Biblical Zionism or Christian Zionism?

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Throughout this series of papers – over the past ten years – we have sought to set out in clear and understandable terms, from a born-again Christian perspective, the threat posed to humanity by the New World Order, and in particular the threat that it poses to true Biblical Christianity.

End Time prophecy points to a period of intense persecution, suffering, and hardship on an unimaginable scale. The whole of humanity will be immersed in plagues and torments of such virulence that most of the population of the earth will be destroyed.

It is difficult to say how many millions of lost souls throughout history have come to Christ. But we do know, in comparison, that the last phase of the church on earth, when most of its professing members will be Nicolaitans, the harvest of souls – prior to the Rapture – will be meagre indeed. The professing church will have fewer and fewer "called out" ones and more and more "spewed out" ones (Revelation 3:16).

A Biblical Standpoint

If we are to understand what is happening in the world today we must see it from a Biblical standpoint. The Word of God tells us that Satan intends to send his 'son' in the form of the Antichrist. It also tells us that he intends to wrench Jerusalem from the Jewish remnant and give it to the false messiah. However, since the Almighty has already reserved Jerusalem for <u>His Son</u>, we can be certain that the resulting struggle will become the main focus of world events in the years ahead.

The Sides of the North

Do you remember Satan's five "I wills" in Isaiah chapter 14? As we set out in an earlier paper (#137), one of these relates to Jerusalem. Here is what we said in that paper:

The Holy Spirit has revealed for our benefit the five great ambitions that the Enemy is pursuing. These are not moral abstractions that impinge in some undefined way on our spiritual lives, but goals every bit as real and terrifying as those pursued by a fanatical tyrant. In two electrifying verses the Word of God tells us exactly what they are:

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." - Isaiah 14:13-14

The ambition that concerns us most in this paper is the middle one: "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north"

Many read this verse and fail to see what it is actually saying. They don't recognize the term, **"in the sides of the north."** The same term may be found also in Psalm 48, a psalm which magnifies the glory of Zion or Jerusalem in God's eternal purpose:

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on <u>the sides of the north,</u> the city of the great King." - Psalm 48:1-2

Satan wants Zion, Jerusalem, "the sides of the north," for himself! He wants to occupy and control forever the city of the great king!

The LORD is a jealous God

This is the key to understanding the vast difference between Biblical Zionism and what is known today as Christian Zionism.

Satan intends to do all in his power to secure Jerusalem, utilising every weapon in his arsenal to mislead and deceive mankind and destroy all opposition to his plans. But the LORD has stated emphatically that Jerusalem belongs to Him and Him alone! He has reserved it for His Son, and that's that:

" Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy." - Zechariah 1:14

Earlier in His Word He declared:

"...for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:" - Exodus 34:14

The word "jealous" is laden with emotional intensity. When the LORD speaks of His relationship to Jerusalem in this way, He is telling the whole of mankind – in terms we can readily understand – that absolutely nothing will delay or hinder His holy will in this matter.



The passages cited allow us to see that Satan will do his utmost to oppose God and take Jerusalem for himself. He will fight for Zion with great fury and overwhelming destructiveness, projecting every last ounce of his vengeful energy into this horrendous task.

But before the fury comes the scheming.

He has been planning for this awesome confrontation ever since the LORD revealed that Jerusalem was the city He had chosen for His Name:

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"...Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there."
- 1 Kings 11:36
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Satan may even have guessed that this would be the chosen location when, about a thousand years earlier, Abraham had offered tithes to "**Melchizedek**, **king of Salem**" (Genesis 14:18). Salem was one of the old names for Jerusalem.

The LORD owns *Eretz* Israel

It is convenient for modern political pundits to reduce the conflict in the Middle East to a dispute between Jews and Arabs over the rightful ownership of the land (*eretz*) of Israel. But they are wrong. The LORD has claimed it as His own: **"The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine" - Leviticus 25:23.**

It is also a land which He watches over continually:

"A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." - Deuteronomy 11:12

He has allowed the Children of Israel to dwell in the land and treat it as their own, on foot of the promise he made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

"Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day." - Deuteronomy 10:15

Thus Jerusalem is theirs on the same basis. The LORD God is the One who provides the land for their habitation in times of blessing and He is the One who drives them out in times of judgment.

He said furthermore that, whenever the Jews were scattered abroad in time of judgment, He would protect the land by making it inhospitable:

"And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it."

- Leviticus 26:32-35



Most Bible commentators, when they expound this passage, focus on the sabbaths which the land will enjoy while the Children of Israel are scattered abroad. In doing so they overlook a fairly obvious implication of this prophetic passage, namely that, when its rightful owners are absent, the land of Israel will be virtually of no use to anyone else! As the Word of God states: **"and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it."**

We know from this prophecy that, ever since 135 A.D., when the Jews were driven from Israel, the land must have lain desolate. When their enemies came in they were greatly disappointed that it would yield for them only a fraction of what it yielded for the Jews. This was God's will for the land of Israel, and continued well into the 19th century when the Jews began to return once more to *eretz* Israel. Very gradually it started to give its increase.

The modern claim by the Arabs ("Palestinians") that their ancestors farmed the land productively for generations is plainly in conflict with the Word of God. They could only have harvested the bounty of *eretz* Israel when the Jews returned in the late 19th century and then only in the regions where the Jews themselves were the legal occupants.

Satan has had to proceed with care

We can see from this how Satan has had to proceed with care in order to advance his plans for Jerusalem. The Ottoman Empire had made little use of the city because, in accordance with Bible prophecy, it could extract little bounty from the land as a whole.

As the Ottoman Empire began to decline, the British set about planning for its ultimate collapse. Part of that plan included the annexation of Jerusalem after the break-up of the Empire. The scheming brotherhood of international Freemasonry – which is controlled from London – was intent on gaining the Holy City and building their equivalent of the Temple of Solomon.



The Word of God foretold the re-establishment of the state of Israel, but it did not say how this would come about. What matters, for our purposes, is that this re-establishment has been achieved in accordance with international law. Since we have already shown that this was the case – see our paper, *Proof of the Legal and Moral Right of Israel to Exist as a Sovereign State* (#13) – we will not consider it further.

This elaborate political project is at the heart of the New World Order. As far as the nations are concerned, the proposed Temple will be Jewish, but for the dark cult of Freemasonry – which is directed by Satan himself – it will be the seat of power from which the New World Order will rule the entire earth. Once his 'son', the Antichrist, enters the Temple and imperiously claims it as his own, he will seemingly have fulfilled his ambition: **"I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north."**



Viewed in this light, the New World Order is a Zionist enterprise, but the 'Zionism' in question is the version devised by Satan. Our heavenly Father is also a Zionist, but the Zionism he is pursuing is the one enshrined in His Holy Word.

Christians should be able to see the difference!

Alas, many do not. It has never occurred to them that the Enemy is determined to take Jerusalem for himself and build a Temple on the Temple Mount for his own purposes. It therefore suits him to have large numbers of Evangelical Christians backing him in this endeavor.

The Third "I will" is a Political Ambition

The third "I will" is a political ambition. By boasting that he will sit upon the mount of the congregation, he is claiming that the Jews will worship him. As Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." (John 5:43)

Since the third "I will" is a political ambition, a goal that can be defined in tangible terms, it can be accomplished in steps. Viewed retrospectively, we can see that the Enemy has already taken some of those steps: (1) prepare for the fall of the Ottoman Empire; (2) hasten its fall, if possible; (3) be directly involved in the partition and allocation of Ottoman territory; (4) assign Jerusalem and its environs to the Jews; and (5) control the political development of Israel.

If we were to formulate a corresponding series of steps to advance this process, it might include the following: (6) maintain Israel in an ongoing state of political turmoil and uncertainty, whereby radical future changes can be made; (7) win widespread support among nations for a peaceful solution to this ongoing conflict; (8) include construction of the Third Temple as a key element in that solution.

Christian Zionists are being inveigled by the masterminds behind the New World Order into supporting step #8. They have been conditioned to believe that the construction of the Third Temple will mark a blessed fulfilment of prophecy, that it will accord with God's will, and that it will virtually ensure the imminent arrival of Christ on earth. But all of this is misleading and filled with confusion. Let's see why.



The Pre-Tribulation Rapture

When Christians pray, "Come, Lord Jesus" – Revelation 22:20 – they are praying for the Rapture. This is the wonderful event, foretold in prophecy, where Christ Jesus returns to receive his bride, the church. He does not return to the earth itself at that time – to judge the wicked – but remains in the sky far above the earth to meet and welcome his bride. He will then bring the saintly assembly – those who are resurrected from the grave and those who are still alive at his coming – to the place in heaven which he has prepared for them. Each will have his own "mansion" or apartment in the Lord's vast heavenly home.

All true believers look with hope and joy to that blessed moment, and the Word of God invites us to pray for its early manifestation. But Christians are nowhere exhorted to pray for the Tribulation or any of the events pertaining to the Wrath of God. In fact we are told never to do so:

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light." - Amos 5:18

The Third Temple is directly connected to the wrath-filled events of the End Time. Anyone who prays for it has crossed the line. He has taken his eyes off the blessed hope and allowed them to rest instead on the chilling execution of the LORD's righteous judgment of mankind.

The servants of the New World Order are anxious to convince the church that the Rapture will take place long after the Tribulation has commenced. This suits their purpose. They want Christians to think that the next event on the prophetic calendar will be the building of the Third Temple in Jerusalem. But this is false. The next scheduled event in Bible prophecy is the Rapture of the church. The building of the Third Temple will have no prophetic significance <u>until</u> the Two Witnesses arrive and consecrate it. Until that happens it will not be a Temple of God.



"And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in." - Genesis 7:16

The Enemy is also using Dual Covenant Theology to lure Christians into believing that the construction of the Third Temple is central to the redemption of the Jews and, as such, is part of Bible prophecy. (We will discuss Dual Covenant Theology in more detail below.)

Ezekiel 8:16

Christian Zionists should be able to see that the Third Temple will be built by people who reject Christ! Alas, most of them are strangely blind to this obvious truth. Some console themselves with the thought that, at the very least, it will be built by Jews who love the LORD God of the Bible. But they are wrong on that count also. Jesus said: **"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)** Those who reject him, reject the Father also. So it is impossible for anyone, including the Jews, to construct a Temple in the name of our Heavenly Father while at the same time formally rejecting His Son.

Christian Zionists have yet to realize that the construction of the Third Temple will be planned and surpervised – and, on its completion, dedicated – by Jews who have not only rejected Jesus of Nazareth but who have also rejected, with blasphemous contempt, the LORD God of the Bible. Spiritually they are direct descendants of the Jewish leaders identified by the prophet Ezekiel:

> "And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east."

- Ezekiel 8:16

The Messiah they are waiting for is definitely not Jesus of Nazareth. They have a very different 'Shepherd' in mind.



Even if the Third Temple were to be built exclusively by "righteous Jews", as the Christian Zionists conceive them, they would be doing so in their pride and in their apostasy. They would also be doing so in violation and defiance of all that the Bible teaches about holiness, which can only ever mean holy in the eyes of God.

Consider just one stunning example, the Water of Separation, which is defined as "a purification for sin." (Numbers 19:9) This is made from the ashes of the red heifer. These ashes are produced in a fire set outside the camp in which the flesh of the red heifer is consumed, along with hyssop, cedar wood, scarlet fabric, and the wood used as fuel for the fire. When the heifer is killed by his assistant, the Aaronic priest sprinkles her blood seven times before the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

There is a major problem with any modern-day attempt to duplicate what the Word of God has specified in Numbers chapter 19. The ceremony requires a duly consecrated Aaronic priest, a direct descendant of Aaron. He must have been consecrated by one of his immediate predecessors. This chain of anointment must have remained unbroken and be connected directly to the priestly consecration that began when Moses anointed Aaron and his sons. This vital condition cannot be satisfied in our modern era. We have no prophet of God to consecrate the first priest, as Moses consecrated Aaron and his sons. So, unless the LORD sends a prophet to fulfil this task, all modern attempts to rebuild the Temple and reinstitute the Temple sacrifices and other sacred ceremonies are entirely vain.

With one exception, there is no modern purification for sin that meets the standard set by God. That one exception is faith in the blood of Christ. Until the Jews can accept the sanctifying power of his precious blood, they will remain in their sins.



The Real Builders of the Third Temple

It ought to be public knowledge by now that the Jews who plan to build the Third Temple in Jerusalem are part of the international cabal who are implementing a New World Order. The Temple they propose to build is the Temple long planned by the leaders of Freemasonry. The various Luciferian cults which serve the Enemy, and which beguile mankind with their lies, are working in concert on this project. Along the way they are subverting and co-opting whomever they can to help them achieve their goal. The Temple which they intend to build will be no more than an ornate structure that will please the Gnostic illuminati and Cabalistic wizards of the New World Order. It will not be a consecrated Temple of God, but a blasphemous counterfeit. And if that is the case, then it will not be possible for the Antichrist to commit within its precincts **"the abomination of desolation"** about which Daniel spoke in 9:27 and to which Jesus referred in Matthew 24:15 and Mark 13:14.

In our paper, *The Mission of the Two Witnesses in the Book of Revelation* (#164), we discussed the ministry of the two witnesses during their brief time here on earth. The following excerpt addresses the abomination of desolation and how it relates to what Jesus said in Matthew 17:11 about the role of Elijah in the End Time:

Elijah will restore all things

This is what Christ meant when he said that Elijah would "restore all things" – **"Elias [Elijah] truly shall first come, and restore all things." (Matthew 17:11).** What "things" did Jesus have in mind? Well, at the time he spoke those words, many of the "things" in question were still in place, notably the Temple, the priesthood and the sacrifices. His disciples would not have understood the prophetic implications of what he was saying since he was referring to the condition of Israel and the city of Jerusalem after 70 A.D.

When the Romans destroyed the city and demolished the Temple they removed the very "things" that Elijah will one day restore. The appointed place of the twice-daily sacrifices had been taken from them, along with the priests who were authorized to make the sacrifices. The Feasts too were gone, most notably the Day of Atonement when the Aaronic High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies. Much else was destroyed in this unimaginable catastrophe: the holy vessels, the holy vestments, the method of manufacturing the incense and anointing oil, the water of sanctification, the Temple records, the priestly schools, the singers and musical instruments, the silver trumpets, and the long-established and highly intricate Levitical system of Temple administration.

Consecrating the Temple

When Elijah returns he will restore all things. He will train and consecrate the Aaronic line of priests and their Levitical assistants, teaching them the Mosaic rituals in godly conformity with the Torah. He will show them how to make the sanctifying water of the red heifer, the holy anointing oil, and the sacrificial incense. He will approve the vestments and vessels and the various elements needed to conduct the offerings ordained by Moses. Most important of all, he will consecrate the Temple so that it will no longer stand merely as a building erected and dedicated by man. Rather it will stand as the very place that the LORD God of all Creation has approved and recognized – through His witness and emissary, Elijah – as His Holy Temple on earth.

The Antichrist can only desecrate a place that is truly holy in the eyes of God. If the LORD did not consecrate the Temple through the office of Elijah, it would not be possible for the Antichrist to profane it. The abomination of desolation can only take place in this divinely anointed location, in a temple building consecrated by a prophet of God. No earthly building, even a magnificent Temple built by man on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, would satisfy that requirement.

Born-again Christians will need to reflect on this. When we can see that the Temple which men will build can have prophetic significance <u>only</u> when it is consecrated by a prophet of God, we will see why Elijah must come first to restore all things.

Man, by his own will, cannot consecrate the Temple. It makes no difference how many celebrated rabbis claim it can be done! The Word of God plainly states that it is utterly impossible. Only Elijah, the prophet whom the LORD will send, can do this.

The First Temple was consecrated by the authority vested by God in David and Solomon. The Second Temple was consecrated by the authority vested by God in Haggai and Zechariah. And the Third Temple will be consecrated by the authority vested by God in Elijah.



Christian Zionists need to review their entire understanding of Scripture as it pertains to the Temple and the End Time. They need to see that the plan currently under way to build the Third Temple is controlled by the masterminds behind the New World Order, that it is a rebellious Masonic enterprise, that it is overseen by the Synagogue of Satan, and that its only purpose is to give glory to the Adversary.

What does God ask of believers in relation to Israel?

No doubt the great majority of Christian Zionists are motivated by pure intentions and a sincere desire to serve the LORD. But we must do so in accordance with His will, as stated in His Word.

Christians need to reflect prayerfully on what God in Heaven requires of them in relation to Israel and the Jewish people. Psalm 122 tells us to **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"** and to **"seek** [its] **good"**. It gives three reasons:

"They shall prosper that love thee." "For my brethren and companions' sakes..." "Because of the house of the LORD our God..."

If the LORD loves Jerusalem then we should too. If He has chosen it for His Son, then it must be incredibly special. Jesus will return to it someday and save it from destruction. He will then build his Temple anew, the great Temple of the Millennium, from which he will govern Israel and the world at large.

As Christians we know that salvation came to us through the Jews, and that salvation will come to the Jews also, to the remnant who will one day accept Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah: "...at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." (Romans 11:5). So we witness to them, we bless their homeland, and we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We also promote a clear Biblical understanding of their past, their present, and their future. In doing so we distinguish carefully between the Jews as a people – whom the LORD watches over continually – and the counterfeit cadre in their midst, the Synagogue of Satan, who are conspiring with their counterparts elsewhere to create a New World Order.

How the Enemy is exploiting 'Christian Zionism'

By and large Christian Zionists are very well-meaning individuals. They love the LORD and want only what is best for the Jewish people. They also want to support Israel only in a way that is pleasing to the LORD. Alas, when it comes to deciding what qualifies as "best" and "pleasing", they are far too easily influenced by the leaders of Secular Zionism and are unwittingly led into supporting goals and adopting positions which have no scriptural basis.

It may help to consider what the Enemy hopes to achieve by keeping them in tow. The list is long and may include elements in addition to those set out below:

1. The Judaization of Christianity

We are witnessing the gradual encroachment of Jewish scholarship and 'expert opinion' into traditional Bible exegesis. Jewish rabbis and academics who claim to have converted to Christianity, and who often display a wealth of knowledge in their chosen field, are adding a distinctly Judaic dimension to Christian theology.

When we go back and examine the work of past Jewish converts to Christianity, we find scholarly men of the calibre of David Baron, Adolph Saphir, and Alfred Edersheim, all of whom could expertly expound the Bible without introducing a so-called Jewish perspective. In our modern era, we had Richard Wurmbrand, another Jewish convert to Christianity, who faithfully expounded God's Word without ever trying to Judaize it. They had no political agenda.

Today, alas, many of their counterparts are following an agenda set by Secular Zionists. By various means they are trying to convince Gentile Christians that their traditional understanding of the Bible is deficient, that the great Bible scholars of the 19th century were lacking the insight and the skills needed to accurately expound the Word of God. Without an inside knowledge of Jewish thought processes – the distinctive nuances and subtleties of the 'Hebrew mind' – they allegedly missed or downplayed the importance of many social, cultural and linguistic factors which affected the meaning of the text.







Adolph Saphir





Alfred Edersheim

Richard Wurmbrand

What these people are doing is fairly transparent. With shameless arrogance they are making rules and establishing criteria which debar non-Jews from expounding Scripture. Every year they seem to tighten the screws a little more. They are even claiming to be the true interpreters of the New Testament! Apparently, while it was written in Greek, the New Testament was recorded by Jews who thought in a Jewish way and therefore the only scholars who are equipped to expound it correctly are Jews.

How did Christianity survive for nearly two thousand years without their 'special knowledge' and their mysterious insights? These are the same people whose fathers managed to twist, distort and manipulate every verse in the Old Testament which pointed to Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah and make it mean everything and anything but what it plainly said.

The 'real' name of Jesus

Seemingly we are now meant to call Jesus 'Yeshua' since that is his 'real' name.

The apostle Paul never referred to him by the name Yeshua. Neither did the Apostle Peter, nor the Apostle John, nor any other New Testament author. The name Jesus (*Iēsous* in Greek) occurs 983 times in the New Testament, the name 'Yeshua' never. It takes an acutely arrogant person to insist that 'Yeshua' is the 'real' name of our Savior and 'Jesus' or *Iēsous* is in some way inferior.

This is a mark of how little these Judaizers really care about God's Word. The New Testament was written in Greek because the Jews had lost the right to have it recorded in their own language. Even Aramaic takes precedence over Hebrew in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit chose Greek as the language of the New Testament because it made the truth of God and the news of our savior, Christ Jesus, accessible to all nations. Jesus himself underscored this when he appeared to John in the Book of Revelation. We are never told that Jesus spoke in Hebrew to John – as he had when he appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus. Since his words are recorded in Greek we can reasonably assume that Jesus spoke in the Greek language to John.



As he ended his discourse to John, he said, **"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).** If the Messiah saw fit to refer to himself by the name "Jesus" (*lēsous* in Greek) in the final chapter of the Bible, then we are truly blessed to address him by the same name every day of our lives.

The rebellious cabal who have dominated Judaism since the Babylonian captivity succeeded in destroying the truth of the Torah by compiling the Talmud. By treating it as an addition to Scripture, a work of equal authority, they undermined the plain meaning of the Torah in countless ways. These so-called sages or rabbis devised so many rules and exceptions, so many "nuances" and subtle interpretations, that the Word of God was fatally obscured beneath layers of human invention.

The modern Judaizers are trying something similar with the New Testament.

Many sincere believers are being taken in by the Hebrew Roots movement and similar Judaizing initiatives. Rather than exercising their discernment and conducting a close study of God's Word, they are relying instead on a Jewish 'expert' to tell them what the Bible 'really' means. In due course many of them end up supporting and propagating a gospel message which has no power to save. And that suits the Enemy just fine.



2. The so-called Noahide Laws

The NWO incursion into Christianity is also promoting the seven 'Noahide Laws' which, it is claimed, are binding on all Gentiles.

We have written in detail about these supposed laws – see *The Sinister Purpose of the So-called Noahide Laws*, #183 – and shown how they were invented by apostate Jewish rabbis to exercise control over Gentiles. They were cunningly endorsed under U.S. law, though most Americans do not know this. Successive U.S. Presidents, beginning with Carter, have honored them annually.

The same ceremonial observance includes a recognition of the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the departed leader of the ultra-orthodox Jewish movement, Chabad Lubavich. Why the American people should accord such an honor to someone who tried to imply he was the Messiah is beyond comprehension. Equally incomprehensible is their tacit acceptance of a judicial forum, yet to be established, that will regulate the observance of the Noahide Laws. This court will arrogate to itself the power to order the summary execution of anyone found guilty of idolatry. Since belief in the deity of Jesus Christ is considered idolatry by many orthodox Jews, the elected representatives of the American people have deceitfully and seditiously passed a law that could in future be used to suppress Christianity and liquidate believers.

Christian Zionists are being slowly indoctrinated into the Noahide Laws. Since most of them have no appreciation whatsoever of the dangers posed by the New World Order, they naively believe all they are told about these so-called laws.

If Christian Zionism did nothing but provide a means to promote these insidious laws among born-again Christians, it would have served its purpose many times over.

3. Two forms of salvation

As incredible as it may seem some leading Christian Zionists are teaching that a Jew's path to salvation differs from that of a Gentile. This heretical teaching is sometimes given the pompous title, Dual Covenant theology. In reality, it is nothing but old-fashioned, Cross-denying paganism. According to one of its chief exponents, a Jew is saved if he "lives in the light" of the Torah. He does not need to hear the Gospel! He does not need to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior! The cross and the blood do not apply to him. He is already "in a covenant relationship" with God and will be redeemed on that basis.

It is hardly necessary to refute any of this nonsense. Even the least informed believer should see it for what it is. And yet a great many Christian Zionists do not.

One of the unfortunate implications of this false teaching is that Christians are now being discouraged from evangelizing Jews. If the Jews are allegedly following a different path to salvation then they have no need to hear about Christ. How pleasing this must be to Satan and his minions!



4. Tricking Christians into supporting the Masonic Temple

As an organized international movement, Christian Zionism is being used to trick Christians into supporting the construction of the Third Temple in Jerusalem. They are made to feel privileged to be involved in such an historic undertaking, not realizing that the 'Temple', in its non-consecrated state, will be nothing more than a monument to human folly. Its construction will be financed and overseen by the same Luciferian cabal who are bringing in the New World Order.

The Third Temple will only become the Temple spoken of in Daniel 9 if and when it is consecrated by Elijah. Christian Zionists don't appear to understand this. Neither do they appear to understand how their good-will is being manipulated for political purposes to advance the main goal of Freemasonry.



5. The Sanhedrin

Perhaps the most perplexing aspect of all this is the way many Christian Zionists have responded warmly to rumors that the ancient Jewish institution known as the Sanhedrin has been re-established. Do they not understand that the recreation of this institution in the modern era will mark a major step forward in the suppression of Christianity? Every member of that body, once it is established, will be a high practitioner of Kabbalah or Jewish magic.

6. Dominionism

Supporters of Christian Zionism are strongly attracted to Dominionism, the false doctrine which holds that man will bring in the Kingdom on behalf of Christ and that, upon its establishment, Christ will return in person to rule from the throne of David in Jerusalem. We have already dealt with this topic in some detail in our paper, *The Gall of Dominionism: Man Will Not and Cannot Bring in the Kingdom* (#157).



Dominionism effectively rejects all End Time prophecy pertaining to the Tribulation, claiming that Bible passages which speak of God's wrath have already been fulfilled or that they refer to a scenario which will come to pass only if man fails to bring in the Kingdom. As we stated in our earlier paper, it tries to hide the judicial mission of Jesus in the End Time:

The Lion of Judah

The Enemy is working hard to hide the true character of Jesus at his second coming. He will not be returning as the lamb, but as the lion, the Lion of Judah, to execute judgment on all who rejected the gospel. The Enemy still tries to portray him as the lamb, the gentlest of individuals who would in no wise cast out the sinner. But the sinner whom Jesus accepts is the one who repents! All the rest must face the wrath of God, the righteous judgment that will fall upon all who have rejected Christ and His Heavenly Father.

Here is how the Apostle Paul referred to this momentous End Time event:

"...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)

This is Christ Jesus of Nazareth, the Lion of Judah, carrying out the mission given to him by his Father.

Most Evangelicals today have forgotten this! They have been lulled into the same complacency that Rome has instilled into the hearts of most Catholics. To them he is still a babe in his mother's arms, or a tortured victim nailed to a cross. They gloss over his triumph on Calvary, and treat his glorious resurrection as a kind of aftermath to Calvary, a mere continuation of a journey interrupted for three days. They try to hide the fact that Jesus died once and rose again, victorious, having destroyed death itself and freed all mankind from the icy grip of Satan. Today he lives bodily in heaven at the right hand of his Father, interceding for the saints, and awaiting the command from his Father to go forth and retrieve his Bride. Having done that he will return to earth and execute severe judgment on all who brazenly defied his Father's will and rejected the free gift of salvation.

7. Other implications of 'Christian Zionism'

Since it is attached to an ever-evolving political machine, Christian Zionism is constantly being 'updated'. Its followers are similar to the citizens of Athens, who **"spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21)**. Instead of rooting their understanding in God's Word – which never changes – they allow themselves to be pushed to and fro by the latest news from Israel, or the White House, or the Middle East, or somewhere else. This spirit of inconstancy affects their grasp of God's Word. Great pillars of Christian eschatology are modified to accommodate the ever-shifting sands of human expectation. Their Third Temple scenario can be kept alive only by ignoring aspects of Bible prophecy. This is why they hardly ever mention the Two Witnesses or the Pre-Tribulation Rapture or the Wrath of God. The role of Satan is also ignored, as though man could embark on such a task from purely altruistic motives.

Israel in Bible Prophecy: An Overview

Before concluding, it may help if we summarize the main points in Bible prophecy pertaining to Israel in the End Time:

The LORD has preserved a Remnant

1. The LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has preserved a remnant, "**the remnant of Jacob**" (Isaiah 10:21), among the worldwide Jewish community. We will not know who these are until Jesus returns. There is no indication at the present time who they might be.

"I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold:" - Micah 2:12

"And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever." - Micah 4:7

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts." - Zechariah 8:6

The Remnant retains the Promises

2. The church has not replaced Israel. Replacement Theology (like Dual Covenant theology) is a lie. The promises pertaining to Israel are still current and will be fulfilled in due course through the mercy and faithfulness of God.

The Jews are the rightful owners of Israel

3. The Jews are the rightful owners of the land of Israel in the eyes of God. They are also the rightful owners of the land under international law. The same international procedures that established the state of Israel (**"the fig tree"**) after the break-up of the Ottoman Empire also established **"all the trees"**, namely the countries that surround Israel – Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia **(Luke 21:29)**. All were validly constituted.

The Jews as a nation are still at enmity with God

4. The Jews today are at war with God. All of them (with a handful of exceptions) reject Christ Jesus, their Messiah. Despite what some of them may believe, they have also rejected the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Bible states that any person who rejects His Son has rejected Him also (**"He that hateth me hateth my Father also." - John 15:23**). Thus the Jewish nation as a whole is in a dire spiritual condition.

The Synagogue of Satan

5. To make matters worse, the Enemy has secured substantial control over the religious, social, economic and political structures that underpin Judaism and the state of Israel. Christ referred twice to the Synagogue of Satan, a group within Judaism which serves Satan and which – by definition – is dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish people. They may call themselves Jews, but they are not.

Under God's judgment and protection

6. The Jews are under both the judgment and the protection of God. The End Time will see a startling manifestation of both. The Jews who think the New World Order will work to their advantage are greatly mistaken. The **"time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7)** will be a time of testing and tribulation unlike any in history.

The veil spread over all nations

7. The Synogogue of Satan is steering the New World Order toward its ultimate objective, the annihilation of all Christians and Jews. Much of the corporate and financial world is under its control. This includes the music and television industries, Hollywood, pornography, narcotics, pharmaceuticals, the international arms industry, gambling, child trafficking and prostitution, and virtually any activity that combines wealth generation with moral corruption. The Messiah will destroy this veil of darkness and deception on his return: **"And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations." - Isaiah 25:7**

The Deliberate Separation of the Jews from the Torah

8. The Synagogue of Satan has worked hard down the centuries to lure the Jews away from the Torah, and it has been very successful. The Talmud, a commentary on the Torah, has acquired a status equal to that of the Torah, which is a blasphemous claim, and has picked apart the Word of God with outrageous disregard for the righteousness and sovereignty of God. The Synagogue of Satan has also lured a great many Jews into the magical perversion known as Kabbalah and developed insipid forms of Judaism – Reform and Conservative Judaism – which are little more than liturgical expressions of Jewish ethnicity.



The Arrival of the Two Witnesses

9. The Third Temple, when it is built, will enter the realms of Bible prophecy with the arrival of the Two Witnesses. If our interpretation of Scripture is correct, they will literally take control of the Temple and consecrate it to God. Elijah and his fellow witness will restore all things. Over a period of three and a half years they will deny access to the New World Order, sending down fire from heaven on all who oppose them. They will be reviled by the international media and cursed by all who support the New World Order.

The False Prophet

10. To help counter this bad publicity and bolster the public image of the Antichrist, the False Prophet will perform wonders which he will broadcast through the media to every corner of the world. Some of these may even involve special effects and advanced technology.

The Antichrist

11. Finally, the Antichrist will arrive in Jerusalem and kill both of the Witnesses. There will be worldwide jubilation. Television screens in every country will carry images of their lifeless bodies strewn like garbage in the street. Three and a half days will pass. Then, to everyone's horror, they will come back to life and ascend up to heaven. The shock and consternation will cause the Antichrist to rush to the Temple and declare to the world that he is god. In his fury he will commit the abomination of desolation and order his troops to slaughter all the Jews in Jerusalem.

The Miraculous Flight

12. By miraculous intervention, a great many Jews will flee to safety in a place prepared for them in Jordan by the Archangel Michael. They will be protected there for three and a half years from the rage and fury of the Antichrist, who will use every weapon at his disposal to penetrate their "sheep fold".

Anti-Jewish propaganda

13. The End Time will witness a massive increase in anti-Jewish propaganda. The Synagogue of Satan is engineering a situation, similar to that in Nazi Germany, where the Jews will be blamed for all the problems of humanity. In reality these problems are being generated by Satan himself and his dark band of followers here on earth, only some of whom are Jewish. The role of a substantial number of non-Jews in the coming mayhem will be ignored. Even though only a small proportion of their total official population will be complicit, the Jews as a whole will take the blame for everything. This is why the nations of the world will each send an army to Israel to assist in its destruction.

The 144,000 Jewish evangelists

14. Elijah and the second witness will likely train the 144,000 Jewish men who will evangelize the world like a school of prophets during the Tribulation. This is a further reason to believe Elisha will be the second witness since he worked alongside Elijah in the original School of the Prophets.

The Remnant receive their Sight

15. Despite the miraculous way they are preserved from destruction, the Jews who are protected by the Archangel Michael will be slow to accept that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, their Messiah. Their "sight" will return only gradually. Jesus may have alluded allegorically to this prophetic process when he healed the blind man at Bethsaida:

"And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town."

- Mark 8:22-26

Many Bible scholars have commented on the uniqueness of this miraculous healing since it came in <u>two</u> phases, thereby suggesting – it would seem – that the first phase was only partly successful and that a further step was needed to achieve a complete healing. No other miracle by Jesus was performed in this way. (For a more detailed examination of this miracle, see *Jeremiah's Field* (#67)).



The prophet Zechariah referred to the same "refining" process that Israel would go through in the End Time:

"And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God." - Zechariah 13:9

Our heavenly Father even 'reassured' Jesus that his people would accept him when he returned the second time:

The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. <u>Thy people shall</u> <u>be willing in the day of thy power</u>, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. - Psalm 110:2-3

The Challenge for Bible-believing Christians

It is hard for many Christians to accept all of this. Even though they are not antisemitic, they are convinced that the church has replaced Israel. They fail to weigh Bible prophecy in its totality and discern the ultimate purpose of God for the remnant of Israel. To the extent that they ever bother to think about the plan that Satan is following, or whether he even has a plan, they fail to see that he is determined to destroy the Jews. Jesus said he would return only when they call on him and utter those precious words, **"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD." (Matthew 23:39)**.

Satan wants to ensure that this never happens. He knows that, if he can succeed in annihilating them, he will retain control of the earth and save his own skin. To this end he is taking maximum advantage of the obstinacy and pride that has characterized their relationship with God from the beginning.

Moses summed this up shortly before his death:

"For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?" - Deuteronomy 31:27 Isaiah made a very similar assessment:

"...this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:" - Isaiah 30:9-10

However, just a few verses later the LORD gave His response: He will wait, and when they finally cry to Him, He will answer! –

"And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you... For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee." - Isaiah 30:18-19

This promise is repeated in Zechariah 13:9, which he have just quoted.

Even though they are a rebellious people – so stubborn! so proud! – the LORD will do exactly as He promised. The remnant will be saved.

Why will He do this? Well, verse 18 above gives the answer: "**that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted.**" In other words they are saved purely by grace, for the sake of His Holy Name.

It is just as the prophet Samuel said:

"For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people." - 1 Samuel 12:22

Those Jews who come through "**the time of Jacob's trouble**" and accept Christ Jesus as their Messiah will be vastly different from the apostate, unbelieving and rebellious nation of a few years previously. They will grieve terribly when they realize that they rejected their Messiah at his first coming. And they will acknowledge that the punishment they received on foot of that rejection was wholly justified.

They will be changed utterly, as all are changed who are born again:

"In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them... And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications:" - Zechariah 12:8 & 10

The LORD God in heaven will do this for His own glory, for His great names's sake, and for His Son. He will not do it because man, whether Jew or Gentile, "deserves" to be saved, for no-one is deserving of salvation:

"Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

- Ezekiel 36:23-26

For His mercy endureth forever!

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