

Why is it Critical we understand and Honor the Abrahamic Covenant?

*“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. **All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble**, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. **But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,**” says the LORD Almighty.” ~ Malachi 4:1-3 (NIV 1984)*

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.” ~ Malachi 4:4 (NIV 1984)

*“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. **He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.**” ~ Malachi 4:5-6 (NIV 1984)*

In Malachi 4:1-6 above, we are given a warning to honor God’s covenant He established with Abraham. This includes obeying the decrees and laws God gave Moses, otherwise judgment will ensue. The hour is at hand and this warning must be heeded by **all** Believers—**both** the Jews and the Gentiles, otherwise God will strike our land with total destruction!

God is beseeching us to turn our hearts and minds back to our Judeo-Christian foundation and to our patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Why? By faith we are **all** Abraham’s children because of Abraham’s faith and obedience which God credited to him as righteousness.

Furthermore, we are to honor and obey His decrees and laws God Almighty—El Shaddai gave to Moses. When you get done reading this entire writing you will understand these decrees and laws do not only pertain to the Jews from the House of Judah. God is mandating Gentiles from the House of Ephraim, to honor His

chosen people the Jews and the nation of Israel based on His covenant agreement with Abraham.

Furthermore, we are commanded in Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV 1984), “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother*”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“*so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.*”

While this scripture in Ephesians 6:1-3 relates to our biological father and mother who gave us life notice it specifies “**in the Lord.**” Therefore, the spiritual application applies to our father and mother of faith (Abraham and Sarah) so that **all may go well with you** and **that you may enjoy long life on earth!** This is not a promise to be inherited when we die, rather we will reap either blessings or curses based on what we choose to do or not do now!

We are reaping God’s curses instead of blessings for ourselves, our families, and our nation, because we have not honored the Abrahamic Covenant due to ignorance or being deceived by a false teaching called Replacement Theology. Replacement Theology teaches the Jews are no longer God’s chosen people and God does not have specific future plans for the nation of Israel because the Church replaced the Jews due to their rejection of the Messiah—Jesus Christ. When you get done reading this chapter you should realize that both the Jews, from the House of Judah, and the Gentiles from the House of Ephraim, are one Body of Believers by our faith in Jesus Christ. This plan of Yahweh to unite both the Houses of Israel shall happen at the end of this age based on Ezekiel 37:16-27 below.

*“As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘**For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.**’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘**For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.**’ Then **join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.**” ~ Ezekiel 37:16-17 (NKJV)*

*“And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, ‘Will you not show us what you mean by these?’—say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “**Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I**”*

will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.” And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.” ~ Ezekiel 37:18-20 (NKJV)

“Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “**Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.** They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. **Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.**” ~ Ezekiel 37:21-23 (NKJV)

“David My servant **shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.** Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, **forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.** Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and **I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.** My tabernacle also shall be with them; **indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**” ~ Ezekiel 37:24-27 (NKJV)

The primary purpose of this writing will substantiate why we must fully embrace and support the Jewish people and the nation of Israel with prayer, honor, respect, and financial support. We must also witness to the Jews who are still blinded to the truth of why Jesus Christ was indeed the Messiah they were waiting for and pray for the salvation of **all** Israel—both the Jews and the Gentiles. Furthermore, you will understand why the Lord wants us to get back to our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Also worth noting when we pray for the peace of Jerusalem as we are commanded to based on Psalm 122:6 (NKJV) which states, “*Pray for the **peace of Jerusalem**: “May they prosper who love you.”*” We are not only praying for God’s holy city Jerusalem which has His name written on it to have peace, we are also praying that all His Believers have the *Prince of Peace*—Jesus Christ in our hearts and that we may prosper as well. We are praying for the peace and prosperity of **all** Believers, both Jew and Gentiles—those who love Yahweh and His Son Jesus Christ.

Moreover, at the end of the age after the one thousand year millennium all Believers in Jesus Christ will comprise the “New Jerusalem” when the first heaven and the first earth have passed away based on Revelation 21:1-4 below.

*“Now I saw **a new heaven** and **a new earth**, for **the first heaven** and **the first earth** had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and **He will dwell with them**, and **they shall be His people**. **God Himself will be with them** and **be their God**. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, **for the former things have passed away**.” ~ Revelation 21:1-4 (NKJV)*

By Faith we are all Abraham’s Children

First let’s establish Abraham is the father of the faithful, and as Believers in Jesus Christ, we are **all** children of Abraham as illustrated by the following scriptures:

*“So again I ask, **does God give you his Spirit** and **work miracles among you** by **the works of the law**, or **by your believing what you heard**? So also Abraham believed God, and it was **credited to him as righteousness**. Understand, then, that those who have faith **are children of Abraham**. Scripture foresaw that **God would justify the Gentiles by faith**, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you. So those who **rely on faith***

are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” ~ Galatians 3:5-9 (NIV 1984)

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” ~ Galatians 3:26-29 (NIV 1984)

“And he (Abraham) received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.” ~ Romans 4:11 (NIV 1984)

“Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.” ~ Romans 4:16 (NIV 1984)

Therefore, both Jews and Gentiles who believe by faith will be credited to Abraham because of his faith, righteousness and obedience! Abraham and all the Old Testament people are justified by faith just as **all** Believers under the New Covenant are.

What is the Abrahamic Covenant?

Before God establishes a covenant with anyone first you need to be called by God. Therefore, I will systematically walk you through the sequence of events with the corresponding scriptures in order for you to fully understand what transpired and why we are to honor the Abrahamic Covenant.

The Call of Abram

“The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.” ~ Genesis 12:1 (NIV)

The Lord commanded Abram in faith to leave his country, his people, and his family to go to an unknown destination. It is important to take note that God did not tell Abraham where He was taking him in advance. Abram had to put his trust and faith in Yahweh not knowing where he was going or why he was going. In return for Abram’s obedience to do what God had commanded him, God promised Abram the following:

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” ~ Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

What a promise God made to Abram **if** he would have faith, trust **and** obey Him! God would in return:

1. Make Abram into a great nation.
2. Bless Abram.
3. Make His name great (talk about fame!).
4. Abram would be a blessing.
5. God would bless those who blessed Abram.
6. God would curse those who cursed Abram.
7. **All** people on earth would be blessed through Abram.

So let’s see if Abram stepped out into unfamiliar territory in faith, trust and obedience to do what God told him to do.

“So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at

*Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. **There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.** Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.” ~ Genesis 12:4-9 (NIV)***

In the scripture above we see the Lord adds a new promise to encourage Abram in his obedience thus far. The Lord said He would give this land to Abram’s offspring. Also worth noticing, not once but twice, Abram sets up altars to worship the Lord and get in His presence for further instructions. This indicates Abram is very dependent on the Lord and wants to rely on Him every step of the way.

Yahweh’s Covenant with Abram

Below in Genesis 15:1-21 are the details of the covenant God established with Abram due to his faith, trust, devotion, and obedience to God.

“After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” ~ Genesis 15:1-3 (NIV)

*“Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “**Look up at the sky and count the stars**—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “**So shall your offspring be.**” Abram **believed the LORD**, and he **credited it to him as righteousness.**” ~ Genesis 15:4-6 (NIV)*

“He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?” So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.”~ Genesis 15:7-11 (NIV)

“As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.” ~ Genesis 15:12-16 (NIV)

“When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.” ~ Genesis 15:17-21 (NIV)

God has given Abram more promises, with a bit of bad news that would end well, to be inherited as part of the covenant God established with him. They are as follows:

1. The Lord is Abram’s shield, and his very great reward.

2. Abram would have a son who would be from his own flesh and blood to be his heir.
3. Because Abram believe the Lord he credited it to him as righteousness.
4. For four hundred years Abram’s descendants would be strangers in a country not their own and they would be enslaved and mistreated there. But God would punish the nation they served as slaves, and afterward they would come out with great possessions. This is referring to the Hebrew children’s enslavement in Egypt under the rule of Pharaoh when God finally acted on their behalf and their exodus took place under the leadership of Moses.
5. In the fourth generation Abram’s descendants would come back to their land, for the sin of the Amorites had not yet reached its full measure.
6. Abram’s offspring would be given the land from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girdgashites and Jebusites.

The Deal is “sealed” by the Covenant of Circumcision

The willingness of God to establish the covenant with Abram in the first place was because of Abram’s faith and devotion to Him. God’s covenants will remain in effect as long as we keep our end of the deal by being obedient to the terms and conditions of the covenant established. God always keeps His end of the deal! All covenants God establishes with His people require blood to be shed; hence circumcision “is the sign” of this particular covenant God is establishing with Abram.

The terms and conditions of this covenant are detailed in Genesis 17:1-14 below.

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” ~ Genesis 17:1-2 (NIV)

“Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I

have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” ~ Genesis 17:3-8 (NIV)

Then God said to Abraham, **“As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken covenant.”** ~ Genesis 17:9-14 (NIV)

Terms and conditions of the Covenant of Circumcision:

1. Abram must walk with God in faith and be blameless.
2. Abraham must keep God’s covenant and this includes **all** his descendants for **all** generations to come.
3. Every male among you **shall be** circumcised. (This is not a suggestion).
4. Circumcision will be the **sign** of the covenant. Circumcision results in blood being shed.
5. This includes those born in Abraham’s household OR bought with money from a foreigner (those who are not Abraham’s offspring).
6. God’s covenant with Abram was made through his flesh by the act of circumcision.

7. It is to be an **everlasting** covenant.

Promises of the Covenant of Circumcision:

1. God would make this Covenant with Abram **and** would greatly increase his descendents.
2. Abram would be the father of many nations, and as a result, would have a new name—Abraham.
3. God would make Abram very “fruitful.”
4. God would make nations from Abram.
5. Kings would come from Abram. This includes leaders of nations and the ultimate fulfillment was Jesus Christ who would become King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
6. God’s covenant with Abram was made through his flesh by the act of circumcision and would be an “everlasting” covenant for Abram **and ALL** his descendents for generations to come. How long is everlasting? Forever.
7. God would be Abram’s God **and** the God of **ALL** his descendants after him.
8. Abram and his descendents would be given the **whole** land of Canaan by God. The **whole** land of Canaan would be an everlasting **possession** to Abram **and** his descendants. It was a gift from God. Gifts from God are irrevocable.
9. Abram’s wife Sari’s name would be changed to Sarah because she would be the mother of nations; kings and peoples. She would give Abram a son from her womb.

The land God promised Israel through the covenant He established with Abram is a binding and everlasting covenant. Unlike the Mosaic Covenant God established with Moses based on the Israelites obeying His commands, precepts and laws found in the Torah, the Abrahamic covenant is based on Abraham’s faith and obedience to Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Therefore, anyone or any nation who forces Israel to divide Jerusalem or give away any of Israel’s land **will be** cursed because they are violating God’s covenant with Abraham.

Exposing “the lie” of Replacement Theology

I will now teach the truth and dispel the lie of Replacement Theology once and for all. Replacement Theology teaches the Jews are no longer God’s chosen people and God does not have specific future plans for the nation of Israel because the Church replaced the Jews due to their rejection of the Messiah—Jesus Christ.

As I have already painstakingly outlined in detail the Abrahamic Covenant God established with Abraham, it should be crystal clear not only are the Jews still God’s chosen people but anyone who goes against Israel and her people are going against God Almighty himself! Furthermore, God’s only begotten son, Jesus Christ is a Jew; therefore anyone who rejects the Jewish people rejects Jesus Christ.

I will now address why the Body of Christ, the Gentiles, from the House of Ephraim, will be joined as one in our Jewish Messiah—Jesus Christ. Yahweh wants us to get back to our Judeo-Christian heritage because we are entering the time of the fullness of the Gentiles.

First, we will need to revisit the “essence” of the Abrahamic Covenant which is found in Genesis 12:2-3 below.

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” ~ Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

One of God’s promises to Abram was he would make him into a great nation and indeed he did. It is called His Church!

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” ~ 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

Both Jews and Gentiles are saved by righteousness through faith

“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” ~ Romans 3:21-26 (NIV)

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law. ~ Romans 3:27-31 (NIV)

As stated by Romans 3:21-31 above **both** Jews and Gentiles are saved by righteousness through faith **and** the moral law of the Old Testament is to be upheld! Just as God has ordained that one man and one woman shall be joined in marriage and the two shall become one, God’s Word has established both the Jews and Gentiles would become one and both groups will be the Bride of Christ. The Jews and Gentiles (His Church) have been reconciled through Jesus Christ as proclaimed by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:11-22 below.

“Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” ~ Ephesians 2:11-13(NIV)

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.” ~ Ephesians 2:14-18 (NIV)

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” ~ Ephesians 2:19-22

The Apostle Paul elaborates further about “the mystery” which was not made know to people in other generations in Ephesians 3:1-6 below. The “mystery” is the Church—the Gentiles, are heirs together with Israel!

*“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, **the mystery made known to me by revelation**, as I have already written briefly. In*

reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, **which was not made known to people in other generations** as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. **This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.**" ~ Ephesians 3:1-6 (NIV)

The Apostle Paul elaborates further in Romans 4:9-17 below.

Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that **Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness**. Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? **It was not after, but before!** And **he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith** while he was still uncircumcised. So then, **he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them**. **And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.**" ~ Romans 4:9-12 (NIV)

"It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, **faith means nothing** and the promise is worthless, **because the law brings wrath**. And where there is no law there is no transgression." ~ Romans 4:13-15.

"Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in

whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.” ~ Romans 4:16-17

Clearly illustrated based on Romans 4:9-17 above are the following facts:

1. Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness BEFORE he sealed the covenant with God by circumcision.
2. Circumcision was “the sign” (seal) of the righteousness he had by faith.
3. Abraham is the father of all who believe but have NOT been circumcised.
4. Abraham is the father of the circumcised **AND** those who have faith.
5. It was NOT through the law Abraham received the promise from God he would be heir of the world. Rather it was through Abraham's righteousness which resulted because of his faith.
6. If it was through the law that we are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless.
7. It is by God's grace (a free gift) we may be guaranteed all the promises God gave Abraham. (Notice it does NOT say guaranteed, it says “may be” guaranteed). This means it is up to us to receive this free gift of grace, but to keep it requires us to be righteous like Abraham which is the “by-product” of having faith.
8. Abraham is our father in the sight of God in whom he believed.

Therefore, according to God's Word both the Jews and the Gentiles are justified by faith. Furthermore, we will inherit the same blessings promised to Abraham, our father of faith, **by living a righteous life** which is the result of having faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ already paid the high cost required for the forgiveness of our sins by His precious blood.

Salvation came to the Gentiles because some of the Israelites rejected the Messiah—Jesus Christ.

In addition, we need to understand **not** all the people of Israel would be broken off from the original root. The Gentiles, who came from the house of Ephraim, were

given an opportunity to be grafted in based on **some** Israelite's rejection of the Messiah—Jesus Christ.

Below in Genesis 48:18-20 Joseph's second son Ephraim received the blessing from Jacob instead of the first born son Manasseh. Jacob was aware of what he was doing, and his blessing Ephraim instead of Manasseh was not done in error. Ephraim, which means doubly fruitful, is the name of Joseph's second son who received Jacob's blessing instead of Joseph's first born son Manasseh. Jacob prophesied that Ephraim's heirs would one day become a "fullness of the Gentiles." In Genesis 48:19 below, the word "nations" according to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon is גוי גוי *gôy gôy go'ee, go'-ee* (in the sense of *massing*); a foreign *nation*; hence a *Gentile*; also (figuratively) a *troop* of animals, or a *flight* of locusts and in the KJV Usage: Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

*"¹⁸ And Joseph said to his father, "**Not so**, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."¹⁹ **But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He (Manasseh) also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother (Ephraim) shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."**²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" **And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.**" ~ Genesis 48:18-20 (NKJV)*

For those Jews who did **not** believe Jesus Christ was the Messiah, they were broken off from the original root and from inheriting the promises God gave to Abraham. This applies to **any** individual who denies or rejects Jesus Christ. In order to be immediately grafted back into the root, all one has to do is believe in, acknowledge Jesus is the Son of God, and accept Him as their Lord and Savior. This truth is explained by the Apostle Paul in Romans 11:1-32 below.

*I ask then: **Did God reject his people? By no means!** I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. **God did not reject his people**, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"?"*

*And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself **seven thousand** who have not bowed the knee to Baal." "So too, at the present time **there is a remnant chosen by grace**. And if by grace, then it **cannot be based on works**; if it were, grace would no longer be grace." ~ Romans 11:1-6 (NIV)*

Based on the verse above God did **not** reject all the Jewish people and has reserved a remnant of seven thousand (7,000) Israelites based on His grace alone **not** based on their works.

*"What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. **The elect among them did**, but the others were hardened, as it is written: "**God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day**." And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever." ~ Romans 11:7-10 (NIV)*

Other than the "elect," they did **not** obtain salvation because God purposely blinded them due to their rejection of His Son Jesus Christ as their Messiah. This is why we must witness the truth to the Jews who do not believe Jesus is their Messiah, just as we are called to do for other lost people. We must also pray for the salvation of Israel.

*"Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? **Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious**. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! **I am talking to you Gentiles**. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if **their rejection brought reconciliation to the world**, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy,*

*then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.”
~ Romans 11:11-16 (NIV)*

Because **some** of the Israelites rejected Jesus Christ, the Gentiles (from the house of Ephraim) were given the opportunity for salvation for the purpose of making Israel envious. The Israelites rejection of Jesus Christ as their Messiah brought reconciliation to the entire world!

*“**If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.” ~ Romans 11:17-21 (NIV)***

Therefore, we should not be arrogant or feel like we are superior to people who are lost and still held captive by Satan due to unbelief in Jesus Christ. We were all once lost and captives of Satan too. If it had not been for the mercy and grace God extended to us when we did not deserve it, we would have died in our sins and hell would be our destination. **We must never forget this basic truth.** This is why once we are saved by our belief in Jesus Christ we must continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. If we are arrogant or have a haughty attitude we will be judged by God accordingly. At the Day of Judgment we will reap from God exactly in proportion to what we have sown.

*“Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, **provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, YOU ALSO WILL BE CUT OFF. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.** After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a*

cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!” ~ Romans 11:22-24 (NIV)

Again, if God has extended His grace and mercy to us BEFORE we knew the truth, we should be willing to do the same to those who are still captive by Satan and we will also perish if we do NOT continue in God’s kindness. Like us, everyone should be given the opportunity for salvation by believing in Jesus Christ and it begins with His Church walking in love and mercy while we win the souls of the lost from eternal damnation.

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way ALL Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” ~ Romans 11:25-27 (NIV)

We are now entering the time of the fullness of the Gentiles and the dispensation of the grace of God. The leading missionary organizations project from statistical data that the gospel will be presented to ALL 6,000 ethnic people groups among the 238 nations by 2015.

This will fulfill one of God’s main mandates for His Church based on Matthew 24:14 below.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” ~ Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)

According to the Greek dictionary the word “end” is τέλος or telos which means end, result, outcome, finish, or goal. In other words, in layman’s terms it is the end of one assignment and the beginning of another; it does not mean the end of the world.

It is only after the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached in the entire world as a witness unto all nations; will the Lord then turn His full attention back to the nation of Israel *because they are loved on account of the patriarchs* as indicated in Romans 11:28-32 below.

*“As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but **as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs**, for **God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable**. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.” ~ Romans 11:28-32 (NIV)*

God’s Promise to Abraham will be fulfilled and “All Israel Shall Be Saved” both the House of Judah and the House of Ephraim

Because of God’s promise to Abraham a small faithful remnant of Jews, one third to be exact, from the clan of Judah will be saved based on Zachariah 13:7-9. Unfortunately, before this happens Israel and her people will go through many horrors because of their deception by the Antichrist who will set up his headquarters in Jerusalem.

Below Zechariah 12:1-10, details some of the circumstances concerning Israel’s future.

*”This is a message concerning **the fate of Israel** from the Lord: This message is from the Lord, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit. **I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah. On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All***

the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves.” ~ Zechariah 12:1-42 (NLT ©2007)

We are currently seeing the fulfillment of this prophecy based on Zechariah 12:1-4 of Jerusalem being used as a lure for many nations seeking to gather against it and claim it as their own. Unfortunately, for the first time ever this includes America. In doing so they are going against the Abrahamic Covenant. As a result, these nations will only hurt themselves with the selective judgments God will allow them to reap because of them breaking the covenant He established with Abraham. The following scriptures address some aspects of the final siege against the people of Jerusalem.

*“On that day,” says the Lord, “I will cause every horse to panic and every rider to lose his nerve. **I will watch over the people of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of their enemies.** And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, ‘The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, their God.’ ~ Zechariah 12:4-5 (NLT ©2007)*

*“On that day I will make **the clans of Judah** like a flame that sets a woodpile ablaze or like a burning torch among sheaves of grain. (This is exactly what happened when God established His covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15:1-21). **They will burn up all the neighboring nations right and left, while the people living in Jerusalem remain secure.**” ~ Zechariah 12:6 (NLT ©2007)*

*“The Lord will give victory to the rest of Judah first, **before Jerusalem**, so that the people of Jerusalem and the royal line of David will not have greater honor than the rest of Judah. **On that day the Lord will defend the people of Jerusalem;** the weakest among them will be as mighty as King David! And the royal descendants will be like God, like the angel of the Lord who goes before them! **For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**” ~ Zechariah 12:7-9 (NLT ©2007)*

The Lord will then pour out His Spirit on the clan of Judah and He will remove their blindness and they will then know Jesus was the Messiah they
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rejected. There will be an awakening with sorrow for sin and genuine revival.

“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo. “All Israel will mourn, each clan by itself, and with the husbands separate from their wives. The clan of David will mourn alone, as will the clan of Nathan, the clan of Levi, and the clan of Shimei. Each of the surviving clans from Judah will mourn separately, and with the husbands separate from their wives.” ~ Zechariah 12:10-14 (NLT ©2007)

The scriptures below talk about a cleansing which must take place in which all evil will be abolished. This cleansing will usher in God’s new era as the final days of the world as we know it will come to an end. The fountain used in the scripture in Zechariah 13:1 is used to symbolize God’s forgiveness. This will be a time of God’s mercy, forgiveness, and cleansing power.

“On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity.” ~ Zechariah 13:1 (NLT ©2007)

“And on that day,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will erase idol worship throughout the land, so that even the names of the idols will be forgotten. I will remove from the land both the false prophets and the spirit of impurity that came with them. If anyone continues to prophesy, his own father and mother will tell him, ‘You must die, for you have prophesied lies in the name of the LORD.’ And as he prophesies, his own father and mother will stab him.” ~ Zechariah 13:2-3 (NLT ©2007)

“On that day people will be ashamed to claim the prophetic gift. No one will pretend to be a prophet by wearing prophet’s clothes. He will

say, 'I'm no prophet; I'm a farmer. I began working for a farmer as a boy.' ~ Zechariah 13:4-5 (NLT [©2007](#))

And if someone asks, 'Then what about those wounds on your chest?' he will say, 'I was wounded at my friends' house!' ~ Zechariah 13:6 (NLT [©2007](#))

Zachariah 13:7-9 below is talking about the righteous small remnant, one-third to be exact. These Believers would be refined like silver and gold through the fire of their difficult circumstances. Sword represents war and the remaining passages of scripture talk about the horror which will result just before Jesus returns.

*"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, the man who is my partner," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "Strike down the shepherd, **and the sheep will be scattered**, and I will turn against the lambs. **Two-thirds of the people in the land will be cut off and die**," says the LORD. "**But one-third will be left in the land. I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold.** They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'" ~ Zachariah 13:7-9 (NLT [©2007](#))*

*Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you! **I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity**, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city. Then the LORD will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south.(This will be due to a great earthquake). You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. **Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him.**" ~ Zechariah 14:1-5 (NLT [©2007](#))*

"On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen.

There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light. On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter.” ~ Zechariah 14:6-8 (NLT ©2007)

*“**And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD—his name alone will be worshiped. All the land from Geba, north of Judah, to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become one vast plain. But Jerusalem will be raised up in its original place and will be inhabited all the way from the Benjamin Gate over to the site of the old gate, then to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s winepresses. And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed.**” ~ Zechariah 14:9-11 (NLT ©2007)*

In conclusion, as I have clearly established according to God’s Word—God is in control and according to God’s Word both the Jews and the Gentiles are justified by faith. **Both** groups should take the time to learn more about each other’s spiritual heritage. For instance, the Church should be open to learn more about the aspects of Jewish culture, take part in Yahweh’s feasts (because we are commanded to), as a way of demonstrating appreciation for the Jewish people’s spiritual heritage. This will allow the Church to build a bridge fostering love and acceptance of the Jewish people and their customs. As we establish relationships with our Jewish sisters and brothers it will more readily allow us to minister to them. We should never seek to eradicate each other’s spiritual heritage! Belief in Jesus Christ is what joins us together as sisters and brothers, yet there is absolutely nothing wrong with the Jews and the Gentiles continuing to embrace their different spiritual heritage—after all this is the essence of what our Judeo-Christian foundation was intended to be in the first place.

God wants us to return to this basic truth because we should have never been divided over our differences but joined as one by our belief in Jesus Christ. This same concept applies to all the different denominations in the Church as well.

Last, but not least, God has a plan to bring about His will for His glory to usher in the return of His Son Jesus Christ. The Body of Christ must pray and get in

agreement with God's will to prevail which will bring forth His **glory and judgment** in order to fulfill His purposes. This is why it is critical we abide in His presence to seek His will in these situations we see unfolding and act according to what is on God's heart. How effective do you think it will be to pray against those things God has ordained to happen in order to fulfill His Word?

We cannot prevent all that is happening as some of it is the unfolding of prophetic end-time events. But we must intercede and stand in the gap and thwart the plans of the enemy that is not in the perfect will of our Heavenly Father. We do not want events to unfold before His appointed time. But the bottom line is this—if it is God's will nothing will stop things or events from coming to pass for His purposes and His glory to prevail.

The purpose of this writing does not **fully** convey how the nation of Israel and her people are “the apple of God's eye.” I recommend every Christian read and understand the larger scope of God's plan for His chosen people and how the Body of Christ plays a “key” role in bringing God's will to fruition for His purpose and glory. Following are four excellent books I have read and recommend that you read as well:

“Who Is Israel? And Why You Need to Know” by Batya Wooten

“Two Minute Warning—Why It's Time to Honor Jewish People Before the Clock Runs” Out by Bill McCartney and Aaron Fruh

“Israel—the Key to World Revival” by Avner Boskey

“As America Has Done to Israel” by John McTernan

Reading these books will help those who do not believe we are in the end times clearly realize God's end-time prophetic clock is based on the fulfillment of scripture concerning the nation of Israel. Israel was and still is very important in God's sight and heart and will continue to be forevermore.

In summary, God is calling many of His people to help bridge the gap between His chosen people our Jewish brothers and sisters as well as our Christian brothers and sisters.

Based on the journey the Lord has taken me on to understand our Hebraic roots in Christianity, I have seen and have experienced two extremely divided camps at work. Both sides do not want to fully embrace the other and fully grasp we are **all** one in our Jewish Messiah. Is it any wonder that it has been said there are approximately 42,000 denominations (demon-nations) worldwide bringing division to the body of Christ? Then these different denominations who say Jesus Christ (Yeshua) is their Lord and Savior demonize and marginalize other Believers who do not agree with their perspective, thereby further causing a rift and strife within the body of Christ. Satan has definitely been successful in his quest to divide and conquer sisters and brothers in Christ because he knows united we stand and divided we shall fall.

On one side you have Christians who:

- Erroneously believe they have replaced Israel as God's chosen people because of some Jews rejecting their Messiah and their unbelief due to their hardened hearts. Many do not realize God intentionally blinded the Jews (Israelites) so the Gentiles (Christians) could be grafted in. When the fullness of the Gentiles is complete, then God will return his full attention back to His chosen people and remove their spiritual blindness.
- Only focus and teach on the New Testament scriptures and erroneously believe the Torah and the Old Testament apply only to the Israelites and the Jewish people, including Yahweh's feasts.
- Use the mercy and grace of what Jesus (Yeshua) did on the cross as an excuse to not live holy. They negate Yahweh's commandments and instructions found in the Torah. This is a fatal error.
- Do not understand or seek to understand our Hebraic roots in Christianity
- Embrace traditions of false god's primarily Baal (i.e. Christmas, Easter etc) while forsaking Yahweh's feasts

On the other side of the camp you have Messianic Jews who:

- Seek to exclude Christians from claiming our inheritance because we are part of Israel's commonwealth based on our belief in our Jewish Messiah, and as such, are all heirs to the promises God gave to Abraham.
- Are so "Torah" focused that they trample on the "Spirit of grace." They tend to have a "legalistic" mindset.
- Many have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is evidenced by casting out demons, speaking in tongues, healing the sick, etc. Many claim this no longer applies to today's church, etc.
- Elevate the Torah and Yahweh over Yeshua. In other words, most of their focus is on the "law" and Yahweh while minimizing Yeshua.
- Teach the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is what established the New Covenant rather than the blood of Yeshua.
- Do not understand the power and significance of the blood of Yeshua.

Jesus said, *"Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand"* (Matthew 12:25). My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we must get back to the basic of the faith we profess to have. If we all say we believe in Jesus Christ (Yeshua) our Jewish Messiah can we not love each other despite our apparent disagreement with doctrine? Can we not just agree to disagree after we are willing to embrace each other perspectives?

In this hour the heart of our Heavenly Father—Yahweh and His Son, our Savior Yeshua (Jesus Christ)—is that His Church become one as He and the Father are one. If we were all under the headship of Yeshua as we profess to be and were walking in the Spirit there would be no division.

Until we fully understand that both Jews and Gentiles (Christians) who believe in Jesus Christ—Yeshua, **our** Jewish Messiah is "the Church," "is the elect," "are the saints" etc, we will continue to be divided and not answer the cry of God's heart to love one another. Furthermore, the Church who erroneously teaches and believes we will be raptured out of here before the tribulation gets underway is deceived beyond belief. The bulk of my second book addresses this truth. Most in the

Christian camp teach everything Jesus addressed about the end is for Israel and not the “Church.” They are sadly mistaken and are not prepared at all for what is coming due to this heresy being taught by many men and women of God throughout America. Moreover, all believers in our Jewish Messiah will need to intercede and come along side each other in the days ahead.

The next chapter will substantiate how God blessed Abraham with great wealth and prosperity because of His faith, devotion and obedience. This promise is for all of God’s children who, like Abraham, are **willing** to give up everything for His namesake.