

Deliberate Design

- Habakkuk 2:4 has lead to a Trilogy of epistles in NT.
 "The Just Shall Live by Faith"
- The Just... (Who are they?)
- ...Shall live (How?)
- ...By Faith!

Romans Rom 1:17

Galatians Gal 3:11

Hebrews Heb 10:39

• Each of these epistles use Hab 2:4 as cornerstone

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DISPENSATIONAL

"one of the most important trilogies in the Scripture"

Dr Chuck Missler

• 12-16 LOVE

- **PRACTICAL**
- Encouragement and closing remarks

- From Gen 12 to Acts 2:
 - -It's all about Israel...
 - -and that God keeps His promises!
- "We need a doctrinal as well as devotional understanding of the Word of God" Chuck Missler

- Romans 8 opened with "no condemnation…"
 - -Closed with assurance there is no separation.
- If God is so faithful to His Word
 - -That none He has justified can be condemned;
 - -And that none in Him can be separated;
- Then why have the Israelites,
 - -who were sovereignly chosen by God
 - -and also given unconditional promises,

Completely failed and then been rejected?

This issue was picked up from Romans 3:1-3:

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

Romans 3:1-3

- How are the Gentiles to relate to the Jews?
 - -If circumcision is of no value without faith, then what advantage has the Jew?
 - -What is the benefit of circumcision?
- Same question was underlying Acts 15
 - -And will be answered in Chapters 9, 10, and 11

The issue behind all of this is a demonstration by God to the world that He keeps His promises

And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as

Acts 15:9-11

they.

Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Acts 15:12-14

- And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
- After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
- That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

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q.v. Amos 9:11,12

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I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

Romans 9:1-2

- Paul is pouring his heart out
 - -He is talking passionately
- This is not an academic or intellectual issue
 - -This is heartfelt and personal

For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Romans 9:3

- "I could wish": imperfect tense (continuous action in past time), optative mood (rarely used in NT);
 - -The optative mood of a verb is expressive of a wish that implies a contrary to fact subjunctive;
 - •Something you wish but know is impossible.
 - •The grammar implies it is an absolute impossibility.
 - -(Thus, another absolute testimony to eternal security!)
- Occurs only one other time in the Word of God:

Exodus 32:30-32

- For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;
- Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. Romans 9:3-5

- Most Churches are ignorant of God's promises to Israel – leading to heresy
 - They believe a view that says God is finished with Israel.
 - The same view is held by Islam!
 - "Israel forfeited the promises God made to her"
 - "Those promises now belong to the Church"
 - We need to study this and discern the distinctives between Israel and the Church
 - Different origins. Different destinies. Same God.

- A very bizarre form of belief emerged in 4th or 5th century and became the primary doctrine of the Christian Church
 - That had tragic consequences for the Jew.
 - They were the "Christ killers"
 - But, the death of Christ was my fault, it was my sins...
 - The Reformation did nothing to stop anti-Semitic beliefs
- The confusion in the Church about Israel in part led to the Holocaust in Europe.
- This same confusion is emerging again, and is now leading to the <u>next</u> Holocaust. (Jer 30:7 / Zech 13:8)

- First Holocaust killed 1 out of every three Jews.
 - The next Holocaust will kill 2 out of 3
 Zech 13:8-9
 - The roots of this holocaust will be the same as before:
 - Anti-Semitism in the Church
- When the Church became anti-Semitic it lost its Jewish roots.
 - Most Christians have no idea what the OT is all about and no concept of Israel in the sense that it's the key instrument of God's plan

- Why is all that so important?
- Because of the summary of the purpose, tragedy, and triumph of all history

 Matt 23:37-39

The Purpose of All History

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings...

Matthew 23:37

The Tragedy of All History

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,

and ye would not!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Matthew 23:37,38

The Triumph of All History

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For I say unto you,
Ye shall not see me henceforth,
till ye shall say,
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Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 23:39

MYSTERY



- What if there was a mystery that spanned the ages?
- A mystery birthed in a Middle Eastern desert over three thousand years ago that is now determining the events of our day?
- What if I told you this mystery involves global leaders, heads of state, presidents, and many others who have all been working to a pre determined timetable?

Jonathan Cahn



- What if I could show you that this mystery has decided world events down to the year, the month and even the very day of their occurring?
- What if I showed you that everything that ever has been and all that will be are connected to and are part of this mystery?
- What if I showed you that you don't need faith to believe this mystery, because it is etched as a silent witness into our past, present and future?



- What if there was a people brought into existence as a sign, as a witness to the existence of God and as a vessel to bring about His purposes?
- If such a people were to exist, what do you think would become of them?
- Wouldn't you expect them to stand out? ... to be different from every other people group on Earth?

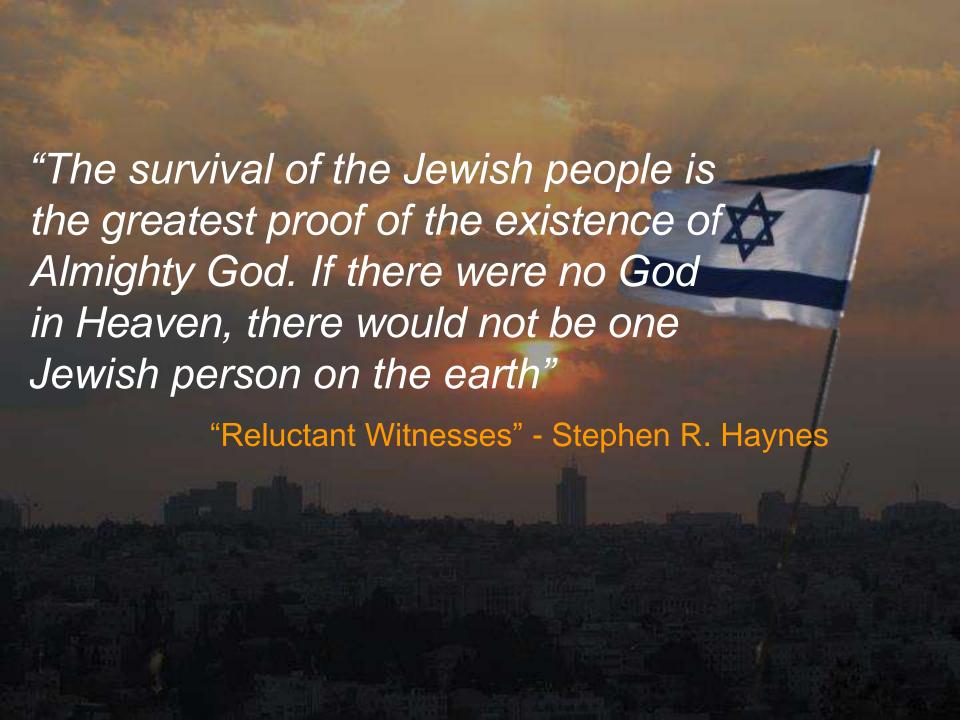


- And if there is a God and everything the Bible says about Him is true...
- If follows that there must also be a Devil, and everything the Bible says about him must also be true.



- Logically it would then follow that...
- If God had brought a group of people, a nation, into existence to stand as a witness to His existence and to fulfill His purposes...
- We could expect the Devil to have a peculiar hatred toward that group of people, and even go as far as attempting to destroy them.
- Is there such a people?

ISRAEL



"Queen Victoria once posed this question to her prime minister Benjamin Disraeli. She asked, "Can you give me one verse from the Bible that proves there is a God?" He thought for a moment and responded, "I can give you the answer in just one word." "What is it?" she wanted to know. Disraeli replied, "The Jew, Your Majesty."

"An eminent man once said: "The universal dispersion of the Jews throughout the world, their unexampled sufferings and their marvellous preservation, would be enough to establish the truth of the Scriptures if all other evidence was cast in into the sea""

Reluctant Witnesses - Stephen R. Haynes

"The very existence of the Jews in history, together with all that has happened to them in their long turbulent history, is proof that there is a God present and active, through His Holy Spirit, in history. By all normal laws of geography, history and ethnography, they ought as a distinct race to have disappeared long ago!". **David Torrance**

"Despite wars, persecutions and repeated attempts to obliterate them, they have kept their peculiar identity. They have remained a people apart from the other nations of the world, a testimony to the preserving hand of God. "For I the Lord do not change therefore, you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed" (Mal 3:6)

David Torrance

"If the Bible is in error concerning Israel, its major subject, then all of the synagogues and Christian churches that claim to base their beliefs upon those scriptures ought to admit that fact and shut their doors. If, however, the Bible is true, then the nations of the world ought to govern their conduct accordingly; for if they do not the consequences will be disastrous"

Dave Hunt

God's Promise:

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

Jeremiah 31:35-37

God's Promise

Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:35-37



- Israel's flag was officially adopted when the country was created in 1948.
- It was first introduced in 1891 to represent the Zionist movement.
- The six-pointed Star of David is an ancient Jewish symbol.
- The blue and white stripes refer to the traditional design of Jewish prayer shawls.

Where did Israel begin?

- In one sense, when the "Seed of the Woman" is first announced

 (The summary of this "Woman" is in Revelation 12)
- But the Scripture reckons the birth of the Nation at the Exodus

 Exodus 4:22

- In Moses final words to the nation of Israel, at the end of their journeying through the wilderness, and just before he died...
- He told them exactly what would happen to them in the centuries and ages to come...

- He told them that their land would be invaded by their enemies, and they would be scattered from one end of the earth to the other!
- But he also told them that in the last days they would be re-gathered to their land!

- 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:
- 6 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.

Exodus 19:5-8

- And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.
- ⁸ And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.

Exodus 19:5-8

Blessings for Obedience

Deuteronomy
Chapter 28: 1-14

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: ² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

- Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.
- 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
- ⁵ Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.
- ⁶ Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Deuteronomy 28:3-6

- The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
- 8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 28:7-8

God promised Abraham the Land of Israel

- The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.
- And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

Deuteronomy 28:9-10

- 11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
- 12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Deuteronomy 28:11-12

- 13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:
- 14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deuteronomy 28:13-14

Curses for Disobedience

Deuteronomy
Chapter 28: 15-68

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee...

Deuteronomy 28:15

The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

Deuteronomy 28:36-37

- The northern kingdom of Israel was taken into captivity by Assyria in 722 B.C. (p=700yrs)
- The southern kingdom was conquered by Babylon in 606 B.C. (p=800yrs)

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

Deuteronomy 28:41

• This was fulfilled with the likes of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Deuteronomy 28:48

Rome typified by iron (cf Daniel 2:40)

- The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;
- A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

Deuteronomy 28:48-49

- The Chaldeans are described as flying eagles in Hab 1:6 ff., Jer 48:40; 49:22; Ezek 17:3,7,
- But the standard of Rome was also an eagle!
- The language of Rome would be very different than Hebrew and Aramaic

- And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.
- And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

Deuteronomy 28:52-53

Masada 73 A.D.



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- For 2 years following the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. a number of Jews resisting Rome retreated to the mountain fortress of Masada
- Eventually the Roman 10th legion built a ramp that allowed their battering rams to break through
- When they got to the top, the 960 Jews had committed suicide & set it on fire
- Only 2 women & 5 children survived
- IDF swearing in: "Masada will never fall again!"

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.

Deuteronomy 28:63

- In A.D. 132 Shimon Bar-Kokhba led a revolt against Roman Emperor Hadrian
- The Jews were defeated in A.D. 135 and Jerusalem was ploughed over by oxen
- The remaining Jews were deported
- Hadrian renamed the land 'Palestina' (p=1500yrs)

- And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.
- And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

Leviticus 26:32-33



64 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.

Deuteronomy 28:64

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: 66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

Deuteronomy 28:65-66

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Deuteronomy 28:67













Incredible Prophecy

- For failure to obey the Mosaic Law...
- Israel would be driven from the Land
- Israel would be scattered among all people
- 'From one end of earth to the other'
- Their lives would hang in doubt
- They would be in great distress
- All this has happened! (to the letter!)
- Yet Israel remains as an identifiable ethnic group
 - Contrast with Hittites / Jebusites / Amalakites

Greater rebellion = Greater punishment

- v.1-14 Blessings for obedience
- v.15-24 General curses
 In the Land
- v.25-35 Defeat & plunder Times of the Judges
- v.36-47 Captivity The times of the monarchy
- v.48-61 Yoke of Iron/Seige Roman Occupation
- V.62-68 Life hanging in doubt Dispersion among the nations / holocaust

The Book of Deuteronomy

Chapter 30

- And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,
- And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

Deuteronomy 30:5

(p=3500yrs)

Regathering

- 14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
- 16 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

Regathering

- 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
- 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

Israel will be literally forced back home!

Regathering

And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

- Double = an exact likeness
 - Like looking in a mirror and seeing your double

A Cup of Trembling

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12

One Third of all UN resolutions have to do with Israel (1:1000 of the worlds population)

Not Reckoned

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

Numbers 23:8-9

Not Reckoned

commission on Human Rights.

"Israel has been a member of the United Nations for more than 50 years. Yet she is not allowed to take her 2 year term as one of the 10 rotating nations (joining the 5 permanent ones) on the UN security council. Of the 191 current members, 190, including the worst terrorist nations, are allowed to take their turns on the security council - but not Israel. Nor is Israel, as already noted, allowed to take a rotating turn on the 50-3-member UN

Not Reckoned

All of the other 190 UN member nations are allowed to do so.

These have included Libya, Cuba, Zimbabwe, and other egregious violators of human rights. Incredibly, Sudan, where more than 2 million blacks in the south have been slaughtered by Muslims, has been voted in for a third consecutive term.

But Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is excluded, as the Bible foretold".

Dave Hunt – Judgment Day



