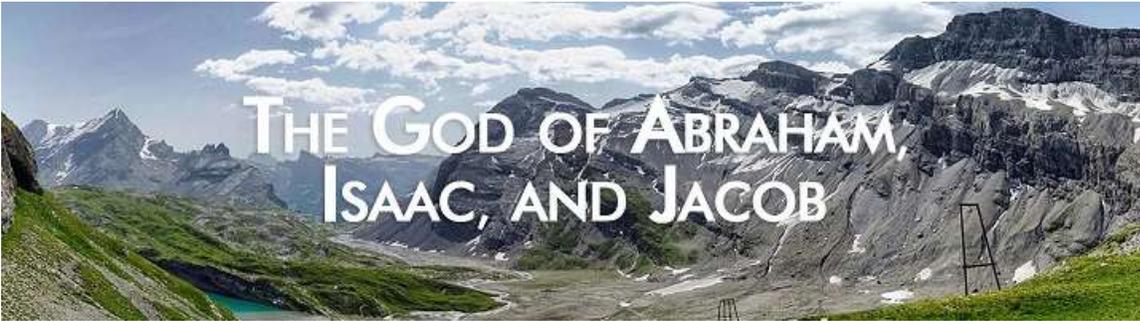


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INTRODUCTION:

1. The only Living God in the world is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, the same God of the chosen people of Israel.

"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"

And he said, "Here I am."

Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God."

(Exodus 3:1-6)

2. This Living God of Israel is active in the whole Gentiles and Jew world, showing Himself in the working with both worlds to gather the people of Israel back to their Promised Land.

3. There is a fulness of Israel at the END like the present fulness of the Gentiles about to get out of the way for Israel, and during this last world war one half of the chosen people in Jerusalem will be saved, the other half go into captivity according to the Prophet Zechariah.

4. What David wrote in Psalms is still true today as the heathen (Gentiles) do rage all over the world and the people of Israel do imagine a vain thing. It behooves us in 2019 to figure out what that vain imagination of the Hebrew (Jewish people) is and direct messages toward it.

a. The present problem against the Living God on the part of the whole world.

Why do the nations rage?

And the people plot a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves,

And the rulers take counsel together,

Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

"Let us break Their bonds in pieces

And cast away Their cords from us." (Psalm 2:1-3)

GIST in short: The majority of the world leaders and the leaders in modern Israel take counsel together against the Living God of the Living and His Anointed, the Lord Jesus Christ, wanting to break away from any demands or heritage from them.

b. God's solution in the Hebrew Bible of Psalms 2 is Kiss the Son before it is too late.

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5. The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Israel as He promised has and today is catching the wise of Israel in their own craftiness by having made them more a part of the Gentile world than they would ever like to admit.

6. An early First Century effort to cast away any obligations toward a Living God of the Living and against His Anointed by the political part of the Sadducees who denied any such thing as a resurrection from the dead.

Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!"

NOTE: To this day modern Israel or the world wide Jews do not know, in the words of Jesus, "the (Old testament) Scriptures and the power of God"!

I. Topical Review of PTB 1-3 on the Living God of the Living.

This message of chapter 1, covering all of Genesis and Exodus 1-20, takes the gist of these 70 chapters of the Bible and of the Pentateuch **often called by Jesus and the Apostles**

The LAW as for example where the Apostle John writes in his Gospel "the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17 NJKV)}...that is, the gist of the chapter comes from Exodus 3:6 where out of the burning bush, God identified Himself as the God of Moses' father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This is the same God, the God of Creation of Genesis that we desire to know something about, to listen to in His book, and to pray to through the Lord Jesus Christ. **{If you have included in your studies the fictitious god of the Mormons and others, so different from the God of the Christian Bible, then you will also want to pray to the God of Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all our forefathers in the faith. Since there are no other real supernatural powers than God and Satan, if you are praying to any other god than God the Father, the bottom line is that you are praying to Satan.}** We will distinguish this God from the other "gods" of the Bible like Baal and Astoreth--which while not real were so detrimental to the nation of Israel--as "The Living God", and base this on what Jesus taught in Matthew 22:32 that "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" after quoting from Exodus 3:6,15. The Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, sought to entrap Jesus on whose wife a woman would be in the resurrection from the dead when during her life she had married seven brothers, of course one at a time. **{It sounds like a made up story; and perhaps it is in the nature of parables--that is still true, but general in nature--but we can see today, especially in Hollywood, where we have the ultimate in rebellion against God on Bible marriage, how a star could have at death behind them seven wives or seven husbands. You will recall also that Jesus encountered the woman at Jacob's Well in Samaria, who attempted to mislead Him about not having a husband, to have hear Him say, "Well spoken; for you have had five husbands and the one that you now have is not your husband."}**

{NOTE: It is important to understand this. Jesus is not telling the woman to divorce her present husband. What is important for that woman, Hollywood, and against the current trend in America today is to obey God on marriage, and where it is too late for initial obedience, to stop rebelling against God's right to tell us what to do and how to do it. Stop rebelling and ask forgiveness: that is all that is required of you according to the Bible.}

Genesis is the book of beginnings: the beginning of the universe as God created the heavens and the earth, the creation of man and woman, the beginning of God's first commission to man to subdue and replenish the earth **{a commission that man tried to overlook after Noah and which God remedied by the confusion of the tongues at Babel}** the beginning of marriage and the family, unfortunately also the beginning of sin and the work of Satan on earth **{the lie in the Garden by Satan, first to the woman and then to the man was "Thou shalt surely not die" (Genesis 3:4) as God had told them; and when in II Thessalonians Paul talks about "THE LIE" to separate it from many other lies we know of, then surely that is also the big lie of Genesis and the Garden which in effect calls God a liar}**. Less obvious in Genesis is the beginning of the warfare between the seed of Christ **{and of the "woman" spoken of here and in Revelation 12}** and the seed of Satan of Genesis 3:15. Also less obvious is the beginning of the Gospel in Genesis 12, where Abraham, according to Paul had the Gospel preached to Him. **{You**

might easily say that God Himself was also preaching the Gospel in Genesis 3:15 when encompassed in that statement, not understood until the Apostles made it clear, was that Christ in His death on the cross would bruise the head of Satan. And Genesis also records another famous first, the first destruction of the whole earth by God because of the wickedness of man, this time by water; and it is the New Testament which most fully explains how the second destruction will be by fire, and of the heavens as well as the earth. **{You can also find much of this in the Old Testament, generally centered around the subject of the "Day of the LORD".}** To a certain extent Exodus is a book of beginnings in that it is the beginning of the Ten Commandments as well as other laws from God, the beginning of the nation of Israel although still a rag-tag congregation in the wilderness, the real beginning of God making His name known on a larger level as He warred with the Pharaoh of Egypt through Moses and Aaron.

The books of the New Testament that are part of our outline to follow of "The Living God of the Living" are: Matthew, Mark, I Corinthians, Galatians, Romans, James, Luke, John, and II Corinthians in that order. **{Not bad to preach a sermon on Genesis and Exodus including 9 of the 27 New Testament books to explain two Old Testament books.}** The four main points of the chapter message are: (1) God, Man, and Marriage **{this may seem like "the world, the universe, and other things; and so it is, but this is the beginning of man, the beginning of God's dealings with man and woman, and God's establishment of the institution of marriage about which Jesus spoke so much as recorded in the Gospels};**

1-1: Job

If you look at Table 1 in Appendix A, the table for all of the Old Testament quotes in the New Testament for Genesis, you will find that it leads off with Job 42:2 as quoted in Luke 10:27. The reason for this is that there has been some attempt to sequence the Old Testament quotes according to their historical sequence, the book of Job being generally considered as the oldest in the Bible. **{Naturally in our Bibles you will find Job grouped with the other Literature of Wisdom and Psalms which would include Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon, even as the find the minor and major prophets grouped together regardless of historical sequence.}** Although not straining too much at the exact historical sequence, it is still felt that with a certain closer approximation, we can also get a better sense of the Bible as "a gradual revelation of God coming to a great eternal climax in the Lord Jesus Christ". The message of Job is clear: it is that the righteous suffer for no wrong which they have done; and as we study the life of the believer in the New Testament, we will find that it is dangerous to have all roses and no thrones. WE are told in Hebrews that persecutions and afflictions allowed by God, even directed under the control of God, are proof of sonship as contrasted to "bastard children", and that God uses these to makes us more like Christ. However, don't ever think that you must have the full message of the New Testament in order to gain additional spiritual insight from the Old Testament. You can see in Job the agreement between God and Satan that the reason, according to Satan that Job served God, was because of the material blessings and health in his life; and that if God would

withdraw these and his children, Job in the words of his wife would “curse God and die”. Well, it didn’t happen through all the chapters of good and bad advice from friends and other counselors; and you can learn much from the example of Job, even as from all the prophets of the Old Testament. As the Apostle James wrote in James 5:11.

“Indeed, we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.” (James 5:11 NKJV)

Likewise, there are depths of conviction about Jesus Christ as the Redeemer in Job which you will find exceeds much of the New Testament on that doctrine.

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.” (Job 19:25-27)

Can you imagine the extent of this faith and knowledge about the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and resurrected Christ, as well as the knowledge we learn from the New Testament most generally on the body-resurrection of all believers; and that Job had it even before Moses. No, don’t sell the Old Testament short; and although we will most generally use the clearer teachings of the NT books to explain the OT quotes, some of the other way around will take place. We will just “let the Bible say what the Bible wants to say.” And back to the Job 42:2 quote of the Appendix Table on Genesis, it truly is a good beginning for this message on “the Living God of the Living” as it establishes an underlying principle of the Bible that “nothing is impossible with God”. Also, it is true, not because it is written that way; but is true based on the very nature of God. The God who can “in the beginning create the heaven and the earth”, the God who can make man out of the dust of the ground and create woman from a rib of man, is also the God that can do anything. When Jesus says the same words as Job in 42:2, it may not in your Bible be treated a quote; however the words are almost the same--“...but God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26), the thoughts are exactly the same, so to me that is a quote. You recall the incident after which Jesus made this statement to His twelve who marveled that any man could be saved as Jesus said, “how hard is it for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” The bottom line of both incidents, the first in Job and the second in Matthew, is that God as shown in His workings of salvation, creation, and any other manifestation of Himself in the Bible, has no limitations on His power.

1-2: The Prophet Messiah.

The greatest Prophet of the Old Testament or the New Testament is the Prophet Messiah, first foretold by the Prophet Moses; and that Prophet Messiah as made clear by the writings of the Apostles is the Lord Jesus Christ. What this section of the chapter-message is all about under the title of "Prophet Messiah" is to understand the Christ of the Bible. In this day and age when so many false prophets have multiplied far beyond the number of those of New Testament times who proclaim a Christ foreign to Bible exegesis, and lest we become discouraged with the futility of learning the real Christ, we must always continue our search after the Christ of the Bible. And somewhere along the line in the

approximately 1990 years since Christ authored and finished the Christian Faith, the crossover was seemingly made where more false prophets came into existence than real prophets; but this seems true only if we fail to note the democratic nature of prophets and prophesy that started with New Testament times, focusing our attention more on the self-proclaimed leaders who wear robes, have positions in the name of Christ, and who demand obedience to themselves and their groups more than to the Christ of the Bible!

Before we can "Faith Contend with God's Dimensions" in LEARN Christ volume 2 and receive a "Touch of the Eternal" in the book of Job that will lead us back to the Redeemer of the New Testament in Book 6, we must have a positive and dynamic presentation of the Christ of the Bible. "Isn't that what everyone is doing?" you might say, "Trying to understand the real Christ from the pages of the Bible." No, that is not true; what they have done is rather than keep Christ in the total context of the Bible, taken a few isolated Scriptures with "private interpretations" out of the total context of the Bible in order to get followers and disciples more to themselves than unto Christ. Some of these false prophets also make no bones about the fact that they are here on earth to supplement the Word of God as found in the Bible, stating either clearly or subtly with confusions between revelations and illuminations that they also are mediums of revelations from God Himself. This is the great lie or deception of Satan from false prophets: The Bible as the Word of God was complete with the writing of the 66 books of the Holy Prophets and Apostles; and the progress of the deception of nations by Satan through the false prophet and prophets is directly proportional to the extent that the Word of God can be replaced with these other so-called revelations!

If Satan is allowed of God the Father to deceive all the nations of the earth again as he did in the Roman Empire, and after the thousand years in which he is bound, starting either with the destruction of the Western Roman Empire in 453 A. D., or with the destruction of the Eastern Roman Empire in 1453 A. D.; then this deception of the nations will progress on two fronts: (1) The political front where the Dragon, Satan, uses the beasts--a series of political leaders of great power--who gradually deceive the nations into a worship of themselves; and (2) The religious front where the false prophets back the beasts with lies and distortions of truth. When we see the "bottomless pit" of Revelation into which Satan and his angels were cast when bound for a thousand years as the vastness of space, the same giant chasm that God looked over when He decided to create the earth in the middle of it; then we realize that the chain of Revelation that binds Satan to only the spirit world of influence on earth without physical appearances is that very restriction to spirit space--alias Satan is the prince of the power of the air, or space--then we realize also that after the loosing of Satan from bondage at the end of the thousand years, that his appearances and that of his angels will be from outer space to earth; and further that there is some evidence that this has started, even that such creatures have made contact with some world leaders! What chance do we have of finding the real Christ in the midst of so many false prophets, beasts, and false leaders? Only one, by find the real Christ of the Bible, the Christ of the Holy Prophets and Apostles

of the Bible; and in order that we might have fellowship with the real God of the real Lord Jesus Christ--

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ, and these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." (I John 1:3,4 KJV)

The Apostle John did not give up on real Christian fellowship, a fellowship with the real God and Christ, even though his First Century Christianity was already full of many false prophets and false Christian spirits--

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

But he cautioned First Century Christians at the end of this letter of I John, and a caution that is even more for us in 1990, against idols of an unreal god and christ--

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children keep yourselves from idols. Amen." (I John 5:20,21 KJV)

This section of the chapter-message, on the Prophet Messiah, is still another effort to get back to the real Christ of the Bible, and by finding the real Christ also to gain access to the "true God, and eternal life". It is strongly felt that even as false leaders have superficially, though very aggressively, taken Christ out of the total context of the Bible, that the best way to find the real Christ of the Bible, is in the total context of the flow of the Bible all the way from Genesis to Revelation; and therefore with two volumes in Book Two, "If Two Agree...", A Harmony of John and Ephesians", and "The Old Testament According to the New", we will first in volume 3 find the agreements between the Holy Prophets and Apostles on the Prophet Messiah, the Christ, and then in volume 4, we will study the Old Testament based on the quotations and interpretations of the Apostles as recorded in the New Testament. Further it is maintained that the way to find the real Christ is centered around the two words "The Prophet Messiah"; for this is both the terminology and concept of the Bible that consistently flows through the whole Bible from the beginning to the end. In fact, "Messiah" is the Hebrew word for the Greek word "Christ"; and The Prophet for Jesus Christ only places Him in the perspective of the long line of Old Testament Prophets where the Spirit of Christ also signified unto them with what the Apostles of Jesus Christ told of what the Prophet Messiah did and taught.

After years of working on the Bible research and writing of ONE NEW COMMENTARY on the Bible and in particular of Book four on "Faith Contending with God's Dimensions", I have decided that we must only "contend for the faith" (Jude 3) in the total context of Christian Faith and the Bible even as the Apostle Jude did in the writing of the book of Jude, showing how the setting forth of the message and methods of faith contending were in the context of the "common salvation" about which he was already writing (Jude 3). If we do not do this, we tend to make a religion out of the

method and message of Faith Contention even as false prophets and leaders make a religion out of their organizations and "orthodoxy", and before long the "contend" itself comes to take the place of the Christ for Whom we are to Contend!

The True Doctrine of Christ

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." (II John 7 KJV)

The true doctrine of Christ is to confess that "Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" so that those of I John who have committed the sin unto death are those deceivers and antichrists of II John who do not verbally confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, the same group of Jude on whom we are not to have compassion but to fear, and the same group of II John that we also can not even bid God speed else we become joint participants in their evil deeds. Thus we have separated false leaders into two categories based on the Bible and the Doctrine of Christ: (1) Leaders that verbally deny Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God; and (2) Leaders who do not verbally deny Jesus as the Christ, but whose excesses in freedoms with the Bible and grace of God by their works deny Jesus as the Christ. And it is this second group that is the most dangerous; for only their inward spirits and conscience separates themselves from the true, the outward appearance is the same in order to deceive other sheep. Of course, the motivation of such false leaders is not to deceive, it is just that they want disciples to follow themselves even as they follow, or more than, they follow true leaders!

1-7: God, Man, and Marriage.

1. *Genesis 1:26,27, Matthew 19:4, and Mark 10:6.*

(1). Let US make man in OUR image bespeaks of the plurality of God during the time of creation.

(2). In our image and after our likeness tells of some of the glory of man that during Creation was acquired from God.

(3). The dominion of man over all the other works of Creation tells of the First Commission of man to be a pioneer in the exploration and control of the works of Creation.

(4). The Bible refers to man as male and female so that in marriage male and female becomes a complimenting couple of male and female. That is the way God originally created them; and in marriage that is the way He intends for it to keep going according to Jesus, and absolutely no person is to have any part in the separation of those two which God has joined together.

2. *Genesis 2:7,24, I Cor 15:45, Matthew 19:5, I Cor 6:16, and Mark 10:7,8.*

(1). From *Gen 2:7* we learn that: (a) God created man physically from something that already existed, from the elements of the earth; (b) As far as the actual existence or inward spirit of man that came from God breathing into him the breath of life; and (c) With that spirit of life also man became a living soul.

(2). From *Gen 2:24* we learn of the one flesh characteristics of marriage that God still intends and has always intended, that oneness emphasized by Jesus and the Apostles in the New Testament.

(3). While Paul in *I Cor 15:45* is emphasizing the difference between the first Adam and Christ the second Adam, also the difference between the natural and the spiritual body, the first man from earth and the second from heaven, he also contrasts the living soul and the living spirit.

(4). As a man departs from the household of his mother and father, cleaving to a wife in marriage, the two become in Gods sight as one flesh (*Matthew 19:5,6 and Mark 10:7,8*).

(5). So serious is this matter of joining with God that the Bible considers when a man has a relationship with a harlot that he becomes one body with her (*I Cor 6:16*).

3. *Genesis 5:1,2, Matthew 19:4, and Mark 10:6.*

(1). *Genesis 5:1,2* reinforces and builds on previous doctrine as God calls their name, male and female, Adam.

1-8: God and the Gospel.

1. *Genesis 12:1-3 and Galatians 3:8,9.*

(1). With Gods call to Abram to another land, God gave the everlasting covenant of: (a) From Abram's seed God would make the great nation of Israel; (b) Through his seed Christ the name of Abram would be great; and (c) Through Abram all the families and nations of the earth would be blessed.

(2). Paul writes in *Galatians 3:8,9* that:

- a. When God said, "In thee shall all nations be blessed" God was preaching the Gospel to Abraham;
- b. This all nations meant the Gentiles, or heathen which is the favorite word of the Bible for Gentiles;
- c. This Gospel is justification through faith; and
- d. All Gentiles and Jews who believe in Christ becomes the seed of Abraham through faith.

2. *Genesis 15:5,6, Romans 4:18, and James 2:23.*

(1). In *Genesis 15:5* God identifies that the seed of Abram will be as numerous as the stars of the sky, and in *Genesis 15:6* since Abraham believed God will He said this the belief was counted for righteousness.

(2). In quoting "So shall your seed be" from *Genesis* in *Romans 4:18*, Paul emphasizes how Abraham believed in hope against hope that he would indeed be the father of many nations although he had at the time no sons.

(3). The Apostle James in *James 2:23* reiterates how the faith of Abraham was counted as righteousness, adding that Abraham was called the friend of God.

3. *Genesis 17:5* and *Romans 4:17*.

(1). As God changes the name of Abram to Abraham, He says "A father of many nations have I made thee".

(2). Paul tells us in *Romans 4:17* that this quote from *Genesis 17:5* tells us two things about God Himself:

a. God is a life-giving God; and

b. God is a God that can call into existence what did not previously exist.

1-9: God of the Living, our Father in Heaven.

1. *Genesis 18:12-14* and *Mark 10:27*.

(1). God told Abraham and Sarah that though old and stricken in years they would have a son, and when Sarah laughed God said, Is any thing too hard for the LORD?

(2). Jesus in *Mark 10:27*, not in the same context but with a paraphrase of the same meaning, talks of salvation as all things are possible with God .

2. *Genesis 22:18* and *Galatians 3:16*.

(1). All nations will be blessed with salvation through the seed of Abraham.

(2). That Seed is singular, the Seed is Christ.

3. *Genesis 38:8* and *Mark 12:19*.

(1). Judah told Oman to raise up children to his brother Er whom God had slain.

(2). When the Sadducees brought up the matter of raising children by a died brothers wife and as to whose wife she would be in the resurrection, Jesus told them that what was important was that God was the God of the living, the God of the living Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Exodus

4. *Exodus 3:6* and *Luke 20:37*.

(1). God told Moses in the call at the burning bush that He was the God of Moses father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

(2). About the dead being raised to life, Jesus quotes Moses and Exodus 3:6 how God is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and with the emphasis on God as each time God with repeated with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 5. Exodus 9:16 and Romans 9:17.

(1). God has Moses tell Pharaoh that he has been put on the throne of Egypt for two reasons: (a) To demonstrate the power of God in securing the freedom of Israel; and (b) That the name of the living God and the God of the living might be declared over all the earth.

(2). In quoting that in Romans 9:17 and in explaining the meaning in Romans 9:16,18, Paul is telling us of how God is in control of world events; and what is important does not depend on the will of man or the competitiveness of man, but rather on the mercy of God, and that ultimately God will have mercy on whom He alone desires.

6. Exodus 12:46 and John 19:36.

(1). The Passover feast in remembrance of Gods rescue of Israel from Egyptian bondage among other things included that the lamb of the feast should not have a bone of the body broken, a direct quote of which we will see later in Psalms.

(2). When the Apostle John in John 19:36 tells of how at the Crucifixion of Jesus, and since Jesus was already dead contrary to custom, not a bone in His body was broken, John is quoting from both Exodus and Psalms 34:20. (Psalms 34:20 is directly quoted, and the reference from Exodus 12:46 is closer to a paraphrase.)

7. Exodus 16:18 and II Corinthians 8:15.

(1). During God's supply of manna during the 40 years in the wilderness, those who gathered much had nothing left over and those who gathered little were not hungry so that it was completely by the grace of God and according to the individual needs.

(2). Paul quotes this in II Corinthians to illustrate equality among Christians in the churches, or to illustrate the democratic nature of salvation.

III. : The Ephesians Supplement to Preaching Through the Bible in one year, alias The Cause of Christ.

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may

understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel..." (Ephesians 3:1-6)

1. Although increasingly a part of the Gentile world that even brought them back to the land of Israel, the majority of the Jews have yet to become part of this one body IN CHRIST of which Saul of Tarsus wrote above as the Cause of Christ in Ephesians.

2. Jesus of Nazareth in the first century answered all the simple arguments of the Aish as to why Jews do not accept Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah; however still now and to the very END of time, the Jewish nation, apart from any good rational arguments like with the Aish, allow their vain imagination to rule supreme in their land. (<https://www.aish.com/jw/s/48892792.html>)

"Jews do not accept Jesus as the messiah because:

- 1. Jesus did not fulfill the messianic prophecies.*
- 2. Jesus did not embody the personal qualifications of the Messiah.*
- 3. Biblical verses "referring" to Jesus are mistranslations.*
- 4. Jewish belief is based on national revelation."*

And in the last frivolous words of this denial of faith, you can see both the rage against the Living God and the vain imagination—

"(2) Maimonides devotes much of his "Guide for the Perplexed" to the fundamental idea that God is incorporeal, meaning that He assumes no physical form. God is eternal, above time. He is infinite, beyond space. He cannot be born, and cannot die. Saying that God assumes human form makes God small, diminishing both His unity and His divinity. As the Torah says: "God is not mortal" (Numbers 23:19).

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