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OUR VISION

The International Biblical Apologetics Association (IBAA) desires to equip and unite the international faith community to defend against the false doctrines that influence Christian churches and Messianic Jewish communities today.

OUR MISSION

The IBAA equips believers with tools and knowledge to advocate for sound biblical doctrine, and we reach out to those who are trapped in various false doctrines and pseudo-Christian cults.

OUR VALUES

We believe the Bible is God's living Word and should be studied and taught in its ancient context and applied daily. Through our International Apologetics Declaration, articles, books, debates, conferences, and seminars, the IBAA trains an international body of leaders, evangelists, and apologists who will bring the gospel to Jews and Gentiles through online media platforms. We hold prayer rallies, stand against antisemitism, and advocate for Israel.

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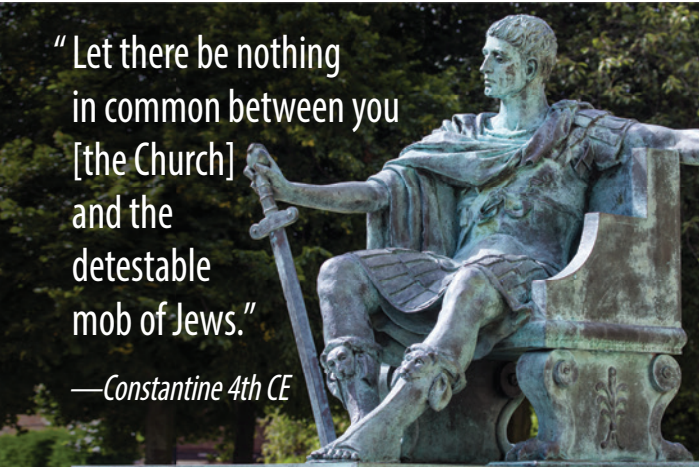
IS REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY BIBLICAL?



THE BIRTH OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

WHAT IS REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY?

Replacement theology, also called *Supersessionism*, promotes the concept that the Church replaces or supersedes Israel as God's people. It claims that prophecies given to Israel are being fulfilled in the Church, and it sees Old Testament prophecies as figures of speech or as fulfilled by the Church. Modern theologians prefer the term *fulfillment theology*, but it is the same message: the Church has replaced Israel.



“Let there be nothing in common between you [the Church] and the detestable mob of Jews.”

—Constantine 4th CE

WHY DID IT TAKE ROOT IN THE CHURCH?

Beginning in the early Church, Jewish and Gentile believers in Yeshua were united in one spirit. Over time Gentile leadership replaced Jewish leadership in the Church. At the Council of Nicaea, in the mid-fourth century, and under Constantine's oversight, the

Church elites formally denounced the Jewish roots of Christian theology and practice by separating the celebration of Easter from the celebration of Passover.

Gradually this Christian elitist antipathy toward Jews became woven into the fabric of Christian theology and Western civilization. For centuries the dispersed Jews did not inhabit the land promised to them by the God of Israel. Assuming that Israel was no longer God's "chosen people," Christians asserted that He had replaced or superseded Israel with the Church.

WHAT HAS CHANGED TODAY?

With the nation of Israel miraculously re-born in 1948 in one day, we can be confident that God has not abandoned Israel. The Church must reconsider Supersessionism. There is a growing Jewish-friendly perspective at work in the Christian Church today. Yet nay-sayers still distort biblical passages to support their theological misconceptions.

THE BIBLE REFUTES SUPERSESSIONISM

The Jewish people are still God's chosen and are loved by God (Romans 11:11, 12, 25-29). God placed Jerusalem in the center of the nations, and He is still actively working with Jews in the Diaspora and Israel (Ezekiel 5:5; 11:16). All believers should strive to refute and denounce antisemitism (hostility toward and demonization of the Jewish people), racism, and racial discrimination, as well as pray for the salvation of Israel and peace in Jerusalem (Romans 10:1; Psalm 122:6).

Leviticus 26:44—“Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, neither will I abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break

my covenant with them, for I am the LORD their God.”

Deuteronomy 7:6—“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

Zechariah 2:8—“For he who touches you touches the apple of his eye.”

Jeremiah 31:36—“If this fixed order [the sun, moon and the stars] departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.”

Psalms 94:14—“For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage.”

Matthew 23:38-39—“See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Romans 11:1—“I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.”

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REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY IS ANTISEMITIC

Replacement theology sees God as a promise breaker who broke His everlasting covenant with the Jewish people and no longer holds anything special about them and Israel (Joshua 21:45; Malachi 3:6). Replacement theology is antisemitic at its core. If God can break His promises to Israel, then He can break any of His promises to all believers, including salvation, eternal life, and Yeshua's return. But we know God is a faithful promise keeper (Psalm 145:13).