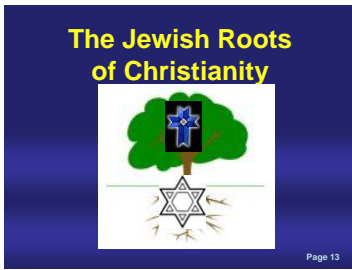
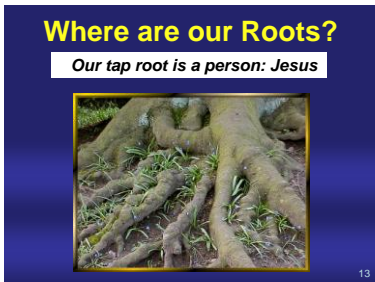


Introduction



“The more we can embrace and understand the Jewish-ness of Jesus and the Church he began, the more fully we can embrace the Christianity He intended.” (PAGE 13)

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As Christians What are our Roots? Where are our roots

Our tap root is Jesus, Himself,

- Born to Jewish parents
- Raised as an observant Jew
- Lived within and as part of the Jewish community
- Was a Jewish teacher, a Rabbi, with many followers

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Our Judaic Roots

- "...only Israel and religious faith born out of Jewish Roots have maintained, 'The Lord our God, the Lord is One
- Abraham is our common forefather

Our Judaic Roots

"Only Israel and religious faith born out of Jewish Roots have maintained, 'The Lord our God, the Lord is One.'" (Your People Shall Be My People"- Don Finto)

We are linked to the Jews as a people by faith in this one God

2. Abraham is our common forefather-

Gal.3:29 "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promises."

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Our Judaic Roots



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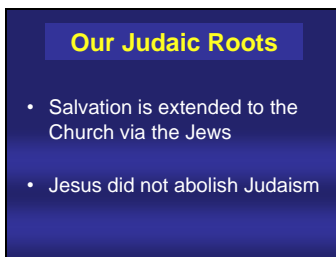
The Old Testament, written by Jews, is the foundation of our faith

The New Testament written by Jews with the exception of the biblical author, Luke

The 12 apostles and the early disciples were all Jewish.... They were known as a sect of Nazarenes- an offshoot of Judaism

In fact the term “Christian” was not used until 42AD in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

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Our Judaic Roots

1. Salvation is extended to the Church thru the Jews

Eph 2:12-13

Jesus Himself declared to the Samaritan woman in John 4 that “salvation is from the Jews”

2. Jesus did not abolish Judaism, the law or prophets, but came to fulfill them

3. All the blessings we have as Christians were first to be found in Abraham

4. Without the Jews we would have no patriarchs, no apostles, no prophets, no Bible, and no Savior

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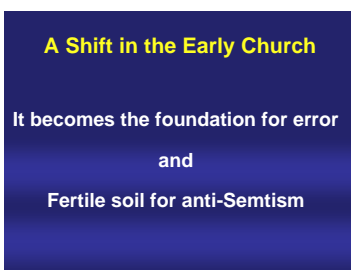


The New Testament speaks of the Church's relationship to Israel and her covenants as being

- "grafted in" (Rom. 11:17),
- "brought near" (Eph. 2:13),
- "Abraham's offspring (by faith)" (Rom. 4:16), and
- "partakers" (Rom. 15:27), NOT as usurpers of the covenant and a replacer of physical Israel.

We Gentile Christians joined into what God had been doing in Israel, and God did not break His covenant promises with Israel (Rom. 11:29).

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A shift in the early Church would take place that would bring about doctrinal error and create a fertile soil in which anti-Semitism grew.

This has infected the Church for nearly 1900 years

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“In the first century AD, the church was well connected to its Jewish roots.

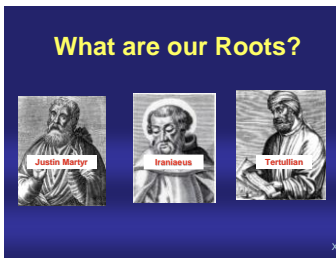
As the church began to rapidly expand within the gentile world ,a shift in leadership took place from Jewish to Gentile. This was the root of our disconnect with our Jewish roots and identity and laid the framework for the introduction of Replacement Theology .

Portions of the Gospels where Jesus condemned hypocrisy of the religious leaders of His day were now interpreted as His condemning all things Jewish.

The destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, the dispersion of the Jews were viewed as proof of God’s ultimate rejection of the Jews from the covenant promises. No longer would Jesus be acknowledged as the bridge between Jew and Gentile.

And finally, in 306 AD Constantine made Christianity the religion of the state of the Roman Empire and declared all other religions illegal.

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Page 30 in the manual begins an overview of 2000 years of anti-semitism. I am going to highlight just a few of the significant voices within the church that laid a foundation for the anti-semitism that has infected the Church

Animosity toward the Jews was reflected in early writings of some of our church fathers.

- Justin Martyr, addressing a Jew in 160 AD said, "The scriptures are not yours but ours."
- Irenaeus Bishop of Lyon in 177 AD declared, "Jews are disinherited from the grace of God."
- Tertullian, in his treatise "Against the Jews," in the same century, announced that God had rejected the Jews in favor of the Christians

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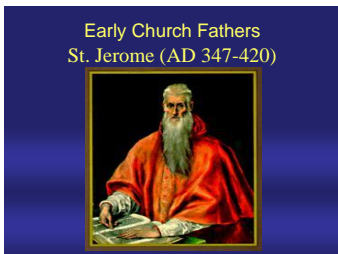


In AD 321, Constantine moved Sunday for Saturday as the day for Christian worship, moving further from Jewish roots.

And 4 years later it was established permanently at the Council of Nicea.

The attacks against Jews increased

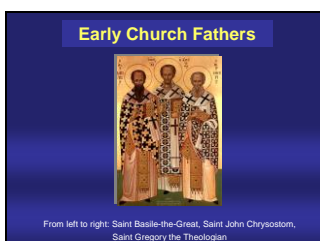
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One Ex. St. Jerome (AD 347-420) who wrote the Vulgate translation of the Bible described the Jews as "... serpents, wearing the image of Judas, their psalms and prayers are the braying of donkeys."

And wrote of the synagogue: "If you call it a brothel, a den of vice, the Devil's refuge, Satan's fortress, a place to deprave the soul, an abyss of every conceivable disaster or whatever you will, you are saying less than it deserves."

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At the end of the 4th century, the Bishop of Antioch, John Chrysostom (Golden Tongued), the great orator, wrote a series of eight sermons against the Jews.,

"the synagogue is not only a brothel and a theater; it is also a den of robbers and a lodging for wild beasts. No Jew adores God... Jews are inveterate murderers, possessed by the devil, their debauchery and drunkenness gives them the manners of the pig. They kill and maim one another..."

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Luther initially preached tolerance towards the Jewish people, convinced that the reason they had never converted to Christianity was that they were discriminated against, or had never heard the Gospel of Christ.

However, after his overtures to Jews failed to convince Jewish people to adopt Christianity he began preaching that the Jews were set in evil,

In his writings he recommended that Jewish synagogues and schools be burned, their homes destroyed, their writings be confiscated, their rabbis be forbidden to teach, ...

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The disconnect and disassociation with our Jewish roots birthed in the early church, strengthened by attacks against Jews and legitimized by early church fathers produced belief in Replacement Theology

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Replacement Theology is a doctrine that originated in the early church, became the fertile soil from which Christian anti-Semitism grew and has effected the Church for nearly 1,900 years.

Replacement Theology Says: Israel (the Jewish people and the land) have forfeited their place as the chosen people of God and their replacement is the church. They are no different than any other people group like English, Spanish or Africans

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2. Apart from repentance, the new birth, and incorporation into the Church, the Jewish people have no future, no hope, and no calling in the plan of God. The same is true for every other nation and group.

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3. Since Pentecost of Acts 2, the term "Israel," as found in the Bible, now refers to the Church.

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4. The promises, covenants and blessings ascribed to Israel in the Bible have been taken away from the Jews and given to the Church

However, the Jews are subject to the curses found in the Bible, as a result of their rejection of Christ.

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Replacement Theologians Say:

1. To be a son of Abraham is to have faith in Jesus Christ.

"And if you be Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal 3:29

Jews are NOT excluded-
Gentiles are included!

How Do Replacement Theologians Argue Their Case?

They quote- *"And if you be Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* Galatians 3:29

To be a son of Abraham is to have faith in Jesus Christ. For them, it shows that sonship to Abraham is seen **only in spiritual, not national terms:**

Rebuttal: This verse joins gentiles to the covenant blessings... it does not exclude the Jewish people.

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.They say that the promise of the land of Canaan to Abraham was only a "starter."
The real Promised Land is the whole world. They use Romans 4:13 to claim it will be the Church that inherits the world, not Israel

"For the promise that he should be the heir of the world was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."

Rebuttal: This verse does not exclude Abraham and his descendents, the Jews. It simply says that through **the law**, they would not inherit the world, but this would be acquired through faith.

This is also true of the Church.

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Is the New Testament anti-Semitic?



- Early Jewish N.T. writers: bring correction within their own community
- It was directed toward a particular sect or group of Jews.

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Is the New Testament anti-Semitic? Was it intended that the Church treat the Jewish people with contempt?

The early writers of the New Testament were Jewish. Their critical comments did not come not from a place of accusation, but from a desire to bring correction within their own community. (i.e. speaking to their own people)

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It was directed toward a particular sect or group of Jews.

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Jesus respected authority

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Even when Jesus spoke harshly to the Pharisees He nevertheless said of them, **“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must obey**

them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.”

He was distressed with their self-righteousness, yet respecting their position of authority before the people

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So- The New Testament Teaches:

we are to love and honor the Jewish people

Romans 11:11-12, 25 we're told that "blindness in part" has come to the Jews so that the Gospel message would go out to the world

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But we also told that a time would come when "all Israel would be saved." because the gifts and callings of God toward Israel and the Jewish people were given without repentance (vs.29).... For that we should rejoice!

His relationship with Israel and the Jewish people is everlasting and the Jews are "beloved for the sake of the Patriarchs." Romans 11:28

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They were chosen

- To be a living demonstration
- To hear and record God's Word
- To be the channel



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They were chosen:

- to be a living demonstration to the world as “a light to the nations”...even though they made mistakes the Light of God was demonstrated through them
- to hear and record God’s Word- the Bible... they did
- to be the human channel for the Messiah... they were

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God made an everlasting covenant...



His Word, the Bible will be proven a lie

God made an everlasting covenant....

with the land of Israel and the Jewish people that must be fulfilled completely

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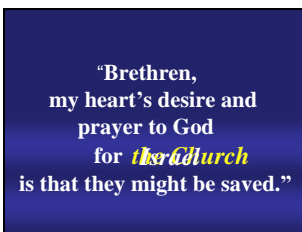
His Word, the Bible, will be proven a lie

If His covenant with Israel and the Jews were not- what hope do we, as the Church, have that He will fulfill His promises to us!

But it is true!

And so, because The gifts and callings of God for Israel are irrevocable (Romans 11:29) one day the world will see the fulfillment of everything God declared for Israel and the Jewish people

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Finally:

There are 77 references to Israel in the NT and none refer to the Church.....
replacing the "Church" for "Israel" in many passages makes no sense

Ex. -Romans 10:1 **"Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.."**

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-If you exchange "The Church" then it is redundant... the Church is the Body of believers so how could Paul's prayer be for the Church to be saved?

The Church is related to Israel and partakes of the covenants, promises and hopes but we do not usurp Israel's place.... For we are the grafted in people, supported by the root, the Olive tree- Israel

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So the Church

- Is built on the testimony and understanding of Peter, who was Jewish
- Is grafted in to the covenantal blessing of Israel
- Is called to preach the Gospel message everywhere
- Is to show love



For the Church

is built on the testimony and understanding of Peter, who is Jewish

is grafted in to the covenantal blessing of Israel

is called to preach the Gospel message everywhere

is to show love, God's mercy, provision, prayer and steadfast support to the apple of God's eye, Israel and the Jews, in a place of grateful thanksgiving of what we have inherited through them

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-for when we do

we will take our proper role in God's redemptive plan

We will recognize prophesy being fulfilled before our eyes

We will love the people God loves and land He called covenant

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Indeed-

This will be our best response to the Error of Replacement Theology

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