

THE TRUTH AFFIRMED—FALSE DOCTRINE REFUTED

The Two-Edged Sword of the Word (Heb 4:12)

Act 19:8 “And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, *disputing* AND *persuading* the things concerning the kingdom of God”

Php 1:7 “Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the *defence* AND *confirmation* of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace”

The prophets, Christ and the apostles confirmed the Truth with sound doctrine from the Scriptures, while also refuting false teaching. Like the workers in the days of Nehemiah, they built with one hand and held a weapon in the other. The assembling of Israel by the two silver trumpets was for worship and warfare (Num 10).

Infant Baptism or Adult Immersion

A Matter of Salvation

Mark 16:16 He that believeth *and is baptized shall be saved*; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto (Nicodemus), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

1Pet 3:20-21 The longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, *eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us.*

Christ: The Example

Luke 3:21-23 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized...*And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph.*

Baptism—Truth Affirmed

Requires hearing, receiving, confessing

Acts 2:37-41 Now *when they heard this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, *Repent, and be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...saying, *Save yourselves* from this untoward generation...Then *they that gladly received his word were baptized*.

Matthew 3:5-6 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, *And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins*.

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, *and be baptized, and wash away thy sins*, calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 8:12 But when *they believed* Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, *they were baptized, both men and women*.

Baptism—Truth Affirmed

Never one example of Infants baptized

Acts 8:36-38 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, *See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?* And Philip said, *If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest,* And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: *and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*

Full immersion, never sprinkling

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when *he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:* and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him

John 3:23 John also was *baptizing* in Aenon near to Salim, *because there was much water there:* and they came, and were baptized.

Baptism—Truth Affirmed

Vital Principle of Baptism

Romans 6:3-6 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ *were baptized into his death?* Therefore we are *buried with him by baptism* into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together *in the likeness of his death*, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection...*our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed*, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (Eph 4:22-24; Mark 8:34)

Confessions of False Doctrine

“It is not by any means easy to prove the doctrine of Infant Baptism if you are basing your argument on the Bible only, without any appeal to tradition”—Catholic Book *Enthusiasm*, page 134 (Monsignor Knox)

Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists...etc. Majority of Christendom

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Church Tradition or Bible Truth? **Example of Christ & the Apostles**

Acts 20:32-35 *I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel, Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.***

2 Thes. 3:7-10 **For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; *Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.* For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

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Acts 18:1-3 Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila...*And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. (2Cor 12:17-18)*

1 Cor. 9:1-6, 15-18 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? *Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?... Nevertheless, we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ...But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void...What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.*

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1 Peter 5:1-3 The elders which are among you I exhort...Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, *not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;* Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

Titus 1:7-11 For a bishop (overseer) must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, *not given to filthy lucre...Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.* For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, *teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.* (Phi 4:15-17; 1Tim 3:1-12; 1Pet 5:1-3)

The Ecclesia or The Church

Church Tradition or Bible Truth? **The Body of Believers**

Acts 7:38 This is he, *that was in the church (ekklesia) in the wilderness* with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers:

Philemon 1:1-2 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, *and to the church in thy house:*

1 Cor. 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, *with the church that is in their house.*

Col. 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, *and the church which is in his house.*

Romans 16:5 *Greet the church that is in their house.* Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

The Saints

Church Tradition or Bible Truth? **Mortal or Immortal**

Acts 9:32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to *the saints which dwelt at Lydda.*

Rom. 16:15 Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, *and all the saints which are with them.*

2 Cor 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, *with all the saints which are in all Achaia:*

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, *to the saints which are at Ephesus,* and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, *to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi,* with the bishops and deacons:

Catholic Clergy are now determining sainthood for the past pope

Women Preachers

Church Tradition or Bible Truth? A Modern Convenience

1 Cor. 14:34-35 *Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak...And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.*

1 Tim. 2:11-13 *Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve.*

“There are certain truths which Christ and the Apostles taught which are not recorded in the Scriptures, but which are embodied in the life, practice and ministry of the Church in her written and unwritten traditions, which supplement the Biblical record.”—Catholic Book Faith of Millions, page 186 (J. O’Brien)

Matt. 15:8-9 *In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*

THE TRUTH AFFIRMED—The Gospel: What Is It?

Essential For Salvation

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, *and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of *the gospel* of Christ: *for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Must be Defined and Understood

Gal 1:9 *If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, *preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God*

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, *and preaching the gospel of the kingdom*

The Gospel: Pertains to the Kingdom Of God

Luke 9:2-6 And (Jesus) sent them *to preach the kingdom of God*, and to heal the sick...And (the disciples) departed, and went through the towns, *preaching the gospel*, and healing every where.

Mat 24:14 *This gospel of the kingdom* shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Acts 1:3 To whom also (Jesus) showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, *and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God*:

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip *preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ*, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 19:8 And (Paul) went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading *the things concerning the kingdom of God*. (Acts 20:24-25)

The Gospel of the Kingdom Of God

Acts 28:30-31 Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, *Preaching the kingdom of God*, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel of the Kingdom Connected With Abraham

Gal 3:6-9 They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, *preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed*. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Gen 12:1-3 The LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, *unto a land that I will show thee*: And (1) I will make of thee a great nation, and (2) I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And (3) I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: (4) *and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed*

Gospel: Two Key Elements of Abrahamic Covenant

1. “I will make of thee *a great nation*”—A NATIONAL PROMISE
2. “In thee shall *all families* of the earth be blessed”—INTERNATIONAL PROMISE

INTERNATIONAL PROMISE—

Gen 17:4-7 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for *a father of many nations have I made thee*. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee

Gal 3:26-29 *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

INTERNATIONAL PROMISE—

Rom 4:13-17 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect ...Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations.*

Rom 4:20-24 (Abraham) being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. *Now it was not written for (Abraham's) sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.*

INTERNATIONAL PROMISE—Gentiles

Gal 3:6-9 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*

Gal 3:13-14 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;* that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Israel of God

Gal 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither *circumcision (Jew)* availeth any thing, nor *uncircumcision (Gentile)*, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon *the Israel of God.*

INTERNATIONAL PROMISE—Jew And Gentile

Rom 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that *circumcision*, which is outward in the flesh: *But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly*; and *circumcision* is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Rom 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel (*after the flesh*): Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham (*after the flesh*), are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: *but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.*

Jew and Gentile: Both the Israel of God

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INTERNATIONAL PROMISE—Fellowcitizens

Eph 2:11-19 Wherefore remember, that *ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh*, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, *being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise*, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ...And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.*

Mat 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, *We have Abraham to our father*: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Mat 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of *David*, the son of *Abraham*.

God's Covenant With David—The Royal Throne

2 Sam 7:12-16 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and *I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son.* If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*

2Sam. 7:19—“thou hast spoken of thy servant’s house *for a great while to come*”

DAVIDIC COVENANT—

Luke 1:30-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: *and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

Acts 2:29-30 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch *David*, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and *knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne.*

Psa 132:11 *The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.*

DAVIDIC COVENANT—

Acts 13:22-23 And when he had removed (Saul), he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. *Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:*

Psa 89:3-4, 34-36 I have made a covenant with my chosen, *I have sworn unto David my servant*, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations...*My covenant will I not break*, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

Luke 22:16-19, 28-30 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, *until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God...And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

KINGDOM OF GOD—KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

Acts 1:3-7 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and *speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God...* When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, *Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

1 Chr 28:4-5 Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me *king over all Israel*: And of all my sons, for the LORD hath given me many sons, he hath chosen Solomon my *son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel*.

2 Chr 13:8 And now ye think to withstand *the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David*;

KINGDOM OF GOD—KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

1 Chr 29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

2 Chr 9:8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee *to set thee on his throne, to be king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.*

Ezek 21:25-27 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, *until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.*

Kingdom of God Ceased when Zedekiah was removed from throne

JERUSALEM TRODDEN DOWN—

Mat 21:42-43 Jesus saith unto them...*The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*

Luke 21:24-28 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: *and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.* And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring (*ie. political symbols*); Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

JERUSALEM TRODDEN DOWN—

Rom 11:25-27 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; *that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:* For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Acts 15:14-16 Simeon (Peter) hath declared how God at the first did *visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.* And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, *After this I will RETURN, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down;* and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up

We are now in the Times of Gentiles. When this current period is over, the Kingdom of Israel/God will be restored.

JERUSALEM CITY OF GREAT KING—

Jer 3:17-18 At that time they shall call *Jerusalem the throne of the LORD*; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north *to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers*.

Zec 8:1-3 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; *I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem*: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

God has not been diverted from His Plan regarding the Kingdom.

THE KINGDOM RESTORED—

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration *when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Isa 2:1-4 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.* And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

SAINTS TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: *and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms*, and it shall stand for ever.

THE JEWS RESTORED

Zec 8:20-23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, *Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem*, and to pray before the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, *even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.*

ISRAEL RESTORED

Rom 11:25-28 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; *that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.* And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. AS CONCERNING THE GOSPEL, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are *beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

- “I will make of thee *a great nation*”—A NATIONAL PROMISE

NATIONAL PROMISE—

Gen 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: *And I will make of thee a great nation...*

Natural Seed of Abraham

God is not finished with Natural Israel

ISRAEL: GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE ABOVE ALL NATIONS

Deu 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath *chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people* that are upon the face of the earth.

Exo 19:5-6 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me *a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation*. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Deu 14:2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, *above all the nations* that are upon the earth.

(Deu 26:18-19)

Natural Seed of Abraham

ISRAEL: CHOSEN BECAUSE OF GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

Deu 7:7-8 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and *because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers*, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen

Deu 10:14-16 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.

Rom 11:25-28 Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written...concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but *as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes*.

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ISRAEL: NOT FORGOTTEN EVEN IN CURRENT STATE OF REBELLION

Lev 26:41-45 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: *Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land...And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.*

Rom 11:1 I say then, *Hath God cast away his people? God forbid.*

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ISRAEL: NOT FORGOTTEN EVEN IN CURRENT STATE OF REBELLION

2 Kin 13:22-23 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, *because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.*

ISRAEL: SCATTERED BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE

Deu 4:25-27 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing...*ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.*

Natural Seed of Abraham

ISRAEL: SCATTERED BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE

Deu 28:58-66 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book...ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and *ye shall be plucked from off the land* whither thou goest to possess it. *And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other;* and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. *And among these nations shalt thou find no ease,* neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest...And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: (Zec 7:11-14; Deu. 29:28; Luke 19:43-44)

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ISRAEL: PROMISED TO BE RESTORED

Jer 30:10-11 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, *I will save thee from afar*, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: *though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.*

Jer 32:37-38 Behold, *I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them* in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and *I will bring them again unto this place*, and I will cause them to dwell safely: And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

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ISRAEL: THE KING AND KINGDOM RESTORED

Ezek 37:21-22 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:*

Jer 23:3-6 And I will gather the remnant of my flock *out of all countries whither I have driven them*, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed *them...I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.* In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

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ISRAEL: CONVERTED GIVEN THE NEW COVENANT

Jer 33:7-9 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. *And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.*

Ezek 36:25-36 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. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God

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ISRAEL: RESTORED AND EXALTED

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew

Rom 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall?

God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Rom 11:12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

Rom 11:15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Rom 11:23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

ISRAEL: Proof Of Yahweh's Existence

GOD'S WITNESS TO ALL MANKIND

PROPHECY: Wisdom & Power



John 13:18 “I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. *Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.*”

John 14:28 “Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. *And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.*”

Isa. 41:8-11 “But thou, *Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away...*”

Isa 41:21-24 *“Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons (RSV “proofs”), saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you”*

Isa. 42:8-9 *“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.”*

Isa. 42:23-24 *“Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.”*

Isa. 43:9-13 “Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: *who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified* (NIV “to prove they are right”): or let them hear, and say, It is truth (NIV “so that others may hear and say, ‘It is true’”). *Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? (‘who can stop it’)”*

Isa. 44:1-2 “Yet now hear, *O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen...*”

Isa. 44:6-7 *“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the (NIV “my”) ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them (NIV “what is yet to come”). Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses.”*

Isa. 45:17-19 *“But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation...I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.”*

Isa. 46:11-13 *“I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. Harken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.”*

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, “MILLENNIUM”—“Faith in the nearness of Christ’s second advent and the establishment of his reign of glory on earth was undoubtedly a strong point of the primitive Christian church. Augustine was the first who ventured to teach that the Catholic Church, in its empirical form, was the Kingdom of Christ, that the millennial kingdom had commenced with the appearing of Christ, and was therefore an accomplished fact.”

- *Catholic, Church of Christ, Methodists, Lutherans...etc.*

Act 28:20 *“For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain”*

WILLIAM TYNDALE—

“He hath sworn, He is true, He will fulfill the promises that he made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This is written for our learning; for thereby He is a true God, and is our God as well as theirs, His promises are with us, as well as with them.”

- **Tyndale was killed at the hands of Catholic Authorities for translating the Bible in English, to be read by the common man.**

READ: Art. 22 of the 1660 Baptists Confession of Faith—

- **Proclaims the Kingdom of God Upon earth**
- **Proclaims Christ upon David’s Throne**
- **Proclaims The Thousand-Year Reign**
- **Proclaims Jerusalem as the metropolitan city of the Kingdom**

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.