

WHO IS SITTING IN ISRAEL'S CHAIR?

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Supersessionism:

- Super = on / upon
- Sedere = to sit

One person / group sitting on another's chair, displacing them.

Broad views / kinds:

- The church replaces Israel

- The church supersedes Israel

This can be more positive: like an oak replaces a

- The church fulfills Israel

The promises have a greater fulfillment than in Israel

National Israel → Spiritual Israel

- There **NEVER** was an Israel

Promises not made with Israel but to / with the elect in Israel → so the church

- The church is the new / true Israel

What does this make the Jews?

1 Corinthians 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, **nor** to the Gentiles, **nor** to the church of God:

Corollaries:

- God is done with the Jews
- Revelation is God's divorce decree from Israel
- Israel has forfeited their status as the people of God
- Israel has no unique role or function now or in the future
- The church is the new / true Israel
- The **promises** are all for the church

Corollary: the **curses** are all for Israel

- Softer forms see the Salvation of the Jews at the end of the age
- Harder forms see no salvation for the Jews (only a trickle during the church age)

(Dispensationalists: see a future salvation of ethnic Israel & a future restoration of ethnic, national Israel.

What caused the shift &/ rift?

1. Textual issues

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Mt 21:33-46

Matthew 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God **shall be taken from** you, and **given to** a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Mt. 23:31-39

Matthew 23:36 Verily I say unto you, **All these things shall come upon this generation.**

Matthew 23:38 Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate.**

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **Romans 2:29** But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, **then are ye Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be **on** them, and mercy, and **upon** the Israel of God.

2. A practical issue

As Christianity spread, more & more of the converts were Gentiles

By 300 certainly, most of the converts were Gentiles

3. An Historical issue

The 2 Jewish revolts against Rome in the promised land. (Plus one outside the promised land).

66-70/73

132 -135 Bar Kosiba / Bar Kokhba revolt

This produced a creeping lie:

➤ Who killed Jesus (deicide)?

➤ The Jew killed Jesus!!!

Acts 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, **both Herod, and Pontius Pilate**, with the **Gentiles**, and the **people of Israel**, were gathered together,

Acts 4:28 For to do **whatsoever** **thy** hand and **thy** counsel determined before to be done.

4. Hermeneutical issues

As a summary: allegorical &/ symbolic interpretation!