## Message# 260 10-15-2023 - Who is Israel

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

Well, I'm happy to report to you that our firstborn son's wife had their first baby in the wee hours of the night last night. Joshua called just a few minutes after the baby girl was born. Lenna Margaret Steward - named after Cassidy's late grandmother, she weighed 7 lbs and 8 ounces. And, though, the baby had been breech for the last several months of the pregnancy and their midwife had only delivered 4 breech babies prior to this one - although the labor was long - it was about a 26 hour labor - they had a successful home birth and everyone - Mother, baby and Dad are all doing great. Teresa and I went to see them and she's beautiful and healthy little baby girl and we're are all just very happy.

Lenna is the first of three that are due within the next couple of months. Our grandbaby collection will be doubling within the next few months. So these are certainly extra-great times here at the Steward's. Pray for Cassidy and Josh and baby Lenna as they get accustomed to their new life in the coming days.

Alright, changing gears slightly this morning in light of staged events on the world scene right now that has so many people in a state of - more panic that normal.

I'm sure there are tons of conspiracy theories out there and I've seen one or two - but to tell you - I just haven't spent hardly any time on any of it. I don't have a dog in this manmade fight. I couldn't care less about the Muslims or the Jews. I may be a little more inclined to have sympathy for people who had their land just ripped away from them by the world's controlling maniacs but in the 1940s - but beyond that - my sympathies are no more no less than they would be for anyone who had their homes, their livelihoods, etc., just stolen away from them - displaced after hundreds of years - and then given to someone else.

And worse, all of it being done in the name of God. In my notes, I did put God has capitalized indicating the God of the Bible, the God of heaven, the God of true Israel - but all that's been going on in the middle east now for at least as long as I've been around - longer than that - has been done in the name of god - little g - the little g "gods of the world." Which are man's rebellious attempts at making themselves gods.

While most of the idiots - and yes - I'll just call them idiots, morons, brain dead - whatever - this stuff makes me mad. I'll just tell you. Righteous indignation is what it is. While all these idiots have been telling us for our entire lives that what we are seeing is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, Jesus is coming soon, no need to have any concerns that might spur us into some sort of action - because - to fight against the fulfillment of Bible prophecy - is to fight against God Himself - so just sit back - do absolutely nothing with your life - go with the flow because everything's going to just turn out roses in the end - while we have people like this little queer - Yuval Noah Harari - taking action - doing something - blatantly - in everyone's faces with basically no resistance at all... Listen to this.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfyOLQKw\_9w

"Oh that's just fairytale. That doesn't mean anything. That's the stuff movies are made up of." This little queer, Noah Yuval Harari, this is taken from his website. Listen to just a few lines of his biography.

https://www.ynharari.com/about/

Prof. Yuval Noah Harari is a historian, philosopher, and the bestselling author of Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind, Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow, 21 Lessons for the 21st Century, and the series Sapiens: A Graphic History and Unstoppable Us.

His books have sold 45 Million copies in 65 languages, and he is considered one of the world's most influential public intellectuals today.

Born in Israel in 1976, Harari received his PhD from the University of Oxford in 2002 ] ENGLAND!] and is currently a lecturer at the Department of History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2019, following the international success of his books, Yuval Noah Harari co-founded Sapienship with his husband and original agent, Itzik Yahav. Sapienship - [he's an open queer]- is a social impact company with projects in the fields of entertainment and education, whose main goal is to focus the public conversation on the most important global challenges facing the world today.

Yuval Noah Harari gave keynote speeches on the future of humanity in Davos 2020 and 2018, on the World Economic Forum's main Congress Hall stage. End quote.

[They weren't just speeches in a private small room at the World Economic Forum - they were keynote speeches. Here's the definition of keynote speech:

A keynote in public speaking is a talk that establishes a main underlying theme. In corporate or commercial settings, greater importance is attached to the delivery of a keynote speech or keynote address. The keynote establishes the framework for the following programme of events or convention agenda; frequently the role of keynote speaker[1][2] will include that of convention moderator. It will also flag up a larger idea —a literary story, an individual musical piece, or event.

At political or industrial conventions and expositions and at academic conferences [including the World Economic Forum], the keynote address or keynote speech is delivered to set the underlying tone and summarize the core message or most important revelation of the event. Keynote speeches are also given at the graduation and commencement ceremonies of colleges, universities, and major high schools, usually by accomplished academics or celebrities invited by the student body. These speeches are often called a commencement speech.

Keynote speakers are often selected to raise interest in a particular event, such as a conference or large meeting sponsored by a corporation or association, and draw attendees to attend that program. Selecting a keynote speaker who is well known for their expertise in a particular field, or who has wide name recognition due to other accomplishments, will probably raise enthusiasm among prospective attendees for a meeting or conference. Increasingly the word keynote is being used as a synonym for plenary session or "invited talk," with some conferences having an opening keynote, a closing keynote, and many other keynotes. [Remember Harari's particular field of expertise is that MEN WILL BECOME GODS.]

So while this queer Harari is a flake, totally rebellious moron in the eyes of God, he is an incredibly influential actor on the worldwide stage. His biography from his website continues:

He regularly discusses global issues with heads of state, and has had public conversations with Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. Harari has also met with French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Argentine President Mauricio Macri, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and Shanghai's Mayor Ying Yong. In 2019, Harari sat down for a filmed discussion on technology and

the future of society with Facebook's CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and in 2018 he presented the first ever TED talk delivered by a digital avatar. End quote.

Ask me if I have any sympathies towards the Israelis? Not hardly. This is not atypical of what has come from that God forsaken place of God's earth.

And of course, things like this only add to the attitude that I have towards the "church and the churchmen" who have the unmitigated gall to refer to these cretins as God's chosen people. God's as in little g when the truth is known. But definitely not the true God of the Bible, the true God, the Creator of the Universe.

Supporting people like this Harari because he was "born in a place men called Israel." Disgusting. Absolutely disgusting. I cannot believe people are this stupid and will not stand up to these so-called "churchmen" and say, "What is the matter with you?" And not only that, if this is representative of what God supposedly says are His chosen people - then - you know what - if that is the God of the Bible {and of course it's not) - then I'm on the wrong side.

I've told you this before - I could not have been more than 7 years old - but I remember as a tiny little kid listening to a "preacher" in a Baptist "church" in Jacksonville Florida say that the "jews were God's chosen people." Then, in the next breath, he said, "Did you know that it is against the 'law' to preach in Jesus' name in Israel?" And as a little tiny kid - I said to myself - there is no way someone could be God's chosen people and not believe in Jesus. That was one of the things that I butted heads with, with the churchians while I was playing "church" for the whole time I was in that rotten mess. I never believed that the "jews were God's chosen people."

If you - or someone you know is still saying that those people in the middle east are God's chosen people - and they are the fulfillment of Bible prophecy today - I'm telling you friends - they are the problem. They are the reason why the world is in the shape it is in today. Blame the politicians, of course, most of the politicians are "churchians" - blame the World Economic Forum, blame the Bill Gates and the Mark Zuckerbergs and the Obamas and the Bidens and all that filthy gang - but don't you dare give these "churches" a free pass. They are more guilty than this Harari. They are more guilty than Gates, Schwaub and all those openly, public rebellious creeps.

Without the acceptance and approval of the "church" and the "churchmen" - they would not have one finger's worth of influence that they have today. These types of

abominable thinkers have always been around. Their thought processes are nothing new. It's just that they haven't had much mainstream acceptance until they started heir whole campaign on the "jews being God's chosen people" - the whole lie of Bible prophecy being fulfilled thousands of years after Jesus Christ fulfilled it - and guess what? All of that in modern times - was started by the same type of people as the Bill Gates, the Zuckerbergs, the politicians, etc., of today. It was set in motion in the early 1900s by the ultra-rich and was made very public with the Balfour Declaration of 1917.

If you do not know what the Balfour Declaration was - or if you don't care - or if you think it didn't matter - well - you better know what it was - because it does matter. It mattered then and still matters today. You better know what it did because I'm telling you it was what first publicly got all this mess going. I hope you do your own study, but I'll go ahead and bring you up to speed a little. Quote:

The Balfour Declaration was a public statement issued by the British government in 1917 during the First World War announcing its support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a small minority Jewish population. The declaration was contained in a letter dated 2 November 1917 from the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Lord Rothschild, a leader of the British Jewish community, for transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. The text of the declaration was published in the press on 9 November 1917.

Stop here for a minute. What is Zionism? Well, you need to do some research yourself. There's tons of information concerning Zionism. In a nutshell, what I believe is one of the most important things about Zionism is this, quote:

Jewish religious belief holds that the Land of Israel is a God-given inheritance of the Children of Israel based on the Torah, particularly the books of Genesis and Exodus, as well as on the later Prophets.[91][92][93] According to the Book of Genesis, Canaan was first promised to Abraham's descendants; the text is explicit that this is a covenant between God and Abraham for his descendants.[94] The belief that God had assigned Canaan to the Israelites as a Promised Land is also conserved in Christian[95] and Islamic traditions.[96] End quote.

As I said, there is tons of information concerning Zionism. But it boils down to a non-Biblical belief that "jews are God's chosen people." They are not. And soon, this morning, we will get to what the Bible really says about it. But this is the crux of all the

problems we face today. It is not Bible. It is rebellion against the God of the Bible, it is rebellion against the Christ that God sent to redeem Israel. It is a denial that Jesus Christ came in the flesh and the Bible has strong Words for those who deny that Jesus was the Christ.

Continuing with the Balfour Declaration. Oh, remember this. Zion is not Bible. Zion is jewish. In the Bible - what is of God is spelled with an S - Sion. Big big difference. That's also a tell-tale sign. But of course, in "Bible college" we were never told the significance.

Immediately following their declaration of war on the Ottoman Empire in November 1914, the British War Cabinet began to consider the future of Palestine; within two months a memorandum was circulated to the Cabinet by a Zionist Cabinet member, Herbert Samuel, proposing the support of Zionist ambitions in order to enlist the support of Jews in the wider war. End quote.

Isn't that interesting? Or is it just pure coincidence. Did the Ottoman Empire war have anything to do with advancing this Zionist agenda? I mean, aren't wars all about defense of a nation from aggression? They are about good vs evil, right vs wrong? Surely they are. Surely the "leaders" in the world don't start wars to advance agendas do they?

A committee was established in April 1915 by British Prime Minister H. H. Asquith to determine their policy towards the Ottoman Empire including Palestine. Asquith, who had favoured post-war reform of the Ottoman Empire, resigned in December 1916; his replacement David Lloyd George favoured partition of the Empire. The first negotiations between the British and the Zionists took place at a conference on 7 February 1917 that included Sir Mark Sykes and the Zionist leadership. Subsequent discussions led to Balfour's request, on 19 June, that Rothschild and Chaim Weizmann submit a draft of a public declaration.

And of course, that name Rothschild doesn't mean anything. That's just more fairy tale, conspiracy stuff that didn't or doesn't have any meaning. It continues.

Further drafts were discussed by the British Cabinet during September and October, with input from Zionist and anti-Zionist Jews but [now listen] with no representation from the local population in Palestine.

There you go. No representation from the local population that was already in Palestine. "We'll just kick those people out of their homes, their livelihoods, their existence, and bring in all these other people to take their place." What could go wrong with that?

By late 1917, in the lead-up to the Balfour Declaration, the wider war had reached a stalemate, with two of Britain's allies not fully engaged: the United States had yet to suffer a casualty, and the Russians were in the midst of a revolution with Bolsheviks taking over the government. A stalemate in southern Palestine was broken by the Battle of Beersheba on 31 October 1917. The release of the final declaration was authorised on 31 October; the preceding Cabinet discussion had referenced [Listen] perceived propaganda benefits amongst the worldwide Jewish community for the Allied war effort. [My emphasis added.]

The opening words of the declaration represented the first public expression of support for Zionism by a major political power. The term "national home" had no precedent in international law, and was intentionally vague as to whether a Jewish state was contemplated. The intended boundaries of Palestine were not specified, and the British government later confirmed that the words "in Palestine" meant that the Jewish national home was not intended to cover all of Palestine. The second half of the declaration was added to satisfy opponents of the policy, who had claimed that it would otherwise prejudice the position of the local population of Palestine and encourage antisemitism worldwide by "stamping the Jews as strangers in their native lands". The declaration called for safeguarding the civil and religious rights for the Palestinian Arabs, who composed the vast majority of the local population, and also the rights and political status of the Jewish communities in other countries outside of Palestine. The British government acknowledged in 1939 that the local population's views should have been taken into account, and recognised in 2017 that the declaration should have called for the protection of the Palestinian Arabs' political rights.

The declaration had many long-lasting consequences. [Oh really.] It greatly increased popular support for Zionism within Jewish communities worldwide, and became a core component of the British Mandate for Palestine, the founding document of Mandatory Palestine. It indirectly led to the emergence of Israel and is considered a principal cause of the ongoing Israeli—Palestinian conflict, often described as the world's most intractable conflict. Controversy remains over a number of areas, such as whether the declaration contradicted earlier promises the British made to the Sharif of Mecca in the McMahon—Hussein correspondence.

Now to the actual Balfour Declaration. Which was a tiny little document that officially started everything the world has seen since that time, culminating at 1948 when "Israel became a nation again." Quote:

Foreign Office November 2nd, 1917

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you. On behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours, Arthur James Balfour

While that was the official declaration, we know how much went into the preparation and drafting of the document that got all of that started.

So, think about it. After the British set this in motion, do you think they just set back and did nothing? Do you really think that just because they said they were going to establish a "national home for the Jewish people in Palestine" their words on a piece of paper were enough to get that going? Of course not. They passed "laws." They created wars. Everything that took place on the world stage - including their Hitler - who was an actor in this great world play - they carried out their plan on the world stage in order to bring this all about. This is what "governments" do.

This is why true Christians should be standing against men's little g "governments" today. They are an attack on the God of Creation. Harari's puny little statement about men becoming gods - is nothing new. It's been going on for as long as men's little g

"governments" have been going on.

So they pushed their agenda. They forced their agenda on the world. And in order to gain more acceptance and limit their resistance, they used the "church" and the "churchmen" - led by C.I. Scofield - to come up with this false, blasphemous twisting of the Word of God that says that the establishment of a "national home for the jews in Palestine is God's plan." And all of the events that they were behind, the wars, the "laws" - the agenda - everything they were actively doing - God wasn't doing it - THEY were doing it - they had these false preachers telling naive people all of this was the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. And, if this was the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, then to resist it would be to resist God Himself.

So, when people are duped into believing this garbage, what happens is this. The perspective on what the Bible actually says and means, gets skewed. When this is the foundation of what you believe the Bible teaches - then you work backwards and completely unravel everything that God wants His Creation to know and understand.

The foundation of the Bible is - who are God's people? And if that foundation is wrong - then every single thing - and I mean that - every single thing someone believes about the Bible - will be wrong. From Law to Government and everything in between. It will not be Biblically correct.

This is why I have said for almost 40 years now - what you believe about Bible prophecy is the most important thing to understand about the Bible. You have to get the understanding of Bible prophecy correct - otherwise - the Bible will not make complete sense.

I want you to listen to this for just a minute. And, if you go to youtube or whatever, you'll find tons of these idiot churchmen saying the same things right now about what is going on the middle east. This quote here is from CBN.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryONfdc5rLg

This is what is at the beginning of this youtube video, quote:

Prophecy expert Jeff Kinley, author of the new book, "God's Grand Finale," believes the war in Israel is further evidence we're potentially "living in the last days." [I like how they put that word 'potentially' in there. They are full of it and they know it. It gives

them an out for when they are proven wrong - again.] *Speaking of end times prophecy more broadly, Kinley said Bible prophecies clearly predict much about conflict in Israel.* 

"[It discusses] wars and rumors of wars that are going to take place, earthquakes that are happening right now," he said. "All these things that are happening are the precursors, I believe, to the actual end times events that we see in Revelation." Kinley continued, "So, in my mind it's just more confirmation that we're living in very volatile times, but times that are very prophetic as well."

The author, who was slated to arrive in Tel Aviv this week but was forced to abandon plans after Hamas attacked Israel,

Stop right there. If you recall from the video - it shows you what liars they are. That shows you right there what liars they are. In the video, you heard it for yourself, the guy was insinuating that God stepped in and preventing him from going to Tel Aviv so he wouldn't be hurt by the war. When they told the truth in saying that the fighting stopped his plane flight. God didn't protect him. The plane never even left. What liars.

further dove into Israel prophecy in the Bible, explaining how Old and New Testament biblical events yet to come to fruition are dependent on Israel being back on the map—something that didn't unfold until 1948. Kinley likened Israel's re-emergence nearly 1,900 years after Rome's siege on Jerusalem in 70 A.D. a miracle.

It was a miracle? It was the entire British empire that was working with the Zionist jews to make this happen. It was a miracle? It was not a miracle. It took the British empire with all of its influence and dominance on the world stage in the early 1900s and so forth and with all their "allies" and with all their economic power, etc., it was no miracle. It took them 30 years of manipulating the world scene - but it was the British that got it done.

I'll assure you this, if this was God's doing - the God of the Bible - and He wanted a miracle to take place - it wouldn't have taken 30 years of manipulating the world to get it done. This was not the work of God. This was the work of the evil British empire in lockstep with the Rothschilds and all the other Zionists from every nation on earth. God's miracle. Total blasphemers.

With Revelation explicitly mentioning Israel as being key to happenings, centuries went by and many likely wondered how these prophecies could come to fruition. Once Israel was back, though, following the horrors of the Holocaust, that narrative changed.

Who do you think was behind the "holocaust?" Whatever that was. The whole thing was being staged and manipulated and brought to pass by the British. They announced their plan of creating a "national home for the jews in Palestine" in 1917. Then, they started their plan of making that happen. Everything that was going on on the world stage from the 1890s on - officially at 1917 with the Balfour Declaration - was for the purpose of creating a "national home for the jews in Palestine". That is no miracle. That is a diabolical plot where men should have hung for what they did to the world to bring this all about. Unbelievable that so few people ever saw through this.

The deception is religious. And I believe there is no greater deception than that which is founded in religion.

Before I go on, let me say one more thing about that last statement. Israel - the word Israel - is only mentioned 3 times in the whole Book of Revelation. To try to say that the Book of Revelation is about the modern false state of "Israel" is such a blatant lie. It is stretching the Book into such a lie that it's crazy. But that's what those deceivers do. They'll throw out a few quotes at the Bible to try to make their naive audiences believe they have Bible credibility. It's garbage, pure garbage.

## The statement continues:

And with that clarity came chaos. "There's been nothing but conflict since then, because Satan and those surrounding nations do not want them to occupy the land that God promised to Abraham ... Satan is very territorial and God promised that land to Abraham, and so I think that's one of the things that really is a telltale sign."

Kinley said God is sending signals to the world to pay attention to biblical prophecy and the nations it centers upon. Watch the author break down the events of 70 A.D., 1948, his worries about what could come following the Hamas attack, end times prophecies and more. End quote.

And like I said, if you have the time or the desire, you can go to youtube or whatever video source you want - and you'll find seemingly endless hours of videos of more of this garbage - this "church" and "churchmen" deception.

I mentioned the conspiracies at the beginning of this message and it's not my purpose

to get into them this morning. As I said, I couldn't care less. I'd like to tell you what I wish they would all just do to themselves over there - but the sad thing - the Harari's and the Gates and the Zuckerbergs and those creeps - I'm sure are all watching this comfortably from wherever they are - and probably having good laughs over the news reports.

But just a few months ago, a "churchian" was trying to tell me - and I say trying because as much as he was talking I was tuning out - but he was trying to tell me how that he had just returned from "Israel" - and he had been talking about this unbelievable defense system that the Israelis had made and how they could tell if anyone was nearing their borders and how quickly the sirens would go off and their military would stand guard and they were protected unlike anything the world had ever known with all this great technology and sophistication. And their tour guides were telling them about how impenetrable Israel was to attacks and - as I said - blah blah blah.

Well, isn't that interesting how they could have suffered such an attack from such an inferior military force? Amazing how that works.

Now, let's get into the Word of God. Turn to I Peter chapter 1. We will, of course be going to chapter 2, but let's start in chapter 1, verse 1.

- [1] Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- [2] Elect elect elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Stop right there. In verse 2, we find the word Elect.

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through the sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

According to Mr. Thayer, the Greek word for Elect comes from ek-lek-tos'

έκλεκτός, έκλεκτή, έκλεκτόν (έκλέγω), **picked out, chosen**; rare in Greek writ:, as Thucydides 6, 100; Plato, legg. 11, p. 938 b.; 12, 948 a., etc.; the Sept. for מָםוּיר ; in the N. T.

## 1. chosen by God, and

- a. **to obtain salvation through Christ** (see ἐκλέγω); hence, Christians are called οἰ ἐκλεκτοί τοῦ Θεοῦ, the chosen or elect of God (cf. Winer's Grammar, 35 (34); 234 (219)), (יָהוַה בָּחִירֵי, said of pious Israelites Isaiah 65:9, 15, 23; Psalm 104:43 (Ps. 105:43), cf. Wis. 4:15): Luke 18:7; Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12; Titus 1:1; without the genitive Θεοῦ, Matthew 24:22, 24; Mark 13:20, 22; 1 Peter 1:1; with the addition of τοῦ Χριστοῦ, as the genitive of possessor, Matthew 24:31; Mark 13:27 (T Tr omit the genitive); κλητοί καί ἐκλεκτοί καί πιστοί, Revelation 17:14; γένος ἐκλεκτόν, 1 Peter 2:9 (from Isaiah 43:20, cf. Additions to Esther 8:40 [Esther 8:368:12t] (Esth. 6:17, p. 64, Fritzsche edition)); ἐκλεκτοί, those who have become true partakers of the Christian salvation are contrasted with κλητοί, those who have been invited but who have not shown themselves fitted to obtain it (others regard the 'called' and the 'chosen' here as alike partakers of salvation, but the latter as the 'choice ones' (see 2 below), distinguished above the former; cf. James Morison or Meyer at the passage), Matthew 20:16 (here T WH omit; Tr brackets the clause); Matt 22:14; finally, those are called έκλεκτοί who are destined for salvation but have not yet been brought to it, 2 Timothy 2:10 (but cf. Huther or Ellicott at the passage).
- b. The Messiah is called preeminently ὁ ἐκλεκτός τοῦ Θεοῦ, as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable: Luke 23:35, cf. Luke 9:35 L marginal reading T Tr WH; cf. Dillmann, Das Buch Henoch (übers. u. erkhärt; allgem. Einl.), p. 23: c. Angels are called ἐκλεκτοί, as those whom God has chosen out from other created beings to be peculiarly associated with him, and his highest ministers in governing the universe: 1 Timothy 5:21; see ἄγιος, 1 b.; μαρτύρομαι δέ ἐγώ μέν ὑμῶν τά ἄγια καί τούς ἱερούς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ, Josephus, b. j. 2, 16, 4 under the end; (yet others explain by 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6; cf. Ellicott on 1 Timothy, the passage cited).
  2. universally, choice, select, i. e. the best of its kind or class, excellent, preeminent: applied to certain individual Christians, 2 John 1:1, 13; with ἐν κυρίῳ added, eminent as a Christian (see ἐν, I. 6 b.), Romans 16:13; of things: λίθος, 1 Peter 2:4 (6) (Isaiah 28:16; 2 Esdr. 5:8; Enoch, chapter 8 Greek text, Dillmann edition, p. 82f).

Here we see - in the beginning of the New Covenant world - the chosen of God are those who have been sprinkled by the blood of Jesus Christ. Ek-lek-tos' is chosen of God because of belief in Jesus Christ. How in this world these people twisted the Scriptures to the point where people would believe that people who have not embraced Jesus the Christ could be "God's chosen people" is quite remarkable. Yeah, there's your Zionist miracle. Verse 3.

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his

abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- [4] To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- [5] Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Of course. They were in the last time in the first century. The people of God are those who have embraced God's Son. They embraced the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This is about as clear as anything ever was in our Bibles. Queers that do not believe in Jesus, queers that believe that men will someday soon be gods - those are God's chosen people? That just doesn't make any sense at all. Even seven year olds should be able to understand that.

## Verse 6:

- [6] Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- [7] That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- [8] Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
- [9] Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
- [10] Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:
- [11] Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

But what about the promise to Abraham? Yeah, what about it? The prophets, all those from the Old World covenant - from the Old World covenant - they knew that the fulfillments of all the prophecies - all the promises - were in Jesus Christ. And again, when people do not see that Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies in the first century - when He physically walked this earth - they will not understand the Scriptures.

They will develop all these wild, baseless, churchologies such as queers and freaks and god-haters, Jesus deniers, Jesus haters, are God's chosen people. They'll develop these

crazy churchologies that God wants men to forsake His Laws and follow the "laws, statutes, ordinances and injunctions" of mere men. It's just insanity. Friends, this Bible that we have is all about Jesus the Christ. From cover to cover - it's all about Jesus the Christ, the elect, chosen of God that God sent in the flesh - in the first century to set up His Government, His Kingdom. And call all men everywhere into obedience by the Spirit of God, washed in the blood of the resurrected King.

- [12] Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.
- [13] Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- [14] As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:
- [15] But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
- [16] Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

So we are to believe that alongside of all this - of the text clearly saying the Ek-lek-tos' of God are those who are in Christ - Jesus the resurrected Christ - holy, obedient to God, followers of God and of His Christ - alongside of those chosen of God - there's another chosen of God that are allowed to deny Christ, they are allowed to be some of the most deviant people inhabiting God's Creation - they are also chosen of God - equal to or even greater in the eyes of God than those who were being talked about in I Peter chapter 1:

...in heaviness through manifold temptations:

- [7] That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- [8] Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: [?]

Yet that is what we are expected to believe. Yes, there are Christian people who are chosen of God. And then, there are those who deny Jesus in the middle east, and they, too are the chosen of God.

[17] And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

So again. The Bible says this. God does not have respect of persons - but then - there's a group of people who exist that do not believe the Word of God and they are not held to the same standards as everyone else seemingly is in our Bibles? Again, that makes no sense at all.

- [18] Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
- [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

This chapter is not talking about two different groups of people. As if they are both "chosen of God." There is no reason for us to think this is talking to Christians separately

- then "jews" fall under a completely different category or set of beliefs or standards
- or what have you. Mr. Tyndale translated verse 1 this way:

Peter an Apostle of Iesu Christ to them that dwell here and there as straungers thorowout Pontus Galacia Capadocia Asia and Bethinia electe

The Book is about people who have embraced Christ. It's not two separate Books - one for Christians - and one for unbelieving "jews." Verse 20.

[20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Very clear. When the last times were. During these days of the writing of I Peter.

- [21] Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.
- [22] Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
- [23] Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
- [24] For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The

grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

[25] But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Now let's go to chapter 2. Verse 1.

- [1] Wherefore [because of everything we just read from Chapter 1] laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- [2] As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- [3] If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- [4] To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
- [5] Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, [listen] acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- [6] Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

He lays it up in SION - not Zion. It's an S not a Z.

- [7] Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
- [8] And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
- [9] But ye [but ye] are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- [10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Verse 10 should be all that anyone needs in this discussion regarding who God's people are. And not only that, there is a ton that we need to discuss about this. We have not - I know that I haven't yet - even touched the surface on what this means.

Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God:

Listen, I've been trying to get people to see for a long long time now - the end of the Old Covenant world and the establishment of the New Covenant world. The Book says He made all things new. In the New Covenant World - things are not the same as they were in the Old World. Promises that were made to Abraham, for instance, were until "the end of the world." I'm talking physical promises, like land. The end of the world took place. That world ended a long time ago. If someone does not understand the phrase "the end of the world" - they cannot understand the Bible. If they don't understand that the phrase "the end of the world" means the end of the Old Covenant - they will not understand the Bible.

And, they'll come up with all sorts of crazy things. Like, someone who doesn't believe in Jesus Christ - is somehow God's chosen people. It's nuts. It's crazy. It makes no Bible sense at all. "Well, God can do anything He wants to." Of course, but He doesn't go against His Word. He doesn't go against His Will. He didn't tell His Creation how to live, He didn't give us an owner's manual, an operator's guide, then pull the rug out from under us. That is not how God Himself says He works.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

[10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Who is the ye? Everything we have read from chapters 1 and 2 make it clear as can be that this is about those who have embraced Jesus as Jesus the Christ. And, in this chapter - noticeably - there are absolutely two groups of people - and it should absolutely go without a whole lot of explanation - that the two groups of people - at that time - had a far better reason to say they came from Abraham - than anyone else.

There were two groups of people here that came from Abraham. One group embraced Jesus - the other group did not. But only one of those two were now God's chosen people - and those clearly are the ones who had embraced the risen Chosen Son of God - Jesus the Christ.

To say that someone who did not or does not embrace Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour and King, their Lawgiver, is still God's chosen people - as in chosen for salvation - is showing such a lack of knowledge of the Word of God - it's just mind-boggling that they can fool anyone. They didn't fool this 7 year old child - how in the world they

deceive grownups into believing exactly the opposite of what the Bible teaches is incredible to me.

I realize this morning, I have used one hyperbole after another - but I can't help it - it is beyond amazing to me that so few people get these clear Bible truths.

But ye [those of you who have embraced Jesus Christ as the Chosen Son of God] are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

[10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

I am going to temporarily suspend our important study on the kings and their relationship to Old World Israel and continue this as a refresher on who the Israel of God - the chosen people of God - who they really are. There is so much more Bible on this than what we have seen this morning. We'll plan on getting into a lot more next week.

So again. Use what's going on on the world scene right now to try to point people to what the Bible says about God's chosen people and who they really are. Point them to what the Bible says about Bible prophecy.