesied birth of this man child, and of this new nation years later was fulfilled to the very letter. It was fulfilled "in one day", and "at once", precisely at the moment that Jesus rose from the dead and became the very first member of said nation. And, as we have seen, if that was not already enough, it was also followed by many of the Old Testament Saints being raised from the dead as well. It resulted in such shock and awe as this world has never seen before, and will not ever see again. Let me share those two verses with you one more time:

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

Matthew 27:52-53, KJV

So to reiterate this important point, Jesus became the first begotten of the dead, and thus the founder of our new nation and spiritual temple, as was described by the Apostle Peter. Christ is the Cornerstone of it all, and without His death and subsequent resurrection, none of it would have ever been made possible. Jesus is the firstborn, and the firstfruits of the Resurrection. Likewise, all of the Old Testament Saints who soon followed Him out of their graves are the very first inhabitants of this new nation. Thankfully, some day, we too will follow them into Glory. Consider the following inspiring verses:

"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Hebrews 11:40, KJV

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

1 Corinthians 2:9-12, KJV

Please note that in Hebrews 11:40 above, the word "perfect" does not mean what you probably think it means. According to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, the original Koine Greek word which is used in that verse -- "teleioo" -- really means that their numbers will not be complete, until all individuals who God the Father has predestinated for Salvation have also been resurrected. God's eternal Plan of Redemption and Salvation extends from the first page of Genesis, to the final page of the Book of Revelation. Everyone who is predestinated to be saved and resurrected, will be, in God's perfect time, and absolutely nothing will hinder His plans.

To continue, if you are not yet fully convinced of everything I have been sharing with you in this series, then allow me to share one final profound truth with you. While some misguided American preachers and Zionist Jews have tried to convince the world that the Prophet Isaiah was talking about the birth of the nation of Israel in May of 1948 -- even though Israel had already existed for thousands of years -- there exists some strong evidence which suggests that Isaiah was not only talking about the birth of a spiritual nation, but also that this new spiritual nation would in large part be comprised of Gentile believers. Does this point surprise you? Well, let's look into this matter, shall we?

In the Scriptures from the Book of Isaiah which we examined earlier, the word "nation" is translated from the Hebrew word "goy". This word, and its plural form, "goyim", almost always refers to people of non-Hebrew -- or non-Jewish -- stock. In other words, it refers to Gentiles, or heathen. Just as many Muslims view all non-Muslims as "infidels", Jewish people -- at least Orthodox Jews -- likewise view non-Jews as heathen. In fact, if you invest some time in examining the Babylonian Talmud -- which is the real holy book of Orthodox Jews -- you

will discover that the term "goy" is often used in a rather disrespectful, derogatory sense. Most gentile Believers are not aware of this fact. Perhaps if they were, they would not be so quick to embrace the Jews, and view them as their friends.

So is there more Scriptural evidence to support my view that Isaiah was really prophesying about the birth of a spiritual nation which would in large part be comprised of Gentile believers in Christ, and not about the birth of the modern Jewish nation of Israel in 1948? My friends, yes, there most certainly is, I am happy to say. So where can we find this information? Let's find out.

In the twelfth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, after they had watched Jesus perform the "unpardonable sin" of healing a man with a crippled hand on the sabbath day, the Jewish religious leaders -- that is to say, the Pharisees -- took counsel regarding how to destroy Jesus. In spite of their wicked intentions, Jesus kept on healing people anyway; and a few verses later, Matthew quotes from the Prophet Isaiah when he writes the following. Please notice carefully that Isaiah is very clearly stating that Jesus would minister to the Gentiles, and NOT only to the Jews. Furthermore, we see Matthew paraphrase Isaiah by concluding with "And in his name shall the Gentiles trust":

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."
Isaiah 11:10, KJV

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law."
Isaiah 42:1-4, KJV

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his

voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust."

Matthew 12:17-21, KJV

My friends, this is such an important point -- that is, that the unbelieving Jews would lose the Kingdom, and that Jesus Christ would populate His new spiritual nation with mostly Gentile believers -- that the Apostle Paul also mentions this same prophecy in his Epistle to the brethren at Rome. As we learned in part two, it is also in this same Epistle where Paul informs the brethren that he has become the Apostle to the Gentiles, as we see by the following group of verses:

"And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

Romans 15:9-16, KJV

In the previous sets of verses from the Gospel of Matthew and the Epistle to the Romans, the word "Gentiles" is translated from the Koine Greek word "ethnos". This word is basically used in the same way that "goy" is used in the Old Testament to refer to people of non-Hebrew stock. In fact, in Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, it plainly states "Paul uses the term for Gentile Christians". In other words, as opposed to Jewish Christians, such as the original Twelve Apostles, and other early Jewish Christians who helped to jump start the First Century Church.

As we've repeatedly seen throughout this series, the Prophet Isaiah was obviously in tune to the fact that God the Father had plans to raise up a new spiritual nation. Isaiah realized that Jesus would be the founder of this new nation, and that this new nation would in large part be comprised of Gentiles who had embraced Christ. Further evidence that this is so can be clearly seen in the following verses, which are also found in Isaiah chapter forty-two. In the following verses, God the Father is laying out His plans for Jesus, His Son:

"Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

Isaiah 42:5-7, KJV

If you're a sharp student of God's Word, you may realize that this is precisely the prophecy that Jesus Himself read in the synagogue at Nazareth, right before His unbelieving audience tried to throw Him over a cliff. Consider the following verses:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Luke 4:18-21, KJV

Let me emphasize again that the reason why God has taken this particular course of action, is because the majority of Jews have stubbornly refused to acknowledge Jesus Christ as God's chosen manner of Salvation. Sadly, their rebellious attitude has not changed in the last two thousand years, except for a small segment of Jews, such as the ones I mentioned in part one of this same series.

As we learned a moment ago, being a well-versed Pharisee who

had been taught by Gamaliel, the Apostle Paul was obviously quite familiar with all of Isaiah's prophecies regarding the coming Messiah, and how the Gentiles would be won to the Kingdom of God. Thus, it is no surprise that when Paul and Barnabas were again rejected by the antichrist Jews in the town of Antioch, Paul simply turned his back on them, and embraced the Gentiles instead. In fact, in the following set of verses, Paul makes a direct reference to Isaiah 42 where the Prophet writes "a light of the Gentiles":

"And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. 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. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium."

Acts 13:44-51, KJV

As I explain in other articles, the above scene is typical of the reaction that Paul and his companions received when they tried to share the Christian Gospel with their fellow Jews. Thus, as we have previously discussed, and precisely as Jesus had prophesied, this is why God chose to take the Kingdom from them, and give it to another nation. That is to say, a nation of Gentile Believers which is founded upon faith in the atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Earlier we discussed how the Apostle Peter told the brethren that in God's eyes, they were "an holy nation". Some people may be tempted to erroneously argue that being as Peter was a Jew himself, his words were addressed to his Jewish brethren, and that this "holy nation" of which he spoke was the Jewish nation. However, this is most definitely not the case. As we saw with the previous sets of verses, the Greek word that is

used in Peter's Epistle is again "ethnos". Clearly then, this "holy nation" is comprised of Gentile Believers. In fact, as I have explained before, God very pointedly showed Peter that he must extend the Gift of Salvation to the Gentile world as well, and not restrict it to the Jews only. As proof of this, consider the following incidents we find in the Book of Acts:

"On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven."
Acts 10:9-16, KJV

"And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as

I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life."

Acts 11:2-18, KJV

Let's return for a moment to my earlier comments regarding Peter's Epistle. If it were indeed true that the people to whom Peter was writing were biological Jews, then it does not make any sense whatsoever that in verse ten, he would write the following to them:

"Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy"

1 Peter 2:10, KJV

So why doesn't it make any sense for Peter's audience to be biological Jews? Quite simply because the Jews have always considered themselves to be the people of God, even to this very day. In fact, as you probably already know, they have also craftily convinced a large part of modern Christendom that they are still the Chosen People of God, in spite of the fact that most of them have rejected Christ for the past two thousand years. On the other hand, if Peter was in fact writing to Gentile brethren, as I believe he was, it makes perfect sense that he would write in the aforementioned way.

To further validate this particular point, consider that in his Epistle to the Ephesian brethren, the Apostle Paul made the exact same point regarding how the Gentiles had become the people of God through their faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Please carefully notice how Paul was likewise addressing the Gentile Christians in Ephesus. He was not speaking to his own Jewish brethren:

"Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But

now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles . . ."

Ephesians 2:11-3:1, KJV

To add some clarity to the previous verses, when Paul writes "the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands", he's referring to the Jews who have been circumcised as a matter of obeying the Mosaic Law. In fact, the Book of Acts informs us that at first, some of the legalistic Jewish Christians also believed that the Gentiles had to be circumcised in order to really be saved, and they tried to force this on the Gentile brethren. However, Paul strongly resisted this requirement. That is in fact why only two verses earlier, he wrote the following two verses with which many Christians are quite familiar:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9, KJV

As you may already know, it is those same two verses that got Martin Luther in trouble with the Roman Catholic hierarchy of his day. It seems clear that the "works" that Paul is talking about, is the act of being circumcised. That explains why he immediately begins discussing circumcision in the verses that immediately follow those two. He wants to assure the Gentile Christians that it isn't necessary to be circumcised in order to be saved. All that matters is faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Works of the flesh, such as circumcision, do not win us points with God, and we have no room to boast of

our own supposed righteousness. As Paul also later wrote:

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Titus 3:5, KJV

This is a subject which I discuss much more at length in a few other articles which are listed at the end of this same series. I hope you will consider reading them. With this last point, we have now covered a lot of territory. Through this series, it has been my quest to present you with solid Scriptural evidence which proves that certain doctrines which you may have been taught to believe in by some popular pastors and preachers, or perhaps even by the Zionist Jews themselves -- namely interpretations regarding Isaiah 66:7-8 -- are in fact wrong, and in some cases, are a deliberate attempt to deceive you, so that you will be convinced that it is your unfailing duty and responsibility as a Christian to support the nation of Israel. This is simply not so, and it is my prayer that you have begun to see this truth.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. It is my hope that you have found it to be both 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 appreciate it so much if you would take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so very much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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