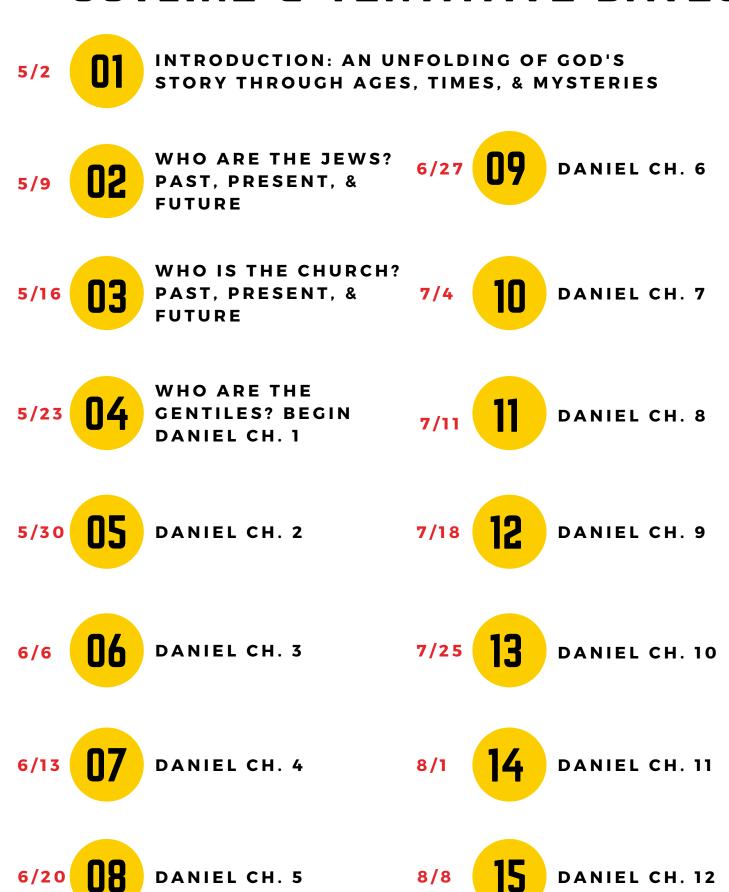


OUTLINE & TENTATIVE DATES



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WHO ARE THE JEWS? PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

THE
JEWS

The Jews are
God's chosen people
preserved throughout time;
just as the burning bush was
unconsumed, so are the Jews.
The remarkable lineage of
the nation of Israel
surrounded by Divine
Presence is like no other.

"When Frederick the Great asked the court preacher for an unanswerable proof, in one word, of the inspiration of the Bible, he replied - 'The Jew, your Majesty.' The emblem of the Jewish Race is a Bush Burning and Unconsumed."

Clarence Larkin

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- 2. The Jews have been entrusted with the oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2)
- 3. The Jews were used so that through them God would give a Savior. The genealogy of Christ has been carefully preserved in Scripture since the days of Adam.
- 4. The Jews, a chosen race, has been used to save the world from moral decay.

SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS

Read: John 4:22, Matthew 5:13-16, Acts 15:13-18, Romans 11:1-5, 11-12, 15, 17, 23-27

- When Jesus told the woman at the well that salvation is of the Jews did He simply mean that He, the Savior, came from the Jewish race? How does preservation of Jews affect the world?
 Can you name incidents when Jews lost their savor and the world rapidly degenerated?
- Consider the two olive trees discussed in Romans: the good/cultivated tree and the wild tree. How many branches of the good olive tree were broken off in verse 17? Why not all of the branches (see v. 5)? Name other examples when God saves a remnant.
- Are the root and trunk of the olive tree still alive? What happens
 when the wild branches are grafted among the good branches?
 Are the wild branches grafted "instead of" the good branches?
- If the good tree is not rooted up with a wild tree being planted in its place, then what does this tell you about the claim that the Church has supplanted Judaism and fallen heir to all of their promises?



In week one we ran through a historical timeline hitting a few high points. This section is not meant to be allinclusive but does hit other noteworthy events in Israel's history.

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT - UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES

Progressive Promises

- Land & to be a great nation (Genesis 12:1-2)
- Land to be given to descendants (Genesis 12:7)
- All the land you see & descendants as dust of earth (Genesis 13:15-16)
- Descendants numbered as stars (Genesis 15:5, 18)
- Descendants multiplied as stars of the heaven and sand on seashore (Genesis 22:16-17)
- Promises unconditionally confirmed with Isaac (Genesis 26:1-4)
- Promises unconditionally confirmed with Jacob (Genesis 28:10-15)
- In what ways have these promises been fulfilled? What portion remains unfulfilled?
- BC 606 BABYLON TOOK THE JEWS CAPTIVE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, JERUSALEM WAS DESTROYED BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR (BABYLONIAN KING) IN BC 587. AFTER 70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY IN BC 536, 40,000+ JEWS RETURNED TO REBUILD THEIR CITY AND TEMPLE. THE TEMPLE WAS DEDICATED 20 YEARS LATER & CITY WALLS TOOK ANOTHER 70 YEARS, COMPLETION IN BC 445. ALTHOUGH THE JEWS RETURNED, THEY NEVER SECURED SUPREMACY BUT RATHER REMAINED SUBJECT TO VARIOUS CONQUERORS OF THEIR LAND
- BC 168 ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES, KING OF SYRIA, TOOK JERUSALEM, DESECRATED AND CLOSED THE TEMPLE. & PERSECUTED THE JEWS
- BC 63 JUDEA BECAME SUBJECT TO ROME
- BC 5 STUDENTS OF PROPHECY KNEW THE SET TIME FOR "MESSIAH THE PRINCE" (DANIEL 9:25) WAS CLOSE AND BEGAN FREQUENTING THE TEMPLE FOR THE "CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL" (LUKE 2:25, 26)
- JESUS'S CLAIM AS THE MESSIAH WAS REJECTED BY HIS PEOPLE. THEY JOINED HANDS WITH THE GENTILES AND CRIED, "CRUCIFY HIM."
- AD 70 THE ROMANS SWARM THE TEMPLE WITH BLAZING TORCHES.
 NOTHING WAS LEFT EXCEPT THE ROCK ON WHICH IT STOOD. JOSEPHUS RECORDS OVER 1 MILLION JEWS DIED, APPROXIMATELY 97,000 WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE, AND THE REST WERE SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH. THIS IS BELIEVED TO FULFILL DANIEL 9:26.



Matthew 27:22-25 records the Jews' responsibility for Christ's crucifixion and their agreement, "His blood be on us and on our children." Nothing describes their turmoil better. We will take a brief look at their historical events, post-crucifixion, and in the present that align with that declaration.

- AD 135 THE JEWS REVOLT AGAINST THE ROMANS AND HADRIAN COMPLETES THE DISPERSION AFTER KILLING 580,000 JEWS AND FORBIDDING THEM TO APPROACH THE NEW ROMAN CITY THAT HAD BEEN BUILT IN JERUSALEM'S PLACE OR ELSE THEY WOULD BE KILLED. THIS IS BELIEVED TO FULFILL A PROPHECY WRITTEN 885 YEARS PRIOR, MICAH 3:12.
- AD 312 CONSTANTINE'S CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY CAUSED JEWS TO BE A CONDEMNED AND PERSECUTED SECT FOR THEIR PART IN PAGAN PERSECUTIONS OF THE EARLY CHURCH
- AD 1020 ENGLAND BANISHED ALL JEWS & BY AD 1068 THE ONLY BURIAL PLACE FOR JEWS WAS IN CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON. JEWS IN EUROPE WERE HUNTED DURING THE HOLY WARS AND ANY JEW NOT WILLING TO SUBMIT TO BAPTISM WAS REQUIRED TO PAY AND DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE WAR.
- AD 1096 THE FIRST CRUSADES, BEGAN. A DARK TIME FOR THE JEWS WITH MUCH MASSACRE. FANNING THE FLAMES OF ANTISEMITISM
- AD 1272 UP TO THE TIME OF EDWARD I IN ENGLAND, THE CROWN CLAIMED TO OWN THE JEW AND ALL HIS POSSESSIONS. EDWARD 1 DROVE 16,500 JEWS FROM ENGLAND AND FOR NEARLY 400 YEARS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF JEWS IN ENGLAND.
- AD 1306 ON THE MORNING OF THE FAST COMMEMORATING THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM, 100,000 JEWS WERE STRIPPED OF POSSESSIONS AND CAST OUT OF FRANCE. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN 10 YEARS LATER, BUT IN AD 1683 ALL JEWS WERE AGAIN ORDERED OUT OF ALL FRENCH COLONIES. THEY WERE BANISHED UNTIL 1723 WHEN LOUIS XV ALLOWED THEM TO HAVE REAL ESTATE IN FRANCE AGAIN.
- AD 1348 THE PLAGUE OF BLACK DEATH SWEPT OVER EUROPE AND KILLED 1/4 OF ITS POPULATION BUT THE JEWS WERE ONLY LIGHTLY AFFECTED DUE TO THEIR STRICT CEREMONIAL LAW AND HYGIENIC REQUIREMENTS. SUSPICION CAUSED THEM TO BE BLAMED FOR POISONING WELLS AND SPRINGS, THUS GERMANY ORDERED THE EXTERMINATION OF THE JEW.

- AD 1492 THE SPANISH INQUISITION WAS USED TO CONSOLIDATE POWER IN THE MONARCHY AND COMBAT HERESY, THEREFORE, THE APOSTATE JEWS DISAPPEARED IN LARGE NUMBERS. SOME WERE SEEN AGAIN YEARS LATER AFTER INCARCERATION IN DARK, CHILLY, SUBTERRANEAN DUNGEONS; THEY WERE PALE, EMACIATED, & SEMI-INSANE. MANY WERE LED TO THE CHAMBER OF THE "IRON MAIDEN" WHICH WAS AN IRON CASKET-LIKE INSTRUMENT RESEMBLING A WOMAN AND STUDDED WITH IRON NAILS ON THE INSIDE. TO THE DEMISE OF THE JEW, THE SPRING OF THE MAIDEN WOULD CLOSE SHUT PIERCING THEIR BODY, AND RELEASING ITS REMAINS TO PIT BELOW. FINALLY FERDINAND AND ISABELLA BANISHED ALL JEWS FROM SPAIN. THE INDESCRIBABLE TORTURES AND SENTIMENTS TOWARD THE JEWS LASTED FOR OVER 200 YEARS IN SPAIN.
- AD 1753 ENGLAND PASSED THE JEWISH NATURALIZATION BILL, BUT DUE TO OPPOSITION IT WAS REPEALED A YEAR LATER
- AD 1776 THE U.S. SIGNS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OFFERING FREEDOM FOR THE JEW
- AD 1938-1945 HOLOCAUST IN GERMANY. NEARLY 6 MILLION JEWS METHODICALLY EXTERMINATED ACROSS EUROPE.
- AD 1947 THE UNITED NATIONS APPROVES ISRAEL AS A JEWISH STATE
- AD 1967 THE SIX DAY WAR AGAINST EGYPT, SYRIA, AND JORDAN ENDS WITH ISRAEL DEFEATING ARAB FORCES AND TAKING BACK THE SINAI PENINSULA, THE WEST BANK, & THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. ARAB LEADERS MEET AND AGREE TO NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, THEREFORE, NO NEGOTIATIONS...NO PEACE.
- AD 2017 THE U.S. EXTENDS FORMAL RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM BEING THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL
- AD 2020 ISRAEL AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SIGN A PEACE TREATY, THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS. THE UAE BECAME THE 3RD OF 22 ARAB COUNTRIES TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL (FOLLOWING EGYPT IN 1979 AND JORDAN IN 1994). THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE U.S. WHITEHOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 15. 2020.

Today, the Jews do not have Kings, Judges, Prophets, or inspired writers. Their last Great Prophet was Jesus, the Man of Galilee, but they rejected Him. As history has shown, there has been much blood on their hands for His crucifixion.

Read: Hosea 3:4. Luke 21:24. Romans 11:25-27

- As we consider the times and mysteries of God, the promises given through the Old Testament prophets, and the illustration of the two olive trees, is there anything on the timeline that has taken God by surprise? What does this tell you about God?
- Using the Jews as a demonstration, how does God feel about rejection and sin? Are you glad you are under grace?
- Does Israel have brighter days ahead? How do you come to this conclusion?



For any other nation this section would be impossible to write. However, Scripture outlines the future of Israel. One could say it is "history written in advance." The biggest challenge is placing the prophecies in logical order.

Read: Jeremiah 30:10-11: Amos 9:14-15

 What clue is given that these verses do NOT refer to Israel's restoration from Babylonian captivity? According to Isaiah 11:11, at least how many "restorations" are there? In what ways could the re-establishment of Israel in 1967 fulfill this promise?

Read: Jeremiah 16:14-15; Isaiah 43:5-7; Jeremiah 24:6

• From which directions will the Jews return to their land? Will they ever be dispersed again once these promises are fulfilled?

Read: Ezekiel 37

- What does God say the bones represent?
- What do the graves represent? Is this a literal interpretation indicating a "physical" resurrection of dead bodies (or individuals who had died) to Israel? Why not? What was the cry in verse 11? If the cry to being "cut off" instead refers to a spiritual and national deadness, then what is a better interpretation for the graves?
- When God resurrects Israel from being buried in captivity in the graveyard of nations and returns them to their land, what does He promise to give them?
- How many tribes will be brought back? What do the vision of the two sticks represent? (promised also in Jeremiah 3:18).
- Read Isaiah 11:11 & 16. Where do these verses suggest that the "lost" tribes of Israel will come from?
- In verses 21-23, what 3 promises does God make?

So far we see that Israel has been cut off...a pause button pushed, per se,...so that the Church could be established, Gentiles saved, and the Jews provoked to jealousy (Romans 11:1-14). However, God is not done with Israel. At the right time (the fullness of the Gentiles, Romans 11:25), God will bring Israel back to their promised land (all 12 tribes). So what is the timing and manner to fulfilling these promises?

Read: Luke 21:24; Matthew 23:39; Psalm 118:26; Ezekiel 36:24-27

- The timing of the restoration of the Jews hinges on what two events?
- Attempting to put events in proper order, Christ will rapture His church and the Jews will be gathered from the nations... but unconverted. Then what happens?

Read: Ezekiel 20:34-38, Ezekiel 22:19-22; Malachi 3:1-3; Zechariah 13:9

- Before Israel's conversion there will be a time for their judgment in the Great Tribulation. God is the Great Shepherd, so a shepherd's rod is fitting to bring His sheep home to their fold. Describe their "passing under the rod." Note similarities in this process with Matthew 25.
- Read also Jeremiah 30:4-7. Describe the "melting pot", the "Refiner's Fire, and the "time of Jacob's trouble." What is the purpose for them?
- What happens when the Jews call upon the name of the Lord in their misery? Read also Zechariah 12:10. How do you see the work of the Holy Spirit in this passage? How does this correlate with Zechariah 36:24-27 & 37:14?
- How does the pouring out of the Spirit fulfill the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-37?

Read: Isaiah 66:8. Zechariah 14:4

- After Israel is judged, calls upon the name of the Lord, receives His Spirit of grace, and repents by mourning over the One they pierced, what is promised to happen "in one day?"
- The Jewish nation will return and assemble before Christ. Describe similarities from their return from Egypt in Exodus 12:35-36 and what will occur when they return for the Millennial Kingdom, Isaiah 60:9 & Isaiah 61:6.
- How does their final return finally fulfill all that was promised to Abraham (Genesis 15:18 & Ezekiel 48:1-29)?

The Temple will be rebuilt. The glory of the Lord will return. The Government will be reestablished, and the nations of the earth will be blessed through Israel. (Zechariah 8:20-23)