



“Olive Tree Theology”

Romans 11:22-29

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Romans 11:22-29]

INTRODUCTION:

Are the 144,000 the literal descendants of the 12 tribes or are they the Church?

Main point: The reason there will be a national revival of Israel is because God chose to save them and not because of any merit on their behalf.

Progressive Revelation: A survey of the progressive nature of God's prophetic revelation gives confidence in the interpretation Scripture.

1. How do we interpret a prophetic passage?

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: [Rev 7:4 NASB95]

1. **God's unconditional covenants are not determined by _____ but accomplished by God.**
2. **When prophecy is completed the covenants and promises will _____.**

2. What can we learn about the 12 tribes represented in Chapter 7?

1. **Jacob _____ about what would befall his sons in the days to come.**

"1 Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come." [Gen 49:1 NASB95]

1. **We learn Jesus' tribe is given _____ and they are listed first in Revelation 7.**

"8 "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. 9 "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? 10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him [shall be] the obedience of the peoples." [Gen 49:8-10 NASB95]

2. **We learn prophecy is _____ until it is fulfilled.**

"12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." [2Sa 7:12-13]

2. **We learn that the consequences of Simeon & Levi's sins _____ them among the tribes.**

"7 "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel." [Gen 49:7 NASB95]

1. **We learn God justly accomplishes His plan despite their _____.**

Jeremiah 16:18 (NLT): "I will double their punishment for all their sins, because they have defiled my land with lifeless images of their detestable gods and have filled my territory with their evil deeds." (Here, God declares future repayment to the people for defiling the land.)

2. **We learn that Dan and Ephraim are excluded from the Trib sealing but included in _____.**

Isaiah 40:2 (NIV): "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

3. The 12 tribes are the first fruits of Israel's _____.

1. God will not _____ when He has made a Old Testament. — _____.

1. The Land Covenant is an _____ covenant.

"7 'I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 **'I will give to you and to your descendants** after you, the land of your sojournings, **all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession**; and I will be their God.' " [Gen 17:7-8 NASB95]

2. God remember His covenant and Israel will _____.

"38 'But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you. 39 'So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them. 40 'If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me-- 41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies--or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity, 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land. 43 'For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes. 44 'Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, **I will not reject them**, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. 45 'But **I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors**, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD.' " [Lev 26:38-45 NASB95]

2. God will not _____ when He has made a prophetic promise.

1. God who cannot _____ has said He will bring them back to the land

"5 'Behold, [the] days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness **in the land**. 6 'In His days **Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely**; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.' 7 'Therefore behold, [the] days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when they will no longer say, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8 but, 'As **the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel** from [the] north land and **from all the countries where I had driven them**.' **Then they will live on their own soil**.' " [Jer 23:5-8 NASB95]

2. At the 2nd coming the Lord will _____ the holy land and _____ Jerusalem again.

"6 'Ho there! Flee from the land of the north,' declares the LORD, 'for I have dispersed you as the four winds of the heavens,' declares the LORD. 7 'Ho, Zion! Escape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon.' 8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for **he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye**. 9 'For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me. 10 'Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,' declares the LORD. 11 'Many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. 12 **'The LORD will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem**. 13 'Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is aroused from His holy habitation.' " [Zec 2:6-13 NASB95]

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3. The New Testament can't change the prescribed _____ of the Old.

1. **Jerusalem is to be under the feet of the Gentiles _____ the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**
"24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and **Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**" [Luk 21:24 NASB95]
2. **Jesus told His disciples they would co- rule with Him over the 12 tribes of _____.**
"28 "You are those who have stood by Me in My trials; 29 and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and **you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**" [Luk 22:28-30 NASB95]

4. The Church cannot take the covenants and promises to _____.

1. **New instructions were given in the church dispensation until Daniel's 70th _____.**
"6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, **is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?**" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know _____ or _____ which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." [Act 1:6-8 NASB95]
2. **Paul taught that the 2nd coming to save Israel was to be after the _____ of the _____.**
"25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that **a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;** 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." [Rom 11:25-26 NASB95]
3. **The gifts and the calling of God are without _____.**
"28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of [God's] choice **they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;** 29 for **the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**" [Rom 11:28-29 NASB95]

CONCLUSION:

In 1543 Martin Luther publishes a treatise *On the Jews and Their Lies*, which called for burning synagogues, destroying Jewish homes, confiscating property, forced labor, and expulsion. The treatise and Luther's later writings were used by Hitler and Nazi propagandists to portray antisemitism as a "German" Christian tradition. Today we have Christian Palestinianism

What God swore on His name and in addition gave an oath cannot be in the slightest way changed.

"13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ... 16 For men swear by one greater [than themselves,] and with them an oath [given] as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us." [Heb 6:13, 16-18 NASB95]

If God confirmed a everlasting covenant with both a promise and a oath to Abraham's descendants for all the land of Canaan disputing that covenant would not be antisemitic but anti-Christ.