

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

I. Definition. What is Replacement Theology? Church replaced Israel in God's plan.

Is no longer God's chosen people. No future for racial Israel. Prophecies and promises made to Is now transferred and fulfilled by ch. After Pentecost Israel refers to church. Also called supersessionism –Ch supercedes Is.

II. Scriptures in question. What Scriptures are used to support rep. Theol?

1. Gal. 3:29. Abraham's sons are spiritual, not racial. See BT 527. Focus is solely on universal promise, not personal or national (v. 8).
2. Gal. 6:16. BT 462.
3. Claim that after Pentecost Is refers to ch. But see Acts 3;12; 4:8, 10; 5:21, 31, 31; 21:19 for distinction of natural Is and Gentiles. 1 Cor 10:32 ch not Is. First is in Justin Martyr's Dialogue with Trypho (a Jew at Eph) c. 135 he says X is Israel and Jacob, so Ch is Is and Jacob.
4. Mart. 21:43. Who are "a people" to whom kingdom will be given. Ch, 1 Pet. 2:9. OR people of Is who will turn to Lord at end of trib.
5. Romans 11:17-23. Olive tree is place of privilege. Root is Abr cov. Jews 1st, Gentiles 2nd. And Jews again at 2nd coming.
6. Rom. 11:26. Ch, but even amil says Is in future. Does existence of state invalidate repl theol? It is an embarrassment. Survival of Jews no prob bec they survive but without their promises which have been transferred to ch.
7. Gen 15, land promise. Abr sinned so cancelled. Josh fulfilled 21:43. Sol did 1 Kg 4:21; Ch in heaven, ch on earth. Must spiritualize to involve ch. "In NT, Israel, Jerus, Zion, temple all refer to ch. Interpret figurative, symbolically, and spiritually."
8. An economic ramification. Boycott Is. Not God's chosen. Pres 9/2004; Episcopal 11/04; Methodist 7/05.

Observations. (1) Many similarities to Ref. Theol. (2) Early ch was prem with its hope for Is in future. Hist doesn't prove right or wrong. (3) Est and imp't of Israel draws attention to possibility of future for Is and thus not replaced.