



## **BACKGROUND TO THE**

**October 7, 2023**

## **HAMAS TERRORIST ATTACK ON ISRAEL AND ISRAEL'S RESPONSE**

### **SPECIAL FORGE TALK**

**October 17/19, 2023**

### **WHY THIS TALK?**

#### **A BRIEF OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY OF ISRAEL**

- ✓ **Genesis 1-3: 15** - Creation to The Great Rebellion & promise of **salvation: The Seed of the Woman**
- ✓ **Genesis 4-11** God dealing with the human race as a whole.
- ✓ **Genesis 12/15/17-** God dealing with a special people through whom He would bring redemption

#### **Genesis 15:18-21**

**<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, <sup>21</sup> the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”**

#### **The 7 Promises to Israel:**

1. A land- Gen. 13:14-18/Gen 15
2. Descendants as numerous as the sand of the sea and the stars in the sky- Gen 12:2, 15:5
3. Blessings-Gen 12:2

4. A great nation-Gen. 12:2
  5. A great name-Gen. 12:2
  6. Future kings-Gen. 17:6,16; 35:11
  7. A future King to reign forever- I Sam. 2:10, 2 Samuel 7:8-17, Psalms 132:16-28, Luke 1:68-70
- ✓ **Jacob**- Name change= **ISRAEL** (Gen 32:37); 12 Tribes, Development in Egypt with Joseph
  - ✓ **Exodus- Deuteronomy**...a people for God- Law/Peculiar and holy to point the world to Messiah; Moses the leader of the Exodus
  - ✓ **Joshua**=Conquest of Canaan/Israel established
  - ✓ **Judges, Ruth, Kingdom**-Historical Development of Kingdom of Israel-
  - ✓ David's Reign- 1000 BC- Solomon=Temple Built, Kingdom Division (Rehoboam 930 BC); Ministry of the Prophets; Kingdom Captivity/Exile- Israel= Assyria/722 BC and Judah=Babylon/ 586 BC;
  - ✓ **Ezra/Nehemiah** Return to the Land- 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple- 538 BC Under Cyrus King of Persia
  - ✓ **Malachi** last prophet -460 BC
  - ✓ 400 Years of Silence-
  - ✓ Birth of Messiah- 5 BC

### **THE NEW TESTAMENT VIEW OF ISRAEL**

- **Birth of the Jewish Messiah**-“Salvation is **from** the Jews” - John 4:22.
- **Resurrection:** 33 AD- The first Christians were all Israelites
- **John 3:16: “For God so loved the world”**- Quickly Gentiles came into the church as per God’s plan- Jesus and Gentiles-healed Centurian’s Servant
- **Acts & Gentiles**- Acts 8-Ethiopian Eunuch; Acts 10-Cornelius the Roman Centurian with Peter.
- **Ephesians 2 & 3**- Jew and Gentile – one people of God

#### **Ephesians 3:1-6**

**1” For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles**

**are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”**

Paul’s view of Israel- **Romans 9-11**

**Romans 11:25-29**

**<sup>25</sup> Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,**

**“The Deliverer will come from Zion,  
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;  
<sup>27</sup> “and this will be my covenant with them  
when I take away their sins.”**

**<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**

Two Current Evangelical Views of Israel

#1- Jews are a part of the church now but will be separated out and experience a literal 1,000 kingdom on earth during the Millennium (Rev. 20); huge influx of Jews when all Gentiles are saved.

#2- Jews and Gentiles are part of the Church and God will not separate them out again. Promises unfulfilled to Israel in the OT will be fulfilled to the new Israel, the church in the future. Jews being saved now and brought into the church Point: God is saving Jews today. Among those sovereignly called by God, are Israelites. God is saving Muslims too!

### **JEWISH HISTORY FROM 33-70 AD**

(From the Resurrection of Jesus to the Destruction of the Temple by Rome)

- ✓ Jewish Christians evangelize in Israel
- ✓ Jewish Christians Evangelize the Roman Empire

- **A.D. 46 or 47: First missionary journey with Barnabas, likely lasts 1-2 years**
  - **A.D. 50: Attends the Jerusalem Council**
  - **A.D. 51: Leaves on second missionary journey, trip lasts 2.5 to 3 years, including 18 months in Corinth**
  - **A.D. 54: Leaves on third missionary journey, trip lasts more than 4 years, including 3 years in Ephesus**
  - **A.D. 58: Arrested in Jerusalem, put on trial before the Roman governor Felix**
- ✓ Tensions between Israel and Rome mount- Christians leaving Israel probably by 69-70 AD when temple destroyed. General Titus crucifying 500 Jews a Day; Josephus= 1.1 million; the armed and elderly killed; 97,000 enslaved. 25% Exterminated; 10% enslaved. They became a minority in their own homeland.
  - ✓ Many Jews who escaped settled elsewhere.
  - ✓ Some Christians returned to Jerusalem and re-established the church in Israel

## **JEWISH HISTORY FROM 70 AD TO 1896**

### **The Diaspora**

Mesopotamia, which is modern Iraq, southeastern Spain, southern France, southern Italy, Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey. France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Bosnia and northern Africa (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco).

By 300, about three million Jews had settled in most parts of the Roman Empire, except Britain. A million lived west of Macedonia (Greece); majority= Asia Minor and east to the Caspian Sea and the Persian Gulf. Jews lived as far north as Cologne, Germany.

1800s- Pogroms- Eastern Europe/Russian the worst. Cossacks attack

Between 1881 and 1917: more than two million Jews left Russia in search of a better life. About two million went to the United States; 200,000 emigrated to Great Britain; 100,000 went to Canada; 40,000 to South Africa; and 300,000 resettled in Europe.

## **JEWISH HISTORY IN PALESTINE FROM 1896 TO 1948**

- Jews coming to Israel- which is under the Ottoman Islamic Empire; Buying Arab land and Developing the nation
- WWI British Mandate to rule Palestine-Balfour Declaration- 1917- Approved a Jewish Homeland.
- 1921- British Partitioned the land- 77% to Arabs; 23% for Jews.
- 1920's-1930's -Arabs rejection and sabotage
- 1937- British Partition land again-80% to Arabs; 20% to Jews. Arabs rejected.

- Nov. 27, 1947- UN- Resolution 181- Plan to Partition Palestine- 2 states- Arabs Rejected
- Nov. 27, 1947-May 14, 1948- Jews are attacked and hundreds killed in riots and terror attacks.
- War for Independence ensues. Israel had no choice.

### **ISRAEL'S MODERN HISTORY- 1948- Present**

- 1948 War of Independence- 6,373 Israeli's killed- 1% of population. Won- 1949. Harry Truman was the first to recognize Israel. 11 minutes after they declared independence.
- 1967- Six Day War- Israel faced Half-million Arab troops on every border. Tripled in size. Captured Old City of Jerusalem.
- 1973 – Yom Kippur War- October 6, 1973- Egypt and Syria attacked. 500 Israeli soldiers vs 600,000 Egyptians in the south; in the north 180 Israeli tanks defended against 1,400 Syrian tanks.
- 1982- 1985- First Lebanon War
- 1987-1993- First Palestinian Intifada – 4 year period of violence and terrorism broke out Israeli's attacked.
- 2000-2005- Second Palestinian Intifada- 1,000 Israeli's murdered. Wall constructed. Israel gives Gaza to Palestinians. Forcibly removes Israeli's.
- 2006 Second Lebanon War
- 2007- Hamas becomes ruling party in Gaza. Elections immediately suspended.
- 2008- Operation Cast Lead- After 3 years of sustained rocket fire from Gaza, Israel enters Gaza, Dec. 27, 2008.
- 2014- Operation Protective Edge- 100 Rockets launched in one day. Israel enters. Discovers network of tunnels into Israel.

### **WHAT SHOULD OUR CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE BE TOWARD ISRAEL?**

#### **HAMAS...ISRAEL**