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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S Desk: Are The Jews a Problem?

Not for true Bible-believing Christians they're not. But we're becoming a remnant within the ever-widening circle of self-professing Christians who follow Replacement Theology, the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction) Movement, the Holocaust deniers, and members of the World Council of Churches. They are nothing but Christians in name only, many of whom are biblically illiterate. How can you **NOT** know and understand the meaning of Genesis 12:3, as it concerns the nation of Israel? God told Abraham that He would bless all who blessed him (Israel) and curse him that curses (Israel). God said that as long as the sun and the moon hung in the sky Israel would be a nation (Jeremiah 31:35-36). God made a promise to the nation of Israel and He does not break His word.

The Antisemites of the world see the Jews as being problematic. Antisemitism has evolved over the centuries from ancient religious animosity to modern political ideologies. Manifestations of it include stereotypes and conspiracy theories, such as the Jews controlling the media, the economy, and the government. Antisemites have no use for Jewry because they have no use for God. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is also the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And He has promised that upon Christ's return to set up His kingdom, that Jesus Himself would rule from His throne in the city of Jerusalem, the capital of Israel.

Jerusalem just so happens to be the most prized piece of real estate on the planet. The Jews want it, the Muslims want it, and the communists of Russia and China want it. The physical land transcends religions and ideology. But the spiritual significance of it trumps them all. God made a covenant with Himself on behalf of Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 15:18). The Abrahamic covenant was about the people in the land, and in Psalm 105:8-11, the Lord says He remembers His covenants forever. That land belongs to God's people in perpetuity.

The Jews are not a problem in God's eyes. They are His chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6, 1 Peter 2:9). They also are not a problem to the saved Christian, as those of us trusting in Christ (the Jewish Messiah) for the forgiveness of our sins have been grafted into God's family tree (Romans 11). The Jews however, (and just as importantly Christians), **ARE** a problem for those who are at enmity with God. This is not an issue of warring worldviews as much as it is spiritual in nature. There is only one true God, the Lord of the Scriptures, and those who worship false gods are bound for an eternity apart from Him in a lake of everlasting fire. So for any who think the Jew is a problem, pray that God would open your eyes to see that "it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

Reverend David Lewis

Prophecy: Our Pearl of Great Price
Part I – Starting at Square One (Matt. 13:46)

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Found in a second-hand bookstore was a veritable treasure of truth, a book published in 1940 by Dr. Harry A. Ironside. Dr. Ironside was a biblical scholar, an expert in scriptural prophecy and advocate for the rebirth of Israel. Dr. Ironside was born in 1876 and lived to see Israel reborn on May 14, 1948. Dr. Ironside died on January 15, 1951. Since his book, “The Lamp of Prophecy” was his work in the early 20th Century (before Israel’s founding); it was written in that vein.

Square one for biblical prophecy is the same for all else in God’s Word. ALL are called to read it and study it (2 Tim. 2:15). Many cults and false teachings came from wresting scriptural meanings and contextual errors out of biblical settings. All should heed God’s warnings. “Every Word of God is PURE ... Add NOT unto His words” (Proverbs 30:5; see also Deut. 4:2, 12:32; 2 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 22:19).

No mortal knows the “day or the hour” of the homegoing of “THE CHURCH” (the body of Christ: Col. 1:24; Ep. 1:22-23, 4:12) but the Father alone. Still, pride-filled men set dates anyway. Even though we know NOT the date, we are told how, “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel ... the dead in Christ shall rise FIRST, then we which are alive ... shall be CAUGHT UP ... IN THE CLOUDS to meet the Lord IN THE AIR: and ... ever be with the Lord” (1 Thes. 4:13-18).

Dr. Ironside alluded to a strong “three-fold cord” (Eccel. 4:12) we do well to know: one is the visible church wallowing in apostasy, second is the regathering of Israel, and third the subverting of gentile nations into the “New World Order.” This “LATTER DAYS” political order is slated for destruction (Dan. 2:45; Rev. 19:11-16).

Ezekiel prophesied the return of Israel to their land and this was fulfilled thousands of years later. One day they will yet receive God’s perpetual protection under “DAVID THEIR KING” and by His “EVERLASTING COVENANT” (Ez. 36 and 37). Ezekiel also predicted a war by “FAR NORTH INVADERS” (Ez. 38) in the “LATTER DAYS” and their utter destruction by God who then received world-wide glory (Ez. 39). Israel will live in wars until Christ returns (Matt. 24:6).

Jesus gave His disciples the sign of Noah’s flood as a sign of His return (Matt. 24:36-39; Zech. 14:3-4, 9), “But as the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the SON OF MAN be ... before ... they were eating and drinking, marrying ... until the day Noah entered the ARK, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the SON OF MAN be” (Matt. 24:40-44).

In our day apostasy, corruption and violence have again filled the earth. If we are serious about bringing Christ’s gospel to the lost, no time should be lost petitioning God’s Throne.

Consider, once God shut Noah in the Ark, he had to leave all who were still outside (Gen. 7:16). The same hand that shut Noah in, shut out the entire antediluvian world; “It is a fearful thing to fall into

the hands of the LIVING GOD" (Heb. 10:28-31). Pray for all loved ones to flee to Christ while He (The Door – John 10:1-11) is still open (Matt. 25:10-13; 1 Pet.4:7).

All believers are to, "walk, worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called ... with long-suffering" and "put on the NEW MAN" (Ep. 4:1-2, 24). Every called follower of Christ has been supernaturally joined to God by the Holy Spirit into the "invisible church" (the body of Christ); "the wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof, but CANST NOT tell whence it cometh [wind itself is invisible] and whithersoever it goeth: so is everyone born of the Spirit (John 3:8; 1 Cor. 2:9-16) and have grace to believe" (Acts 16:30-34).

Christ alone is our chief cornerstone, "according to ... His own will" and sealed with the "Holy Spirit of Promise" (Ep. 1:11-13). Christ's victory over sin, the world, and the Devil, broke down the ... partition separating believing Jews AND Gentiles making ... "ONE NEW MAN," Christ being the building's CHIEF CORNERSTONE" (Ep. 2:14-22) and we are each fashioned by the Holy Spirit into LIVING STONES in Christ's body (the church – 1 Pet. 2:5-9), Christ's conquering army (Rom. 8:37).

On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4, 8-12) Christ's comforter (Holy Spirit) inaugurated this "One New Man" (Ep. 2:15) by the miracle of untrained Galileans fluently speaking unknown foreign languages. Peter was led to preach adding 3000 to Christ's Church (vs.41). Soon after, Peter was again enlisted to bring Gentile believers to Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10 and 15), yet it was more Christ's enemy, Saul of Tarsus, who brought the Gospel to the Gentile nations after his conversion (Acts 9:1-6).

So, while Peter was used to convince some contentious Jewish believers, it was more Paul who God used to bring Christ's Gospel to Gentile Nations, unlocking the mystery hidden from the beginning (Ep. 3: 1-9) and now as fulfilled prophesy (Gen. 17: 1-4; Rom. 4:13-17).

New Gentile believers were no longer to be considered strangers outside God's covenantal blessings, having been made a part of that "one new man" (Ep. 2: 6-22). All called of God meet at the Cross by the resurrection victory of Jesus Christ, trusting the only redeeming sacrifice for sins, the blood of God's only Begotten Son (John 3: 14-17; Heb. 9:11-12; 10:19-20).

The world has now heard from Christ's "house-hold of God" (Ep. 2:19=believing Jews AND Gentiles for 2000 years). A people whose divine head is Jesus Christ (Ep. 4: 10-15). This same body of believers are those slated by God the Father to be "CAUGHT UP" (1 Thes. 4: 13-18) under an eternal insurance policy signed in the blood of the SON OF GOD. We are called "Elect according to the Foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the...blood of Jesus Christ...", a clearer single verse description of God's Triune nature could hardly be found (1:Pet. 1:2= see also 2:Cor. 13:14; John 14:16-17, et.al).

Adam said it first of his bride but Jesus more perfectly of His Bride ... "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" ... (Gen. 2:23; Ep.5:30) "that in ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His Grace...toward us through Jesus Christ ..." (Ep. 2:7-10).

The first time we hear of Christ's Church (Matt. 16) came after Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" and Jesus answered, "... flesh and blood have NOT revealed it unto

thee, but my Father ...". Then Christ said, "I will build my church and the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it." As long as Christ and His one new man remain (Jews and believing Gentiles) it will stand undefeated (Matt. 16:13-18).

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, presented Himself to Israel as their promised Messiah but was rejected by Israel's rulers which in turn brought Israel's dissolution for over 1900 years (Matt. 23:37-39; Zech. 13:6-9). Israel, though God's chosen nation, lost their standing before God, and though they have begun a regathering into the Promised Land, it is yet still with a veil "upon their hearts" (2 Cor. 3:14-15; Rom. 11:8-10, 25-26).

So, the Apostle Paul revealed the special truth (Mystery = Ep. 3:1-10) of which God is still taking out and uniting believing Jews and Gentiles into one new body of His choosing (John 15:15). The Church's destiny has been revealed by Paul (Ep. 2:4-7; Ep. 5:25-27) wherein God changed the figure of the present "body of Christ" (the Church) into the beloved, "Bride of Christ" ... saved by the blood of the Lamb of God and delivered us into our eternal habitation (Rev. 19:7-9; 1 John 5:9, 13).

The prophetic "Pearl of Great Price" sparkles greatest when illuminated by the light of the signs of Christ's return for His Bride. Through Dr. Ironsides "Lamp of Prophecy" we hope to illuminate as many signs as the Lord is pleased to show us.

Keep looking up (Luke 21:28).

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“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord.” **Luke 2:11 (KJV)**

The Promised Savior is Born

By Joseph Burghauser

Luke 2:8-12 tells of “the angel of the Lord,” better translated as “an angel of the Lord,” who appeared to shepherds “keeping watch over their flock by night.” The angel was God’s messenger and God’s presence was revealed as “The Glory of the Lord shone round about them.” These shepherds cared for the animals that would be sacrificed for Israel’s sins, pointing to the Final Sacrifice of their Messiah. They were to be given a glimpse of the Baby who was born to be that Final Sacrifice. John 1:29: “Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.”

The shepherds were understandably afraid of the angel and of God’s Glory, but the angel told them that he had “good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” The good news was the birth of the “Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord.” The angel did not come to announce God’s Righteous Judgement and Wrath against sinful man, but to announce His promised Savior. John 3:17: “For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through Him might be saved.” Luke 19:10: “For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” The Baby was born in order to die, to save believers from eternal death (John 3:16). This good news was for “all”, including not only the lowly shepherds, but the Gentiles as well.

“The city of David” in this passage refers to Bethlehem, the birthplace and hometown of David (I Samuel 17:12) who began as a shepherd. It fulfills God’s promise in Micah 5:2 of the coming Ruler in Israel who is eternal, Who both created David (in His Deity) and descended from David (in His humanity). David called God, “my Shepherd” in Psalm 23, and God promised Israel to send “One Shepherd over them, even My servant David; He shall feed them, and He shall be their Shepherd” (Ezekiel 34:23). This referred to One who would come from the lineage of David (Christ). Also see Ezekiel 34:11-12, where God promises to shepherd His people Himself. This shows that Christ is God. And from Micah 5:2, since only God is eternal (Deuteronomy 32:40; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28), the Promised Ruler must be God.

Many in Israel were expecting their Messiah. We see this in the account of Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25-38). Simeon thanked God as he said in Luke 2:30, “For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.” Later, we read that even the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:25 was expecting the Messiah. The appearance of the glory of God to the shepherds reminds us of the account of Moses and the burning bush. God Himself appeared to the shepherd Moses as He heard the cry for a Savior for Israel. At this first Christmas, His Glory appeared again with the angel to announce the Savior not from physical bondage to the Roman rulers, but spiritual bondage to sin. He will be known as, among other titles, our Good Shepherd (John 10:11), our Great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20-21), and our Chief Shepherd (I Peter 5:4). A shepherd protects, cares for, and rescues or saves his sheep when they are in danger.

In Luke 2:11, the angel announces the Baby’s title of Savior, and identifies Him also as Christ and Lord. Christ comes from the Greek word meaning “anointed.” The Hebrew word for anointed has given us our English word “Messiah.” Anointed refers to the 3 offices of Jesus: Prophet, Priest, and King. So, the title Christ or Messiah is of the Savior and Anointed One promised in Micah 5:2 and in passages such as: Genesis 3:15; 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 53:1-12; Zechariah

9:9. "Lord" is how the Name of God is translated in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament). So the Newborn Baby is identified as God (as in some of the above verses).

A Savior (the KJV uses the spelling "Saviour" retained in British English) is someone who saves, delivers, or preserves someone from physical or spiritual danger or oppression, or provides physical or spiritual healing. In the Scriptures, some men were called saviors as they delivered people from their physical troubles: 2 Kings 13:5; Judges 3:9; Nehemiah 9:27. Gideon, Sampson, Ehud, Joshua, and Moses are among those who were called saviors or deliverers as they were used by God to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. It is clear that all these were mere men. They were a picture or type of Christ. They were used by God as He pointed to the true Savior (Christ).

There are numerous instances where God saved people in a physical sense in the Old Testament. God directed the building of Noah's ark (Genesis 6:13-16), and He even closed its door and kept its occupants safe above the Flood. He delivered Lot and his daughters (Genesis 19), Joseph and his family from famine (Genesis 50:20), spared Israel from the plagues that came upon the Egyptians (Exodus chapters 7-12), and He delivered them out of Egypt (Exodus 14:13). Then, God healed Israelites from the bites of the fiery serpents (Numbers 21:6-8), saved Jerusalem from the Assyrians (2 Kings 19:35), etc. He, not Moses, provided manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16; John 6:31-33), water from the rock (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:1-13), commanded the ravens to feed Elijah (1 Kings 17:2-16), and "delivered the Philistines into your [David's] hand" (2 Samuel 5:19). There are many other instances of His deliverance; even raising the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:18-37; 13:20-21).

As wonderful as it is to read of God's physical deliverance, we see more of His glory in His spiritual deliverance of His people. Mankind above all needs spiritual rescuing from sin. We are sinful as we have Adam's first sin credited to us and we continue to sin as we disobey God. In the Old Testament, we read of many, such as Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Lot, and David, who were saved spiritually by the work of the Promised Savior.

The Bible tells us that not all who were physically delivered were spiritually saved. 1 Corinthians 10 tells that some of the Israelites that were delivered from Egypt perished in the wilderness. Jude 5 adds: "...The Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not." The ESV translates the Savior and Destroyer, "The Lord", as "Jesus"). Christ was Israel's Savior in the Old Testament. He provided physical and spiritual salvation.

The Scriptures are clear that God alone is the true Savior. We read in Isaiah 43:11: "I, even I, Am The Lord; and beside Me there is no Saviour." And in Isaiah 45:21: "...There is no God else beside Me; a Just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me."

Matthew 1:21 says that Jesus "shall save His people from their sins." We can contrast the role of Moses to that of Jesus. Moses was just the instrument. Jesus is the actual Savior. Since Jesus is the actual Savior of His people, and only God is the Savior, Jesus must be God.

Isaiah 53:5 may foretell of the saved remnant of Israel at the Second Coming that will realize that Jesus was the Promised Savior: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed." "Healed" here means spiritually saved.

God became fully man (while remaining fully God) in the Person of God the Son, to fulfill His promise to send a Savior to deliver His people from the penalty (eternal death) of their sins. He did not just make their deliverance possible, He made it certain.

This Christmas season, if you have not already done so, realize your sinful condition before the Holy God. Receive His free gift of forgiveness of your sins, and the Righteousness of Christ, by placing your trust in the One Who was born that night to “save His people from their sins.”

Psalm 18:2 : “The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God...”
I Corinthians 10:4 tells us that the rock that saved the Israelites by providing water in the wilderness represented Christ, the Savior.

Isaiah 45:22: “Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.”

John 6:29: “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent.”

No Greater Love

By Linda Tyson

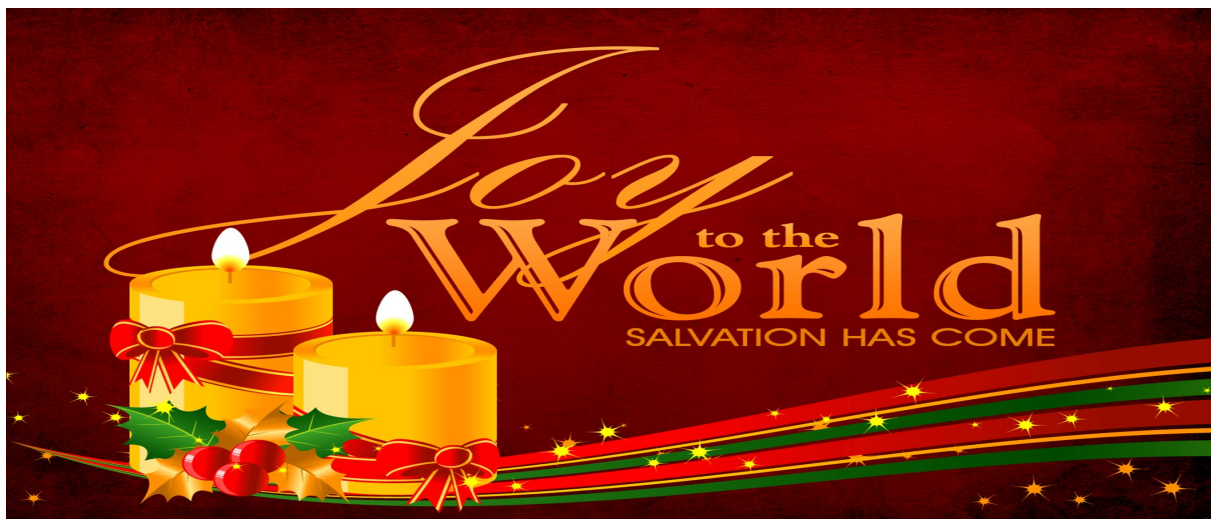
He came to earth in humility, born of a woman and in poverty,
He was despised and rejected, but His people He protected.

He was mocked and He was scorned, and His body for me was torn.
My hell had He endured, to make my salvation sure.

Forsaken from His father above, He laid down His life for the sheep He loved.
Crucify, crucify was the sinners cry. Forgive them Father was His reply.

Breathing His last His work was completed. Satan and death were now defeated.
Oh precious God, how can this be, that Jesus can love a sinner like me?

Oh the love of Christ cannot be bound! His love and mercy at the cross are found.
No greater love will I ever see, Than when Jesus gave His life for me!



Our mission through the broadcast of In Defense of Truth and the publication of The Defender newsletter is to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). Our vision today is just as strong as it was back in 1963 when Dr. John Dekker began this outreach. We pray that you will continue to stand with us as we hold true to God's holy Word.

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