The Pre-incarnate Christ told Israel: 'I will never break my covenant with you'



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Model of the Second Temple (Israel Museum)

Hidden in Plain View

Let's get right to the point. Satan hates mankind and is determined to destroy it.

There was a time when just about every Christian knew this, but not anymore. Today, millions of professing Christians imagine that evil of this magnitude does not and could not exist. And of the few who have given the matter any thought, most have concluded that, if an evil of this kind *did* exist, it would not be able to hide itself for very long.

If you share their opinion, then you are standing on very fragile ground.

This paper rests squarely on the premise that a truly dreadful evil is hiding itself in plain view in the world today and that, unless a sufficient number of Christians oppose it through prayer and supplication, it will soon break forth with terrifying intensity.

The Global Elite

The fallen angels who rebelled against God some six thousand years ago are preparing for the final phase of their ancient campaign against mankind. As a necessary prelude to this, they intend to install their false messiah as world ruler.

The fallen angels are invisible, but so too are their earthly servants in a manner of speaking. The latter comprise the ultra-rich families, the Global Elite, who for generations have controlled the affairs of this world from behind the scenes. The full extent of their wealth is truly astonishing, having been accumulated over hundreds of years through merchant banking, insider trading, and a host of protected monopolies. Using clever accounting and investment techniques, they have hidden their multi-trillion dollar portfolios behind a wall of secrecy and faded into the background. However, by employing a variety of front men, proxies and a coterie of intermediaries – many of whom are highly intelligent and very well educated – they have continued to develop and implement an ambitious plan to bring about a world socialist government:

'Some even believe we [*the Rockefeller family*] are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure – one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.'

– David Rockefeller, *Memoirs*, 2002

Under their proposed global regime a strict code of social conduct will be enforced and civil liberties as we know them will completely disappear. Social indoctrination will keep the masses in check, dissent of any kind will not be tolerated, and the imprisonment, torture and execution of 'rebels' will be commonplace.

Is this too much to believe? If you doubt the existence of Satan, then it probably is. But if you understand that an evil supernatural genius has been directing these secretive families for generations, that he has been following a carefully designed plan, and that this plan is now at a very advanced stage, then you will know that what we are saying here is perfectly true.

The serious purpose of Biblical prophecy

We need to understand this dark, Satanic plan. And to do this we must take very, very seriously what the LORD has told us about it in his Holy Word.

Alas, few Christians today are paying attention. Their pastors and elders have neglected the literal truth of Biblical prophecy and have substituted an allegorical mode of interpretation which completely obscures the crucial information that the LORD has made available for our benefit.

Christ himself warned of the need to take End Time prophecy very seriously when, in Matthew 24:15, he said:

'When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (<u>whoso readeth, let him</u> <u>understand</u>:)'

If we don't know what Daniel meant by the "abomination of desolation" then we are meant to study his prophetic writings until we do - "whoso readeth, let him understand." This is the only occasion where Christ instructed his disciples to study a specific book of the Old Testament. It is no accident that its focus is on a critical End Time event.

Why don't the majority of Christian ministers and pastors take Bible prophecy seriously? Why are they not studying it with deep conviction – as Christ asked – and urging their flocks to do likewise? To understand this we need to look carefully at Satan's plan and how it is being carried out. If we do we will find that the allegorisation of Biblical prophecy – and thus the obliteration of its precious message – is *itself* a key element in his plan.

Satan's Objectives

To understand how the various elements in Satan's plan fit together we need to know specifically what he is trying to achieve. Matthew 23:39 gives us the answer:

For I say unto you, You shall see me no more until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Nearly all who heard Jesus speak these words – which come from Psalm 118, one of the great Messianic psalms – would have understood perfectly their profound significance.

Please reflect carefully on these words. They are the golden key to all that is happening in the world today. Christ pronounced them at the close of his last public discourse in the Temple, shortly before his crucifixion. He was telling Jerusalem and all who lived there that they will not see him again until, in their darkest tribulation, they cry out to him with one voice, to Christ their Messiah, and say – "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

This is the momentous event that will trigger the Second Coming of Christ.

Of course, this is precisely what Satan is determined to prevent by every means at his disposal. If the Jewish people, as a nation, could be destroyed before they could issue this appeal, then the Second Coming could not occur. And since Christ was addressing the city of Jerusalem, then that city – and everyone in it – must be brought under his control and destroyed.

Do you see the significance of this? Satan needs to kill all of the Jews wherever they may be, especially those in Jerusalem, but he must do so suddenly and ruthlessly, without any warning of his intentions.

They must not be allowed to recognise what is happening, to gather their wits as it were, and appeal with one voice to their Messiah. The more Jews he can gather in one place, the better. And if he can succeed in getting the nation of Israel to trust in him completely – through his incarnation as the false messiah known as the Antichrist – then the attack will come with no warning whatever and fall with crushing intensity on a defenceless nation.

The Coming Holocaust

Satan has tried several times to annihilate the Jewish people. When the Israelites were fleeing from Egypt, Pharaoh tried to cut the entire nation to pieces with his vast army. The attempted genocide by Haman, as recorded in the Book of Esther, was organised at the highest official levels in Babylon and came very close to success. Millions of Israelites were murdered or enslaved in ancient times by invading armies, notably those of Assyria, Babylon and Rome, while the Nazis planned and carried out an extermination program which killed about one third of all Jews on earth at the time.

The prophet Zechariah tells us that the End Time holocaust will be even worse, claiming the lives of two-thirds of all Jews:

'And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.' – Zechariah 13:8

Satan is obsessed with the destruction of the Jews. Through careful nurturing, he has moulded two major religious systems into antisemitic monsters. The Roman Catholic church, with 1.2 billion members worldwide, has been relentless in her persecution of the Jews from the earliest times. She has convinced millions that the Church – meaning the Roman Catholic Church – has replaced Israel in God's prophetic plan and that the Jews as a nation are destined for oblivion. Through his other great masterpiece – Islam – Satan has convinced 1.5 billion people that the Jews are vermin on the face of the earth, an affront to Allah that must be destroyed.

The Role of Propaganda

Most of what Satan has achieved to date has been through propaganda. Repetitive, monotonous indoctrination gets results. Once the seeds of suspicion and distrust have been sown, the task of whipping the masses into a frenzy is made considerably easier. History has demonstrated again and again the effectiveness of this approach. Even otherwise sane people can be carried along by the mindless tide of public opinion, by well-crafted rumours and lies, and by a craven urge to merge with the crowd in a time of crisis.

If this strategy has worked so well in the past, we can expect it to continue. In fact, at some point in the not too distant future, Israel as a nation will likely be accused by various world leaders of complicity in crimes against humanity. This will likely be achieved under the auspices of the UN, whose contempt for Israel is legendary. For example, it passed a resolution in 1975 which condemned Zionism as racism, and only withdrew it in 1991.

In an <u>earlier paper [click here]</u> we showed how the so-called 'Palestinian' people have been deliberately isolated and abandoned by their Arab brothers and sisters. While other nations have been willing to absorb their own refugees and displaced persons, the Arab nations have resolutely refused to do so. The UN is effectively endorsing the Arab position by operating *two* agencies for refugees, the UNHCR and the UNRWA. The former deals with *all* countries and categories *except* the so-called 'Palestinians', while the latter deals exclusively with the 'Palestinian' question. While the UNHCR consistently pursues a policy of reintegration and absorption, the UNRWA works hard to *prevent* reintegration and seeks instead to establish a separate state for this rejected group of Arabs. What is more, this proposed state, which has no legal, moral or ethnic justification, must for some reason be established in Israeli territory, even when the surrounding Arab nations possess vast tracts of uninhabited land which could easily be used for this purpose.

By deliberately forcing their own people into an impossible situation and requiring them to survive under inhumane conditions, the Islamic leadership is trying to portray Israel – the country whose sovereignty is being violated – as the author of their misfortune. There is no doubt that the 'Palestinians' are in a dreadful bind, but it ought to be obvious to all but hardened antisemites that their oppressors are **Islamic**, not Jewish.

Here is how a former Director of the UNWRA, Ralph Garroway, put it in August, 1958: "The Arab States do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die." These three simple sentences by Mr Garroway perfectly sum up the Arab attitude to the 'Palestinian' refugees.

The Zionist Confusion

For years antisemitic groups have alleged that the state of Israel is part of a wider Zionist plot to secure world domination. They point, for example, to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a 19th century document which allegedly sets out the steps that are being taken to bring this about. They also contend that the world financial system is under Jewish control and is being used to advance a global Zionist agenda. In addition they allege that Jewish interests exercise a disproportionate degree of influence over the media and key sectors of industry in both the US and Europe.

As important as this question may seem, it is really a smokescreen that serves to conceal a much more fundamental question, a question that the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the liberal Protestant churches and other powerful groups have been trying to suppress for decades.

The question that Christians everywhere should be asking, but which few seem to have considered, is this:

Is the existing state of Israel, including the Jews who live there, the nation to which Biblical prophecy refers? Forget about 'Zionist' plots for a moment. If the existing state of Israel is the one to which the Bible is referring, then we must have due regard to <u>everything</u> that the LORD has said about her in the only book he ever wrote.

Human speculation and human opinion amount to nothing if they conflict with the stated intentions of our Creator. Those who persist in their opinions, in opposition to what the LORD has revealed about Israel, are simply playing with fire.

God's Plan for Israel

God's plan for Israel is clearly set out in the Old and New Testaments. In fact, the level of detail in places is truly remarkable. We cannot do justice here to this extraordinary account, but we can summarise the main features in her prophetic calendar:

- 1. After the fall of Jerusalem [*which occurred in 70 AD*] the Jews would be scattered to the four corners of the world and would suffer endless persecution and abuse at the hands of Gentile nations.
- 2. After a long but unspecified period, the Jews as a nation would begin to return to the Promised Land. *[This commenced around 1870.]*
- 3. Eventually, after a sufficient number had returned, the Jews would become a nation in a single day. [*That day was 14 May 1948.*]
- 4. The city of Jerusalem would also come under Jewish control. [This happened on 7 June 1967.]
- 5. The Jews who returned to the Promised Land would largely comprise unbelievers. Few would honour the LORD God of the Old Testament, and fewer still would recognise Jesus as their Messiah.
- 6. The enemies of the Jewish people would never cease to hate Israel and would continually conspire against her.
- 7. The surrounding Arab states would launch one or more deadly attacks against Israel with a view to destroying her as a nation. [To date these have included the genocidal attacks of 1948, 1967, and 1973. Further attacks could result in a major loss of territory by the Arabs and a substantial expansion in the size of Israel.]

*** Israel is at this point today in her prophetic calendar ***

- 8. A massive military invasion will be launched against Israel from the north probably Russia in league with Iran and Turkey. This will be repulsed in spectacular fashion by supernatural means.
- 9. The nations of the world will combine into ten regional authorities, from which a single leader will emerge. He will sign a 7-year treaty with Israel, ostensibly to guarantee her security and protect her from further threats of invasion.

- 10. The prophet Elijah will return to earth at this time and reinstitute in Jerusalem the Old Testament practices that were current in Judea at the time of Christ. Elijah will be accompanied by another major Biblical figure, probably Moses.
- 11. The great End Time persecution will commence three and a half years later.
- 12. Elijah and the other prophet will train or inspire 144,000 Jewish men to travel the world and preach the gospel of Christ.
- 13. The Antichrist, who signed the 7-year treaty with Israel, will try to destroy the Jews, wherever they may be, by any means possible. All who convert to Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, will be hunted down and executed.
- 14. A significant proportion of the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea will escape to a region in southern Lebanon where they will receive supernatural protection from the archangel Michael.
- 15. The Jews under Michael's protection, and very probably a number of Jews in other parts of the world, will come to a saving faith in Christ as their Messiah. Collectively they will issue the cry, <u>Blessed is he who</u> comes in the name of the Lord.
- 16. Christ will then return in power and glory and destroy the Antichrist and his vast armies. He will restore order and peace to a devastated planet and establish his throne in Jerusalem. The Jewish remnant, his chosen people, will administer the world thereafter in his holy name.

Naturally, a summary of this kind must omit many important details. However, these 16 points give a useful outline of the past, present and future of Israel from a Biblical perspective. Remember, this is God's plan – not man's. This means it will happen, despite strenuous efforts by Satan and his servants to push it off track.

So, even though the position of Israel today, both spiritually and politically, is seen by millions as a complex issue, it is really very simple from God's perspective. Whatever he has spoken will happen. Furthermore, he will bless those who bless his plan and his people, but he will deal severely with those who continue to oppose him – 'Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!' (Isaiah 45:9)

Israel matters to God, and Jerusalem matters most of all. And if she matters to God, then she should matter to all true Christians:

'The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.' - Psalm 87:2

Incredibly, the vast majority of Jews in the world today are ignorant of God's plan. And the few who know about it are attracted mainly by its influence on Christian opinion and support. The only Jews who seem to know that it will come to pass exactly as the Bible has foretold are those who have come to a saving faith in Christ as their Messiah (sometimes known as Hebrew Christians or Messianic Jews).

God's Chosen People

Now let's return to the fundamental question, namely, whether the existing state of Israel, including the Jews who live there, is the nation to which Biblical prophecy refers.

The sad reality is that the enemies of true Biblical Christianity are more determined than ever to destroy the Jews and are doing everything they can to discredit them. In conjunction with Replacement Theology – which we will discuss separately – they are marketing two very popular lies to confuse the unwary:

- that the 'Palestinian' claim to the Promised Land is proof that the Jews have no right to be there and that their continued occupation of the land is illegal and therefore contrary to the will of God.
- that the Jews who are in Israel today are not the same ethnic group to which the Bible refers and that there is nothing distinctively 'Jewish' in their genetic make-up.

These false propositions are designed to make the average person think he doesn't know enough about the background and history of the 'Middle East question' to be able to make an informed decision about Israel. They are based on the principle that, if he can't come to a decision, he will likely see a compromise of some kind as the best solution. And since just about every 'compromise' requires that Israel give up part of her territory, the lies will have achieved their purpose.

Be realistic. Either the Jews are entitled to own and occupy the Promised Land, or they are not. And if they are, then no nation on earth has the right to demand that she give up one square inch of her territory, whether in Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights or the Gaza Strip.

For an analysis of the Jewish right to own and occupy in perpetuity the land of Israel, including the so-called disputed territories, see our earlier paper [click here]. It shows, among other things, that the 'Palestinians', as a people or a nation, have no historical validity and are purely a product of Arab duplicity and Islamic propaganda. (This should not blind us, of course, to the unfortunate situation in which these Arabs now find themselves.)

One could be drawn into a detailed and time consuming study of these false propositions (and others like them) and accumulate a wealth of material on the history of the Middle East and the ethnicity of its various inhabitants – and still come away bewildered and confused. Consider the Khazars, for example, and the claim that they converted to Judaism in the 9th century and today comprise a substantial proportion of the Jews living in Israel. It is argued that these were not familial descendants of Jacob and therefore could not have inherited the covenants which the LORD made with the people of Israel.

Based largely on scanty evidence and unproven assumptions, such an argument is very misleading. For example, it ignores the possibility that the majority of Khazars were *already* ethnically Jewish, possibly direct descendants of one or more of the ten northern tribes. It also ignores the fact that, in the course of history, mass conversion to Judaism has been virtually unknown. After all, why would any ethnic group adopt an alien religious identity that would only expose it to endless persecution by both Christians and Muslims alike? It doesn't make sense. Indeed, regardless of the edicts issued by their leaders, why would any tribe or nation submit to adult circumcision and a strict religious code, an elaborate liturgical calendar, disciplined sabbath observance, onerous dietary rules, and a range of social, sexual and marital restrictions? In short, if the Khazars are Jewish, then they were always Jewish.

Despite the propaganda, disinformation, and deception, there is actually a very simple way to establish whether or not the Jews who are in Israel today are the same people to whom Biblical prophecy refers. Just consider the following historical facts, all of which accord fully with what the Bible foretold:

- ► The Jews are undoubtedly the most oppressed people in history, having endured nearly two thousand years of intense racial contempt and hatefuelled persecution, and yet they have survived. Experience has shown that, once a nation is displaced, it disintegrates, normally within a few generations, but the Jews have defied this iron law of history to a remarkable degree. This alone is proof that they are a distinct, homogenous race, a nation set apart, and, as the Bible foretold, the recipient throughout history of both divine chastisement and providential care.
- ► Israel was attacked simultaneously by six Arab nations within hours of her foundation on May 14, 1948. According to all known principles of warcraft, she should have been destroyed. Vastly outnumbered, she didn't possess even the tanks and planes needed to repel her enemy. The Arabs were supremely confident of victory over this rag-tag army of farmers, shopkeepers and schoolteachers. So, when hostilities finally subsided, the humiliation of the Arabs and of Islam generally could hardly have been greater.
- ► Israel was subjected to another surprise genocidal attack on several fronts in 1967, and again she survived, even though the odds were stacked heavily against her.
- Another massive attack by Arab forces in 1973 was also repulsed by Israel. Even though her enemies were highly trained and possessed the best of modern weaponry, and even though they had the element of surprise, vastly superior numbers and the strategic advantage of conducting their assault along several fronts of their own choosing, the tiny nation still prevailed.

► It cannot reasonably be argued that the visceral hatred that the Arabs have for the Jews is a product of mistaken identity. Having lived in their vicinity for nearly four thousand years, they know exactly who they are.

The hand of God is clearly visible in all of this. A nation of impostors would never have survived the vicious persecutions of history. A nation of impostors would never have repulsed even one, never mind three, surprise genocidal attacks on several fronts by vastly superior forces. And a nation of impostors would never have elicited even a fraction of the hatred to which Israel has been subjected by the Arab world and Islam generally over a very long period.

Be assured, the people in Israel today *are* God's chosen people – the real thing. They are the people to which Biblical prophecy refers, and they are the people whom God will rescue in the End Time.

Satan's Counter-Plan for Israel

Satan has his own plan for Israel. Details in the Book of Revelation and elsewhere in scripture would suggest that it includes the following steps:

- 1. Secure control of the world financial system and use it to oppress and subvert national governments. [Already achieved.]
- 2. Fund war and terrorism to break up nations and restrict civil liberties. [Ongoing.]
- 3. Greatly increase the power, variety and number of highly destructive weapons, sufficient to destroy the world (The Bible tells us that, if the Antichrist was allowed to continue his reign beyond the strict limit set by God, there would be no life left on earth.) [Already achieved.]
- 4. Introduce a global computer network for handling all financial and commercial transactions. *[Far advanced.]*
- 5. Merge the existing system of independent sovereign states into ten world kingdoms. *[This step is currently under way.]*
- 6. Establish his 'son' (the Antichrist) as head of one of these world kingdoms, possibly by force. Then make war with several others until all ten are under his control.
- 7. Through the exercise of seemingly miraculous abilities, to convince the leaders of Israel, and seemingly a large proportion of her population, that he is the Messiah. (Christ confirmed that this would happen: "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))
- 8. Once the nation of Israel has taken down her guard, to attack her with merciless ferocity and swiftly annihilate every Jew on the face of the earth.

The first five steps in this plan are being carried out by the Global Elite, whom we have already mentioned. This is the confederacy of ultra-wealthy families and bloodlines that have controlled Europe, America and much of the world for centuries. While some are Jewish, the majority are not. They include, for example, the descendants of the powerful banking families that controlled Venice and Genoa during the Renaissance and amassed staggering fortunes along the way. Everyone has heard of the Rothschilds, but few are aware of the equally wealthy and highly influential Orsini, Aldobrandini and Pallavicini families, to name but a few. Most European countries, as well as former British colonies like the US, Canada, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, have families of similar stature, many of whom are connected through marriage and dynastic alliances, royal affiliations, and covert interbreeding.

They have been working together behind the scenes for centuries to gradually re-shape the world along ancient feudal lines, where those who are born to rule – the Global Elite – will dominate and control the tide of humanity. Numbers in excess of their needs, the so-called *useless eaters*, will simply be eliminated. The Elite have expressed a desire to see the world's population reduced as quickly as possible from seven billion to just one billion or less.

The totalitarian plan that was followed and implemented by the Global Elite during the 20th century included many of the strategic ideas that were set out in the *Protocols*. The plan, however, is European, not Jewish.

It suits the Global Elite to promote the perception that the Jews or 'Zionists' are conspiring against the rest of humanity. We should expect deliberate distortion and misrepresentation of this kind, to the point where virtually no-one can tell with certainty what's happening. Indeed, if the LORD in his mercy had not set out the pattern of the End Time in his Holy Word, we would all be utterly deceived.

The *Protocols* should really have been called *The Protocols of the Elders of Babylon*, since these ultra-rich families subscribe completely to the system of idolatry and pantheism that was practised in ancient Babylon and propagated thereafter through a network of secret societies and occult fraternities. These have included the mysteries of Isis and Osiris, Tammuz, Eleusis, Dionysus, etc and their modern counterparts, the Rosicrucians, Freemasons, Cabalists, Theosophists, and Sufis. They derive from a common source and are bound together by one over-arching principle, namely the worship of Lucifer. This is the seductive persona that Satan presents to his followers, a luminous image that has bewitched and beguiled the ruling elite for thousands of years, and known to them by many names – such as the Light-Bearer, the Shining One, Saturn, Apollo, Helios, Nimrod, Hermes and Osiris.

In short, the ultra-rich Elite **hate** the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; they abhor Judaism and despise Christianity.

Satan's human agents are very clever people. Their capacity for deceit and deception is extraordinary. Christ warned us of this when he said, "for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). It is probably fair to say that most Christians today are unable to appreciate the depth of this deception or to believe that any group of people could pursue such dark goals for so long and not be found out.

We need to recognise that Satan has been following a detailed plan for a very long time. Through it he is seeking, among other things, to portray the Jews as enemies of Christianity; to make people believe that his chosen bloodline (through which he will produce the Antichrist) is the true dynastic link to the house of David (*Da Vinci Code*, Mary Magdalene, etc); to convince the masses that the Jews secretly control the world and are advancing ruthlessly toward world domination; to make it seem that all of the world's problems stem from Judeo-Christian values and beliefs; to infiltrate and weaken Israeli society and leadership through Freemasonry, Cabala and similar covert means; to promote 'critical' Biblical scholarship and false methods of interpretation which support his objectives; to focus world attention on Israel and turn public opinion against her; to create confusion as to who is truly Jewish and who is not; and so on. The list is long.

It is doubtful whether anyone on earth today can comprehend all of the tricks and devices that Satan is using to gain control of Jerusalem, to turn the world against the Jews, and to prevent the Second Coming of Christ.

The Power of Rome

The Global Elite are also in control of the Roman Catholic Church, an organization that exercises extraordinary influence on the world stage and is a major player in the drive to bring about a New World Order.

As we have noted in previous papers, for a period of 600 years or thereabouts the Pope was selected from just 11 families – Orsini, Borgia, Piccolomini, De Medici, Colonna, Farnese, Caetani, Borghese, Barberini, Aldobrandini and Sforza. The first four held the papacy on no fewer than 9 occasions.

Please think carefully about this. The most influential political position in the world has for centuries been the exclusive preserve of just a small group of families. Through their control over the Vatican, the Elite are now able to manipulate nations as never before. This is achieved in no small measure by the astonishing wealth that the Vatican has accrued over the centuries. As Lord James of Blackheath, a highly placed official with the Bank of England, stated in the House of Lords on 1 November 2010, the Vatican owns more gold bullion than most experts had been estimating for the world as a whole.

The wealthiest and most influential organization in the world also happens to have an appalling record of antisemitism. The Roman Catholic Church has long argued that she has replaced the Jews in God's favour and has tried several times, through the Crusades, to take complete control of the Holy Land. What is more, her worldwide operations are overseen and directed by a secretive body of highly trained and heavily indoctrinated men known as the Jesuit Order, prospective members of which must be able to prove that their genealogy has not been contaminated by Jewish blood for at least five generations.

The Roman Catholic church last made a bid for world domination in the 16th century when the Papacy controlled most of Europe and its global militia – the seasoned armies of Spain and Portugal – were making lucrative conquests in Latin America, and later in Africa and Asia. The Pope even decreed in 1493 that the world was henceforth divided into two zones, one dominated by Roman Catholic Spain and the other by Roman Catholic Portugal. Millions of innocent people were murdered or enslaved on foot of this tyrranical decree.

However, the hand of God intervened and the Reformation derailed a plan which until then had been running smoothly. The ruling families of Europe had under-estimated the importance of the printing press, which made the Bible available on a scale never seen before. This inspired many to rebel against Papal oppression and preach the true Gospel. Rome responded by putting her killing machine in motion and slaughtering millions of innocent people across central Europe, but she was unable to regain her former ascendancy.

The Global Elite have been working behind the scenes ever since to re-establish their supremacy and bring about a New World Order. Given both her incredible wealth and her extensive political influence across large regions of the world, there can be no doubt that the Roman Catholic Church continues to play a major role in this program. And for this reason her attitude to the Jews is of the utmost importance.

The Curse of Replacement Theology

Rome is the principal source and champion of Replacement Theology. This is the belief that the promises which the LORD made to the people of Israel were transferred in their entirety to the church when the Jews rejected their Messiah. A surprising number of Christian denominations, including the Calvinist, Anglican and Evangelical, also hold to this belief.

It is often overlooked that, apart from being patently antisemitic and completely contrary to the plain word of Scripture, Replacement Theology also contains within it an implied claim on the land of Israel. While Rome has been careful not to advertise this particular ambition in recent decades, it was all too evident, in violent and bloody form, during the Crusades. Rome only officially acknowledged the state of Israel in 1993 and has long tried to keep Jerusalem from the Jews by having it defined legally as an 'international city' controlled by Gentiles (which in practice would mean Rome herself).

Replacement Theology is undoubtedly one of Rome's – and Satan's – greatest lies. Since we have already addressed it in some detail in an <u>earlier paper [click here]</u>, we will confine our observations to a truly remarkable but greatly neglected historical event.

Before doing so we need to consider the meaning of the term, "the angel of the Lord", which occurs several times in the Old Testament. For example, the angel of the Lord appeared to Hagar after she was cast out by Sarah (Genesis 16). He also appeared to Balaam (Numbers 22), to Gideon (Judges 6) and to Samson's parents (Judges 13). In the King James Bible he is even referred to as both 'an' angel of the Lord and 'the' angel of the Lord:

'But <u>the</u> angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was <u>an</u> angel of the LORD.' (Judges 13:21)

In a striking episode from the Book of Joshua the great leader is confronted by 'the captain of the LORD's host':

'And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And <u>the captain of the LORD's host</u> said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for <u>the place whereon thou standest is holy</u>. And Joshua did so.' (Joshua 5:13-15)

Since the "man" asked Joshua to take off his shoes, "for the place whereon thou standest is holy," we know that he is a *divine* person and not just an angel. And since Christ is the divine person who commands the LORD's host of angels, we know that Joshua had a personal encounter with the pre-incarnate Christ.

This was very similar to the encounter that Moses had at the burning bush:

'And <u>the angel of the LORD</u> appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: <u>put off thy shoes from off thy feet</u>, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.' (Exodus 3:2-5)

He too was on holy ground and in the presence of the angel of the LORD, therefore he too was being addressed by the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the preincarnate Christ. The angel of the Lord and the pre-incarnate Christ are one and the same person.

The Hebrew word that is rendered 'angel' in English is 'malak', which means *messenger*. The Greek word for 'angel' in the New Testament is 'angelos', which also means *messenger*. Thus it is grammatically correct to describe Christ as a 'messenger' without implying that he is an angel. An angel can *never* receive worship and will rebuke anyone who attempts to bow down before him. This is exactly what happened to John when, as recorded in the Book of Revelation, he fell down and tried to worship the angel who had just shown him an amazing series of prophetic scenes:

'And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, <u>See thou do it not</u>: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: <u>worship God</u>.' (Revelation 22:8-9)

The Bible also tells us that several men "walked with God". These included Adam, Enoch and Noah. The Person with whom they walked could not have been the Father, since no man has seen the Father. Therefore these righteous individuals – who lived before the Flood – had also been in the presence of the pre-incarnate Christ.

Perhaps I have laboured this point a little, but it is something that many Christians do not seem to understand or be aware of. The Messiah has watched carefully over mankind from the days of Creation and continues to do so today from his throne at the right hand of the Father. While on earth, he paid in full the sin debt of every person who believes in him, and he will come again and rule the earth in person from his holy city, Jerusalem.

On most occasions in the Old Testament, where the angel of the Lord appeared to men, he did so to only one or two individuals at a time. There were only two exceptions. The first was when 73 senior members of the children of Israel were invited to accompany Moses up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord:

'Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.' (Exodus 24:9-11)

We will discuss the other exception in a moment.

On all but one occasion in the New Testament, when the Resurrected Christ appeared to men, he did so to groups no larger than 12 or so. The exception, as the recorded in 1 Corinthians 15:6, was when 'he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once'.

Appearances by Christ in either his Pre-incarnate or Resurrected forms were indeed rare, and on only *three* occasions did they involve large groups. The occasion recorded in 1 Corinthians was of great historical significance since it provided *public* confirmation that he had truly risen from the dead and was now living in an immortalised human body. The occasion recorded in Exodus, when the elders of Israel met Christ, was also of great significance since, among other things, it confirmed in a very visible way that the Israelites were God's Chosen People and were directly and personally accountable to Him.

These two occasions would strongly suggest that the only other occasion in the Old Testament where Christ appeared to a large group must also have been of great historical importance.

Now let's examine the occasion itself:

'And <u>an angel of the LORD</u> came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, **I will never break my covenant with you**. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when <u>the angel of the LORD</u> spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.' (Judges 2:1-5)

The messenger identified himself specifically with the divine guide Who led them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He was the one with Whom they were in a covenant relationship. Given the identity of the angel of the Lord in other passages of Scripture, and the divine status of the messenger in this passage, it is clear that the assembled tribes of Israel were having a visible, audible encounter with the Preincarnate Christ.

They were being admonished for failing to separate themselves completely from the pagan inhabitants of the land and for not ridding themselves utterly of all remnants of idolatry. The severity and gravity of this rebuke were such that the entire multitude wept. Indeed, the place was known thereafter as Bochim, meaning *weepers* in Hebrew.

We are not told how many Israelites were present, but it must have been a minimum of several thousand, perhaps even tens of thousands – "all the children of Israel".

Significantly, in order to reassure his people that the bond between them would never be severed, the Lord prefaced his rebuke with these solemn historical words: "I will never break my covenant with you."



Olive terrace near Bochim, between Bethel and Shiloh.

Just as hundreds of Christians could testify personally to the fact that Christ had risen from the dead – 'he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once' – we have thousands of Israelites at Bochim who could personally testify that Christ had promised that he would never break his covenant with them. The truth of the latter was as firmly and judicially established, as divinely witnessed and authenticated, as the truth of the former. He would *never* break his covenant with them.

So when the Roman Catholic Church and hundreds of apostate, liberal and supposedly Christian churches in the world today allege that the church has replaced Israel in God's covenant promises, let them reflect deeply on the remarkable proclamation that the Lord made at Bochim. Let them consider the extraordinary depth of love which the Messiah has for his people, that he should appear to them in person and declare unequivocally: "I will never break my covenant with you."

Christian support for Israel

So, in light of our findings, we will need to consider the attitude that Christians today should adopt toward Israel.

How does our Creator and Redeemer want us to treat his Chosen People?

The Bible makes it perfectly plain that we should bless the children of Israel and welcome their return to the Promised Land. This prophetic milestone should fill our hearts with gladness and spur all true believers to become fully acquainted with God's holy plan for Israel.

Our task is to recognise and honour his ongoing covenant relationship with them and act accordingly.

The scriptural status of Israel would appear, therefore, to require that we:

- uphold her right to exist and to retain all disputed territories.*
- support her right to defend herself against her enemies.
- evangelize Jewish unbelievers, wherever they may be.
- remind the world that God's plan for Israel is in the Bible.
- pray for God's blessings on Israel and her people.
- assist Israel and her people in times of trouble.

The Third Temple

Some would like to add 'support the construction of the Third Temple' to the list, but this may be inadvisable. We know that certain traditional Jewish groups, and not just Freemasons, are determined to build it and may even have it assembled already in prefabricated form at another location. It is known that copies of the traditional Temple vessels and vestments have been made and that a contingent of Jews, supposedly Levites, are being trained in Temple ritual and administration.

However, there would appear to be little if anything in the Bible to sanction what they are doing. For example, how will they know which Jews are Levites and, of those, which are in the line of Aaron and Zadok? How will they know the exact composition of the oil and incense, which are essential for Temple ritual, since they were not specified in the Bible? Furthermore, the Lord anointed Moses who anointed Aaron and his sons – "And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office" (Exodus 29:1) – but *who* will have the authority to anoint the priests who will serve in the Third Temple?

Finally, the LORD appointed Solomon to oversee the construction of the First Temple and Zerubbabel and Joshua, under the spiritual direction of the prophets Zechariah and Haggai, to construct the Second Temple, but who has been given authority from God to build the third Temple?

We do know however that the Third Temple *will* be built before Christ returns and that it *will* be recognised by God as "the holy place". We also know that the "daily sacrifice" in the Temple *will* accord with Scripture:

'When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in **the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)' (Matthew 24:15)

^{*} This includes the right of Israel to retain at her discretion any territories that may be won by her following a future genocidal attack by an Arab military confederacy.

'Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both **the sanctuary** and the host to be trodden under foot?' (Daniel 8:13)

'And from the time that the **daily sacrifice** shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.' (Daniel 12:11)

'And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute **the sanctuary** of strength, and shall take away the **daily sacrifice**, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.' (Daniel 11:31)

But how will all of this come about?

Christ himself gave the answer when he said that Elijah would precede his return and "restore all things" (Matthew 17:11) – meaning the restoration of all things as they stood when Christ uttered those words. Since it is very unlikely that Elijah would have sufficient time to build the Third Temple, train the priesthood, and make other necessary preparations, it would appear that he takes over the newly-built third Temple and consecrates both it and a body of priests for God's holy purpose.

Elijah will be one of the two witnesses described in both the Book of Revelation (chapter 11) and the Book of Zechariah (chapter 4). The other witness will likely be Moses, given the similarity between his ministry during the Exodus and the remarkable signs that he will perform during the three and a half years that he and Elijah will serve on earth during the Tribulation.

These two prophets also receive special attention in the last three verses of the Old Testament, which the children of Israel had 400 years to ponder and digest before the First Advent:

'Remember ye the law of **Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.' (Malachi 4:4-6)

In these verses we see Elijah fulfilling a major role in the End Time, uniting the Jews as a nation under Yahweh, just as Moses did during the Exodus.

In accordance with the 70 'weeks' prophesied by Daniel, the prophetic clock will resume for Israel when she signs the seven-year covenant with the Antichrist. During the Tribulation that follows she will be asked once again to either accept or reject her Messiah. Scripture tells us that the remnant who survive will call upon Jesus with the prophetic words: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

It is significant that Elijah and Moses were the prophets whom Jesus selected to appear with him at his Transfiguration, an event which he described as a preview of the power and glory that would characterize his Second Coming. ['Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.' (Matthew 16:28) Six days later, three of these disciples – Peter, James and John – saw Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration of Jesus.]

These two prophets had the most dramatic confrontations in history with the powers of darkness. Moses humiliated the pantheon of Egyptian gods before Pharaoh, while Elijah destroyed the concentrated forces of Baal on Mount Carmel. Since Jerusalem will come under intense demonic attack during the Tribulation, it is a mark of God's great love for his chosen people that he will send arguably the two greatest figures of the Old Testament to prepare Jerusalem for the trials that lie ahead.

Another detail from the lives of these two remarkable individuals is also worth noting. During an especially distressing time in their respective ministries, both Elijah and Moses asked the LORD to take their lives (1 Kings 19:4 and Numbers 11:15). Neither request was granted at the time, but the world will witness its deferred fulfillment when they are *both* killed by the Antichrist during the Tribulation. (This is a striking example of the prophetic threads that run through the Bible and connect seemingly unrelated events.)

Moses and Elijah will almost certainly have a major role in inspiring, if not instructing, the 144,000 Jewish men whom the Holy Spirit will commission to preach the Gospel to the entire world during the Tribulation.

Conclusion

In this hour of turmoil and deception, we need to study the Word of God like never before. And we need to take it literally, in its plain, historical, and grammatical sense. Satan is using every trick he can think of to lure sincere Christians everywhere into an allegorical interpretation of Scripture which destroys its prophetic meaning. He does not want believers to see what really ought to be obvious to all who love God, namely, that Christ will return in person and save the Jewish people from the insane destructiveness of the Antichrist.

As he assured his chosen people at Bochim, "I will never break my covenant with you." He will return and honour his promise to Israel – no matter how many cunning lies Satan may concoct, no matter what blasphemous nonsense the Roman Catholic church or the liberal Protestant churches may teach, no matter how much demonic hatred Islam directs at her, no matter what schemes the Global Elite may devise to blacken the name of Israel and turn the world against her.

Yes, dear reader, he will do exactly what he said he will do.

Are you with him or against him?

'For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.' – Isaiah 62:1-3

'...and the name of the city from that day shall be: *Yahweh Shammah*.'* – Ezekiel 48:35

*The LORD Is There

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