The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

8-07-2017 Today's Jews Are Not God's Chosen People

In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul preached Jesus Christ:

Through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses (Acts 13:38-39).

"The law of Moses" was given only to the Israelites (**Deuteronomy 5:2-3**) and only until Jesus Christ came:

[The Law] was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made (Galatians 3:19).

That promised "Seed" is Christ (**Galatians 3:16**). Concerning Moses' Law, Jesus "has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (**Colossians 2:14**). Since Jesus' death, none of the Jews can claim to be God's Chosen People. God said,

"This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Luke 9:35).

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8-08-2017 The Abiding Earth

One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose (**Ecclesiastes 1:4-5**).

Wise Solomon is reminding us that, no matter how tough or powerful some country may appear, after hurling generations of people at it, "the earth abides forever." No one on the face of God's earth has ever changed its course, or ever will! There is no "god" or idol who has this kind of control. The God of the Bible's

... Faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides (Psalm 119:90).

No human, or regime, can predict, or bring about, the earth's destruction. The Word of the Lord destroyed the earth by water, and that same Word will destroy the earth by fire (2 Peter 3:5-7).

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8-09-2017 Gospel Light

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising (Isaiah 60:1-3).

This prophecy has nothing whatever to do with a "solar eclipse!" The prophesied "darkness" would "cover the earth," but a "solar eclipse" only darkens a narrow path on the earth! This prophecy is about "Gentiles" coming to the light, which points to the New Testament Gospel of Christ. Gospel "light" is that:

The Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel (**Ephesians 3:6**).

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8-10-2017 World Wide Eclipse

'And it shall come to pass in that day,' says the Lord GOD, 'That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight' (Amos 8:9).

God predicted a "solar eclipse." The sun going down "at noon," the earth darkened "in broad daylight" would be a clear sign to show people their sins.

Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him... Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (Mark 15:25, 33).

Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two (Luke 23:45).

The darkest three hours in human history were when God's only begotten Son was rejected by sinful mankind. Jesus now is "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

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8-11-2017 No Natural Sign

There is a difference between "natural" happenings and "miraculous" events.

Now the LORD said to Moses, 'Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD' (Exodus 10:1-2).

God's miracles stand out as "signs," because there is nothing on earth like them! The ninth plague in Egypt was a "darkness which may even be felt" and lasted "for three

days" (**Exodus 10:21, 23**). A "solar eclipse" which is predictable and natural is not a "sign" or a "miracle!"

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