Judeo/Christian Path through History

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Through the use of diagrams I am attempting to summarize the major points that both Jews and Christians should understand regarding the reasons why Jews and Christians have remained separated for centuries because of the Torah (for Jews), and the Messiah (for Christians). Until both groups come to the understanding that the Judeo/Christian Messiah was *Jewish* – who did not do away with the Torah (instructions) – Judeo/Christian unity can never occur; and hence the prayer that Jesus/Yeshua prayed in Matthew 17 (the true *Lord's* Prayer) will never be fulfilled.

"... That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. \dots "

The majority of Christians have not understood that the Messiah was referring to the dispersed Northern 10 tribes in Matthew 15 when he stated, "I am not sent but unto the *lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" Likewise, most Christians have never understood that who is commonly referred to as the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 were actually the same Northern 10 tribes – also called Joseph or Ephraim. The diagram of <u>Figure 3</u> reveals the prophetic reunification of the "House of Israel," as recorded in Ezekiel 37 verses 15-22.

The series of diagrams below reveal the Church and the Jewish people at specific points in history. People say that a picture is worth a thousand words. These simple diagrams attempt to show that a gradual split occurred between the Jewish believers in Messiah and what became known as the Christian Church. Although simple, the diagrams accurately portray the big picture as to the relationship between Jews and Christians. The illustrations provide a basis for developing a more complete understanding of who will make up God's end-time Remnant.

The first two diagrams were taken from the book entitled: **Restoring The Jewishness of the Gospel**, by David H. Stern; published by Jewish New Testament Publications, Inc. This book was written as a message to Christians who have either, not known, or have forgotten the Jewishness of the Gospel and culture of the first century assembly of believers in the Messiah. It was compiled as excerpts from Dr. Sterns larger book, Messianic Jewish Manifesto.

Although a historical split did occur, note that the top of <u>Figure 1</u> shows that God's people will again join together before the Second Coming. This reunification is now taking place throughout the world and will continue as both Jews and Christians discover that the Christian Messiah Jesus was in fact fully Jewish. The significance of this fact escapes most people.

The Venn diagram of <u>Figure 2</u> graphically shows how the gradual split occurred and that a reunification will take place. Note, the top Venn illustration shows the final remnant as a union of Jews, and Christians (and others), however, not all Jews and not all Christians will be part of it at the time of the Second Coming of Yeshua – the Hebrew Messiah.

I am hoping that what I have given below, although not complete, will serve to spark your interest in taking a closer look at the Judeo/Christian path through history in light of the Scriptures. By looking at the total Bible from a Hebrew perspective, many verses in the New Testament that don't seem to fit from a Christian (Greek) paradigm, will suddenly fall into place and make sense since there cannot be a contradiction in *God's Word* – the Bible.

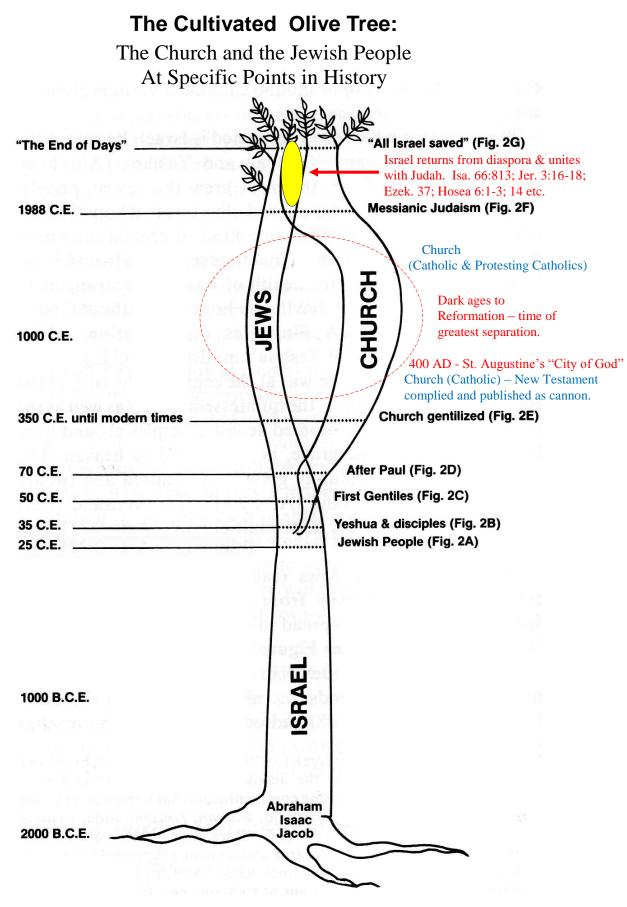


Figure 1 – Cultivated Olive Tree

Cross-sections of the Olive Tree:

The Church and the Jewish People At Specific Points in History

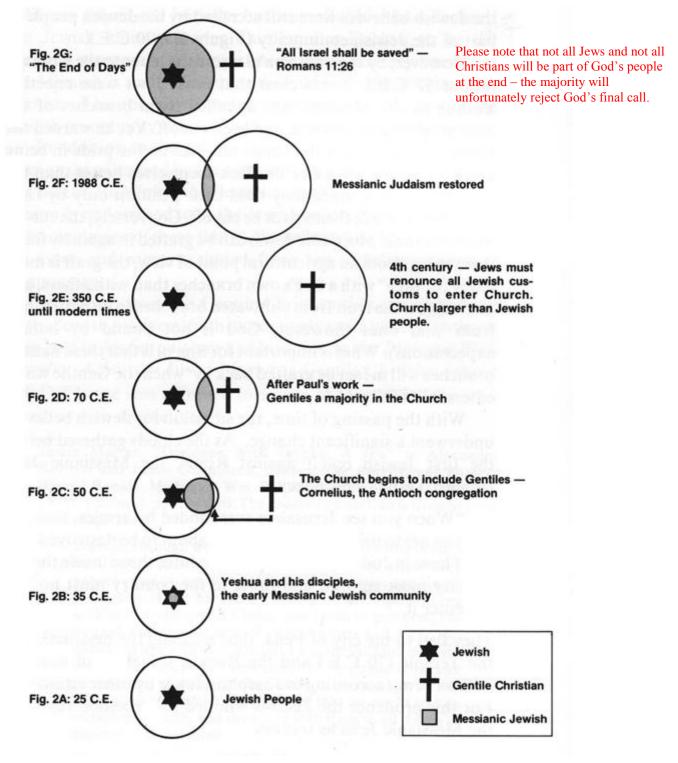
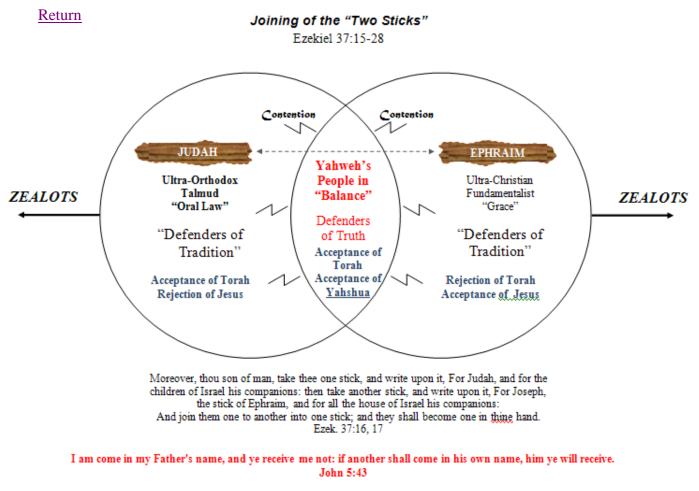


Figure 2 – Venn diagram of Church

The diagram below represents what God will do with the Southern and Northern kingdoms of Israel as recorded in Ezekiel 37. The left circle represents Orthodox Judaism and the right circle represents what we call *Christianity*. God is focusing on the Middle portion as He unites His faithful children.





Scriptures teach a *Restoration* message with a Hebrew Remnant, not a *Replacement* message with a *Replacement Remnant* as taught by *Christendom*.

Revelation chapter three warns of lukewarm people who think they are rich and in need nothing. Is it remotely possible that this same condition exists today? Is the Church pure? Will God ignore their sins?

How does Laodicea look to God today – Lukewarm? As an example, it can be easily demonstrated why the SDA church, Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses in their current state, cannot be the Remnant church of Bible prophecy as each claim. It may be a hard pill to swallow, but they do not repent they will not be able to understand *Present Truth* in the context of the fourth angel of Revelation chapter 18, the parables of Luke chapter 15, nor how the issue of the 10 virgins applies today. See <u>1800's Churches</u> diagram below.

The goal of the Hellenistic Greek Christians from Alexandria Egypt was to remove everything Jewish from the Christian faith during the time period which led up to Constantine in the fourth century as shown in Figure 4 below. All Constantine effectively did was to give his stamp of authority to the Catholic church as it became politically oriented. Seventh-day Adventists correctly identify 321 A.D. as a significant date when the day of worship was officially changed from Sabbath to Sunday, but fail to identify 325 A.D. when the date for Easter was fixed in time.

Easter continues to be observed according to the date chosen as the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal equinox. This issue was not brought to light prior to the 1900's.

Present Truth advances with each generation in order to keep pace as God's continues to restore Biblical truth. Sunday is the Christian *replacement* for Sabbath, and Easter is the *replacement* for Passover. The Christian church continues to observe Feasts – just not the Feasts of the *LORD* ('הוי) as commanded in the scriptures in Leviticus 23.

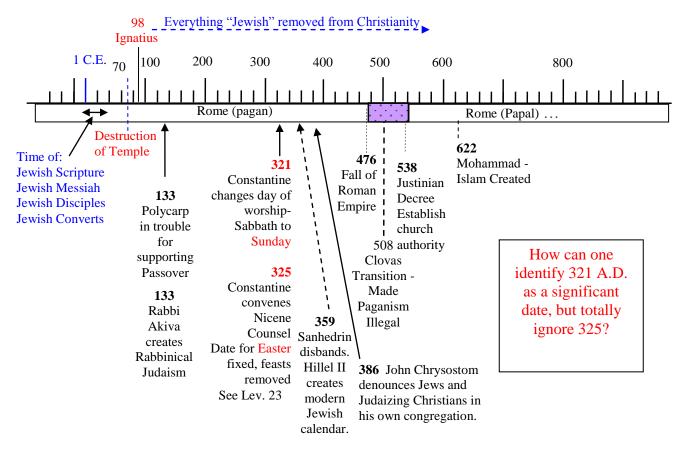


Figure 4 – Hebrew to "Christian" Transition

Consider what happened to the Christian church in the diagram of <u>Figure 5</u> relative to the expulsion of everything "Jewish" from Christianity. The overwhelming majority of Christians and Jews have never considered the paradigm where both branches of the Judeo/Christian faith should have been united. However, because the leading Jewish leaders of the day rejected Yeshua when He arrived as Messiah in the "fullness of time," they also rejected those who believed in Him. This created a split within the Jewish community which was further complicated because of the Roman distain for the Jews in general and then against Christians by association.

The Jewish religious leaders were in control of the majority of people who followed them and thus conflict resulted with those who believed that Yeshua was the promised Messiah. As the gentile believers began to grow in numbers they naturally began to distance themselves from the Jewish non-believers. What most people do not realize is that two different Messiah's began to develop – a <u>Jewish</u> <u>Messiah</u> and the other a westernized <u>Greek Messiah</u>. Church leaders began to promote a Messiah with a message that appealed their particular interpretation of the Gospel.

The Split Olive Tree: Church Totally Separate from Jews

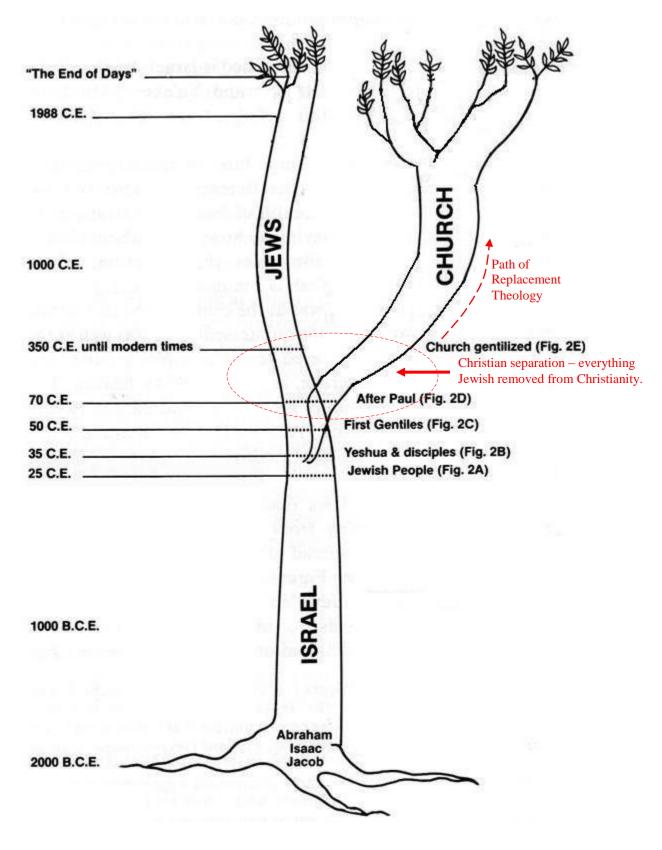


Figure 5 - Church separate from Jews

Because of the uprisings of militant Jews the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. and the last major stronghold at Masada was destroyed in 72 A.D. Between 72 and 359 A.D.(when the Sanhedrin was disbanded), the Jews were *dispersed into exile* (*Diaspora*) away from Israel into the surrounding nations.

It is interesting to read the definitions of Diaspora in Wikipedia as shown below. The difference between the two definitions is how you Google search the term, "*diaspora definicion*" vs. *diaspora definition*. Finding this was totally by accident when I misspelled the word *definition* and instead entered *definicion* which triggered a Spanish search. Had I not made this mistake, I never would have known the context that is given in the Spanish definition below as translated back to English.

Notice the major difference between the English and Spanish definitions. The English makes no mention of anything that has to do with a Biblical *Restoration* of God's people, while the Spanish definition clearly confirms the thesis of this document as shown in Figures 1 through 3 of a restoration of Israel.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diaspora (English)

#1 - A **diaspora** (from Greek διασπορά, "scattering, dispersion") is "the movement, migration, or scattering of people away from an established or ancestral homeland" or "people dispersed by whatever cause to more than one location", or "people settled far from their ancestral homelands". The word has come to refer to historical mass-dispersions of people with common roots, particularly movements of an involuntary nature, such as the expulsion of Jews from the Middle East, the African Trans-Atlantic slave trade, the southern Chinese during the coolie slave trade, or the century-long exile of the Messenians under Spartan rule.

Recently, scholarship has distinguished between different kinds of diaspora, based on its causes such as imperialism, trade or labor migrations, or by the kind of social coherence within the diaspora community and its ties to the ancestral lands. Some diaspora communities maintain strong political ties with their homeland. Other qualities that may be typical of many diasporas are thoughts of return, relationships with other communities in the diaspora, and lack of full assimilation into the host country.

http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Di%C3%A1spora (Translated from Spanish)

#2 - **Diaspora** (Greek : διασπορά [Diaspora], "dispersion") <u>?</u> dispersion is ethnic or religious groups who have left their original place of origin and are scattered around the world, living among people who are not of their condition. Usually the term was used to refer to exile Jew outside the Land of Israel and the subsequent dispersion of this people worldwide, extending its meaning until the late nineteenth century. It is clear that the tribe or house of Judah is formed also by the tribe of Benjamin, the remaining ten tribes are those that form the house of Israel, divided into two houses: the house of Judah, which now is known as the Jewish people and the house of Israel, comprising the remaining ten tribes, who are still scattered and banished to the nations and failed to retain their Jewish roots. [See: Jer. 23:3; 29:14; 32:37; Ezek. 37; Micah 4:6; Zech. 14:2; Hosea 1:7-11; 14:1-9]

The Torah, in the book of Deuteronomy, establishes the principle as to how God would deal with disobedience.

Deut. 4:23 Take heed unto yourselves, <u>lest you forget the covenant</u> of the LORD your God [Yahweh your Elohim], which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of anything, which the LORD thy God has forbidden you.

4:24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

4:25 When you shall beget children, and children's children, and you shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of anything, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:

4:26 <u>I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly perish</u> <u>from off the land</u> whereunto you go over Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

4:27 And the LORD shall <u>scatter you among the nations</u> [diaspora], and you shall be left few in number among the heathen, wherever the LORD shall lead you.

4:28 And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

4:29 But if you shall <u>seek the LORD</u> your God, you shall find him, if you seek him with all thy heart and with all your soul.

4:30 When you art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon you, even in the <u>latter</u> <u>days</u>, if you turn to the LORD thy God, and shall be obedient unto his voice;

4:31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) <u>he will not forsake you</u>, <u>neither destroy</u> you, <u>nor forget the covenant of thy fathers</u> which he swore unto them.

The admonition to "seek the LORD" in verse 29 is found 27 times in scripture. This principle is established in the Torah in Deuteronomy and is carried through Israel's apostasy into New Testament times.

Deut. 4; 1 Chron. 16, 22; 2 Chron. 11, 12, 14, 15, 20; Ezra 6; Ps. 34, 105; Prov. 28; Isa. 9, 31, 51; Jer. 50; Hosea 3, 5, 10; Amos 5; Zech. 8; and Acts 17.

This is a critical point which must be addressed by those who believe in replacement Theology and teach that God rejected his chosen people and broke the covenant he made with Abraham in Genesis chapters 12 and 15.

The following figures show the path of Replacement Theology through the major splits that occurred with the Christian church. Figure 6 and Figure 7 show the path from the second century to the three major 1800's churches: Mormon, Seventh-day Adventist, and Millennial Dawnists (Jehovah's Witnesses). Figures 8 through 12 highlight the issue of Ezekiel 37 as to where and when it best applies, and to what group of "God's Chosen People" Ezekiel is referring to according to the context of Scripture. Keep in mind the popular saying: "A text out of context is a pretext."

The top of Figure 6 highlights three significant churches. The <u>1800's Churches</u> diagram in the appendix below shows when these organizations came on the scene along with other significant events. 1844 marks a very significant date in history with the entrance of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engles (Communist Manifesto/Atheism), and Charles Darwin (Evolution). You will also notice that Joseph Smith announced his candidacy for President of the United States, but was killed by the towns' people. However, in 1843 Smith made a prediction that one day would come when the Constitution of the United States would hang by a thread. He believed that the Mormon church would step in a save it from destruction. See *One Nation Under Gods.pdf*.

You should note that all three of the 1800's churches mentioned above all claim to be the final Remnant Church of God. The only way that could be possible is if you discard the Bible.

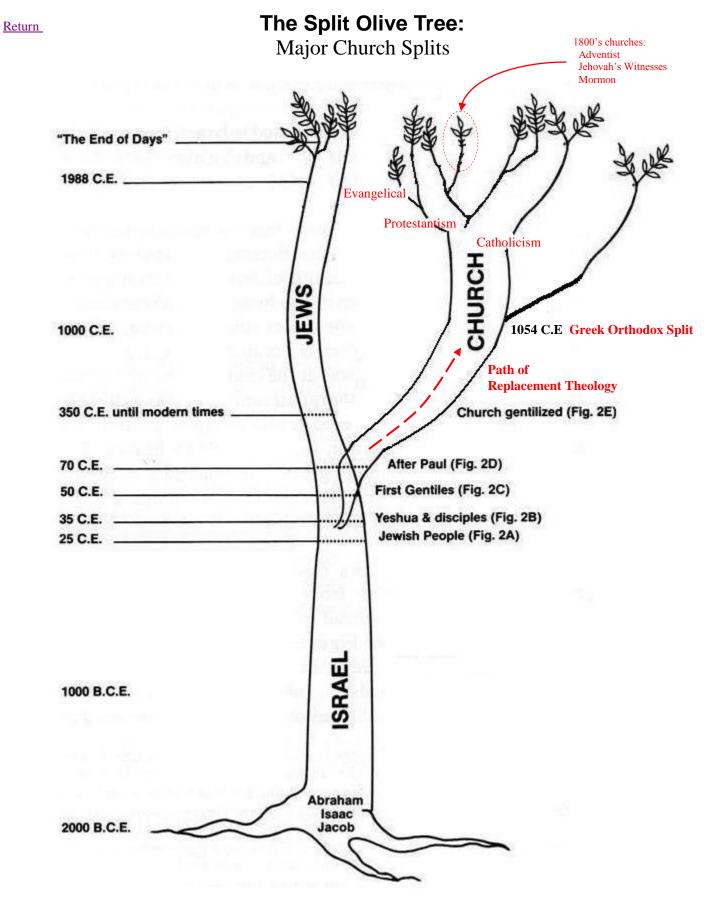


Figure 6 - Major Splits of the Church

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The Split Olive Tree:

Northern Tribes Separate from Southern

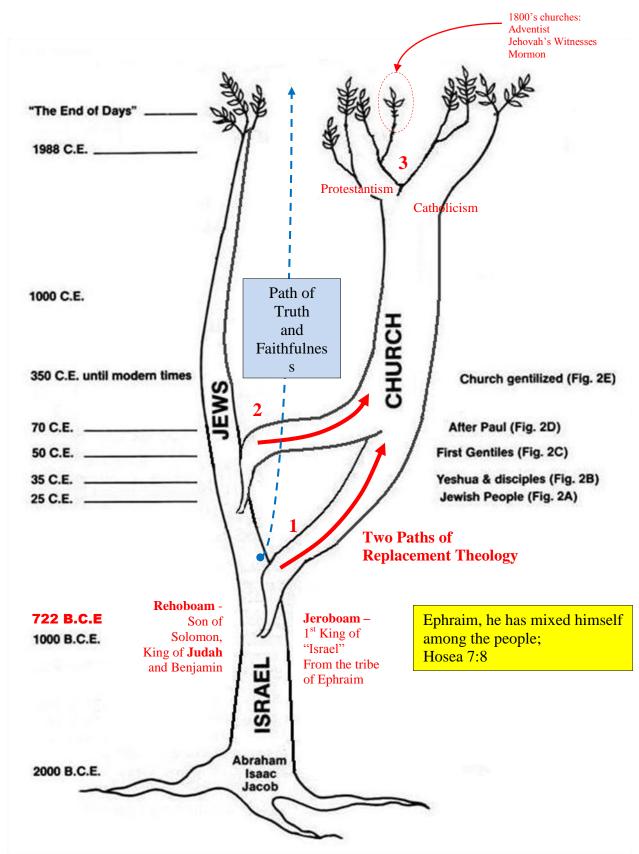


Figure 7 – Northern and Southern Split

2012 Elections

Consider the following quotes by Joseph Smith and Orrin Hatch in light of the 2012 elections:

A Thread of Prophecy

You will see the constitution of the United States almost destroyed. It will hang like a thread.... A terrible revolution will take place in the land of America The land will be left without a Supreme Government, ... [Mormonism] will have gathered strength, sending out Elders to gather the honest in heart ... to stand by the Constitution of the United States.... In these days ... God will set up a Kingdom, never to be thrown down.... the whole of America will be made the Zion of God.

> (May, 6, 1843) Joseph Smith, Founder Mormonism

I've never seen it worse than this, where the Constitution literally is hanging by a thread.

Orrin Hatch (November 9, 1999) Republican Senator, Utah

Mitt Romney Campaigns for the office of President against the
incumbent Barack Obama but looses the election.November 6, 2012

The above quote by Smith came to be known by Mormons as the White Horse Prophecy. This sheds some light on the significance of Mitt Romney's run for the Presidency in 2012. If Romney won the election, it would have confirmed to every Mormon that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet. However, it appears that God had other plans. Instead of America becoming the Zion of God, all eyes are now on Jerusalem/Zion in Israel. This is the thesis of this document. Ezekiel 37 will be fulfilled, not in America, but in the Land of Israel itself.

Jehovah's Witnesses have similar problems to resolve over their prophet Charles Taze Russell, and their interpretation of especially the 144,000.

All three 1800's churches promote *Replacement Theology* and *Supersessionism*. They all cannot be the *Remnant*. Just maybe, the bible is true after all ... that the biblical Remnant will come from Israel as will the 144,000.

Once we resolve who *Israel* is, all the controversies and divisions will be solved – and Messiah can come.

The Grafted Olive Tree:

Where should Ezekiel 37 apply?

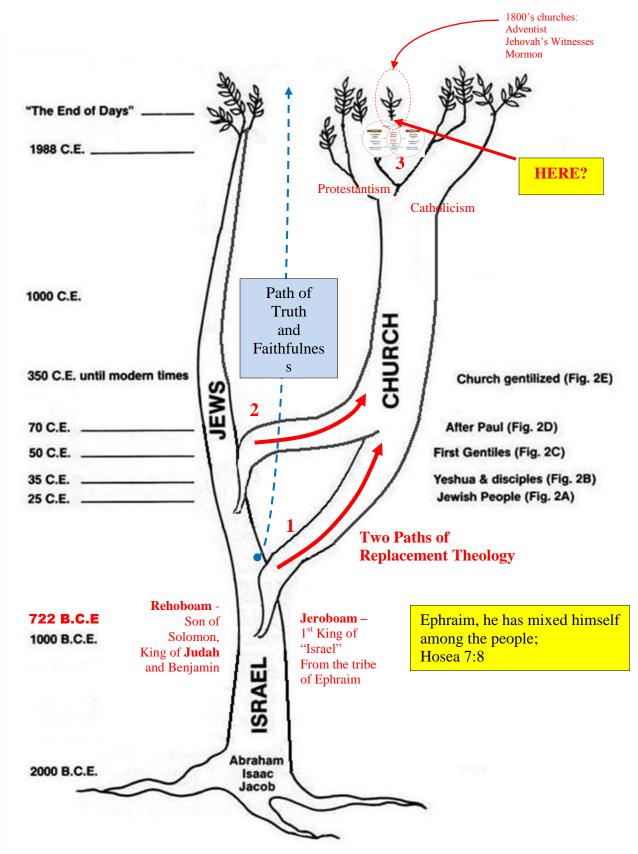


Figure 8 – Northern and Southern Split

The Grafted Olive Tree: Where should Ezekiel 37 apply?

1800's churches: Adventist Jehovah's Witnesses Mormon "The End of Days" Т 1988 C.E. T Т **HERE**? Т Protestantism I. licism I. Cath I I Path 1000 C.E. of CHURCH Truth 350 C.E. until modern times Church gentilized (Fig. 2E) EWS 70 C.E. _ After Paul (Fig. 2D) First Gentiles (Fig. 2C) 50 C.E. 35 C.E. Yeshua & disciples (Fig. 2B) Jewish People (Fig. 2A) 25 C.E. **Two Paths of Replacement Theology** Rehoboam -Ephraim, he has mixed himself 722 B.C.E Jeroboam -Son of 1st King of Solomon, among the people; 1000 B.C.E. "Israel" King of Judah Hosea 7:8 From the tribe SRAEL and Benjamin of Ephraim Abraham 2000 B.C.E. Isaac Jacob

Figure 9 – Northern and Southern Split

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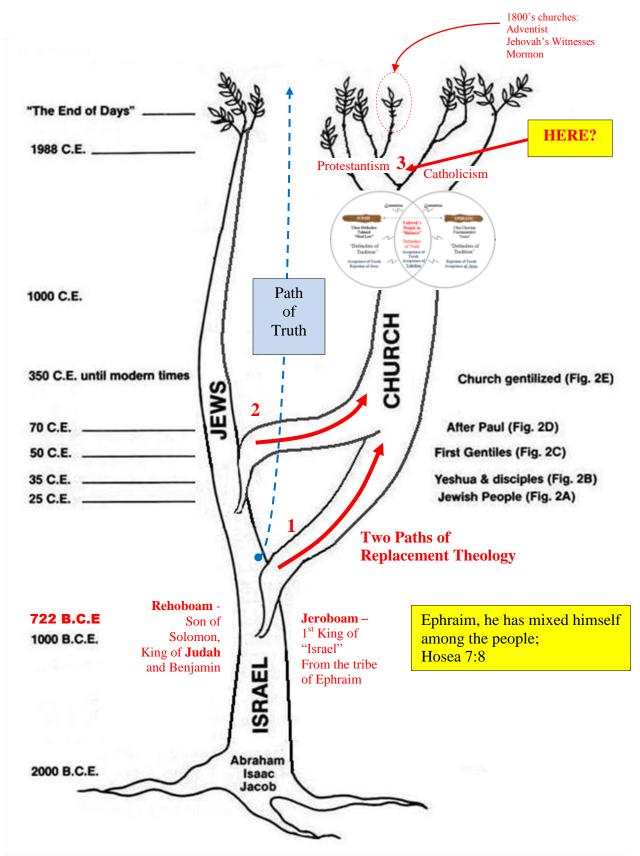


Figure 10 – Northern and Southern Split

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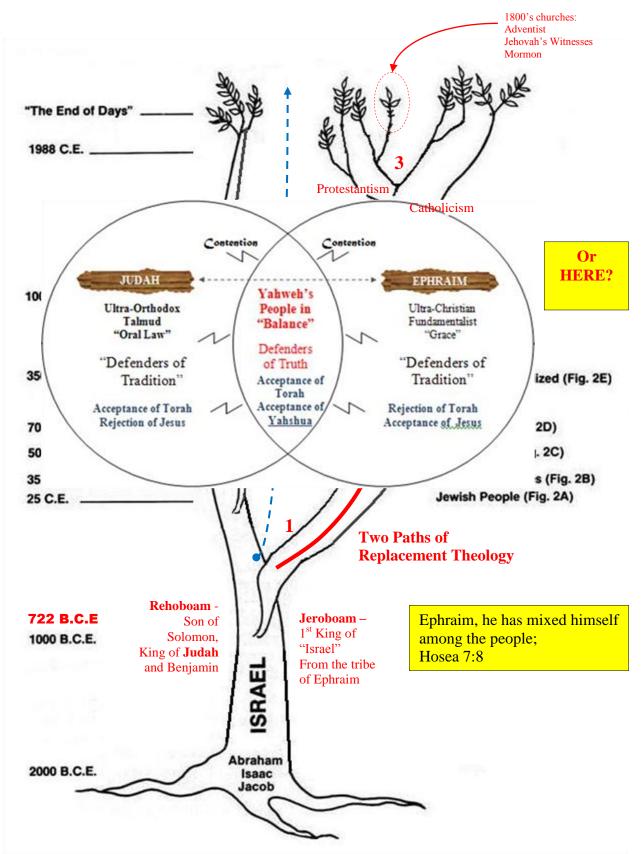


Figure 11 – Northern and Southern Split

The Split Olive Tree:

Four Possible applications of Ezekiel 37

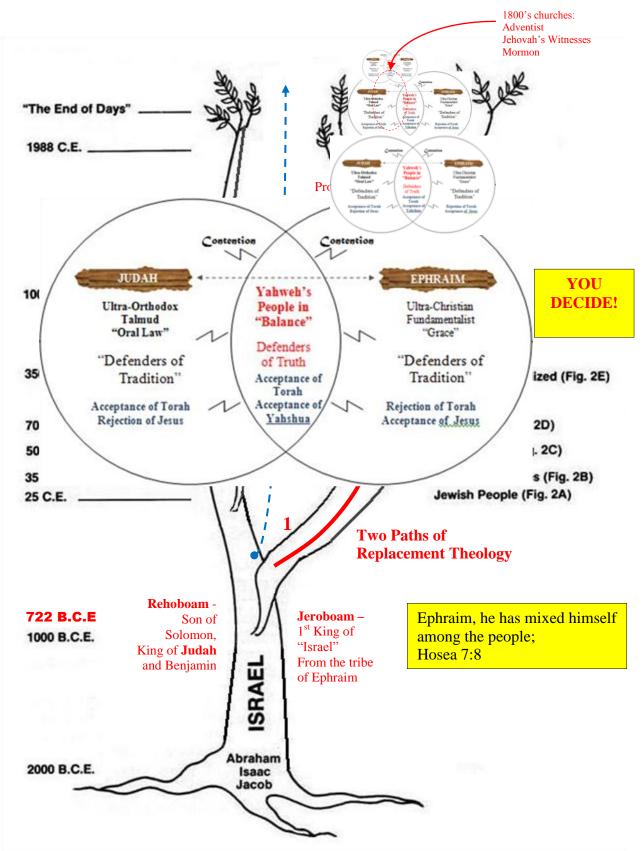
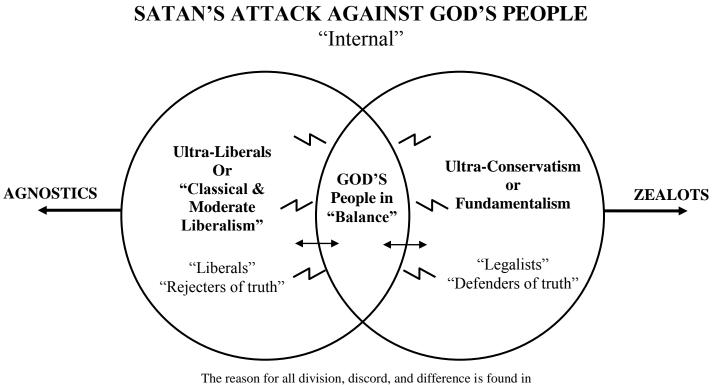


Figure 12 – Northern and Southern Split

Original Circle Diagram

The Venn diagram shown above was modified from the diagram below. This was created after hearing a sermon one Sabbath by Pastor William Santee.

The labels shown below are significant. This diagram can apply individually to both *Judah* and *Ephraim* shown above. Any organization, or church/synagogue/mosque, can be torn apart because of the conflict that exists between liberals and conservatives. As the groups separate from each other, if they go far enough, individuals may move to the extreme left or right. Society has suffered time and time again because of this tendency.



The reason for all division, discord, and difference is found in separation from Messiah. 1SM 259

See: "Adventism Under Fire" (Cassette tapes.) by Willard Santee

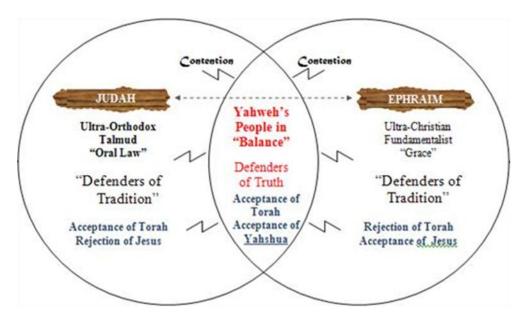
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Vital Issue to Resolve

Christians who think they are distinct and separate from the Jews need to carefully study Romans chapter 11. This goes for Jews also, who think they are separate and distinct from Christians.

If the Jews/Judah of today would admit that the children of Jacob/Israel consist of all 12 tribes who are descended from Jacobs sons, they would have to admit that the Israel of today is missing their 10 brothers. Likewise, if Christians looked into where the 10 tribes of the Northern kingdom went after they split from the two tribes of the Southern kingdom in 722 BCE, they might just discover that they are actually *Ephraim*.

Once the issue of the *Messiah* is solved for the Jews of Judah, and the issues of *Torah* is resolved by Christians, then God can finally fulfill the prophecy of Ezekiel 37 bringing both sticks together as one. Both Jews and Christians need to accept *Yeshua* the Jewish Messiah. Both Jews and Christians need to accept the *Torah*. Only then will the trees come together in peace and unity - *Echad*.



Romans Chapter 11

- **Rom 11:1** I say then, Did God cast off his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
- Rom 11:2 God did not cast off his people which he foreknew. Or know you not what the scripture says of Elijah? how he plead with God against Israel:
- Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, they have dug down your altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
- Rom 11:4 But what says the answer of God unto him? I have left for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.
- Rom 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
- Rom 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace.
- Rom 11:7 What then? that which Israel seeks for, that he obtained not; but the election obtained it, and the rest were hardened:
- Rom 11:8 according as it is written, God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, unto this very day.

- Rom 11:9 And David says, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, And a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them:
- Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, And bow you down their back always.
- Rom 11:11 I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? God forbid: but by their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.
- Rom 11:12 Now if their fall, is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?
- Rom 11:13 But I speak to you that are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I glorify my ministry;
- Rom 11:14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *them that are* my flesh, and may save some of them.
- Rom 11:15 For if the casting away of them *is* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead?
- Rom 11:16 And if the firstfruit is holy, so is the lump: and if the root is holy, so are the branches.
- Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them, and didst become partaker with them of the root of the fatness of the olive tree:
- Rom 11:18 glory not over the branches: but if you glory, it is not you that bear the root, but the root you.
- Rom 11:19 You will say then, Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.
- Rom 11:20 Well; by their unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by thy faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
- Rom 11:21 for if God spared not the natural branches, neither will he spare thee.
- Rom 11:22 Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, God's goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise you also shall be cut off.
- Rom 11:23 And they also, if they continue not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.
- Rom 11:24 For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and was grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?
- Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in;
- Rom 11:26 and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
- Rom 11:27 And this is my covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins.
- Rom 11:28 As touching the gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake.
- Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are not repented of.
- Rom 11:30 For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience,
- Rom 11:31 even so have these also now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they also may now obtain mercy.
- Rom 11:32 For God hath shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.
- Rom 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!
- Rom 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?
- Rom 11:35 or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?
- Rom 11:36 For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him *be* the glory for ever.

Amen.

Error of Replacement Theology

The <u>First Century Events</u> chart below focuses on what happened in the first century as recorded in the Bible. When you study the events in context during the time of the Apostles, you can see that the first century believers had to confront many challenges to their faith from both the Jewish leaders and Paganism. One very important event is highlighted and refers to when in 98 A.D. Ignatius started the Universal church. What Ignatius began the Catholic church finished at the time of Emperor Constantine as shown in Figure 6 above.

Consider also the <u>Two Interpretations of Galatians</u> (Chapter 4) below. Christians have misinterpreted what Paul wrote because they believe in *Replacement Theology*, which causes you to believe that God forsook the Hebrew people and created a New group of people called the "Church." This new group has its own scriptures which they call the *New Testament* in contrast to what they call the *Old Testament*. They say they have a New Covenant while the Jews have the Old. They say the Jew's are obsolete and God is now using the "Church" to spread the "Gospel." Their Gospel is of course void of obedience to God's law (Torah) which He gave on Mt. Sinai. God specifically told us that obedience to the Torah brings blessings while disobedience brings a curse (Deut. 11:26-28). Notice specifically verse 28. This is the same issue Paul is addressing in Galatians 4.

Obedience is optional with God. He leaves the decision for us to make. He does not force us to obey Him. He simply says: "*If you love me, keep my commandments*" (Jn. 14:15). Since sin separates us from God we need to know what sin is. 1 John 3:4 defines sin as "transgression of the law" [*Torah*]. See the target diagram below.

Also see Isaiah. 8:20, Malachi 4:4, and Matthew 5:17 where the word *Law* = *Torah*.

Return Two Interpretations of Galatians 4

Current disagreement over the interpretation of Gal. 4 has to do with whether Paul condemned the people because they observed the pagan customs, or because they observed Jewish customs. Based on the context of the situation, one of these interpretations is clearly incorrect. See figure-3, Versions 1 and 2 below.

Since Paul and the early Christians continued to observe the "Feasts of the LORD" after Christ's resurrection, it is <u>not</u> possible that he used the language he did, in Gal. 4:8-10, in referring to Leviticus 23.

I Am Afraid Of You

"Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain."

Version 1: Galatians 4:8-10

4:8 Howbeit then, when ye <u>knew not God</u> [before learning of YHWH], ye did service unto them [pagan gods] which by nature are <u>no gods</u> [Astarte, Cybele, Isis, Jupiter, Mars, Moon, Stars, Sun, Zeus].

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God [YHWH], or rather are known of God [YHWH], how turn ye again to the <u>weak and beggarly elements</u> [of pagan customs], whereunto ye desire again to be in <u>bondage</u> [to their false system of pagan worship]?

4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years [the pagan holy days and festivals].

4:11 I am afraid of you [who are turning back to pagan customs], lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Version 2: SDA Bible Commentary on Galatians 4:8-10; 6BC 967

4:8 Howbeit then, when ye <u>knew not God</u> [before learning of the LORD], ye did service unto them [pagan gods] which by nature are <u>no gods</u> [idols or false gods].

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God [LORD], or rather are known of God [LORD], how turn ye again to the <u>weak and beggarly elements</u> [ceremonial system], whereunto ye desire again to be in <u>bondage</u> [to the law]?

4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years [festivals of the Jewish religious calendar].

4:11 I am afraid of you [who are turning back to bondage of the Ceremonial Law], lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Can this be

correct?



Conclusion: The Galatians simply reverted back to observing the pagan holiday calendar, as the overwhelming majority of Christians do today. Paul was addressing that situation.

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In Hebrew sin is defined a missing the mark. See definition of sin in 1 John 3:4. Sin = Missing the Mark

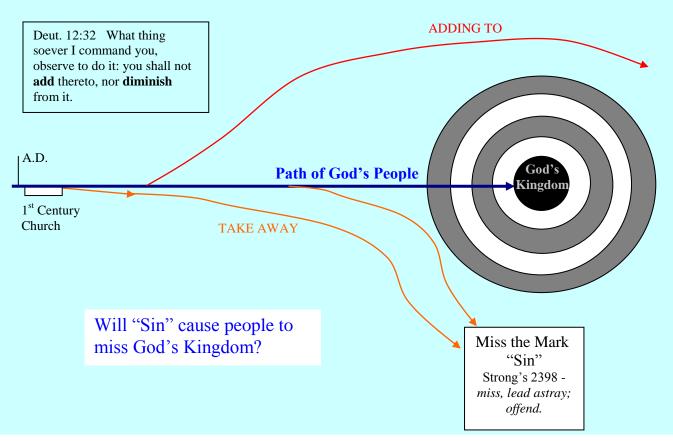


Figure 14 - Missing the Mark

What does it take for an arrow to hit the bull's-eye?



- 1) Aim
 - a) Adjust Horizontal
 - b) Adjust Vertical
 - c) Compensate Vertical for distance
 - d) Compensate Horizontal for wind.
 - e) Adjust velocity or force of arrow
- 2) Release

Questions:

- 1. Are steps a-e necessary?
- 2. Does accuracy matter in the steps above?
- 3. In a competition, who wins the prize?
- 4. Is alignment necessary?
- 5. Could this principle also apply to the Christian Experience?

Hebrew vs. Greek Thinking

Hebrew thought runs in Cycles whereas Greek thinking is Linear. What was, and is, will be - is the general reality in Hebrew thinking. Consider the follow passages from Isaiah in an English translation of the Bible – especially Isa. 46:10.

45:15 Verily you are a God that hides yourself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. (See. Dan. 2:28, 29; Matt. 22:8-14; Mk. 13:34-37; lk. 15:1-22; Rev. 10:7)

. .

17 *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus says the LORD that <u>created the heavens</u>; God himself that <u>formed the earth</u> and made it; <u>he has established it</u>, he did not create it vain, he formed it . . .

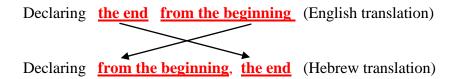
19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the <u>seed of Jacob</u>, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, <u>I declare things that are right</u>. (Isa. 45:15, 17-19)

. . .

46: 8 Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O you transgressors.
9 <u>Remember the former things of old</u>: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,

10 **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (Isa. 46:8-10)

Note the phrase highlighted above, "Declaring the end from the beginning." Consider looking at this phrase from the perspective of a literal Hebrew translation as given in J. P. Green's *The Interlinear Bible*. Note carefully the subtle difference in word order.



The above illustration shows the subtle difference in meaning by simply reversing the order of the words. Christians commonly think of God as knowing the end from the beginning (i.e. they know the "end of the story."). However, the meaning of God declaring the End IN THE BEGINNING is prophetically significant. If God revealed the END in the BEGINNING then the Word of God in the Beginning cannot be changed. (Deut. 12:32; Isa. 8:20; Mal. 4:4; Matt. 5:17-18)

The one who gave the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai in Deut. 12:32, tells us we are not to add to or take away from "all the words I am commanding you." Earlier in chapter 12 and verse 8 Moses warned the people not to do as they were doing – "each one doing <u>whatever is right in his own eyes</u>." Immediately following the warning of not adding or taking away from the Torah at the end of chapter 12 is given the warning regarding false prophets in Deuteronomy chapter 13.

Deut. 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,

13:2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spoke unto you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them;

13:3 You shall not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: <u>for the</u> <u>LORD</u> [יהוה] <u>your God is proving you</u>, to know whether you love the LORD [יהוה] your God [Elohim] with all your heart and with all your soul.

13:4 You shall walk after the LORD [יהוה] your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

13:5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he has spoken

to turn *you* away from הזה [the LORD]your Elohim [God], which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust you out of the way which

דוה thy Elohim commanded you to walk in. So shall you put the evil away from the midst of you.

According to the Bible, it is a very serious thing to not do as God has commanded. The penalty for turning people away from God was death. Any person who misleads people will be judged by the one who gave us the Torah on Mt. Sinai. If the people sin and follow a false teacher they too are judged and a curse follows. Obedience brings blessings while disobedience brings a curse. Obedience is not optional for the believer.

Deut. 8:1 All the commandments which I command you this day shall you observe to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD [יהוה] swore to your fathers.

8:2 And you shall remember all the ways which the LORD your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to <u>humble you</u>, and to <u>prove you</u>, to <u>know what was in your heart</u>, whether you would **keep his commandments, or not**.

8:3 And he <u>humbled you</u>, and let you suffer hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that **man does not live**

by bread only, but by <u>every *word*</u> that proceeds out of the mouth of הזהי [LORD]. Deut. 8:1-3

Now to take a another look at Hebrew vs. Greek thinking. As was said earlier, Hebrew thought runs in Cycles whereas Greek thinking is Linear. Figures 10 and 11 below show the difference.

Hebrew Thinking vs. Greek Thinking

To a Hebrew mind, *doctrine* is what you do and is action driven. To a Greek mind *doctrine* is what you believe and teach (i.e. Correct articulation of what you believe).

The nature of Hebrew thinking is cyclical. The nature of Greek thinking is Linear. Applying Greek principles to the biblical covenants is the basis for *Replacement Theology* and provides justification for removing everything "Jewish" from the Christian faith because it is thought that the Old is superseded by the New.

Linear Nature of Covenants (Greek thinking) "Covenants Replace Previous" Prior Truth is *replaced* by current Truth.

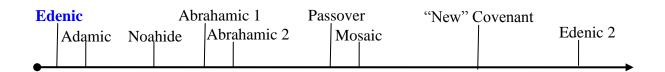


Figure 15 - Evolution of Covenants

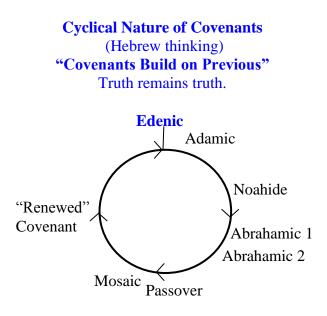


Figure 16 -Cyclical Nature of Covenants

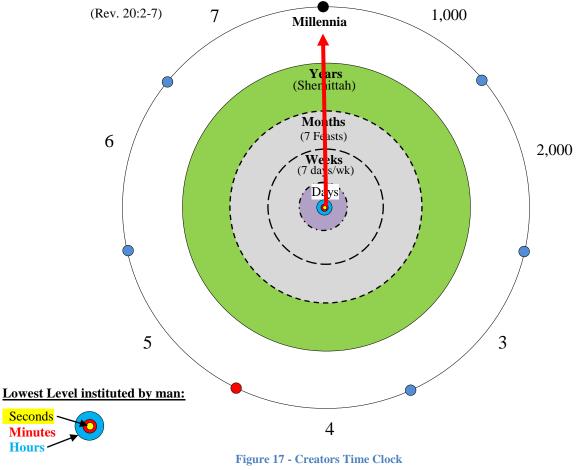
The Creators clock

Keeping the cyclical Hebrew thinking in mind, if you consider the clock that God created as the earth interacts with the heavens you cannot help but see that God had a reason for giving his people the religious calendar that he did as recorded in the Torah – the first five books of the bible. Although the creation account in Genesis is very brief, it is by no means simple. The diagram below represents the elements of God's time keeping:

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The Creators Time Clock

The diagrams below symbolizes the elements of the Creators Clock from seconds (shown as the very center circle colored yellow) to the seven Millennia (outer circle) of Bible/Prophetic history. If only one element in time is altered, history is likewise altered. For a more in-depth discussion see the Creators Time Clock.docx file and power-point presentation.



Middle Level count defined by God:

Days (Set at creation; grouped by sevens) Weeks (Grouped into Months defined by God) Months (Set at creation; defines time of Feasts)

Upper Level count:

Years (Set at creation; grouped by seven for Shemittah – land Rests every 7 yrs; grouped by seven sevens (49) for the Jubilees.

Highest Level count where Prophesy is fulfilled and History is Recorded:

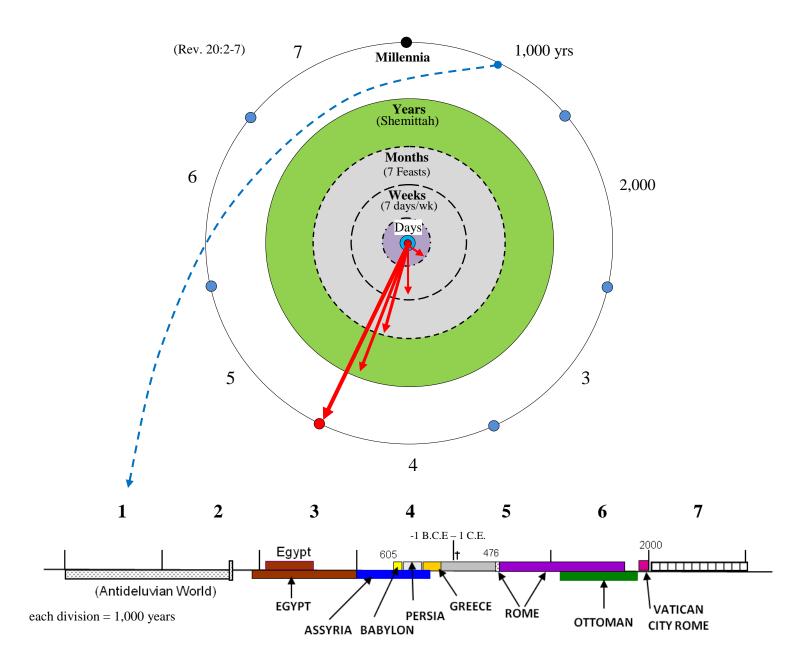
Millennia - 1,000 yrs.

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and <u>be established</u> in the <u>present truth</u>." 2 Peter 1:12

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Peter 3:8

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God's Prophetic Clock



"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Peter 3:8

Seconds per Millennium							
Seconds	Minute	Hour	Day	Week	Month	Year	Millennia
1	60	3600	86,400	604,800	2,419,200 (4 wks/mo.)	29,030,400	29,030,400,000
					2,548,800 (29.5 days/mo.)	30,585,600	30,585,600,000

Figure 18 - God's Prophetic Clock

Problem of Two Messiah's

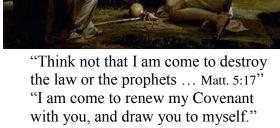
The following picture was taken from <u>en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian movements</u>. The mirror image represents two Messiahs that have been presented to the world through the Christian religion. The main issue is that there is a difference in teaching and example between a Hebrew Messiah and a Greek one which has not yet been sufficiently understood. The legacy of the Catholic church has been to corrupt the Christian faith through the mixing of truth and error. The true Messiah will be recognized by a Hebrew thinking mind not a Hellenistic Greek one. See: *The Real Messiah.doc*

The picture depicted below on the **right** is the famous Sermon on the Mount of Jesus in which he commented on **Biblical law**. Christians believe that Jesus is the mediator of a "**New**" **Covenant**." However, what does the bible really teach? Did the Messiah come to do away with the Torah [Law], or establish it?

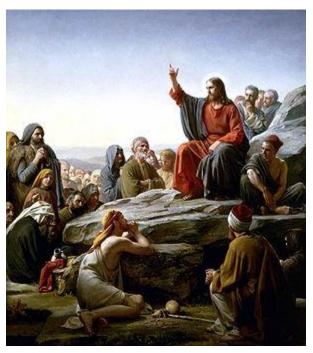
Which is the true Messiah? Is there a difference? Does it matter?

or

Hebrew Yeshua



Greek Jesus



"I am come to deliver you from the bondage of the law ... Gal. 4:9" "I am come to give you a completely New covenant, and draw you to myself."

"...And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name ______ for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21

Ans. Yah-shua (Yahweh is Salvation)

"I am come in <u>my Father's name</u>, and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive." Jn. 5:43; 10:25

Two Gospels

- 1. The disciples told those they witnessed to that they needed a savior because they broke the law of God and were under a death sentence. The Gospel they preached was that even though they were under the penalty of the law (death), they could have life by believing in the one who took their penalty upon himself. Obedience to God's law and overcoming is only possible through the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- 2. Many Christians today witness to a different Gospel. The Gospel they preach is that Jesus nailed God's law to a cross thus removing the death sentence. Where there is no law there is no transgression therefore they say obedience is not necessary for salvation, and only faith in the fact that Jesus died in their place is necessary. With this "gospel" the standard for judgment or blessing is removed. They teach that obedience to God's law and overcoming is not possible even through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Law [bad] is contrasted with Grace [good].

Matt. 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

7:23 And then will I profess unto them, <u>I never knew you</u>: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Mk. 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive you:

13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and shall deceive many.

Possible Translations

For many shall come in my name saying [that] I <u>am</u> [the] Christ; and [in spite of this] shall deceive many.

or

For many shall come in my name, saying, "I am Christ"; and [they] shall deceive many. Matt. 24:5

> Are both versions above correct? Does it matter?

The diagrams in Appendix's 1 and 2 below give a more detailed chronological sequence of God's people through the last 3,000 years.

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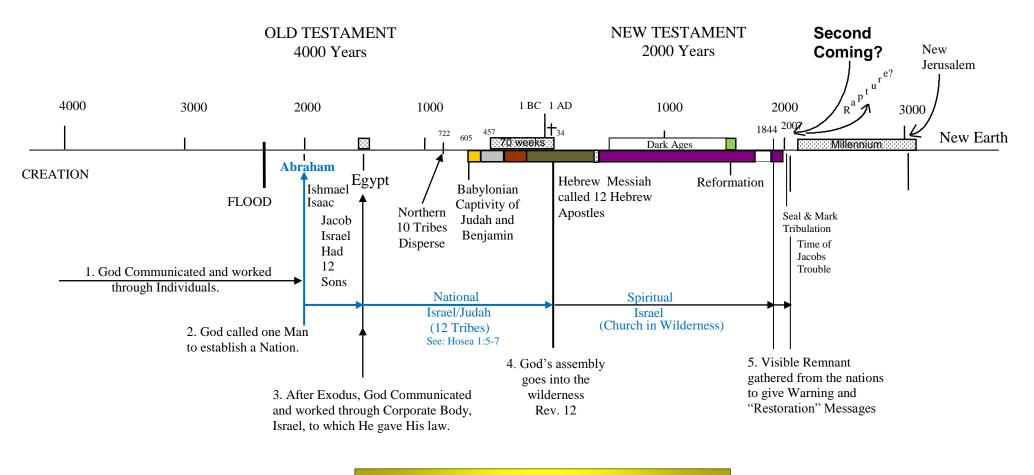
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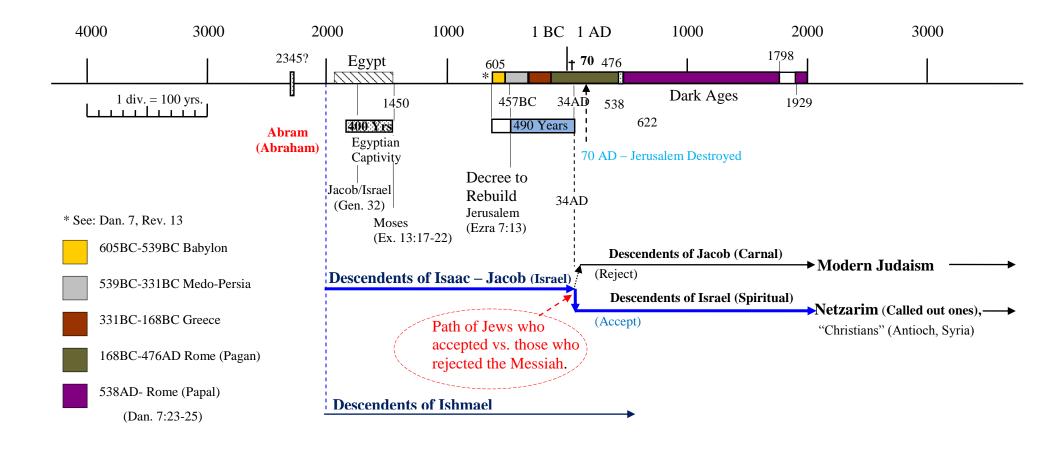
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God's "Church" Through History



Spiritual Israel is Israel when they are Spiritual. Sabbaths are a sign. Ezek. 20:20

Historical Path of the Jews



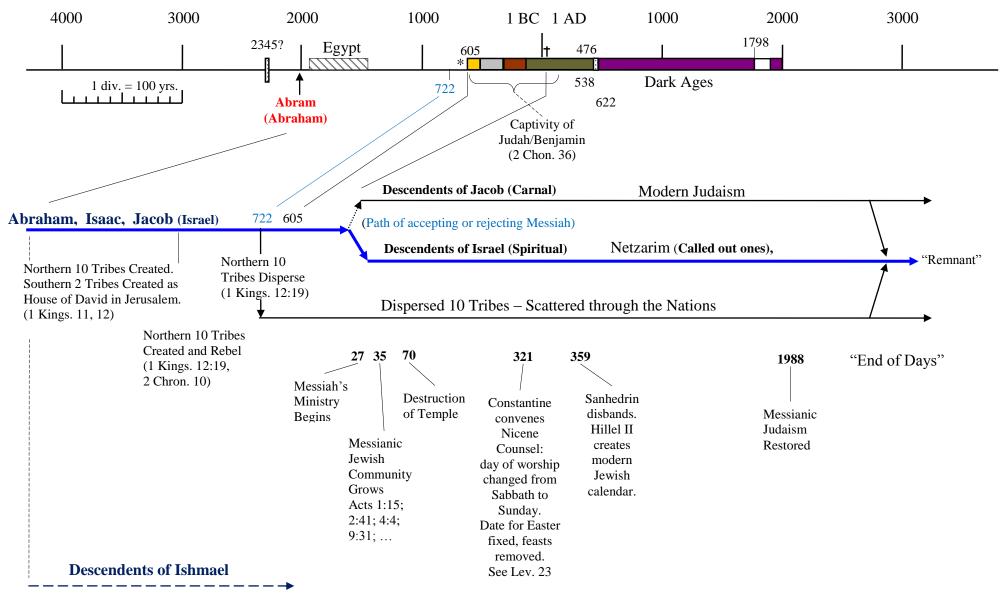
Loss of half the kingdom — During Rehoboam's first week in office, his grandiose ideas and failure to read the political climate resulted in a rebellion, in which 10 of Israel's 12 tribes seceded, forming the nation known from then on as **Israel**. Benjamin and Judah remained under Rehoboam and both assumed the name **Judah**. 1 Kings 12:1-24, 14:21-31; 2 Chronicles 10 - 12

In 167 B.C.E. a Greek ruler by the name of Antiochus Epiphanies set up an altar to Zeus over the altar of burnt offerings in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. He also sacrificed a pig on the altar in the Temple in Jerusalem.

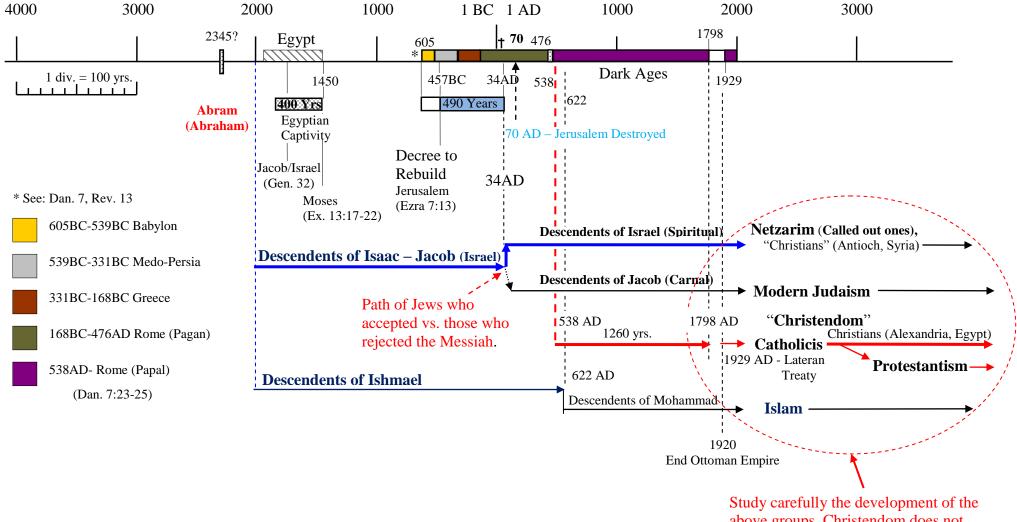
In 167 Antiochus permanently garrisoned Jerusalem with Syrian soldiers and enforced Hellenization <u>forbidding Jewish rites</u>. <u>http://dedication.www3.50megs.com/dan/epiphanes.html</u>

Historical Split of the Jews

(See Figures $\underline{1}$ & 2)

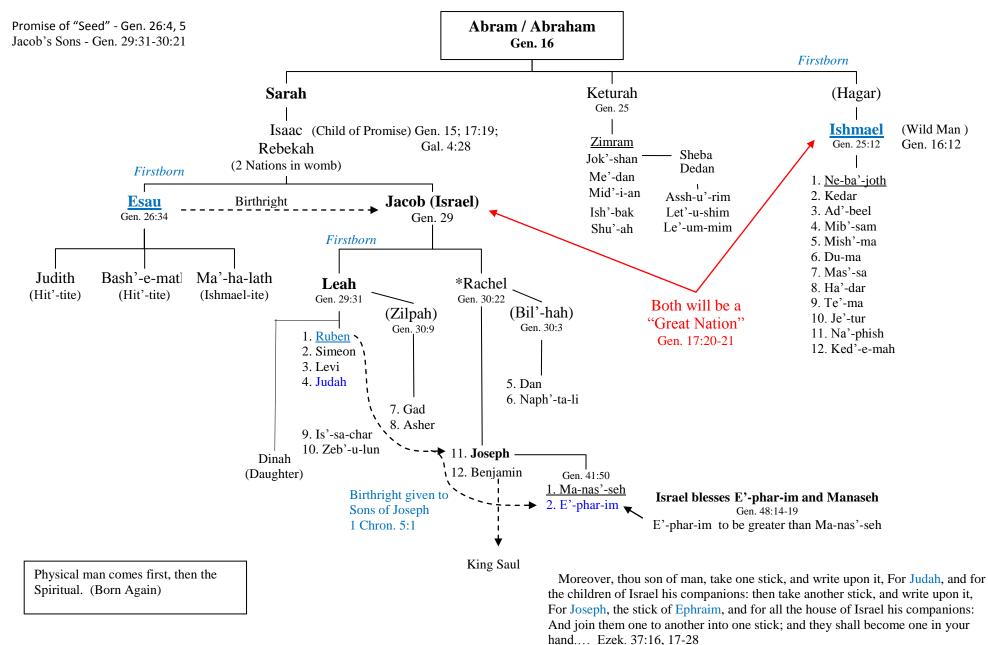


Historical Path of Christianity



above groups. Christendom does not begin at the time of the Apostles.

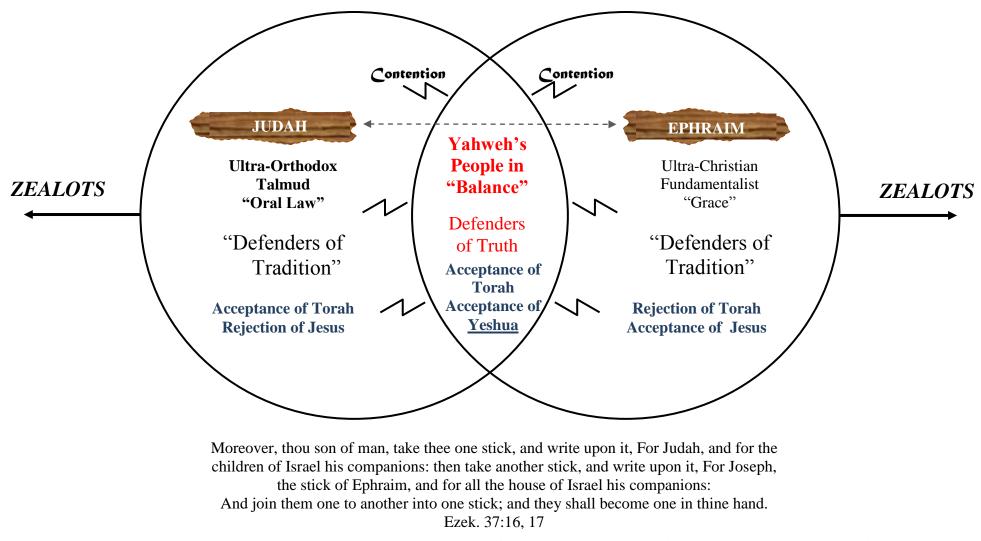
Abraham's Family Tree



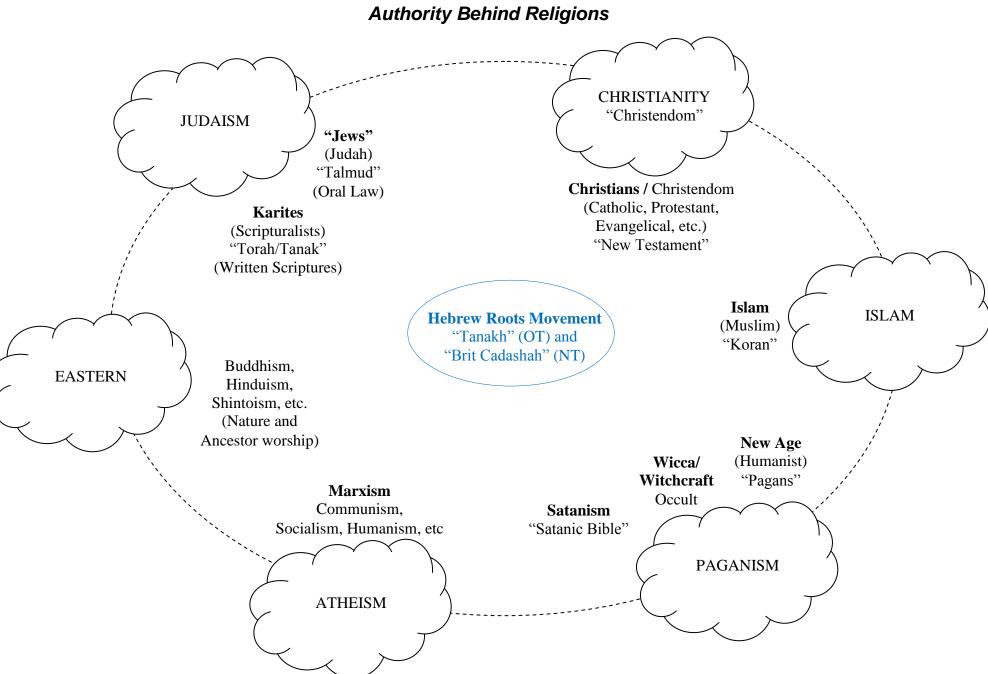
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Joining of the "Two Sticks"

Ezekiel 37:15-28



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 Return

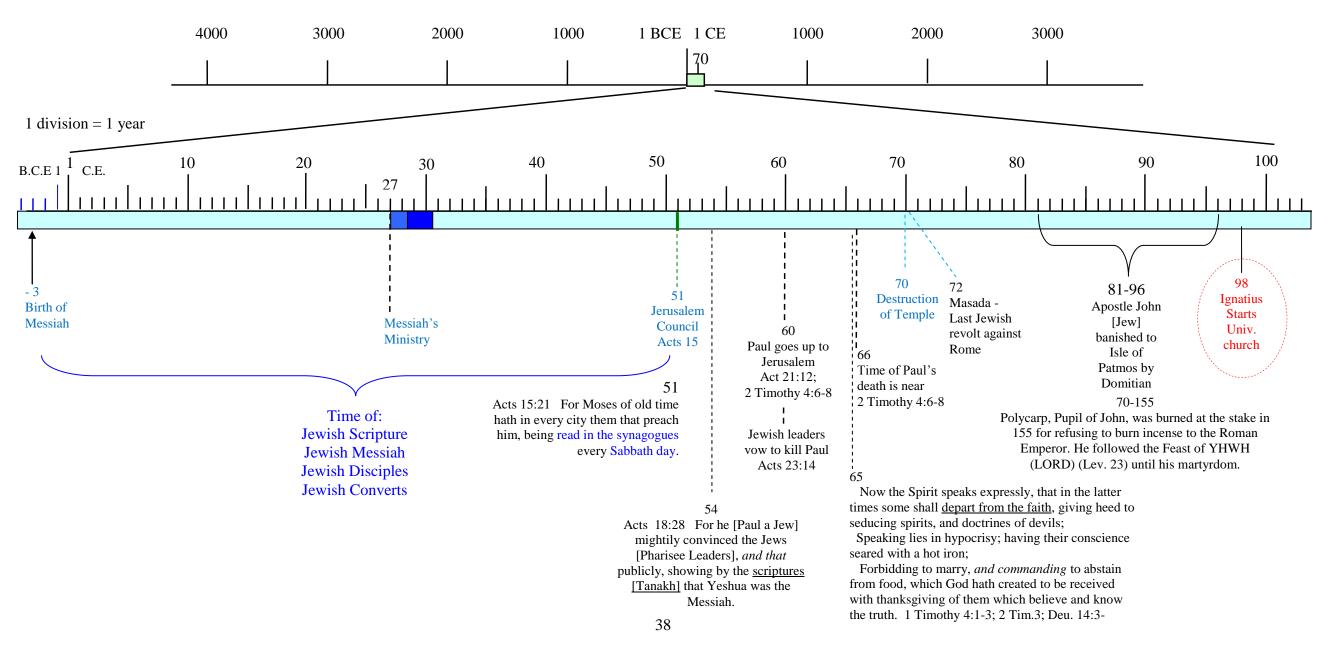


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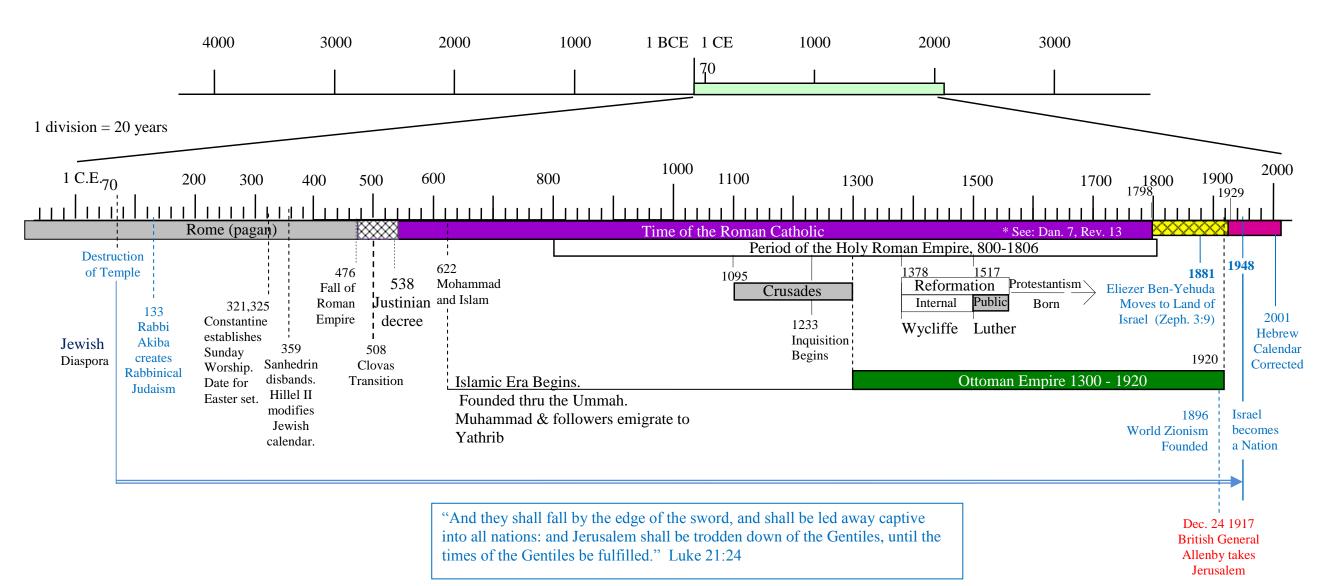
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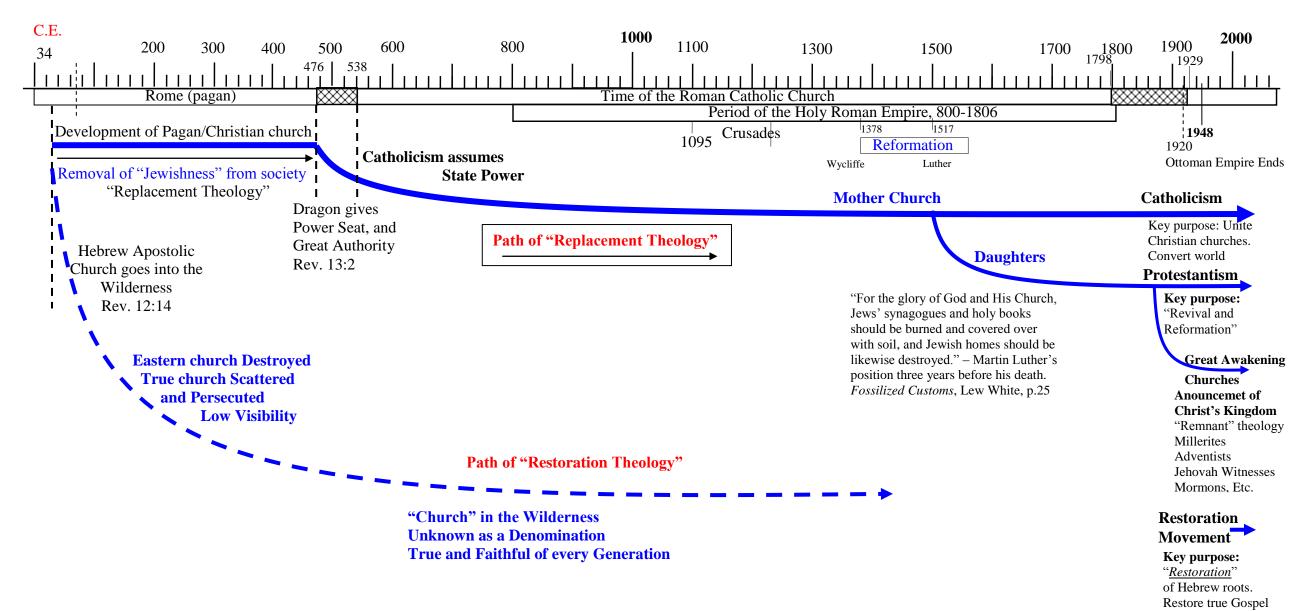
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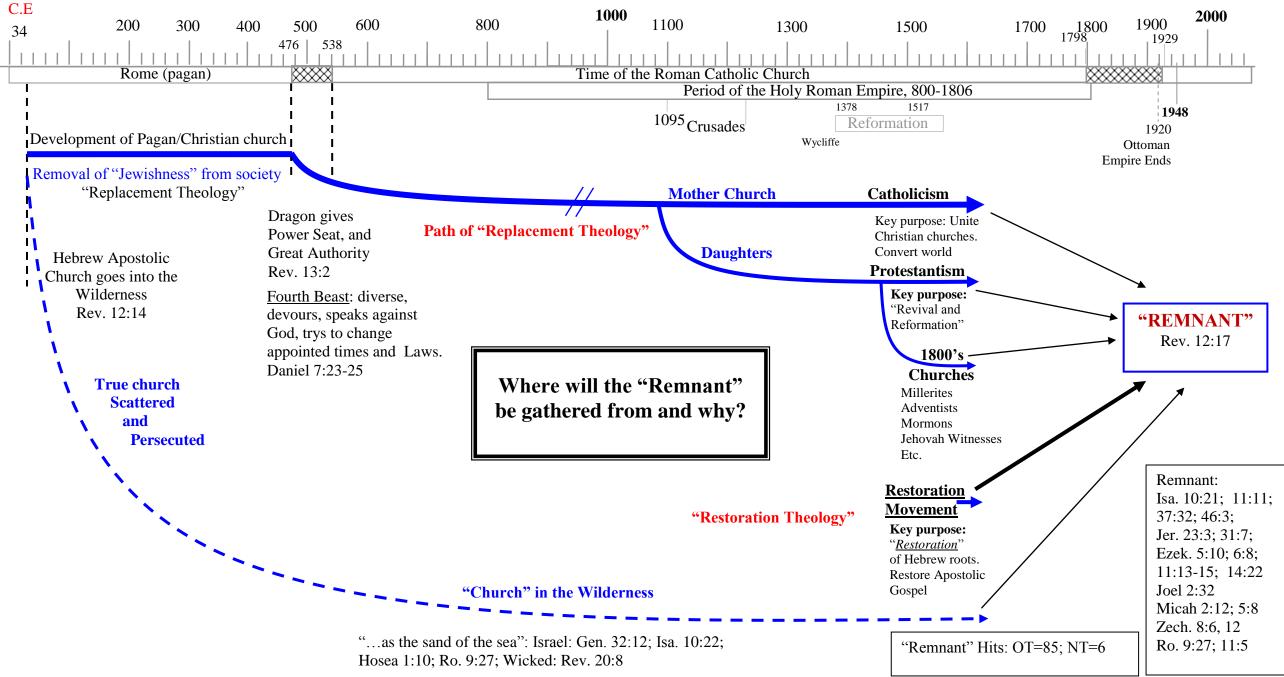
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Path of Christianity

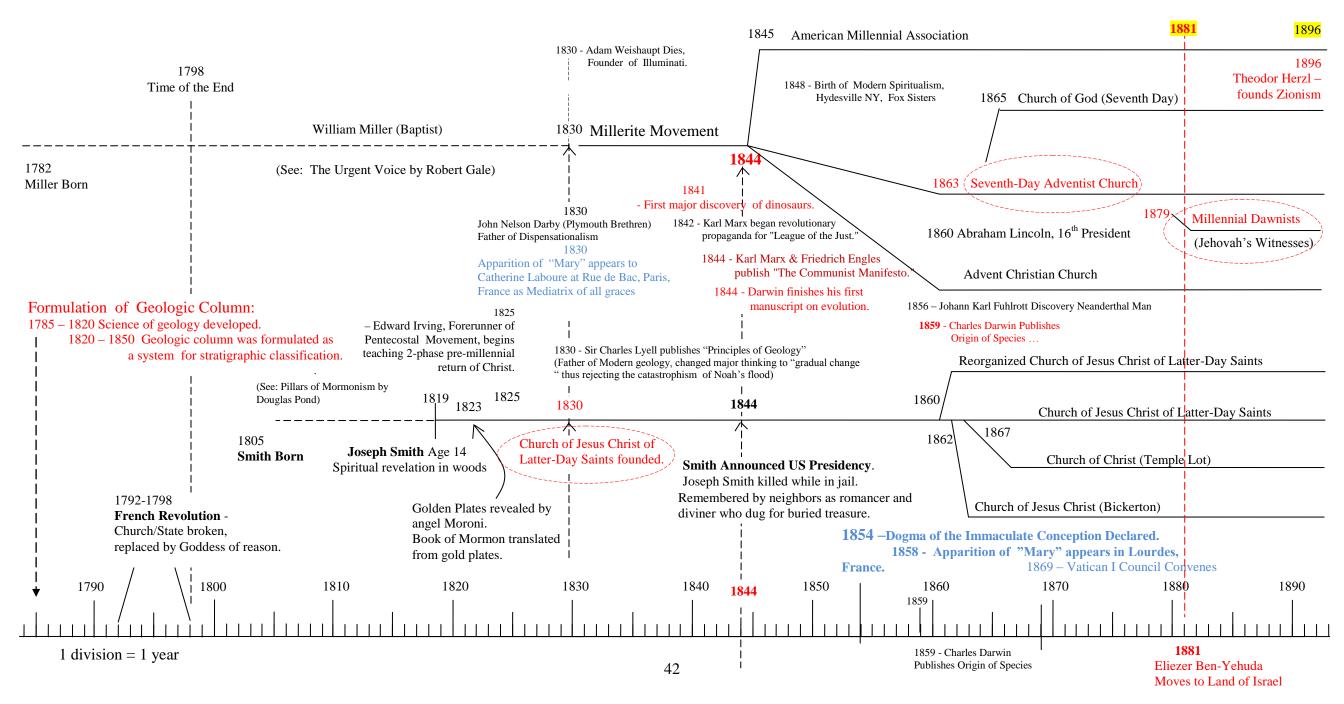


Paths of the Remnant

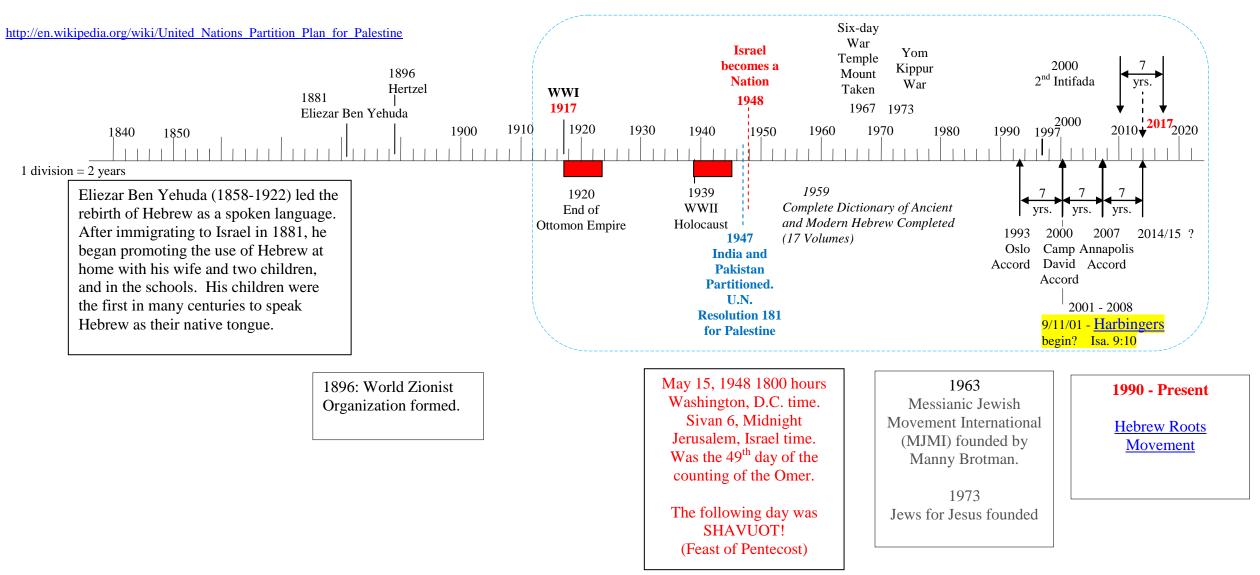


1800's Churches and Beginning of Evolutionary Theory

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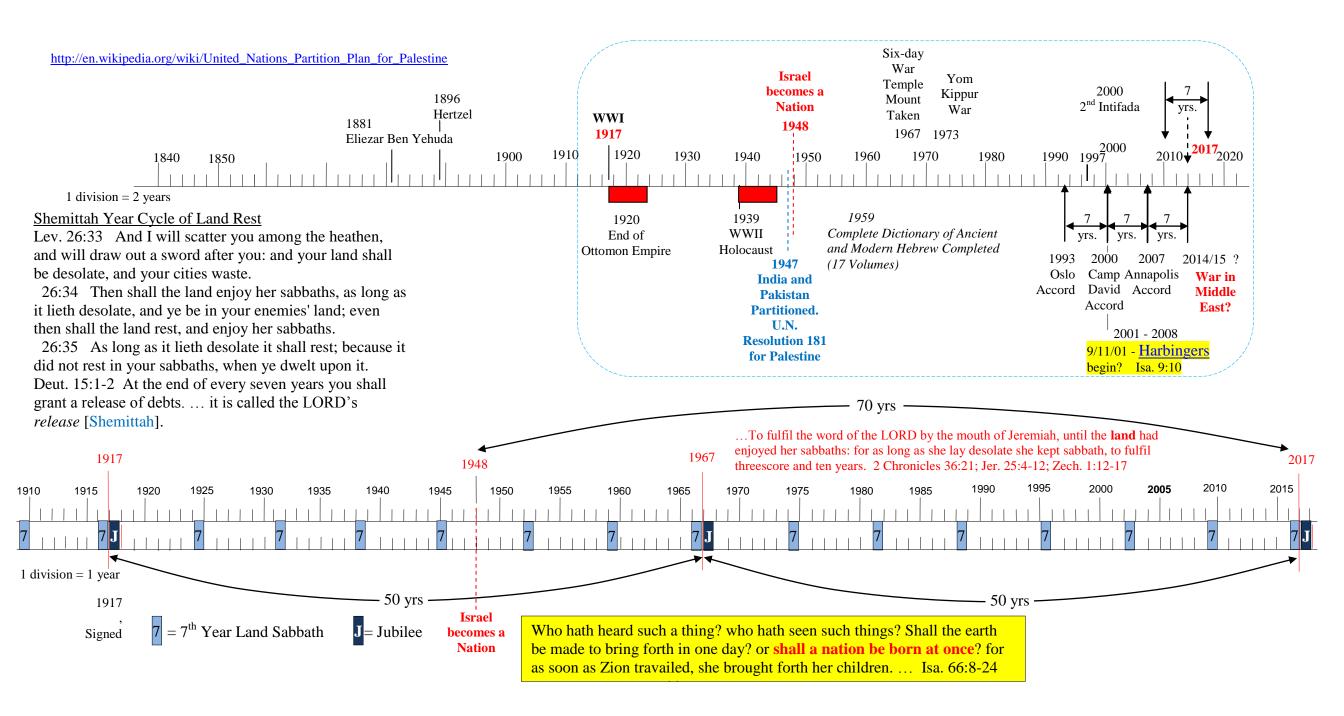


Hebrew Roots Timeline



Hebrew Roots is a contemporary global spiritual movement that advocates the return and adherence to the first century faith of Jesus Christ by seeking a better understanding of the culture, history, and religio-political backdrop of that era which led to the core differences with both the Jewish, and later, Christian communities. It has been noted that Hebrew Roots theology includes at least seven distinct core differences from Protestantism, Seventh-day Adventism, Rabbinic Judaism, and Messianic Judaism

Shemittha Year Cycle Restored and Land Covenant



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