

“Wine and Milk (21):
Journeying with the Jews—When Chosen Means Choosing”
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☐ Romans 10

- ◆ “Christ is the _____ of the law.” (Ro 10:4 TNIV)
- ◆ “Christ is the culmination of the _____.”
- ◆ Robert Badenas, *Christ the End of the Law*:

“For Paul the eternal gospel of God is the true meaning of every passage of the Torah. . . . For Christ is the hermeneutical key which makes intelligible what was always the law’s true meaning and purpose.” (150)

- ◆ Matthew 5:17—“I am the fulfillment of the _____ and Prophets.”
- ◆ Was Christ rejected by Israel?
 - Certainly *not all* of their _____ did—e.g., Nicodemus and Joseph of the Sanhedrin.
 - Certainly *not all* of their _____ did—e.g., Acts 6:7.
 - Certainly *not all* of the _____ did.
 - “The common people heard Him gladly” (Mk 12:47).
 - “The people held that He was a prophet” (Mt 21:46).

☐ Romans 11

- ◆ “God did *not* _____ his people.” (v 2)
- ◆ Elijah the depressed prophet and God’s remnant of 7000 (v 3-6)

☐ Two prevailing theories about the Jews that are wrong:

- ◆ *Theory #1—Rejection-Supersessionist Theory*
 - Literal Israel _____ as a community of faith, so God has rejected them, and raised up the Christian _____ to inherit Israel’s promises, Israel’s mission and Israel’s destiny.
 - But God has not rejected Israel of old as His beloved.
 - Romans 11:11, 12 and 28-32 .
- ◆ *Theory #2—Dispensationalist Theory*
 - Though the Jews rejected Christ, forcing God into a new dispensation called the Christian church, nevertheless at the end of time, Jesus will secretly rapture the church back to heaven, leaving the Jews on earth as the focus of God’s redemptive activity, *saving all Jews* who witness Christ’s return at the end of the seven-year tribulation, when He sets up His kingdom for a thousand years in Jerusalem.
 - But will all Israel be saved in the end?
 - Romans 11:26 seems to answer Yes.
 - But the parable of the olive tree says No.
 - So does Romans 11:13, 14.

☐ *Theory #3—The Two-Witnesses Theory.*

- ◆ Could it be that God has preserved both the witness of Israel and the church through the centuries?
- ◆ Jacques Doukhan: “. . . [As for] Israel and the church, each one [was] claiming the right of being God’s people. But in fact, each was witnessing to a truth that was missing in the other. Israel had the law but without Jesus, and the church had Jesus but increasingly downplayed the law, thus making their separate presence on the scene of salvation history necessary.” (*The Mystery of Israel* 75, 76)
 - God has kept both witnesses alive.
 - Israel with her _____ .
 - The church with her _____ .
- ◆ A two-witness theory confirmed by *Malachi 4:4-6*.
 - Two vital witnesses before the coming of the Day of the Lord:

- Moses—a witness to the permanence of the _____.
- Elijah—a witness to the imminence of the _____.
- Is there an *Elijah movement* that could unite these two?
- “It is indeed remarkable that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only religious movement that ultimately brought the Messiah and the Torah together. For the first time in history, after 2,000 years of separation, the Torah and the Messiah go hand in hand. In fact, this association constitutes the backbone of Seventh-day Adventist theological identity.” (Doukhan 87)
- ◆ There is only one Christian community on earth that shares the Jews’ . . .
 - Reverence for God’s _____, the Torah.
 - Observance of God’s _____, the seventh-day.
 - Ancient _____ paradigm.
 - *Yom Kippur*, the _____ of Atonement.
 - Passion for _____ health.
 - Understanding of life and _____ and resurrection.
- ◆ There is one Christian community on earth today that can point the Jewish people to the truth about their Messiah without the abrogation of their law.
- ◆ “When this gospel shall be presented in its fullness to the Jews, many will accept Christ as the Messiah.” (AA 380)
- ◆ “There will be many converted from among the Jews. . . . A nation shall be born in a day.” (Ev 579)
- ◆ “Among the Jews are some who, like Saul of Tarsus, are mighty in the Scriptures, and these will proclaim with wonderful power the immutability of the law of God. The God of Israel will bring this to pass in our day. His arm is not shortened that it cannot save. As His servants labor in faith for those who have long been neglected and despised, His salvation will be revealed.” (AA 381)

*“How beautiful are the feet
of those who bring good news!”*

Culmination, Torah, Torah, leaders, priests, people, reject, failed, church, Torah, Messiah, Torah, Messiah, law, Sabbath, sanctuary, Day, dietary, death