

What is Replacement Theology?

According to Replacement Theology, post the Pentecost event of Acts chapter 2, the term “Israel,” as found in the Bible, now refers to the Church. Therefore, the Jewish people are now no longer a “chosen people.” They are no different from any other national group, such as the English, Spanish, or French.

Replacement Theology teaches that apart from repentance, the new birth, and incorporation into the Church, the Jewish people have no future, no hope, and no calling in the plan of God. The promises, covenants and blessings ascribed to Israel in the Bible have been taken away from the Jews and given to the Church, which has superseded them. However, the Jews are subject to the curses found in the Bible, as a result of their rejection of Christ.

What does this Doctrine of Replacement Theology produce in the Church?

- **Arrogance** concerning its Duty & Destiny. When the Church boasts against the Jews and Israel, the Church becomes “branches” without “roots.” Many Christians boast of being New Testament (NT) Christians (ie: from the “Book of Acts” forward). As such, they see no reason to study the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament).
- **Allegorization** of prophecies concerning Israel. Once Replacement Theology has been established as a foundational doctrine it turns all of the Prophetic Scriptures dealing with a future Israel into mystical predictions about the Church. They fall into the trap of changing the Primary understanding with any Secondary application.
- **Aberration** from sound Biblical exegesis. It produces historic errors like British Israelism where the people of Western European, particularly those in Great Britain, are the direct lineal descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.
- **Amillennialism** (No Millennium). This is a classic misapplication of Biblical Eschatology. In other words, if there is “no Literal Israel” in the future then there is no need for a future Kingdom.
- **Anti-Semitism** (Hatred of the Jews) This is the natural result of Arrogance + Allegorization + Aberration + Amillennialism. **In 1543 Martin Luther wrote a pamphlet entitled “On the Jews and Their Lies.” They are: “A miserable and accursed people,” “Stupid fools,” “Miserable, blind and senseless,” “Thieves and robbers,” “The great vermin of humanity,” and “Lazy rogues.”**
Luther went on to write: “For such ruthless wrath of God is sufficient evidence that they [the Jewish people] assuredly have erred and gone astray. Even a child can comprehend this. For one dare not regard God as so cruel that he would punish his own people so long, so terrible, so unmercifully. Therefore, this work of wrath is proof that the Jews, surely rejected by God, are no longer his people, and neither is he any longer their God”
- In 1924 at a Christian gathering in Berlin, Hitler spoke to thousands and received a standing ovation when he made the following proclamation: “I believe that today I am acting in accordance with the will of Almighty God as I announce the most important work that Christians could undertake — and that is to be against the Jews and get rid of them once and for all.”

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