The DISOBEDIENCE of Israel and the SOVEREIGNTY of GOD!



There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 16: 25

THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE

The <u>ISSUES</u> related to the DISOBEDIENCE of the Nation of ISRAEL!



1. They rebelled against the commandment of the LORD!

Deuteronomy 1:26, 32, 43
Deuteronomy 9:24 – "Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day

that I knew you"

The Condition Of Israel Rebellious

Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for Jehovah has spoken, I have nursed and brought up sons, and they have rebelled against Me. 3 The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel does not know; My people do not understand.

2. They forgot the covenant of the LORD!

Deuteronomy 4:23-26

Deuteronomy 8:19 – "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish."

3. They worshipped false gods!

Deuteronomy 11:16-17 — "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them: And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and He shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you."

4. They walked contrary to the LORD's will!

Leviticus 26:30-33 — "and I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste."

5. They have forsaken the law of the LORD!

Jeremiah 9:13-14 — "And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them.

Jeremiah 9:15-16 — "Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they not their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them."

THE JUDGMENTS THAT THE LORD BROUGHT UPONISRAEL BY OTHER **NATIONS!** EGYPT **ASSYRIA BABYLON**

GREECE ROME

The primary argument of those who believe that the disobedience of ISRAEL has caused them to forfeit the promises of God to them. thus cancelling God's covenant with them, and giving it to the Church:

The <u>DESTRUCTION</u> of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD!



Israel at the time of the Roman Empire



In the New Testament we learn that this Land was still called the "Land of ISRAEL"

Matthew 2:21

"And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the LAND of ISRAEL"



WHEN DID THE LAND OF ISRAEL BECOME PALESTINE?



It was the decision of HADRIAN!



The SOVREIGNTY of GOD and the Nation of ISRAEL



1. ISRAEL was (and is) the CREATION of God!



ISAIAH 43:1

"But now thus saith the LORD (YHWH) that <u>created</u> thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy Name: thou art Mine."

ISAIAH 43:7

"Even every one that is called by My Name: for I have <u>created</u> him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

ISAIAH 43:15

"I am the LORD (YHWH), your Holy One, the <u>Creator</u> OF Israel, your King."

2. ISRAEL was (and is) the CHOICE of God out of all nations!



DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9

"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD (YHWH) thy God: the LORD (YHWH) thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD (YHWH) did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

"But because the LORD (YHWH) loved you, and became He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD (YHWH) brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD (YHWH) thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.

3. ISRAEL is the <u>COUNTRY</u> whose land was given to them by God!



GENESIS 15:18

"In the same day the LORD (YHWH) made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

GENESIS 17:7-8

"And I will establish My covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an <u>everlasting</u> covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the <u>land</u> wherein thou art a stranger, all the <u>land</u> of Canaan, for an <u>everlasting</u> possession; and I will be their God."

GENESIS 26:3-4

"Sojourn in this <u>land</u>, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give <u>all these</u> <u>countries</u>, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed <u>all these countries</u>; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

GENESIS 35:10-12

"And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and He called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; and the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land."

4. ISRAEL is the COVENANT of God that gives us assurance that He will keep His promises!

"I WILL
NEVER BREAK
MY COVENANT
WITH YOU"
~Judges 2:1

JEREMIAH 31:35-37

"Thus saith the LORD (YHWH), which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD (YHWH) of hosts (Shabuoth) is His Name: If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith the LORD (YHWH), then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nations before Me forever."

"Thus saith the LORD (YHWH); If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD (YHWH)."



5. ISRAEL is the <u>CALLING</u> of God based on the use of His own Name!



ISAIAH 41:16-17

"Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD (YHWH), and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD (YHWH) will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them."

The HOLY ONE of Israel 31 times (25 in Isaiah)

The GOD of Israel 203 times

The LORD GOD of Israel 108 times

6. ISRAEL is the CHANNEL through which Jews and Gentiles can be saved!



ISAIAH 45:22-25

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the LORD (YHWH) have I righteousness and strength: even to Him shall men come; and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed."

"In the LORD (YHWH) shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory"

ISAIAH 60:1-3

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD (YHWH) is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD (YHWH) shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.

"And the gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of Thy rising."

ISAIAH 62:11-12

"Behold, the LORD (YHWH) hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD"

7. ISRAEL is the CONCLUSION as to how other nations can be blessed!



GENESIS 12:3

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families (nations) of the earth be blessed."

8. ISRAEL is a specific COMMENT and prophecy about their existence!



ISAIAH 66:7-9

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things!

SHALL THE EARTH BE MADE TO BRING FORTH IN ONE DAY? OR SHALL A NATION BE BORN AT ONCE?

"for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? Saith the LORD (YHWH); shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? Saith thy God."



9. ISRAEL will be the PLACE where all nations are COMING to worship the LORD!



PSALM 66:4

"All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing to Thy Name."

PSALM 96:9

"O worship the LORD (YHWH) in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth."

PSALM 117:1

"O praise the LORD (YHWH), all y nations: praise Him, all ye people."

ISAIAH 66:23

"And it shall come to pass, that from one



THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD is related to the PROMISES of GOD! Isaiah 45:17-18



WHAT PROMISES OF GOD SHOULD ISRAEL BELIEVE?



1. The Promise of their REGATHERING to the Land!



ISAIAH 35:10

"And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with sons and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away"



2. The promise of the RESTORATION of the Land!



ISAIAH 35:1-2

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God"

3. The promise of the REVENGE of God upon all nations that come against her!



ISAIAH 63:4-6

"For the day of vengeance is in Mine heart, and the year of My redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore Mine own arm brought salvation unto Me; and My fury, it upheld Me. And I will tread down the people in Mine anger, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth."

NAHUM 1:2

"God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserveth wrath for His enemies"



4. The promise of the REJOICING of Jerusalem!

But be you glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. -Isaiah 65:18

ISAIAH 52:9

"Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem."



ISAIAH 65:18-19

"But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying."



5. The promise of the RETURN of the Messiah!



ISAIAH 59:20

"And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD"

ISAIAH 62:11

"Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him."

6. The promise of the REDEMPTION of His people Israel!



ISAIAH 43:25

"I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins."

ISAIAH 44:21-22

"Remember these, O Jacob and israel; for thou art My servant; I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of Me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me, for I have redeemed thee."

WHY SHOULD ISRAEL TRUST GOD TO FULFILL HIS PROMISES?



1. Because He is GOD!



ISAIAH 43:10-11

"Ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I am the LORD; and beside Me there is no savior."



2. Because He is the Creator of all things!

GOD - CREATOR AND LORD OF ALL THINGS - GENESIS 1:1-13



ISAIAH 45:18

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."

God is the Creator

Acts 17:24

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

God who created the world out of nothing is able to do anything consistent with His Nature

3. Because He always does what is right!

GOD Always DOES THE RIGHT THING!

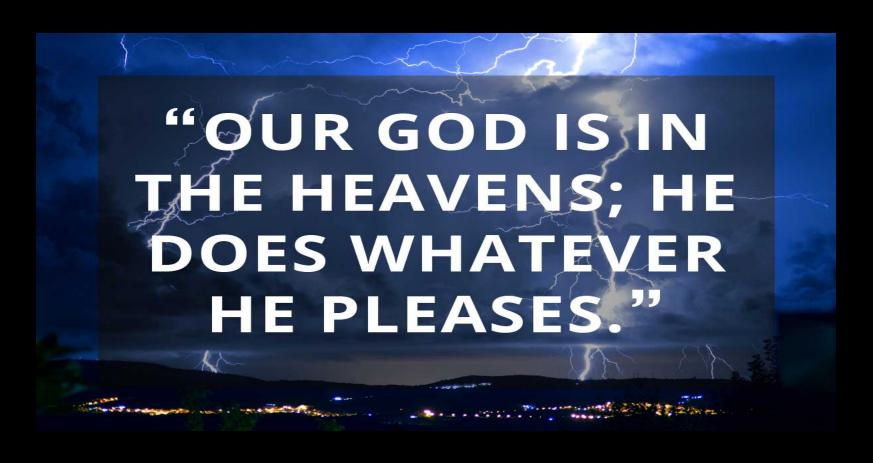
ISAIAH 45:19

"I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye Me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right."

"Right will always be right even if nobody does it, and wrong will always be wrong even if everybody does it, because God does not change."



4. Because He does whatever He pleases!



PSALM 115:3

"But our God is in the heavens; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased."

PSALM 135:5-6

"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did He is heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places"

5. Because He is not like us!

Sovereignty of God

But He stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases... Job 23:13

I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted....

Job 42:2

ISAIAH 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."



6. Because He will not allow His faithfulness to fail!



PSALM 89:33-34

"Nevertheless My lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer My faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips."

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness."

7. Because it is impossible for Him to lie!



HEBREWS 6:17-18

"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."







