

near through the blood of Messiah (Ephesians 2:12-13). Gentiles who receive Jesus as their Savior are grafted into Jewish stock.

There is one Gentile in the Bible who stands out in her total grafting into the Jewish olive tree. Her name is Ruth. She was from the land of Moab. When Ruth's Jewish husband died, she chose to leave her country and her people and return to the land of Israel with her mother-in-law, Naomi. Ruth's words of commitment and love have found a place in our heart as well as in the hearts of many Christians to whom God has given a supernatural love for His people Israel: "...wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God" (Ruth 1:16). God honored Ruth, the Gentile, who came to trust under the wings of the Lord God of Israel (Ruth 2:12). She eventually became the great-grandmother of King David and an ancestor of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah.

This is the hour for the true Church of Jesus Christ to adopt a Ruth-like spirit instead of an anti-Semitic one. It is time for Christians to arise and have mercy on Zion (Psalm 102:13). Israel is surrounded by enemies that seek her TOTAL DESTRUCTION. The prophets saw a day coming when the nations of the world would turn against Israel (Zechariah 12:3). This has begun. Where will you stand as a Christian? Will you dismiss Israel as having been replaced by the church, or will you take your proper place in the olive tree and choose to love, honor, and stand by Israel and the Jewish people? Our advice: follow Ruth's example and inherit a blessing and a special place in God's kingdom!



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“Why should Christians be concerned about Israel?” There are at least three good reasons. First, God is concerned; Jesus (Yeshua) wept over Jerusalem. Second, Christians and Jews are both in covenant with the same God. We have the same Father. We are family. Finally, Christians and Jews have the same enemy: haSatan (Satan, the devil), the one behind suicide bombers, abortion, anti-Semitism, pornography, and the radical Muslim slogan: “First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people.”

Israel was chosen to be a channel of God’s blessing to the world. God told Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed through his descendants (Genesis 12:3). This has come to pass. God gave to the world, through the Jewish people, the Bible, the prophets and the Messiah Himself. The day is coming when the world will experience great revival (life from the dead) because Jewish people are receiving their Messiah (Romans 11:15).

God made a covenant with the Jewish people at Mount Sinai, and Jesus made a covenant with His Church at Golgotha. Both are everlasting covenants. God’s covenant with Abraham and his descendants includes a land with a capital called Jerusalem (see Psalm 105 for details). Jesus’ covenant with “*whosoever will*” includes the promise of sins forgiven and eternal life (Matthew 26:28-29), and a spiritual home called the “*New Jerusalem*” (Revelation 21:2).

Satan is the eternal enemy of God’s covenant people, the Jews, and has always sought to destroy them. He tried through Pharaoh, attempting to keep Israel’s physical deliverer (Moses) from coming forth. He tried through Herod, attempting to murder Israel’s

spiritual deliverer (Jesus) when He was still an infant. Now he is trying again through radical Islam. This time Satan’s goal is to annihilate the Jewish people so that there will be no physical descendants of Abraham to cry out, “*Baruch HaBa B’Shem Adonai!*” (“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”), a prerequisite to the return of the Messiah as stated by Jesus in Matthew 23:39.

The enemy is busy at work today stirring up anti-Semitism. This irrational hatred of Jewish people and all things Jewish is nothing new. What began with Pharaoh, Haman, Herod, and Antiochus Epiphanes continued with the Crusades, the Inquisition and the Pogroms. Some years later, the same demonic spirit took control of Hitler, Saddam Hussein, Yasser Arafat, and the radical Muslims. Check your daily newspaper for more manifestations of this accelerating evil.

What should a believer do in light of this reality? First of all, a Christian should have no part in anything anti-Jewish. This includes Jewish jokes and stereotypes. One of the saddest facts of history is the relationship of the Church to anti-Semitism. Hundreds of thousands of Jewish people have been murdered over the centuries in the name of Jesus Christ by people who called themselves “Christians.” If you were not aware of this, a must-read book is **Our Hands are Stained with Blood** by Michael L. Brown. Dr. Brown documents many tragic incidents throughout the ages in which the Church has cursed the Jewish people in the name of Jesus. Then he reminds his readers that God promises to bless those who bless His people Israel (Genesis 12:3). Christians are admonished in Psalm 122:6 to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We should pray against anti-Semitism and seek

to educate those who practice it. Blessing and prosperity are the portion of those who stand by Israel and the Jewish people.

There is one particular chapter in the Bible that helps Christians understand the God-ordained relationship between Israel and the Church. This is chapter eleven of the book of Romans. The Apostle Paul’s emphatic statement at the beginning of the chapter, that God has not rejected His people, the Jews, should provide food for thought for those who have been taught that the church has replaced Israel. This doctrine, known as “Replacement Theology,” is another one of Satan’s lies. Romans 11:28-29 refutes this lie, stating the truth that the Jewish people are beloved for the sake of the fathers. As concerns them, “...*the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*”

Romans 11:11 contains both a challenge and a mandate for Christians regarding the effect of their spiritual life on the Jewish world. Paul explains that Israel’s transgression has resulted in salvation for the Gentiles and has a divine purpose: to make Israel jealous. In other words, Christians have the gift of salvation so that Jewish people would desire it and seek after God. Has the Church been successful? How many Christians do you know who have provoked a Jewish person to jealousy because of their special, intimate relationship with God the Father, through Jesus the Son?

The analogy of the olive tree in Romans 11 portrays Gentiles as a wild olive tree grafted in among the natural branches (Israel). The root that supports the tree is Jewish. This root is both rich and anointed. The proper Christian attitude towards Israel should be one of humility and gratitude. We who were once aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise have been brought