

MISSED, MISQUOTED, & MISUNDERSTOOD?

Part 3

Q. What is a Christian?

A. Christian defined

In short a christian is someone who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, that was prophesied that HE would come, die to atone for humanity's sins and rise up from the dead. The term christian originates from the Greek word Christianos, which means "follower/imitator of Christ" or "belonging to Christ". This means emulating the life of Jesus and obeying His Words, the Bible, in word and deed.

John 14:15 AMPC

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

John 14:21 AMPC

21 The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]

Ephesians 5:1-2 AMPC

1 Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

2 And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.

1 Corinthians 11:1-5 AMPC

11 Pattern yourselves after me [follow my example], as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah).

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

John 1:1 KJV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In 1948, Israel was recognized as a nation once again the land of Israel was given back to the Jewish people. The Christian Church (in general) has always supported Israel (land, people & government) **made up of the jewish people**. Why? The Bible tells us to do so. But something has changed....

The land of Israel and people of Israel are governed by the Prime Minister and their government body called the Knesset. The Prime Minister is the head of government and holds the political and executive power, while the President is the head of state and serves a largely symbolic. The Prime Minister: functions as the chief executive who runs the cabinet, sets national policies, and manages domestic, economic, and security affairs. The Prime Minister is the effective leader of the country.

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Q. What is the Knesset

A. Define kneset

The Knesset is the parliament and supreme legislative authority of the State of Israel. Translating to "assembly" or "gathering" in Hebrew, the name and its 120-member size are inspired by the ancient Jewish representative council, the Great Assembly from the Old Testament.

Located in Jerusalem, the Knesset is the sole government body empowered to pass legislation. Its primary duties include: Passing laws and amending/defining Israel's Basic Laws which is likened to the U.S. constitution. It is also in charge of electing the President of Israel and the State Comptroller along with formally approving the Prime Minister and their cabinet. It supervises the work the executive branch and acting as the house of representatives

In the Old Testament, the men of the Great Assembly was a supreme religious, legislative, and judicial body that led the Jewish people during the beginning of the Second Temple period. The Great Assembly expanded from the traditional 70 elders (which mirrored the Sanhedrin established by Moses) to 120 to include prophets, scribes, and leaders who signed the covenant mentioned in Nehemiah chapters 9 and 10. This group played a crucial role in the spiritual revitalization of the community, the canonization of biblical texts, and the standardization of prayer.

In the book of Acts we see 120 people beginning the New Testament Church and with the reforming of Israel (again) it chose to institute 120 members into the Knesset.

Acts 1:8-25 AMPC

8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

*9 And when He had said this, even as they were looking [at Him], **He was caught up,** and a cloud received and carried Him away out of their sight.*

10 And while they were gazing intently into heaven as He went, behold, two men [dressed] in white robes suddenly stood beside them,

*11 Who said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing into heaven? **This same Jesus, Who was caught away and lifted up from among you into heaven, will return in [just] the same way in which you saw Him go into heaven.***

12 Then [the disciples] went back to Jerusalem from the hill called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, [only] a Sabbath day's journey (three-quarters of a mile) away.

13 And when they had entered [the city], they mounted [the stairs] to the upper room where they were [indefinitely] staying—Peter and John and James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas [son] of James.

14 All of these with their minds **in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer,** [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 Now on one of those days **Peter arose among the brethren, the whole number of whom gathered together was about a hundred and twenty.**

16 Brethren, he said, **it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit foretold by the lips of David, about Judas who acted as guide to those who arrested Jesus.**

17 For **he was counted among us** and received [by divine allotment] his portion in this ministry.

18 Now this man obtained a piece of land with the [money paid him as a] **reward for his treachery and wickedness,** and falling headlong he burst open in the middle [of his body] and all his intestines poured forth.

19 And **all the residents of Jerusalem became acquainted with the facts,** so that they called the piece of land in their own dialect—Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.

20 **For in the book of Psalms it is written,** Let his place of residence become deserted and gloomy, and let there be no one to live in it; and [again], Let another take his position or overseership.

21 So one of the [other] men who have accompanied us [apostles] during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 From the baptism of John at the outset **until the day when He was taken up from among us**—one of these men must join with us and become a witness to testify to His resurrection.

23 And they accordingly proposed (nominated) two men, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And **they prayed and said, You, Lord, Who know all hearts** (their thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, purposes, and endeavors), indicate to us which one of these two You have chosen

25 To take the place in this ministry and receive the position of an apostle, **from which Judas fell away and went astray to go [where he belonged] to his own [proper] place.**

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Q. When did Israel become a recognized nation “again”

A. 1948

Israel’s establishment in 1948 was primarily driven by the United Nations Partition Plan (Resolution 181), passed on November 29, 1947. **This plan recommended dividing the British-controlled territory of Palestine** into separate Jewish and Arab states. On May 14, 1948, the British Mandate expired, allowing Jewish leaders to officially declare the independent State of Israel.

The Romans renamed the province of Judea to Syria Palaestina in 135 AD. Emperor Hadrian enacted this change as a punitive measure and calculated insult following the suppression of the Bar Kokhba revolt (132–136 AD). By merging the regions and using the name of the ancient Philistines, Hadrian aimed to sever the Jewish connection to the land and obliterate their historical and religious ties to the region.

The UN resolution gave international recognition to the effort, but several key factors led to the realization of the state: Starting in the late 19th century, there was a movement actively campaigned to establish a Jewish homeland, later supported by the British via the 1917 Balfour Declaration.

The Holocaust: The genocide of 6 million Jews by the Nazis generated global sympathy and urgency among world powers to provide a safe, independent haven for displaced Jewish survivors.

The 1948 War: Arab nations rejected the UN partition, leading to the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. Israeli forces successfully defended and expanded the borders recommended by the UN, establishing concrete control over the territory. The United States was among the first countries to recognize the new nation on May 14, 1948, and Israel was officially admitted as a UN member state the following year

After the attack in October of 2023 you would of thought that there would of been this overwhelming global defense of Israel but instead, liberal christians in the US and globally, along with those who are liberal politically started to be more outspoken against Israel. From college campuses (students and teachers) many in banking, government, show business, sports... now, in the church the division has never been so wide and obvious.

You and I need to know the Bible regarding why and how to support Israel which we began to look at God's Word in part 2 of this series regarding the land of Israel, the people of Israel and the government of Israel.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

Genesis 12:1-7 AMPC

*1 Now [in Haran] **the Lord said to Abram**, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.*

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

*4 So Abram departed, **as the Lord had directed him**;*

The Lord said to Abram, the Hebrew offered up his son Isaac (forerunner / example of Jesus being offered) who had a son Jacob. His name (Jacob) was later changed to Israel and under Roman captivity the Hebrew people living in Judah were called jew or jews by the Roman Empire.

Deuteronomy 32:8-10 KJV

8 When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

*10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; **he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.***

Zechariah 2:8 AMPC

*8 For thus said the Lord of hosts, after [His] glory had sent me [His messenger] to the nations who plundered you—**for he who touches you touches the apple or pupil of His eye***

God's Word tells you and I that Israel and the Israelites are the "Apple of His Eye". We must remember that Israel, the nation, the people, the land, the government which is all comprise of the Hebrew or Jewish people is special to God. They were chosen or elected to selected first to be our example for all time what it means to walk in obedience or disobedience.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 AMPC

*6 For you are a holy and **set-apart people to the Lord your God**; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.*

For thousands of years the jewish people have been judged by God - reward or punishment as a result (habitual obedience or disobedience... why? They were seat apart to be Holy.

John 4:22 AMPC

*22 You [Samaritans] do not know what you are worshiping [you worship what you do not comprehend]. We do know what we are worshiping [we worship what we have knowledge of and understand], **for [after all] salvation comes from [among] the Jews.***

God's Word clearly tells you and I that the nation and people of Israel has been chosen by God for a reason and for a season.

Q. Does Palestine have a right to the land of Israel

A. No

It has never been their land, they have never had a king... the Romans renamed the province of Judea to Syria Palaestina in 135 AD. Emperor Hadrian enacted this change as a punitive measure and calculated insult following the suppression of the Bar Kokhba revolt (132–136 AD). By merging the regions and using the name of the ancient Philistines, Hadrian aimed to sever the Jewish connection to the land and obliterate their historical and religious ties to the region.

Q. Is Israel important, End Times?

A. Yes

Without Israel becoming a recognized nation again and the people of Israel, the Jewish people returning to their land of thousands of year from Genesis... many of the Bible Prophecies can not take place.

From the Words of Jesus and the command to know the signs of His return... As in the days of Noah and Lot, go read the Prophet Daniel. From the prophecies in Daniel and Ezekiel, the latter days or end of days prophecy over the 12 tribes of Israel in Genesis 49, the book of Revelation... these “things” must occur in a specific way and Israel had to get Their Land back that was given to them by God.

Luke 17:26-30 AMPC

26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.

27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

Jesus is referring to the book of Genesis. The days of Noah tells us about the descendants of Ham, Shem and Japheth which is the descendants of Ham in general is: Africa and the Middle East. Shem is the semite or hebrew/jewish people. The descendants of Japheth in general is: Turkey, Russia and Europe.

The grouping of children or descendants was foretold by the Never Wrong Prophet Ezekiel in chapter 38 and 39 (War or Gog and Magog) would come up Shem before the 7 year tribulation begins. As a result of that the war the 7 year peace treat is signed (Daniel 9) which begins the 7 year tribulation or the time of Jacob's (Israel) Trouble. This was foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah (chapter 30) regarding the 7 year tribulation period from the coming of Jesus in clouds to the consummation of age and the battle of Armageddon.

Jesus tells his jewish disciples that one of the signs from the coming and the consumption of age will be - you, the jews or hebrew people will be hated by all nations

Matthew 24:3-9, 33 AMPC

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

4 Jesus answered them, Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;

8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].

*9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, **and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.***

33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

Q. What is replacement theology? is it heresy?

A. Yes, this is false teaching and heresy.

Replacement theology believes and teaches that the Christian Church has replaced the nation of Israel as God's chosen people. It proclaims that God's covenants and promises to the Jewish people were revoked due to their rejection of Jesus.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 AMPC

6 For you are a holy and set-apart people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.

7 The Lord did not set His love upon you and choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the fewest of all people.

8 But because the Lord loves you and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Joel 3:2 AMPC

*2 I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there **will I deal with and execute judgment upon them for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel,** whom they have scattered among the nations and [because] they have divided My land.*

Q. What is Zionism?

A. Zionism is the belief in God's Word affirming the Jewish people's right to self-determination in their ancestral homeland, Israel. Originating in the late 19th century as a response to widespread antisemitism, it seeks to ensure safety, dignity, and sovereignty for the Jewish People.

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What should the follower or imitator of Jesus Christ do in the midst of false teaching or lack of teaching about sin, judgment, righteousness and the things to come that were prophesied?

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

*34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, **and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;***

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and **be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place,** and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

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1 Peter 3:11-16 AMPC

11 Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]

12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].

13 Now who is there to hurt you if you are [a]zealous followers of that which is good?

14 But even in case you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, [you are] blessed (happy, to be envied). Do not dread or be afraid of their threats, nor be disturbed [by their opposition].

15 But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord. Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully.

16 [And see to it that] your conscience is entirely clear (unimpaired), so that, when you are falsely accused as evildoers, those who threaten you abusively and revile your right behavior in Christ may come to be ashamed [of slandering your good lives].

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