

God, Arabs, and Jews, 7
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1. Or the Bible on Arabs, Jews, and Mormons, about the 3 great religions of today, Islam, Mormonism, and Judaism; of course other than of Christianity, the religion of the only Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, both blessed forever, Amen.

Blessed to hear of Messianic Jews in Israel, from David Lazarus, a journalist and pastor of a congregation of Messianic Jews in Tel Aviv, and then read as he describes Christian meetings with the Arab Christians and Messianic Jews. {Not necessarily to be confused with many fundamen-



talists groups in the US that tried to extend their ministries at home and in Israel centered around a distorted version of Messianic Judaism that ignores the instructions of Acts 15:24, striving for themselves and other Gentiles to keep the law of the Torah.} Like the purpose of God to gather all in Christ of Ephesians 1:9, we would pray for more of this first kind; and while recognizing

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that the kingdom of Christ can not fully be achieved here on earth, but rather on the new earth, which is distorted by those of the second kind.

Romans is far more than a great doctrinal treatise on God's whole plan of salvation for all humanity, with all the implications in the "Apostolic Peaching of the Cross" like on justification by faith and through the cross of Christ, adoption, redemption, the atonement, and so on. It is also a devotional commentary¹ on the wholeness of the OT and the newness of the NT with AMENS. There are 7 paragraphs in Romans terminated with Paul's outbursts of praise and worship with "Amen", Amen, and Amen 7 times. Those sections terminate with the Amens of the following verses: (1) Romans 1:25; (2) Romans 9:5; (3) Romans 11:36; (4) Romans 15:33, (5) Romans 16:20; (6) Romans 16:24; and (7) Romans 16:27.

4-1: Worship the One Creator-God who is blessed forever. Amen, Romans 1:21-25.

While so many secular scholars desire to expound on an evolution from civilizations of many gods to One God; in fact, as part of the first amen of Romans, all men originally knew something about the One God-Creator, from the beginning of history in the Garden of Eden and the evolution of many civilizations as the languages were confused at Babel, and God's intention was achieved of spreading humanity across the globe. (1) The marvelous design of the Created world,

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1. Such devotional studies illuminate rather than overshadow the use of the brain and certain Bible rules called hermeneutics, or the science of Bible interpretation. Here once again the BBfers confuse humanity on the fact that the "last days" started on the first day of Pentecost after the Ascension of Jesus, confusing not only that the Spirit then got in the atmosphere of all humanity but also confusing that both the Spirit descending on all humanity, young and old and servants and supervisors, but also confusing and moving forward to the last days of the last days, those things that Joel and Peter said have been the history of the world and civilizations since the FDPAA {first day of Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension}. And it maligns in the minds of some the plans of God, such fundamentalists as Swaggart able to convince the world that the last days are still in front of us, that the pouring out of the spirit is still in front of us, and of course they must also moved forward in time with such distortion of when the last days are, that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD and Lord shall be saved", as well as the obvious signs in the heavens above and the earth beneath that we see now and have seen in history, only increasing now in intensity for the last great gigantic noise and earthquake and new earth at the Second Coming of Christ. Such distortions of God's timetable of "last days" does promote undue optimism, somewhat like in the optimism of the days of Jeremiah as the false prophets and priests preached "Peace, peace, when there is no peace, and healed only slightly the hurt of the people". It serves for these fundamentalists several purposes: gets more money, increases optimism for the future when the last days are almost over and the day of Megiddo--a day of war instead of peace, increases disciples to themselves as they expand across the world.

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such as the hand, the flower, fruit, and so on and on, demand a great omnipotent and omniscient Designer--it would be as foolish to find in a jungle an intricate piece of electronics fallen out of orbit, then claim a natural evolution of such complexity, as to claim all this fabulous and humanity friendly environment of heaven and earth, spontaneously created themselves--thank you Creator that is blessed forever; (2) Even as a child automatically knows mom and dad, so Humanity of original civilizations, created in the image of God and by God, had a soul and nature that automatically recognized "somebody greater than you and I", to quote from Tennessee Ernie Ford; (3) And as part of the conscience of the human spirit and soul also automatically speaks of a One God of moral law as all civilizations natural accuse and excuse each other with standards of morality and ethics--Blessed be the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature¹ more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

1. The human problem is and always has been that man wants to make gods out of other men, either for physical or intellectual acumen, also for prowess in morality and ethics. It is called by the Bible, "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator", sometimes that social and religious de-evolution of man has been to make those creatures gods of worship animals and nature, inanimate object and beings without soul or will. Do not be mistakenly gullible to think that God from His perch on the great white throne with feet in the clouds, not recognize how from Creation to now, humanity has and still does created many gods as substitutes of the One God-Creator. In fact, one would have to say that the primary thrusts of the wise serpent Satan as he has roamed the earth from inspiring original sin in the Garden, has used the means of substitutes for the One Creator whom he knew very well from personal experience to be the One Great

1. The trend of the world and the world order, promoted by Satan is worship women and men more than the Creator. Sex is not only used for advertisement but by Satan to take the focus off the Creator and put it on God. Remember the words of John in the little epistle of I John, that "all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father; and that the world passeth away and the lusts thereof but he that doeth the will of God, especially on worship, abideth forever.

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Designer. Not only was Jesus the Word made flesh that dwelt among us in the first century, present as with God and was God, but also Satan before he became a fallen angel with a host of fallen angels, was there also. {Wow, this in no way is claiming as Mormons¹ that Jesus and Satan were brothers, with their 4 extra Bibles and satan inspired Christian fables.}

2. Judaism and Islam are equally two examples of false doctrines and world labels that seek creature creation over the One Creator-God, who is blessed forever, creation. Certainly Jesus did not have in mind all Jews of Judaism, as He told the religious leaders that were seeking to kill Him, that rather than being the children of Abraham, that were "Of their father the devil, and the will of devil, by the way the prince of power of this world, they seek to do." Rather than call all faithful followers of Islam and Judaism as of Satan, which by the way is the only other supernatural being so that when prayers do not go to God, they go to the god-Satan, we are justified by Scripture of the One True God, in calling those of Judaism and Islam that today would kill Jesus as the son of God in minds if not in reality, as worshippers of Satan. Also, because of the covenant of God with forefather Abraham, it is also Satanic to go after the destruction of Israel. The deception that the OT Prophets and Revelation talk about that Satan uses to gather all nations to Jerusalem and the final battle of Megiddo, surely has something to do with an inherent desire to destroy Jerusalem and Israel. {It is much like the jealousy and rivalry of siblings, the descendants of Ishmael (Arabs) and the descendants of Isaac (Jews) both desiring the same land, recognition, and blessings before the One Creator.}

4-2: *AMENS* come spontaneously and in different unexpected, mostly un-noticed places like in this second Amen of Romans 9:1-6.

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites; to whom per-

1. One of the 3 major Christian fables and world not Bible labels--Judaism, Mormonism, and Islam--that you can read about online at www.biblecombibleman.com/ChristianFables.html. Their "Doctrine and Covenants: Bible is the most hideous with new doctrines never intended or sanctified by the 66 books of the Word of God.

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taineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed."

1. The plain truth of this Word of God is that the Arab Gentiles have as much chance in the sight of God of eternal blessings from God as the real spiritual Israel, but not by the way of false doctrines of Islam and a false god {Satan} called Allah. Don't you see how desperate Satan was by 700 A.D. as he witnessed the spread of Christianity and the Bible, to find in Islam and the Koran and the Prophet Mohammed as a substitute for Jesus, to emulate, counter, and destroy both Christianity and the Judaism out of which it came¹. Surely you do see the obvious copying of the Bible by the Koran 700 hundred years later even as in the copying of the 4 Mormon Bibles much later, but the perversions of Jesus and the Gospel of Christ which came from the One God-Creator.

2. Paul ushers in the problem and dilemma of how Christians are to treat Jews today of the nation of Israel who deny the only Son of the only True God the Father, who is blessed forever, Amen: (1) they are enemies to Christians for the sake of the gospel; (2) but they are blessed of God for the sake of the covenant God made with Abraham, which by the way a covenant that also included blessings on the Arabs of Ishmael.²

1. Those Arabs and Muslims, even as in Judaism and Mormonism, are of Satan as their father that strive to kill Jesus, or the influence of Jesus, or the eternal kingdom of Jesus. You might think of the nation of Israel with all its faults in the sight of God as with the law of the 10 commandments, as short of a standard of what God expects from all peoples and nations, of course short of full eternal salvation. The blessings of Abraham operate on two levels, a lifetime for the length of life on earth and an eternal one. Nations like Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations have obviously been blessed materially with oil money, etc; and yet that it distinct and separate in the two different blessings to Abraham, the one of nations and material blessings temporarily, and the one of blessing through the seed which is Christ that is eternal. Understand this and you understand much of the book of Romans!

2. One other deception of Satan after the Muslim kingdom out of Saudi Arabia took over the known world from Rome, was that all other Muslims of the world became like Arabs in the sight of God. Not so, it is the Arab descendants of Ishmael, the Ishmaelites, that are part of the everlasting covenant between God and Abraham, and how the blessed God our Father did love Abraham and his seed.

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3. Arabs stand to lose, at least at Megiddo, that blessing to Abraham's descendants, if they get lost in Muslim goals of destruction of Israel. Arabs are much greater than Islam! And as a matter of fact, the Mormons still have a chance if they can admit that they are Gentiles, getting off that snobbish, exclusive, and lie of history attitude of not being Gentiles. The nation of Moab missed its chance: Moses as the children of Israel neared the east side of Jordan was instructed by God to leave the Moabites alone since they were of Abraham's relatives, named Lot as Moab was a son of Lot; but that was before Balak, the king of Moab hired Balaam to curse Israel.

4. We must quickly enumerate the blessings of God to the nation of Israel, the only nation He specifically chose as an exceptional blessed nation, and the only nation He brought out of bondage in Egypt. Those blessings are enumerated specifically in Romans 9:4,5 and the label God chooses through Paul is "Israelites"--"**Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth (1) the adoption, and (2) the glory, and (3) the covenants, and (4) the giving of the law, and (5) the service of God, and (6) the promises...**" Paul summarizes it as what advantage then is it to be a Jew, and answers that because unto them were committed the oracles of God. Almost in spite of themselves and with all the wrongs they did, God hung with them and blessed them in order that they might be the nation of whom His Son Jesus came, and through whom as Prophets and Apostles the Bible might come. Oh yes, and we dare not neglect that the LAW of the 10 commandments came through Israel, making up for and crystallizing any shortcomings of human conscience and the collective conscience of civilizations.

4-3: Arab friends of those great and historic generations and civilizations, it is not too late to be part of the greater promise of eternal salvation, Romans 11:28-36. The deep wisdom and knowledge of God.

Paul intends above all, we might give God the glory that is due His name as the decisions of God are considered for the how and way of salvation for all humanity that will believe. Paul progresses us on God with the 7 Amens, with the first of Romans 1, it is the Blessed God-Creator while here in Romans 11 with the second AMEN, it is the Lord God of all glory--"**For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.**"

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NOTE: It is not about us or any peoples or civilizations, it is all God the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. Bickerings between peoples and civilizations and generations is for the pettiness of sinful humanity, the big story of Creation and salvation is (1) OF HIM, (2) THROUGH HIM, and (3) TO HIM, amen, amen, and amen to Whom be honor and glory forever and ever.

“As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers’ sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. {God does not and will not change His mind on blessings on all nations that came out of Abraham.} For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

4-4: The main subject of Romans and of life is the One God, Creator of all, over all, the Lord God of all glory, and now coming to the very personal level of individual Christians like those at the church in Rome and Paul himself, He is the God of peace. (Romans 15:30-33)

“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.”

1. It is hard to comprehend how God is of peace among Jew and Gentile, and in a very practical implementation without considering also Romans 15:21-29 that leads up to the fourth Amen of Romans 15:30-33.

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“But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company. But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain. And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

2. Before proceeding to more exposition of Romans 15 leading up to this fourth Amen, we should not how far we have come from the beginning in Romans 1 of God the Creator, the most basic of all doctrine and always a good starting place, but now to the “gospel of Christ”; and recognize that in this sweep of Romans with a focus on the Amens, we have missed much of the development of what the Gospel, or good news of Jesus is, especially in Romans 10, and therefore must come back in this specialized series of Romans Bible studies “for Christian fables and world labels” to cover the great doctrine and doctrines of the Gospel of Christ for salvation.

4-5: What more can be said about AMENS of praise to God since with the fourth amen we have come all the way in the doctrinal expressions of Romans to the God of peace and consequently to the peace of the Gospel? Romans 16:20, it furthers the God of peace as bringing out that peace among Christian in bruising Satan, and then with closing reminders of the personal grace you did and can continue to receive through the Lord Jesus Christ,

1. Fifth Amen. “**And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.**”

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2. The sixth Amen is similar, except that it first mentions all Paul's friends, relatives, and associated that are in the city of Rome, Romans 16:24, **"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."**

Still another of our added Amen would be as we recognize that the original way God told to bless Israel was in terms of (1) the blessing of security and protection, (2) God's face to shine upon them and be gracious, and (3) God to focus His countenance on them and provide peace; had now been expanded in Romans, not only to Jews and Gentiles, but also to be the blessing of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, a matter to live with daily!

3. Seventh Amen, you might think adds nothing, Romans 16:25-27, but we find both a very enlarged blessing on both Jew and Gentile Christians, and an enlargement of emphasis as from the same God that has been discussed all along, but now it is THROUGH our Lord Jesus Christ, **"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

You would not expect the great Apostle Paul to end any other way than with a bang, this once prominent and advanced lawyer of Judaism called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ in a very dramatic fashion, not only a missionary to the Roman world, establishing Christian churches everywhere he traveled, but pausing to be the first Christian Bible theologian and writer, under God the Holy Spirit of 14 books of the NT, also sponsoring 3 more through John Mark and Dr Luke--

(1). You almost miss this last paragraph as being about, at the beginning "Now to Him...", that it is the only wise God at the end of the paragraph, "To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

(2). Notice that from now, that is then at the beginning of the first century, until the END when Jesus delivers all to God the Father that He may be all in all (I Corinthians 15:27,28), God gets His glory through worship and bowing to the Lord Jesus Christ as He has ordained.

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CONCLUSION: Now, can you believe as stated previously that the book of Romans is about and dedicated to the only One wise God, "To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ our Lord"; and whatever doctrine you or your group have or do not have, make sure as above it includes the only one wise God to be glorified through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!